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## **Unlucky For Some – But 13 Proves Lucky For National Lottery Players**

*Saturday's draws mark 13 years of The National Lottery*

The number 13 has certainly proved more than lucky for some as The National Lottery prepares to celebrate the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first ever draw held on 19 November 1994.

Superstition dictates that the number 13 is synonymous with bad luck, but this is far from the truth for lottery players. The last 13 years have seen more than 2,000 millionaires created while over 10,000 people have won a share of the Lotto jackpot.

To commemorate 13 years of good luck, here The National Lottery takes a look at 13 interesting facts and statistics about the lottery:

### **The Number 13 – National Lottery Facts and Stats:**

1. Around **13** new millionaires have been created every month by The National Lottery in the 13 years since the first draw took place on 19 November 1994.
2. The **number 13** ball remains the least drawn main and bonus ball in the Lotto draw. It has been drawn 131 times as a main ball and 15 times as a bonus ball, the combined total of 146 times being 8 less than the second least drawn ball, number 41.
3. The **number 13** ball did not appear for 49 consecutive Lotto draws between 12 July 1997 and 27 December 1997.
4. The odds of winning the Lotto jackpot are one in **13,983,816**.

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5. Coming in at overall **13<sup>th</sup>** place on The National Lottery rich list is Marion Richardson from Gateshead, who won £16,752,144 on 9 April 2004.
6. To date, only one major winner<sup>1</sup> has hit a **£13 million** jackpot: Dean Allen from Essex won £13,861,061 on Lotto on 5 August 2000.
7. The **13<sup>th</sup> Lotto draw** took place on Saturday 11 February 1995, when one lucky winner won the £9,015,108 jackpot.
8. The **13<sup>th</sup> millionaire** created by The National Lottery<sup>1</sup> was Kay Taylor from Diss in Norfolk, who won £3,097,415 on 6 May 1995.
9. Karl Crompton from Lancashire won £10,903,198 on 4 May 1996, the **13<sup>th</sup> ever Lotto Rollover**.
10. Thirteen proved to be a lucky number for the members of a **13-strong syndicate** of Littlehampton taxi drivers who won their second major Lotto prize – a £546,480 share of the jackpot – on 24 February 2007. The group had previously won £144,222 by matching five main numbers and the bonus ball back in 2002.
11. The **13<sup>th</sup> Lotto Double Rollover** took place on 23 October 2002, when Ron Ullah from Essex won £5,177,425.
12. The first ever EuroMillions draw took place on **13** February 2004.
13. And finally... There are 13 loaves in a baker's dozen: some lucky bakers to have received some serious bread from the lottery include David Russell from Bolton, who won £4,128,013 on Lotto on 2 February 2002, and a 33-strong syndicate of pie makers from Market Drayton, Shropshire, who won £6,750,278.40 between them on EuroMillions on 17 November 2006.

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## 13 Key National Lottery Facts:

1. Over 2,000 millionaires have been created since The National Lottery launched
2. More than 10,000 people have won a share of the Lotto jackpot since the first ever draw on 19 November 1994
3. The total wealth of the 2,000+ National Lottery millionaires created to date is over £5.9 billion
4. One in every 22,128 adults in the UK is a millionaire jackpot winner<sup>2</sup>
5. In total, The National Lottery has paid out over £29 billion in prizes since launch and on average, there are around 4 million winners every week across all its draw-based games and Scratchcards – from prizes of £1 to big jackpots worth several million
6. The average jackpot prize paid out on Lotto, the nation's favourite millionaire-making game, is £2.1 million – across both the Saturday and Wednesday night draw.
7. The biggest jackpot in UK – and European – lottery history was a record-breaking £125 million EuroMillions jackpot on Friday 3 February 2006. In the end it was shared between three winners across Europe (two in France and one in Portugal) but had it been won by a single ticket-holder it would have been the world's largest lottery prize ever paid out<sup>3</sup>
8. The Big Draw 2000, a special, one-off draw to celebrate Millennium Eve on 31 December 1999, produced a staggering 18 winning tickets worth £1 million – that is the most millionaire tickets ever created on one night.
9. One in four National Lottery jackpots is won by a syndicate.
10. 96% of winners are as happy or happier since hitting the jackpot.<sup>4</sup>
11. To date, over £20 billion has been raised for the Good Causes by The National Lottery.<sup>5</sup>

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12. More than 280,000 individual awards have been made across the UK – that is an average of 93 lottery grants for every postcode district.
13. Every minute of every day, approximately £2,500 of lottery money goes to Good Causes – that is nearly £25 million every week.

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1. *Single publicity winners only.*
2. *Based on the total adult (16+ player) population of the UK of 47 million – Source: Census Day 2001 (29 April).*
3. *Although previous jackpots in the United States have been higher, the actual prize amounts paid out to the winners have been less than £100 million. The winners have opted for a lower, one-off, lump sum payment, rather than receiving the full amount in instalments through an annuity. Jackpot prizes in the US are also subject to tax, which varies from state to state.*
4. *Source: Research conducted by Ipsos MORI among 100 National Lottery publicity winners, who have won around £1 million or more. The winners were interviewed by telephone between 12 July and 24 August 2006.*
5. *Including investment income.*

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- To date, over £20 billion has been raised for the Good Causes by The National Lottery, and more than 280,000 individual awards have been made across the UK – the biggest programme of civic and social regeneration since the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The National Lottery has given away over £29 billion in prizes and created more than 2,000 millionaires or multi-millionaires since launch in 1994
- Camelot runs one of the most cost-efficient lotteries in the world, with around 5% of total revenue taken in operating costs. At 40% of total sales (28% to the Good Causes and 12% in lottery duty to the Government), Camelot returns a higher proportion of lottery revenue back to society than any other lottery operator in the world. National Lottery retailers receive 5% of total revenue in commission, and 50% of sales is paid out to players in prizes

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- Camelot is committed to the highest standards in player protection and social responsibility in both the retail and interactive environments. The National Lottery website, Sky Active and Play By Text services have been accredited by GamCare, the UK's national centre for information, advice and practical help regarding the social impact of gambling – while Camelot's approach to game design, test purchasing and retailer vigilance campaigns ensures player protection at retail. Camelot is ranked first in the leisure sector in Business in the Community's 2006 Corporate Responsibility Index
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