

World's rich list grows amid pandemic

The combined wealth of the world's richest people has grown by more than \$5 trillion since 2020, according to Forbes' annual ranking, despite the economic downturn caused by the Covid-19 pandemic



World's richest five (from left), Jeff Bezos, Elon Musk, Bernard Arnault, Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg. They are worth **\$700 billion** collectively – up by more than **\$330 billion** since 2020

2,755 Record-breaking number of billionaires in 2021, 660 more than last year

724 U.S. has most billionaires in world, followed by 698 in China and 140 in India

\$13.1 trillion

Combined wealth of world's billionaires as of Mar 2021 – up from **\$8 trillion** in 2020



328 Number of women on billionaires list (12% of total). Richest is L'Oréal board member **Francoise Bettencourt Meyers (centre)** with **\$73.6 billion**

493 Number of new billionaires in 2021 – roughly one new billionaire every 17 hours – including 210 from China and Hong Kong

72% Percentage of self-made billionaires (highest ever), up from 70 percent in 2020 and 49 percent in 2001

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— Number of billionaires worldwide
— Combined net worth

