

China overtakes US as richest country in the world

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Global wealth tripled over the last two decades, with China leading the way and overtaking the US for the top spot worldwide.

A report by McKinsey & Co. that examines the national balance sheets of ten countries representing more than 60 percent of the world's income.

Key Highlights

- China accounted for almost one-third of gains in global net worth over the past two decades, the report said.
- Net worth worldwide rose to \$514 trillion in 2020, from \$156 trillion in 2000, according to the study. China accounted for almost one-third of the increase.
- Its wealth skyrocketed to \$120 trillion from a mere \$7 trillion in 2000, the year before it joined the World Trade Organization, speeding its economic ascent, the report said.
- The US, held back by more muted increases in property prices, saw its net worth more than double over the period, to \$90 trillion.
- In both countries — the world's biggest economies — more than two-thirds of the wealth is held by the richest 10 percent of households, and their share has been increasing, the report said.
- As computed by McKinsey, 68 per cent of global net worth is stored in real estate.

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