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Billionaires: statistics and facts

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63%

PUBLIC, UNDER 50

25%

FASHION, WOMEN

36%

ASIA-PACIFIC

\$839B

ELON MUSK



ABOUT THIS DOSSIER

Billionaires: statistics and facts

Every Business Stats report on Billionaires in one place: 21 reports, from Wealth (8 reports), Gender (3 reports) and Region (2 reports).

The reports put numbers on it, for example 63% (Public, under 50), 25% (Fashion, women), 36% (Asia-Pacific) and 20 (Youngest (Amelie)).

Freshly updated: Billionaire Wealth by Asset and Age 2026 and Billionaire Industries by Gender 2026 (Ranked). Every report names its primary source, and its charts and tables can be downloaded and reused for free. The list grows on its own when a new report is published; it last changed on Oct 18, 2026.

Also in this topic: Billionaire Share by Region 2026: Asia Leads, Youngest Billionaires in the World 2026 and Pandemic Billionaire Wealth by Industry 2020.

KEY FIGURES AT A GLANCE

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63%	Public, under 50	Billionaire Wealth by Asset and Age 2026
25%	Fashion, women	Billionaire Industries by Gender 2026 (Ranked)
36%	Asia-Pacific	Billionaire Share by Region 2026: Asia Leads
\$839B	Elon Musk	Richest Tech Billionaires 2026 (Ranked)
+44%	Industrials	Pandemic Billionaire Wealth by Industry 2020

\$9.6T

North America

Billionaire Wealth by Region 2026: US Leads

75%

Women inherited

Billionaire Wealth Source by Gender 2026

\$20.1T

Total Wealth

Total Billionaire Wealth Distribution 2026

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Wealth

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1.1

Billionaire Wealth by Asset and Age 2026

Updated Jul 29, 2026

63%

PUBLIC, UNDER 50

40%

PUBLIC, 50+

42%

PUBLIC, OVERALL

31%

PRIVATE, OVERALL

22%

LIQUID, OVERALL

5%

REAL ESTATE

Billionaires under 50 hold about 63 percent of their wealth in public shares, against 40 percent for those over 50, with private and cash rising with age.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/billionaires-breakdown-wealth

1.2

Pandemic Billionaire Wealth by Industry 2020

Updated Jul 29, 2026

+44%

INDUSTRIALS

+41%

TECHNOLOGY

+36%

HEALTH

\$10.2T

TOTAL, JULY 2020

+27%

TOTAL GROWTH

2,189

BILLIONAIRES

Industrials billionaire wealth grew fastest in the pandemic, about 44 percent from April to July 2020, ahead of technology on 41 percent and health on 36.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/billionaire-wealth-growth-by-industry



1.3

Billionaire Wealth by Region 2026: US Leads

Updated Jul 26, 2026

\$9.6T NORTH AMERICA	\$4.6T ASIA-PACIFIC	\$4.2T EUROPE
\$20.1T WORLD TOTAL	48% NA SHARE	\$8.42T UNITED STATES

North America holds the most billionaire wealth in 2026, about 9.6 trillion dollars, nearly half the world total of 20.1 trillion, ahead of Asia and Europe.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/billionaires-wealth-region

1.4

Billionaire Wealth Source by Gender 2026

Updated Jul 26, 2026

75% WOMEN INHERITED	33% MEN INHERITED	62% MEN SELF-MADE
22% WOMEN SELF-MADE	13% ARE WOMEN	81% FEMALE GROWTH

About 75 percent of female billionaires inherited their wealth in 2026, against 33 percent of men. Most male billionaires, about 62 percent, are self-made.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/billionaires-wealth-source-by-gender



1.5

Total Billionaire Wealth Distribution 2026

Updated Jul 8, 2026

\$20.1T

TOTAL WEALTH

\$2.9T

TOP 20

\$9.8T

MIDDLE TIER

65%

TOP 500 SHARE

5%

MUSK SHARE

23%

RICHEST 1%

The world 3,428 billionaires held a record 20.1 trillion dollars in 2026, but it is highly concentrated, with the top 500 holding about two-thirds of the total.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/billionaires-total-wealth-worldwide

