

These Are The Richest People In The World In 2022

Description

Today, the 10 richest people in the world control **\$1.3 trillion** in wealth.

As [Visual Capitalist's Dorothy Neufeld details below](#), this scale of wealth is equal to approximately 1.4% of the world economy, Amazon's entire market cap, or spending \$1 million a day for 3,000 years. In fact, it's double the amount seen just two years ago (\$663 billion).

As billionaire wealth accumulates at a remarkable speed, we feature a snapshot of the world's richest in 2022, based on data from the [Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List](#).

Richest People in the World

in 2022

The world's billionaires have amassed \$5T since March 2021 alone. But who has made it to the highest ranks?

Below, we show the richest people in the world in 2022.

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Top 10 Overall



1. **Elon Musk**
After conducting a poll on Twitter, Elon Musk sold 10% of his stake in Tesla, worth \$1B.

3. **Bernard Arnault**
Europe's richest person, Bernard Arnault, runs luxury conglomerate LVMH. In 2021, sales jumped 44%.

Top 10 Women



1. **Francesca Bartolacci**
The world's richest woman is Francesca Bartolacci Meyer, vice chairman of L'Oréal.

4. **MacKenzie Scott**
MacKenzie Scott has donated \$12B of her wealth in the last two years.

Top 10 in China



1. **Zhang Shouqun**
Zhang Shouqun, founder of bottled water company Nongfu Springs, dropped out of elementary school. He then held jobs as a news reporter and construction worker before becoming an entrepreneur.

2. **Zhang Yiming**
Zhang Yiming founded TikTok parent ByteDance in 2012.

Top 10 in India



1. **Mukesh Ambani**
With a massive \$7B investment in solar panels, green hydrogen, and electrolysis, Reliance Industries CEO, Mukesh Ambani announced India's biggest green investment ever in 2022.

3. **Gautam Adani**
Gautam Adani, the second-richest person in Asia, began his career as a diamond trader.

Top 10 in Tech



1. **Jeff Bezos**
The Dutch city of Rotterdam may dismantle a bridge in order for Jeff Bezos' \$100M superyacht to pass through it.

2. **Bill Gates**
Bill Gates is the largest private owner of farmland in America.

Top 10 in Finance



1. **Warren Buffett**
In late 2021, Warren Buffett bought a \$1B stake in Activision Blizzard. In addition, Apple, Amazon, and software firm Salesforce are among his tech holdings.

3. **Stephen Schwarzman**
Blackstone Group, run by Stephen Schwarzman, is the largest residential and commercial landlord in America.

Top 10 in Green Energy



2. **Robin Zeng**
Robin Zeng, founder of Contemporary Amperex Technology Limited (CATL), supplies lithium-ion batteries to Tesla.

7. **Lin Jianhua & family**
Lin Jianhua is the world's largest producer of solar film for the solar industry. Ningbo Applied First Material.

Top 10 Entertainers



1. **George Lucas**
Before George Lucas created the best-selling movie franchise in history, Star Wars, he had a stint as a cameraman for the Rolling Stones.

6. **Kanye West**
He, also known as Kanye West, has earned the majority of his fortune through Yeatzy, his footwear brand.

Top 10 in Crypto



1. **Sam Bankman-Fried**
Sam Bankman-Fried, age 30, founded crypto-derivatives trading firm FTX in 2019. Thanks to its \$12B valuation, it surpassed Twitter and Deutsche Bank in market value.

4. **Cameron Winklevoss**
Cameron Winklevoss founded crypto exchange Gemini with brother Tyler Winklevoss in 2015.

All wealth in US\$ as of March 15, 2022.

Source: Forbes, CNBC, Yahoo Finance, Bloomberg, The Wall Street Journal, Reuters, MarketWatch.



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Top 10 Richest People in the World

Elon Musk, with a fortune of **\$212 billion**, is the richest person on the planet.

Tesla delivered nearly one million vehicles globally in 2021. Despite facing a computer chip shortage, Tesla deliveries rose **87%** year-over-year. Musk, who is also CEO and chief engineer of SpaceX, plans to send the [largest rocket](#) ever built into orbit in 2022. It spans 119 meters tall.

Here are the richest people in the world, based on data as of March 14, 2022:

Rank	Name	Source	Net Worth (Mar 2022)	Net Worth (Mar 2021)	Change 2021-22
1	Elon Musk	Tesla, SpaceX	\$212B	\$151B	\$61B
2	Jeff Bezos	Amazon	\$168B	\$177B	-\$9B
3	Bernard Arnault & family	LVMH	\$159B	\$150B	\$9B
4	Bill Gates	Microsoft	\$130B	\$124B	\$6B
5	Warren Buffett	Berkshire Hathaway	\$119B	\$96B	\$23B
6	Larry Page	Google	\$108B	\$92B	\$16B
7	Larry Ellison	Oracle	\$105B	\$93B	\$12B
8	Sergey Brin	Google	\$105B	\$89B	\$16B
9	Mukesh Ambani	Diversified	\$91B	\$85B	\$6B
10	Steve Ballmer	Microsoft	\$90B	\$69B	\$21B

