

Wealth inequality

Just eight of the richest people on earth own as much combined wealth as half the human race.

That's a notable change from last year, when it was reckoned to take 62 of the superrich to match the assets of the 3.6 billion people in the poorer half of mankind.

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— Wealth of the eight in billions of dollars —

Jeff Bezos \$45.2	Bill Gates \$75.0
Mike Bloomberg \$40.0	Amancio Ortega \$67.0
Warren Buffett \$60.8	Carlos Slim Helú \$50.0
Lawrence Ellison \$43.6	Mark Zuckerberg \$44.6

— Average wealth in dollars —

\$426.2 billion / 8 = \$53.27 billion
\$426.2 billion / 3.6 billion = \$118.39