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PUBLIC, UNDER 50

47.5%

TOP 1% (2026)

2-20bn

RANGE OF
ESTIMATES, RM

+44%

INDUSTRIALS

ABOUT THIS DOSSIER

Wealth: statistics and facts

This page brings together 12 Business Stats reports on Wealth, grouped into Billionaire (8 reports) and Global Wealth (2 reports).

Among the figures you will find here: 63% (Public, under 50), 47.5% (Top 1% (2026)), 2-20bn (Range of Estimates, RM) and +44% (Industrials).

Most recently revised are Billionaire Wealth by Asset and Age 2026 and Top 1% Share of Global Wealth 2002-2026. Each report links to its original source and offers its data as a free download. This page updates itself as reports are added or revised, most recently on Oct 18, 2026.

Also in this topic: Jewish Wealth in Nazi Germany: Estimates of 2 to 20bn RM, Pandemic Billionaire Wealth by Industry 2020 and Global Wealth Distribution 2026 (Pyramid).

KEY FIGURES AT A GLANCE

FIGURE	WHAT IT MEASURES	REPORT
63%	Public, under 50	Billionaire Wealth by Asset and Age 2026
47.5%	Top 1% (2026)	Top 1% Share of Global Wealth 2002-2026
2-20bn	Range of Estimates, RM	Jewish Wealth in Nazi Germany: Estimates of 2 to 20bn RM
+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

+\$977B

Elon Musk

Billionaire Wealth Gains During the Pandemic 2026

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Billionaire

8 reports

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

Global Wealth

2 reports

2.1

Top 1% Share of Global Wealth 2002-2026

Updated Jul 9, 2026

47.5%

TOP 1% (2026)

44%

TOP 1% (2002)

50.8%

2016 PEAK

1%

BOTTOM HALF

6.1%

TOP 0.001%

0.88

WEALTH GINI

The richest 1 percent of adults held about 47.5 percent of all global wealth in 2026, up from about 44 percent in 2002, after peaking near 51 percent in 2016.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/global-wealth-richest-percent

2.2

Global Wealth Distribution 2026 (Pyramid)

Updated Jul 8, 2026

48%

TOP 1.5% SHARE

57.5M

MILLIONAIRES

23.6M

US MILLIONAIRES

41%

UNDER \$10K

\$9K

MEDIAN WEALTH

\$500T+

TOTAL WEALTH

The richest 1.5 percent of adults hold about 48 percent of global wealth in 2026, while the poorest 41 percent hold less than 1 percent between them.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/global-wealth-distribution-by-net-worth



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More statistics

2 reports

3.1

Jewish Wealth in Nazi Germany: Estimates of 2 to 20bn RM

Updated Sep 24, 2026

2-20bn

RANGE OF ESTIMATES, RM

4.5bn

REGISTERED IN 1938, RM

under 1%

JEWISH SHARE OF POPULATION

20%

FALSELY CLAIMED BY NAZIS

2.65bn

SEIZED BY THE STATE, RM

1bn

KRISTALLNACHT FINE, RM

How much wealth did Jews hold in Nazi Germany? Estimates range from about 2 to 20 billion Reichsmarks, far below what Nazi propaganda claimed.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/jewish-net-wealth-nazi-germany

3.2

Wealth per Adult by Country 2026: Swiss Lead

Updated Jul 26, 2026

\$910k

SWITZERLAND

\$696k

UNITED STATES

\$655k

LUXEMBOURG

\$394k

TOP MEDIAN

28th

US MEDIAN RANK

38%

US OF WORLD

Switzerland has the highest average wealth per adult in 2026, about 910,000 dollars, ahead of the US on 696,000 and Luxembourg on 655,000.

Full report with charts and data: businessstats.com/countries-with-the-highest-wealth-per-adult



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