

BIGGEST BILLIONAIRE LOOSERS

1. Anil Ambani

2009 net worth: \$10.1 billion

Lost: ▼ \$31.9 billion

Last year's biggest billionaire gainer is this year's biggest loser. His fortune is down \$32 billion, as shares in his Reliance Communications fell by two-thirds. Number of telecom customers increased, but people used fewer minutes amid worldwide recession and India's economic slowdown; margins squeezed due to expensive expansion and increased competition. Company also took a hit when estranged brother Mukesh helped derail its merger with South Africa's MTN last July. His Reliance Power and Reliance Capital holdings fell too.

2. Lakshmi Mittal

2009 net worth: \$19.3 billion

Lost: ▼ \$25.7 billion

Steel titan has lost his shine. With steel prices down 75% since last summer and heavy fines from a French antitrust investigation that found 10 companies guilty of price fixing in European steel markets, ArcelorMittal stock, which makes up bulk of his fortune, is at four-year low. Group posted \$2.6 billion loss in most recent quarter; announced plans to slow acquisitions, cut capital expenditures and pay down its debts. Recently halved its dividend to 75 cents.

3. Warren Buffett

2009 net worth: \$37 billion

Lost: ▼ \$25 billion

Oracle of Omaha's Berkshire Hathaway suffered worst year in its 44-year-history; book value down \$11.5 billion, or 9.6%, since last March. Share price of Berkshire nearly halved. Made large investments in preferred shares of Goldman Sachs and General Electric. Admittedly "did some dumb things": cites \$244 million investment in ConocoPhillips at top of oil market as one of them. Believes "the economy will be in shambles throughout 2009," but "America's best days lie ahead."

4. Carlos Slim Helú

2009 net worth: \$35 billion

Lost: ▼ \$25 billion

Fortune of Latin America's richest person fell more than 40% since last March, as his assets were hit by worldwide recession and plunging peso. Shares of wireless company America Movil, his biggest holding, are down 60%. Hasn't stopped him from investing: made \$250 million loan to New York Times Co. in January, already owns nearly 7%; stock down almost 80% over last year. Increased his stake in Saks, but luxury retailer's stock off nearly 90% since last winter.

5. K.P. Singh

2009 net worth \$5.0 billion

Lost: ▼ \$25 billion

Former army officer was briefly world's richest real estate baron. But shares of his property firm DLF sank 80% over last year, as earnings were hit by slowdown of once red-hot Indian economy and plunging real estate values. Attempt to boost stock price through a share buyback was unsuccessful. Plans to list its real estate investment trust in Singapore fell through. Cut prices on new homes in bid to revive sales.

6. Oleg Deripaska

2009 net worth: \$3.5 billion

Lost: ▼ \$24.5 billion

Russian oligarch squeezed between world manufacturing slowdown and credit crunch. Net worth plunged as world demand for aluminum, nickel, copper slowed. Russia's one-time richest man recently received a \$4.5 billion loan from a state-controlled bank in order to keep his 25% stake in Norilsk Nickel, which faced a margin call by Western banks. Other margin calls forced him to divest a \$1.5 billion stake in Canadian carmaker Magna International and a \$500 million stake in German construction company Hochtief.

7. Mukesh Ambani

Net worth \$19.5 billion

Lost: ▼ \$23.5 billion

Becomes India's richest person, just passing Lakshmi Mittal, despite losing a bundle. Shares of his petrochemicals giant, Reliance Industries, plunged 40% over the last year as financial slowdown dampened oil demand; price of crude oil down 55% since last March. It is still India's most valuable company.

8. Sheldon Adelson

Net worth: \$3.4 billion

Lost: ▼ \$22.6 billion

Third-richest American in 2008 falls to 73rd place, as casino industry crapped out. Shares of Las Vegas Sands down 98% this past year as gamblers walked away from table. Massive debt is pressuring operations. Diluted stock and ownership in November offering that raised \$2.1 billion; stake down from 65% to 51%. Injected \$1 billion of his own cash in same offering to strengthen balance sheet. Suspended construction of billion-dollar casinos in Macau; laid off nearly 11,000 workers last November in China alone.

