

Table 13.23-- TOP WEALTHHOLDERS: 1962 TO 1992

[Top wealthholders are defined as persons with a gross estate in excess of specified amounts, rising from \$60,000 in 1962 to \$600,000 in 1989. All figures are estimates based on estate tax return samples]

Group and year	Number of top wealthholders	Millions of dollars		
		Total assets	Debts and mortgages	Net worth
Gross estate over \$60,000:				
1962	11,323	1,908	231	1,677
1969	36,470	6,327	1,090	5,236
1972	53,700	7,866	1,369	6,497
Gross estate over \$120,000:				
1976	39,000	7,436	1,546	5,890
Gross estate over \$325,000:				
1982	20,300	14,767	3,523	11,244
Gross estate over \$500,000:				
1982	8,700	10,864	2,919	7,946
1986	11,000	11,330	1,475	9,855
Gross estate over \$600,000:				
1989	22,300	28,393	2,447	25,947
1992	32,280	39,198	3,543	35,655

Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service, *Statistics of Income -1962, Personal Wealth* (1967), pp. 55-56; *Statistics of Income -1969, Personal Wealth* (1973), pp. 57-58; *Statistics of Income- 1972, Personal Wealth Estimated from Estate Tax Returns* (1976), table 33; and *Statistics of Income Bulletin*, Summer 1983, pp. 1-26, Spring 1988, pp. 31-46; Spring 1990, pp. 63-78; Spring 1993, pp. 105-121; and Winter 1997-98, <http://www.irs.treas.gov/prod/tax_stats/soi/est_pw.html/95PERWEL.EXE>, April 24, 1998.