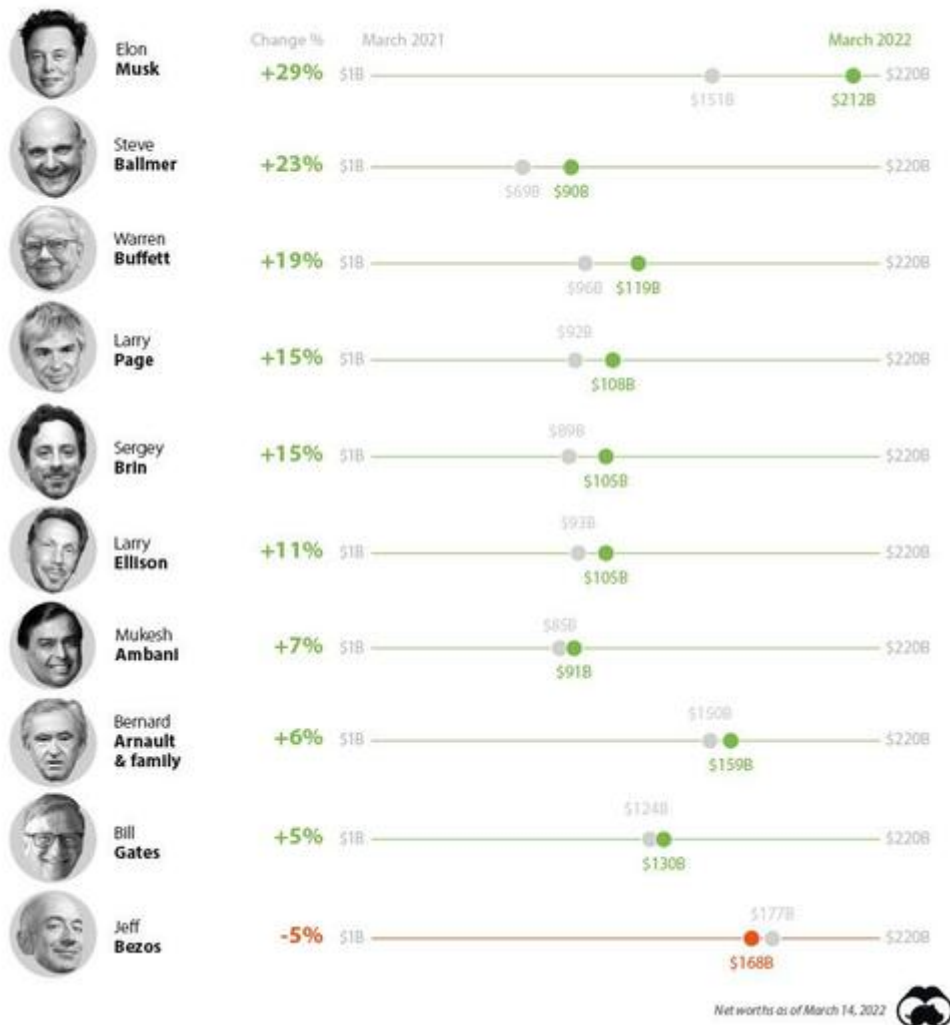
With a net worth of **\$168 billion**, Jeff Bezos falls in second place. Bezos is the only billionaire in the top 10 to see a decline in wealth (-\$9 billion) over the year. Since last March, Amazon shares have risen just **3%** in light of weaker earnings and lagging retail performance.

Most notably, Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of [Meta](#) (formerly Facebook) fell off the top 10 for the first time since 2016. Meta shares plunged after reporting the first-ever drop in global daily active users since 2004.

Growth Rates of the Top 10 Overall

Among the 10 richest people in the world, here's who saw their wealth rise the fastest:

Top 10 Richest **Growth** 2021-2022



Musk saw his fortune rise more than any other in this top 10 list. In 2021, Tesla became a [trillion-dollar company](#) for the first time, and Musk's wealth jumped by **29%** over the past year.

Crypto Billionaires in 2022

At least 10 people worldwide have seen their wealth climb into the billions thanks to the stratospheric rise of [cryptocurrencies](#).

Sam Bankman-Fried, founder of the FTX crypto derivatives exchange, is at the top, with a jaw-dropping **\$24 billion** net worth. Bankman-Fried launched the exchange in 2019 when he was 27.

FTX now has one million users and a \$32 billion valuation.

Rank	Name	Net Worth	Age (as of Mar 14)
1	Sam Bankman-Fried	\$24B	30
2	Brian Armstrong	\$6B	39
3	Chris Larsen	\$4B	61
4	Cameron Winklevoss	\$4B	40
5	Tyler Winklevoss	\$4B	40
6	Barry Silbert	\$3B	45
7	Jed McCaleb	\$3B	47
8	Fred Ehrsam	\$2B	33
9	Michael Saylor	\$2B	57
10	Matthew Roszak	\$1B	49

Following Bankman-Fried is Brian Armstrong, the co-founder of cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase. It is the second-largest cryptocurrency exchange globally after Binance.

Also on the list are co-founders of Gemini cryptocurrency exchange Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss, each with a net worth of **\$4 billion**. Like their rival, Mark Zuckerberg, they have their sights on building a [metaverse](#).

Larger Shifts

Will billionaire wealth continue to accumulate at record rates? If the invasion of Ukraine presses on, it will likely have broader structural outcomes.

Some argue that war is a great leveler, a force that has reduced wealth inequality, as seen in the aftermath of WWII. Others suggest that it increases [wealth divergence](#), especially when the war is financed by public debt. Often, costs have become inflated due to war, putting pressure on low and middle-income households.

Whether or not the war will have lasting effects on wealth distribution is an open question, however, if the pandemic serves as any precedent, the effects will be far from predictable.

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