

TABLE 12.1 The Fifteen Wealthiest Individuals in the World

Name	Net Worth	Location
William Gates, III	\$46.5 billion	United States
Warren Buffet	\$44.0 billion	United States
Lakshmi Mital	\$25.0 billion	India
Carlos Slim Helu	\$23.8 billion	Mexico
Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Alsaud	\$23.7 billion	Saudi Arabia
Ingvar Kamprad	\$23.0 billion	Sweden
Paul Allen	\$21.0 billion	United States
Karl Albrecht	\$18.5 billion	Germany
Lawrence Ellison	\$18.4 billion	United States
S. Robson Walton	\$18.3 billion	United States
Jim Walton	\$18.2 billion	United States
John Walton	\$18.2 billion	United States
Alice Walton	\$18.0 billion	United States
Helen Walton	\$18.0 billion	United States
Kenneth Thomson & family	\$17.9 billion	Canada

Source: Associated Press, March 11, 2005, based on annual survey by Forbes magazine.