



Spanish clubs top Forbes football rich list

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Spanish football clubs

Spanish clubs have dominated the global football economy. Real Madrid are ranked the world's most valuable club in 2026 and Barcelona is second, according to [Forbes](#). Their latest ranking of the most valuable football clubs exposes the growing gap between Spain's elite clubs and the rest of Europe. Meanwhile, the [Premier League](#) has more clubs in the rankings.

Spanish clubs at the top

Real Madrid remain top of the rankings for a fifth consecutive year, valued at around \$9.5bn with revenues of \$1.265bn. They are the first club in history to surpass \$1.2bn annually. Much of that growth is credited to the redevelopment of the Santiago Bernabéu. The stadium has been transformed into a year-round revenue stream through concerts and major events. Additionally, strong commercial deals and global brand power have contributed to this growth.

Barcelona come second with a valuation of \$7.5bn and have crossed the \$1bn revenue mark for the first time. This marks a clear recovery after years of financial instability. Their resurgence has been driven by commercial strength, sponsorship, and stability on and off the pitch.

Premier League breadth

Despite Spain's dominance at the very top, the Premier League remains the most represented competition, with eight clubs in the global top 20 including Manchester United, Liverpool, Manchester City, Arsenal and Chelsea. Broadcast income remains the Premier League's biggest financial advantage. Furthermore, Manchester United stay among the world's most valuable clubs despite their decline on the pitch.

Paris Saint-Germain remain firmly among Europe's financial elite at \$5.8bn, while Italian clubs continue to trail the leading leagues. However, Juventus, AC Milan, and Inter Milan retain strong valuations. Few clubs saw a bigger rise than Inter Miami. Lionel Messi's arrival pushed its valuation beyond \$1.3bn. More American clubs are appearing in the rankings as investment in US football continues to grow ahead of the 2026 World Cup.

Football's new order

Overall, the *Forbes* figures show that modern football is now shaped as much by money as results on the pitch.

Real Madrid and Barcelona remain football's financial giants, the Premier League dominates in numbers, and American investment is reshaping football's economic balance.

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