

Record rich list

The number of billionaires around the world rose by 102 to a record 793 over the past year, and their combined wealth grew 18% to \$2.6 trillion, according to Forbes magazine's 2006 world rankings



<i>Top ten billionaires</i>	<i>\$ billion</i>
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1. William H. Gates III Microsoft, <i>U.S.</i>	\$50.0
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2. Warren E. Buffet Berkshire Hathaway, <i>U.S.</i>	\$43.0
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3. Carlos Slim Helu Telecom, <i>Mexico</i>	\$30.0
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4. Ingvar Kamprad Ikea, <i>Sweden</i>	\$28.0
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5. Lakshmi Mittal Steel, <i>India</i>	\$23.5
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6. Paul G. Allen Microsoft, <i>U.S.</i>	\$22.0
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7. Bernard Arnault LVMH, <i>France</i>	\$21.5
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8. Prince Al-Waleed Bin Talal Investments, <i>Saudi Arabia</i>	\$20.0
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9. Kenneth Thomson & family Publishing, <i>Canada</i>	\$19.6
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10. Li Ka-shing Diversified, <i>Hong Kong</i>	\$13.0
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