

Ultra-Millionaire Tax Act of 2026

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While millions of families are struggling, billionaires have watched their fortunes skyrocket. For too long, the ultra-rich, corporations, and their lobbyists have used their influence to rig the system in their favor—corroding our democracy and hollowing out the middle class. The consequence is an extreme concentration of wealth [not seen](#) in any other major developed economy.

According to an analysis from economists Emmanuel Saez and Gabriel Zucman, the richest 0.1% of Americans [hold](#) nearly as much wealth as the bottom 90% of families combined. Indeed, the 400 richest Americans [own](#) more wealth than all Black households added together. While the rich get richer, nearly 36 million Americans [live](#) under the poverty line. And instead of tackling this inequality, the Trump administration has turbocharged the crisis, slashing healthcare coverage for millions of families to deliver [over](#) \$1 trillion in tax cuts to the top 1%.

Our tax code is not designed to address these problems. By focusing on incomes, the tax system largely misses the massive amount of wealth that the tiny sliver of ultra-rich families has accumulated. In fact, when judged against wealth, our tax system asks the ultra-wealthy to pay far less than everyone else. [According](#) to Saez and Zucman, in 2019, families in the bottom 99% owed 7.2% of their combined net wealth in federal, state, and local taxes, while the top 0.1% owed just 3.2%.

The Ultra-Millionaire Tax Act would level the playing field and narrow the racial wealth gap by asking the wealthiest 260,000 households in America, or the top 0.15%, to pay their fair share. This would bring in approximately \$6.2 trillion in revenue over 10 years—without raising taxes on the 99.85% of American households that have net worths below \$50 million.

The bill would create a fairer economy through a:

- 2% annual tax on the net worth of households and trusts over \$50 million
- 1% annual surtax (3% tax overall) on the net worth of households and trusts above \$1 billion

The Ultra-Millionaire Tax (UMT) also includes robust anti-evasion and avoidance measures, including:

- A \$100 billion investment to rebuild and strengthen the IRS, ensuring the agency has the resources to hire and train additional personnel, modernize IT systems, and implement the new asset valuation, reporting, and enforcement requirements for the UMT
- A 30% minimum audit rate for taxpayers subject to the UMT
- A 40% “exit tax” on the net worth above \$50 million of any U.S. citizen who renounces their citizenship
- New tools to determine the value of hard-to-value assets, enabling the IRS to tighten and expand upon existing valuation rules
- Systematic third-party reporting to build on existing tax information exchange agreements adopted after the *Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act*, in addition to penalties for underpayment

With the revenue from the *Ultra-Millionaire Tax Act*, the federal government could make significant investments in lowering costs for American families. For example, the revenue could pay for all of the following policies combined, with money left over:

- Universal, affordable childcare
- Build millions of new homes
- Slash child poverty by expanding the Child Tax Credit
- Lower the Medicare eligibility age to 55
- Universal paid family leave
- Tuition-free community college