

# Forbes rich list 2012

Mexican tycoon Carlos Slim retains his position as the world's richest person. An all-time high 1,226 billionaires worth a record \$4.6 trillion were counted this year, compared to just 140 on the first list 25 years ago

Picture: Getty Images



*Net worth (\$ billion, 2012)*

<b>1</b>	<b>Carlos Slim Helu and family</b>	<b>69.0</b>
	<i>Citizenship: Mexico</i>	Telecoms
<b>2</b>	<b>Bill Gates</b>	<b>61.0</b>
	<i>United States</i>	Microsoft
<b>3</b>	<b>Warren Buffett</b>	<b>44.0</b>
	<i>United States</i>	Berkshire Hathaway
<b>4</b>	<b>Bernard Arnault</b>	<b>41.0</b>
	<i>France</i>	LVMH luxury goods
<b>5</b>	<b>Amancio Ortega</b>	<b>37.5</b>
	<i>Spain</i>	Zara International
<b>6</b>	<b>Lawrence Ellison</b>	<b>36.0</b>
	<i>United States</i>	Oracle
<b>7</b>	<b>Eike Batista</b>	<b>30.0</b>
	<i>Brazil</i>	Mining, oil
<b>8</b>	<b>Stefan Persson</b>	<b>26.0</b>
	<i>Sweden</i>	Clothing chain H&M
<b>9</b>	<b>Li Ka-shing</b>	<b>25.5</b>
	<i>Hong Kong</i>	Diversified industries
<b>10</b>	<b>Karl Albrecht</b>	<b>25.4</b>
	<i>Germany</i>	Supermarket chain Aldi