

# Wealth inequality

**Billionaires increased their combined global wealth by almost a fifth last year to a record \$6tn (£4.5tn) – more than twice the GDP of the UK. There are now 1,542 dollar billionaires across the world, after 145 multi-millionaires saw their wealth tick over into nine-zero fortunes last year,**

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**Average billionaire's wealth:**

**$\$6,000,000,000,000 / 1,542 = \$3,891,050,583$**

**Median wealth per U.S. adult in 2016:  $\$44,977$**

**Avg. billionaire's wealth vs. med. U.S. adult's:**

**$\$3,891,050,583 / \$44,977 = 86,512$  times**