1.6

Billionaire Wealth Gains During the Pandemic 2026

Updated Jul 7, 2026

+\$977B

ELON MUSK

+\$241B

LARRY PAGE

+\$222B

SERGEY BRIN

\$12T

TOTAL ADDED

\$20.1T

2026 WEALTH

50x

JENSEN HUANG

The world leading billionaires added trillions during the pandemic, led by Elon Musk, whose fortune rose from about 23 billion dollars to a trillion.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/covid-19-value-added-wealth-worlds-tip-billionaires



1.7

\$20.1T Wealth — Billionaires Around the World Statistics & Facts 2026

Updated Apr 7, 2026

3,428

BILLIONAIRES WORLDWIDE 2026

\$20.1T

COMBINED WEALTH

\$839B

ELON MUSK — #1

989

USA BILLIONAIRES — #1

80

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

13%

FEMALE BILLIONAIRES

3,428 billionaires worldwide 2026 · \$20.1 trillion combined wealth · Elon Musk \$839B #1 · USA 989, China 610, India 229 · Full data, rankings, demographics & trends.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/billionaires-around-the-world

1.8

2,781 Billionaires Hold \$14.2T — Wealth vs World 2026

Updated Mar 27, 2026

2,781

BILLIONAIRES WORLDWIDE

\$14.2T

COMBINED WEALTH

\$340B+

ELON MUSK — #1

813

US BILLIONAIRES

Top 5

OWN MORE THAN 3.6B PEOPLE

+610%

WEALTH GROWTH SINCE 2010

Billionaire wealth 2026: 2,781 billionaires hold \$14.2T. Top 5 own more than bottom 3.6B people. Elon Musk \$340B+. US leads with 813 billionaires. Full stats.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/billionaire-wealth



02

Gender

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2.1

Billionaire Industries by Gender 2026 (Ranked)

Updated Jul 28, 2026

25%

FASHION, WOMEN

481

FEMALE BILLIONAIRES

16%

FINANCE, MEN

512

FINANCE, ALL

13%

WOMEN SHARE

\$4.8T

TECH WEALTH

Fashion and retail is the top industry for female billionaires in 2026, about a quarter, while finance and technology lead among men, each about a sixth.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/billionaires-significant-industries

2.2

Women Billionaires 2026: Share by Gender

Updated Jul 11, 2026

14%

WOMEN

\$134B

ALICE WALTON

481

WOMEN

122

SELF-MADE

86%

MEN

11%

OF WEALTH

Just 14 percent of the world billionaires are women in 2026, 481 of 3,428, led by Walmart heiress Alice Walton, the richest woman on about 134 billion dollars.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/billionaires-gender-distribution



2.3

Average Age of Billionaires 2026 (by Gender)

Updated Jul 6, 2026

65 AVERAGE AGE	20 YOUNGEST	104 OLDEST
86% MEN	14% WOMEN	35 UNDER 30

The average billionaire is 65 years old in 2026, with most aged 50 to 80. The youngest is 20 and the oldest 104, and men outnumber women nearly six to one.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/age-distribution-of-billionaires-globally



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Region

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3.1

Billionaire Share by Region 2026: Asia Leads

Updated Jul 26, 2026

36%

ASIA-PACIFIC

31%

NORTH AMERICA

24%

EUROPE

3,428

WORLD TOTAL

90%+

TOP THREE

48%

NA WEALTH SHARE

Asia-Pacific holds the largest share of the world's billionaires in 2026, about 36 percent, ahead of North America on 31 percent and Europe on 24 percent.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/ultra-wealthy-individuals-worldwide-share-region

3.2

Billionaires by Region 2026 (Ranked)

Updated Jul 6, 2026

1,229

ASIA-PACIFIC

1,071

NORTH AMERICA

820

EUROPE

\$9.3T

NA WEALTH

36%

ASIA SHARE

3,428

WORLD TOTAL

Asia-Pacific has the most billionaires of any region in 2026 with about 1,229, ahead of North America and Europe, but North America holds the most wealth.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/global-billionaire-population-by-region



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4.1

Richest Tech Billionaires 2026 (Ranked)