9. William Gates III

Net worth \$40 billion

Lost: ▼ \$18 billion

Reclaimed title of world's richest person despite the fact that his fortune fell by more than 30% over past year. Shares of Microsoft dropped 40% since last March as consumers and corporations slow spending on information technology. Company's second-quarter earnings disappointed analysts; warned of revenue drop in 2009. Attributed weakness to soft PC market, consumers' move to cheaper netbooks.

10. Vladimir Potanin

Net worth: \$2.1 billion

Lost: ▼ \$17.2 billion

Split from his longtime partner, Mikhail Prokhorov, in 2007 hurt his pocketbook. Fortune has fallen by billions in past year, as shares of his biggest holding--world's biggest nickel producer--Norilsk Nickel collapsed by three-fourths. Stake in Norilsk not as large as he'd hoped, as Prokhorov sold out to billionaire Oleg Deripaska instead of to Potanin. As part of division of assets, Potanin still has a stake in Rosbank. Sold 20% stake in Polyus Gold to another billionaire, Suleiman Kerimov, in late 2008.

TOP BILLIONAIRES LIST

RANK	NAME	CITIZENSHIP	AGE	NET WORTH (\$BIL)	RESIDENCE
1	William Gates III	United States	53	40.0	United States
2	Warren Buffett	United States	78	37.0	United States
3	Carlos Slim Helu & family	Mexico	69	35.0	Mexico
4	Lawrence Ellison	United States	64	22.5	United States
5	Ingvar Kamprad & family	Sweden	83	22.0	Switzerland
6	Karl Albrecht	Germany	89	21.5	Germany
7	Mukesh Ambani	India	51	19.5	India
8	Lakshmi Mittal	India	58	19.3	United Kingdom
9	Theo Albrecht	Germany	87	18.8	Germany
10	Amancio Ortega	Spain	73	18.3	Spain
11	Jim Walton	United States	61	17.8	United States
12	Alice Walton	United States	59	17.6	United States
12	Christy Walton & family	United States	54	17.6	United States
12	S Robson Walton	United States	65	17.6	United States
15	Bernard Arnault	France	60	16.5	France
16	Li Ka-shing	Hong Kong	80	16.2	Hong Kong
17	Michael Bloomberg	United States	67	16.0	United States
18	Stefan Persson	Sweden	61	14.5	Sweden
19	Charles Koch	United States	73	14.0	United States
19	David Koch	United States	68	14.0	United States
21	Liliane Bettencourt	France	86	13.4	France
22	Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Al Saud	Saudi Arabia	54	13.3	Saudi Arabia
23	Michael Otto & family	Germany	65	13.2	Germany
24	David Thomson & family	Canada	51	13.0	Canada
25	Michael Dell	United States	44	12.3	United States

