

Wealth inequality

It was another record year for the wealthiest people in America, as the price of admission to the country's most exclusive club jumped nearly 18%.

The minimum net worth to make the Forbes 400 list of richest Americans is now a record \$2 billion, up from \$1.7 billion a year ago. The group's total net worth climbed to \$2.7 trillion, up from \$2.4 trillion, and the average net worth rose to \$6.7 billion, up from \$6 billion.

Forbes, "2017 400 Richest Americans"

2017 Average wealth per US adult = \$388,585

$\$2,700,000,000,000 / \$388,585 = 6,948,286$

2017 Median wealth per US adult = \$55,867

$\$2,700,000,000,000 / \$55,867 = 48,329,067$