Updated Aug 9, 2026

\$839B

ELON MUSK

7/10

TOP ARE TECH

\$257B

LARRY PAGE

\$154B

JENSEN HUANG

\$237B

SERGEY BRIN

\$2.5T

US TECH TOP 10

Elon Musk leads the richest tech billionaires in 2026 with about 839 billion dollars, ahead of Google cofounders Larry Page and Sergey Brin.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/the-richest-people-in-the-us-tech-industry

4.2

Billionaires in Europe by Country 2026 (Ranked)

Updated Jul 26, 2026

211

GERMANY

820

EUROPE TOTAL

147

RUSSIA

\$171B

ARNAULT, RICHEST

96

ITALY

24%

OF WORLD

Germany has the most billionaires in Europe in 2026, about 211, ahead of Russia on 147 and Italy on 96, out of a European total of about 820.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/ultra-wealthy-population-european-countries



4.3

Youngest Billionaires in the World 2026

Updated Aug 23, 2026

20

YOUNGEST (AMELIE)

\$92B

COMBINED

35

UNDER 30

\$6.8B

RICHEST YOUNG

12

SELF-MADE

22

YOUNGEST SELF-MADE

Amelie Voigt Trejes, 20, is the youngest billionaire in the world in 2026. A record 35 billionaires are under 30, worth 92 billion dollars, 12 self-made.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/youngest-billionaires-in-the-world-based-on-net-worth

4.4

Self-Made vs Inherited Billionaires 2026

Updated Jul 7, 2026

65%

SELF-MADE

53%

WOMEN INHERIT

18%

INHERITED

512

FINANCE

18%

COMBINATION

85%

CHINA SELF-MADE

About 65 percent of billionaires are self-made in 2026 and 35 percent inherited, with men mostly self-made and women mostly inheriting their fortunes.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/sources-of-wealth-of-global-billionaires



4.5

Cities With the Most Billionaires 2026

Updated Jul 6, 2026

146

NEW YORK

132

SHENZHEN

120

SHANGHAI

102

LONDON

58%

ASIA

4,020

WORLD TOTAL

New York is the billionaire capital of the world in 2026 with 146, ahead of Shenzhen, Shanghai and Beijing, with London and Mumbai close behind.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/billionaires-top-cities

4.6

Countries With the Most Billionaires 2026

Updated Jul 5, 2026

989

UNITED STATES

610

CHINA

229

INDIA

212

GERMANY

53%

TOP 3

\$8.4T

US WEALTH

The United States has the most billionaires in 2026 with 989, ahead of China with 610 and India with 229, together holding more than half the world total.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/billionaires-top-countries



4.7

How Many Billionaires Are There in the World? 2026

Updated Jul 5, 2026

3,428

BILLIONAIRES

\$20.1T

TOTAL WEALTH

989

UNITED STATES

610

CHINA

\$1.05T

ELON MUSK

20

\$100B CLUB

A record 3,428 billionaires held 20.1 trillion dollars in 2026, led by the US with 989 and Elon Musk, who became the world first trillionaire in June 2026.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/billionaires-in-the-world

4.8

Richest Social Media Entrepreneurs 2026 — Top Social Media Billionaires Net Worth

Updated May 22, 2026

\$241B

ELON MUSK - #1 RICHEST SOCIAL MEDIA ENTREPRENEUR (APRIL 2026)

\$196B

MARK ZUCKERBERG - #2, META FOUNDER (APRIL 2026)

\$1.39T

COMBINED NET WORTH OF TOP 10 SOCIAL MEDIA BILLIONAIRES

+\$42B

MUSK - LARGEST SINGLE-YEAR NET WORTH GAIN APR 2025 TO APR 2026

41

MARK ZUCKERBERG - YOUNGEST BILLIONAIRE IN TOP 10 (BORN 1984)

\$196B

ZUCKERBERG NET WORTH UP FROM \$56B IN 2022 - +250% IN 4 YEARS

Net worth of the richest social media entrepreneurs as of April 2026. Elon Musk leads at \$241B. Mark Zuckerberg \$196B. Jensen Huang \$118B. Full ranking, net worth history, YoY gains, and platform revenue comparisons.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/net-worth-of-the-richest-social-media-entrepreneurs



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