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BILLIONAIRES' WEALTH WINDFALL UPDATE

A periodic update on the outrageous growth in wealth of U.S. billionaires during the coronavirus pandemic.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – This is the inaugural release of the *Billionaires' Wealth Windfall Update*, which will occasionally highlight increases in the extraordinary growth of billionaires' wealth during the coronavirus pandemic. Data is based on daily real-time changes reported by Forbes.

Elon Musk:

- Wealth as of Aug. 28: \$99.98 billion, up \$4.5 billion from yesterday.
- Wealth has increased \$75.4 billion since March 18, 2020, at the beginning of the pandemic up from \$24.6 billion; a 306.5% increase.
- He is now the 4th richest American.

Alice Walton:

- Wealth as of Aug. 28 is \$65.1 billion, up \$3.1 billion from yesterday or nearly 5%.
- Wealth has increased \$10.7 billion since March 18, 2020, at the beginning of the pandemic up from \$54.4 billion or a 19.7% increase.
- She is now the 10th richest American.

Jim Walton:

- Wealth as of Aug. 28 is \$64.9 billion, up \$3 billion from yesterday or 4.6%.
- Wealth has increased **\$10.3 billion** since March 18, 2020, at the beginning of the pandemic up from **\$54.6 billion** or a **18.9**% increase.
- He is now the 11th richest American.

Rob Walton:

- Wealth as of Aug. 28 is \$64.6 billion, up \$3 billion from yesterday or 4.6%.
- Wealth has increased **\$10.5 billion** since March 18, 2020, at the beginning of the pandemic up from **\$54.1 billion** or a **19.4**% increase.
- He is now the 13th richest American.

Americans for Tax Fairness and the Institute for Policy Studies – Program on Inequality maintain extensive information on billionaire wealth growth at this <u>website</u>.