TOP 100 Companies of the World

RANK	COMPANY	COUNTRY	INDUSTRY	SALES (\$BIL)	PROFITS (\$BIL)	ASSETS (\$BIL)	MARKET VALUE (\$BIL)
1	General Electric	United States	Conglomerates	182.52	17.41	797.77	89.87
2	Royal Dutch Shell	Netherlands	Oil & Gas Operations	458.36	26.28	278.44	135.10
3	Toyota Motor	Japan	Consumer Durables	263.42	17.21	324.98	102.35
4	ExxonMobil	United States	Oil & Gas Operations	425.70	45.22	228.05	335.54
5	BP	United Kingdom	Oil & Gas Operations	361.14	21.16	228.24	119.70
6	HSBC Holdings	United Kingdom	Banking	142.05	5.73	2,520.45	85.04
7	AT&T	United States	Telecommunications Services	124.03	12.87	265.25	140.08
8	Wal-Mart Stores	United States	Retailing	405.61	13.40	163.43	193.15
9	Banco Santander	Spain	Banking	96.23	13.25	1,318.86	49.75
9	Chevron	United States	Oil & Gas Operations	255.11	23.93	161.17	121.70
11	Total	France	Oil & Gas Operations	223.15	14.74	164.66	112.90
12	ICBC	China	Banking	53.60	11.16	1,188.08	170.83
13	Gazprom	Russia	Oil & Gas Operations	97.29	26.78	276.81	74.55
14	PetroChina	China	Oil & Gas Operations	114.32	19.94	145.14	270.56
15	Volkswagen Group	Germany	Consumer Durables	158.40	6.52	244.05	75.18
16	JPMorgan Chase	United States	Banking	101.49	3.70	2,175.05	85.87
17	GDF Suez	France	Utilities	115.59	9.05	232.71	70.46
18	ENI	Italy	Oil & Gas Operations	158.32	12.91	139.80	80.68
19	Berkshire Hathaway	United States	Diversified Financials	107.79	4.99	267.40	122.11
20	Vodafone	United Kingdom	Telecommunications Services	70.39	13.30	252.08	93.66
21	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	Japan	Banking	61.43	6.38	1,931.17	53.63
22	Procter & Gamble	United States	Household & Personal Products	83.68	14.08	138.26	141.18
23	CCB-China Construction Bank	China	Banking	42.98	9.45	903.35	119.03
24	Verizon Communications	United States	Telecommunications Services	97.35	6.43	202.35	81.04
25	Petrobras-Petróleo Brasil	Brazil	Oil & Gas Operations	92.08	14.12	120.68	110.97
26	Nippon Telegraph & Tel	Japan	Telecommunications Services	107.02	6.36	179.95	59.07
27	EDF Group	France	Utilities	89.46	4.73	278.76	71.53
28	IBM	United States	Software & Services	103.63	12.34	109.53	123.47
29	BNP Paribas	France	Banking	107.96	4.20	2,888.73	29.98
30	Bank of China	China	Banking	40.10	7.70	817.84	105.04
31	Telefónica	Spain	Telecommunications Services	80.70	10.57	129.16	85.56
32	Nestlé	Switzerland	Food, Drink & Tobacco	103.01	16.91	97.12	118.99
33	Sinopec-China	China	Oil & Gas	154.28	7.43	100.41	93.50

	Petroleum		Operations				
34	Crédit Agricole	France	Banking	107.75	5.90	2,064.17	21.91
35	Siemens	Germany	Conglomerates	108.76	8.05	128.46	44.18
36	Hewlett-Packard	United States	Technology Hardware & Equip	118.70	8.05	109.63	69.57
37	Intesa Sanpaolo	Italy	Banking	50.56	10.58	835.15	31.43
38	Bank of America	United States	Banking	113.11	4.01	1,817.94	25.29
39	Honda Motor	Japan	Consumer Durables	120.27	6.01	124.98	44.32
40	BBVA-Banco Bilbao Vizcaya	Spain	Banking	56.51	6.99	747.99	27.56
41	ArcelorMittal	Luxembourg	Materials	124.94	9.40	133.09	26.80
42	Johnson & Johnson	United States	Drugs & Biotechnology	63.75	12.95	84.91	138.29
43	ENEL	Italy	Utilities	82.92	7.37	177.21	31.00
44	UniCredit Group	Italy	Banking	83.72	8.70	1,482.98	18.37
45	Generali Group	Italy	Insurance	118.39	4.26	546.50	21.35
46	France Telecom	France	Telecommunications Services	74.50	5.67	125.32	58.92
47	Samsung Electronics	South Korea	Semiconductors	104.42	7.87	99.47	45.82
48	Deutsche Bank	Germany	Diversified Financials	124.78	9.47	2,946.88	14.40
49	Microsoft	United States	Software & Services	61.98	17.23	65.79	143.58
50	Pfizer	United States	Drugs & Biotechnology	48.30	8.10	111.15	83.03
51	Wells Fargo	United States	Banking	51.65	2.66	1,309.64	51.28
52	BHP Billiton	Australia/United Kingdom	Materials	59.47	15.39	72.40	96.65
53	StatoilHydro	Norway	Oil & Gas Operations	93.38	6.20	82.42	53.30
54	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	Japan	Banking	46.06	4.62	1,114.89	25.56
55	China Mobile	Hong Kong/China	Telecommunications Services	47.09	11.49	76.42	175.85
56	Goldman Sachs Group	United States	Diversified Financials	53.58	2.32	884.55	42.06
57	RWE Group	Germany	Utilities	66.16	3.56	127.64	33.68
58	Roche Holding	Switzerland	Drugs & Biotechnology	42.75	8.41	69.77	98.47
59	Commonwealth Bank	Australia	Banking	34.98	4.58	467.83	28.01
60	Société Générale Group	France	Banking	99.25	2.80	1,572.73	17.77
61	Novartis	Switzerland	Drugs & Biotechnology	42.01	8.30	73.22	82.97
62	E.ON	Germany	Utilities	120.74	1.76	215.15	47.44
63	Deutsche Telekom	Germany	Telecommunications Services	85.89	2.07	162.51	52.96
64	Rosneft	Russia	Oil & Gas Operations	46.99	11.12	77.40	34.07
65	Mizuho Financial	Japan	Banking	42.29	3.12	1,545.23	21.46
65	Sanofi-aventis	France	Drugs & Biotechnology	38.40	5.36	96.01	67.84
67	National Australia Bank	Australia	Banking	41.87	3.58	515.83	21.90
68	Royal Bank of Canada	Canada	Banking	30.01	3.52	575.21	34.29
69	Cisco Systems	United States	Technology Hardware & Equip	39.58	7.49	61.36	85.05

