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# Info about the odds

## Betting on Lotto, Lotteries or Keno?

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You may hear of people having a win with Lotto and Powerball, getting lucky in the lottery, or having winning numbers come up in Keno.

The odds of winning differ depending on which game you play, and so do the prizes. The winning numbers and tickets are all drawn randomly. So there is no playing strategy to increase your chances of winning.

## What chance have you got of winning the draw?

### Lotto

Lotto draws are conducted on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. In Lotto there are 45 balls, numbered from 1 to 45. Eight are selected at random by the drawing machine. The first six balls chosen are the winning numbers and the last two balls are the supplementary numbers. At least four games must be played on each card. The chance of choosing all six winning numbers and winning Division One with a single game is **8.1 million to one**.

### Lotto Strike

Lotto Strike is based on Lotto. Players choose four numbers between 1 and 45. To enter Lotto Strike, you must also play Lotto. Prizes are awarded according to how many match the first four Lotto numbers drawn, but only when the numbers chosen are in the correct order. The chance of matching four numbers in the correct order is **3.5 million to one**.

### Powerball

In Powerball there are 35 balls numbered from 1 to 35, from which seven are drawn at random. An eighth ball, the Powerball, is then drawn from another drawing machine which contains 20 balls numbered from 1 to 20. You must play at least four games in a draw. Powerball prizes are usually bigger than Lotto's, but Powerball is about 16 times harder to win. The chance of getting all seven winning numbers plus the Powerball, within a single game, is **134 million to one**.

### Oz Lotto

Oz Lotto has 45 balls numbered from 1 to 45. Nine are drawn at random. The first seven drawn are the winning numbers and the last two are the supplementary numbers. The chance of winning Division One with one game, by choosing all seven winning numbers, is **45 million to one**.

### Instant Lotteries – 'Instant Scratch-Its'

Also called Instant Scratch-Its, Instant Lotteries involve revealing numbers, symbols or pictures on a ticket. The actual odds that you will win differ according to the kind of game played. As an example, the chances of winning the top prize on a \$2 Instant Scratch-Its ticket is **1.25 million to one**.

### Draw Lotteries – 'Lucky Lotteries'

The Lucky Lotteries Super Jackpot has 270,000 tickets so your chance of winning the first prize with a single ticket is 1 in 270,000. There are over 11,800 other prizes in each draw, so the chance of winning any prize is about 1 in 24. Most of these prizes are very small, such as free tickets in another draw. The jackpot is an additional prize which is only won on an average of once every 70 draws. The chance of winning the jackpot with a single ticket is about **18 million to one**.

The Lucky Lotteries Mega Jackpot has 200,000 tickets. Your chance of winning the first prize with a single ticket is 1 in 200,000, but the chance of winning any prize is about 17 to one. The jackpot

is won about once every 47 draws. The chance of winning the jackpot prize with a single ticket is about **9.4 million to one**.

### Ongoing Payment Lottery – 'Set for Life'

A Set for Life ticket is played across seven consecutive daily draws and you must play at least two games at a time. In Set for Life, nine numbers are randomly selected from a set of 44 numbers, numbered from 1 to 44. The first seven numbers selected are the winning numbers, and the last two numbers are the supplementary numbers. The chance of winning the Division 1 prize, by matching all seven numbers in a single game, is **38 million to one**.

### Keno

In each game of Keno, 20 numbers are randomly drawn from 80, and prizes are based on how many of your selected numbers match those drawn. Players can choose 1-10, 15, 20 or 40 numbers in each game. If you choose to play 7, 8, 9 or 10 numbers, a proportion of your bet will be added to a jackpot pool which you will then have a chance of winning. The chance of winning the 10 number jackpot is **8.9 million to one**. Keno is available to play in many registered clubs, hotels and casinos.

## Can you improve your odds in lotteries or Keno?

**No** – because the winning numbers are drawn at random, any set of numbers has exactly the same chance of winning as any other. The games are all approved by the NSW Government to ensure they are fair. There is no 'best game' to play. Some games have very big prizes which are very hard to win, while Draw Lotteries and Instant Lotteries give you a greater chance of winning a very small prize.