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According to ongoing statistics, between 1987 and now, China has issued more than 100 billion RMB in lottery tickets. The average salary in Shanghai is 2000 RMB per month, so the 5 million RMB in prize money must seem an astronomical amount.

Have you ever bought a lottery ticket? Have you ever dreamed of winning the jackpot? If you won 5 million RMB, how would you spend it? *Xinmin Weekly* investigated this question.

Most people in Shanghai regularly buy lottery tickets, and only a handful have never bought one. Do you expect to win the prize when you buy a ticket, or not? The answer is “of course”. If you didn’t want to win, why would you buy the ticket?

Everybody dreams of winning the jackpot, but only a handful actually will. According to our investigation, a quarter of people have never won, and most people will only win the smallest prizes. Of the 2984 people we investigated, no-one has won the jackpot.

If you won the 5 million RMB jackpot, what would you want to do? *Xinmin Weekly* asked people to choose between four options: travelling overseas, buying a car, buying a house, or starting a business. For both men and women, the majority of people most wanted to buy a car or house.

About 30% of men would most want to start a business, but of the women, only 10% would choose this. More than 20% of women would want to travel overseas, while less than 10% of men would choose this. So then, these women would much prefer to see the world than the men would.

Would the 5 million RMB jackpot mean happiness? Only a few people investigated gave a positive answer, and most people didn’t think so. Some people thought the jackpot would not bring happiness; instead, they thought it might bring problems. Nonetheless, they still daydream about winning.

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