69	Rio Tinto	United Kingdom/Australia	Materials	54.26	3.68	88.25	39.42
71	Tesco	United Kingdom	Food Markets	93.85	4.21	59.80	37.50
72	China Life Insurance	China	Insurance	26.20	5.32	127.83	83.26
73	Mitsubishi Corp	Japan	Trading Companies	60.43	4.64	117.84	20.89
74	Vale	Brazil	Materials	30.75	9.28	79.26	66.14
75	Munich Re	Germany	Insurance	64.20	2.09	291.87	24.29
76	Lukoil	Russia	Oil & Gas Operations	66.86	9.51	59.14	26.62
77	Barclays	United Kingdom	Banking	59.82	6.40	2,947.84	11.15
78	Banco Bradesco	Brazil	Banking	39.97	3.26	194.51	26.75
79	Unilever	Netherlands/United Kingdom	Food, Drink & Tobacco	56.44	7.00	48.75	58.24
80	BASF	Germany	Chemicals	86.77	4.06	69.41	25.62
81	Nokia	Finland	Technology Hardware & Equip	70.63	5.55	52.29	35.32
82	Sony	Japan	Technology Hardware & Equip	88.89	3.70	124.12	17.12
83	CVS Caremark	United States	Retailing	87.47	3.21	60.96	37.46
83	Daimler	Germany	Consumer Durables	133.43	1.88	180.08	21.21
85	United Technologies	United States	Conglomerates	58.68	4.69	56.47	38.53
86	Saudi Basic Industries	Saudi Arabia	Chemicals	40.62	5.87	72.39	31.44
87	Iberdrola	Spain	Utilities	35.09	3.98	114.81	32.42
88	Nissan Motor	Japan	Consumer Durables	108.46	4.83	119.00	14.14
89	Panasonic	Japan	Technology Hardware & Equip	90.87	2.82	71.85	28.93
90	MetLife	United States	Insurance	50.99	3.21	501.68	15.10
91	Westpac Banking Group	Australia	Banking	25.90	3.05	346.22	31.40
92	GlaxoSmithKline	United Kingdom	Drugs & Biotechnology	35.55	6.72	52.67	79.06
93	Morgan Stanley	United States	Diversified Financials	62.26	1.71	658.81	21.00
94	Telecom Italia	Italy	Telecommunications Services	41.97	3.08	117.81	23.82
95	Intel	United States	Semiconductors	37.59	5.29	50.72	70.86
96	Zurich Financial Services	Switzerland	Insurance	32.35	3.04	325.04	19.60
97	Mitsui & Co	Japan	Trading Companies	57.50	4.11	97.15	17.12
98	Comcast	United States	Media	34.26	2.55	113.02	37.62
99	AXA Group	France	Insurance	156.95	1.28	936.92	19.47
100	Bayer Group	Germany	Chemicals	45.85	2.55	71.39	36.97