

# Fame, Fortune and Love: The World's Wealthiest Celebrity Couples



By Whitney Baker

Hollywood's It Couples outshine us regular folks in more ways than one: they're happily in love; they live extravagant and fame-filled lives; and they have more money than they can possibly spend. With a total of over \$535 million divided among them, the celebrity couples on our list better have some shopping to do – or they're going to be carrying around quite a few hefty wallets. Here they are:

**1. Beyoncé and Jay-Z:** This celebrity couple is not only the wealthiest couple on our list – raking in nearly double the next-richest duo – but perhaps the busiest as well. Pocketing nearly \$124 million, they earned their paychecks from music sales and singing gigs, as well as endorsement deals and clothing lines.

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**2. Harrison Ford and Calista Flockhart:** Ford owes Indiana Jones a big thank you: the most recent installment, *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, earned the action star over \$66 million. Flockhart starred in the ABC drama *Brothers & Sisters* (cancelled earlier this year after five seasons), bringing their collective income to over \$70 million.

**3. Gisele Bundchen and Tom Brady:** These pretty faces earned a combined \$63 million last year. *Forbes* ranked Bundchen the world's highest-paid model for the third-consecutive year, stating that her runway work and cover photos earned her \$45 million. During football season, Brady receives his \$18-million-a-year paycheck.

**4. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie:** Reports from *The Sun* reveal that this famous couple spends \$10 million a year on their six children alone, accounting for only a fraction of their combined yearly salary of \$55 million. Another big chunk of their paycheck? They are currently renovating the \$56 million French Chateau that they call home.

**5. Will and Jada Pinkett Smith:** With wife Pinkett Smith focusing her efforts on behind-the-scenes work (both writing and producing), there's no doubt that Smith makes his mark on the big screen. Grossing over \$5.8 billion at worldwide box offices and commanding \$20 million per film, Smith is the primary contributor to the couple's joint \$50 million a year income. With a paycheck like that, it's no wonder the couple is raising their family in a 25,000 square foot mega-mansion in Calabasas, Calif.

And now for the runner-ups:

**6. David and Victoria Beckham:** It looks like their 2007 move from London to Los Angeles is paying off, with the couple

earning \$46.5 million in 2010. David's soccer career is supplemented with a few highly lucrative product endorsements, such as Armani and the after-shave and fragrance line called David Beckham Instinct, and Victoria has found chic success through her self-titled fashion line.

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**7. Ellen DeGeneres and Portia de Rossi:** With Oprah running her own television network instead of hosting her show, DeGeneres is sitting pretty as the queen of daytime talk shows. De Rossi has been busy with her recent acting on *Better Off Ted* and sales from her memoir, *Unbearable Lightness: A Story of Loss and Gain*, making the couple's combined income \$36 million.

**8. Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin:** Currently raising their two children in London, this overseas couple brings in a joint paycheck of \$33.5 million per year. While Martin depends on the worldwide success of Coldplay, the Oscar-winning actress's recent accomplishments include her performance in *Country Strong* and her guest appearances on *Glee*, as well as her family-focused cookbook, *My Father's Daughter: Delicious, Easy Recipes Celebrating Family & Togetherness*.

**9. Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick:** The New York City-based couple brings in over \$29 million a year, with Parker as the unequivocal breadwinner. She recently left her position as chief creative officer of Halston Heritage, but has plenty of other lucrative projects to fall back on, including that of movie star, perfumer and spokeswoman, not to mention her starring and producing roles in the *Sex & the City* television series and movies. Broderick has switched gears since his teen heartthrob days (circa *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*) and now focuses his acting efforts on Broadway.

**10. Tim McGraw and Faith Hill:** Thanks to the talents of these

two country superstars, they brought in a combined income of nearly \$28.5 million. McGraw has enjoyed 21 number one singles on the Billboard Hot Country 100 charts and recently ventured into acting, appearing in hit movies such as *The Blind Side* and *Country Strong*. Meanwhile, Hill's musical prowess has earned her a Grammy Award, American Music Award and the People's Choice Award.

**Who is your favorite wealthy celebrity couple? Share your thoughts with us below.**

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## **Our 5 Favorite Celebrity-Athlete Couples**



By Diamon Hall

With Kim Kardashian's recent engagement to Kris Humphries and

Candice Crawford's late-May nuptials, these lovely celebrities are currently hot topics of conversation. While these two couples are currently reveling in the limelight, there are plenty more popular athlete-celebrity couples in Tinseltown. Check out our favorite five:

**1. Gisele Bundchen and Tom Brady:** This famous Hollywood couple starred in Zimbardo's "Top 10 Sizzling Couples" list, so it's only right to include them on this list. The New England Patriots quarterback and gorgeous Brazilian supermodel are a match made in heaven.

**2. Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries:** There's just no way anybody could tune this couple out, as they've saturated the media lately after news broke of their engagement. It didn't take Kardashian long to find true love after her relationship with Miles Austin of the Dallas Cowboys faded. Since Humphries is the forward of the New Jersey Nets, and we all know about her previous long-term relationship with Reggie Bush of the New Orleans Saints, it's obvious she's a big fan of athletes. However, since the basketball star dropped nearly \$2 million on the reality star's engagement ring, it seems he's an even bigger fan of hers.

**3. Candice Crawford and Tony Romo:** Crawford didn't receive clothes, shoes, or handbags for her 24th birthday. Instead, she got a ring and a marriage proposal from Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo. While it's safe to say that Romo is over pop star Jessica Simpson, we all know one thing – this gentleman definitely prefers blondes! Now, Crawford is no longer just known as the younger sister of *Gossip Girl* star Chace Crawford, but for her love life with such a prominent sports figure.

**4. La La Vasquez and Carmelo Anthony:** New York Knicks star Anthony and former television personality and current actress Vasquez tied the knot last July, and the whole world saw how

they prepared for their big day on VH1 reality show, *La La's Full Court*. This couple seems to glow in all their pictures together and are still happily married, living in New York with their 4-year-old son, Kiyan.

**5. Khloe Kardashian and Lamar Odom:** Kim certainly isn't the only Kardashian who made this list. Younger sister Khloe and Los Angeles forward Lamar Odom also rank as one of Hollywood's well-known athlete-celebrity couples. Many questioned this pair's relationship because they only dated for a month before they married. However, these two are continuing to enjoy marital bliss, and their E! reality show, *Khloe' and Lamar*, finished its first season on May 31.

**Love is definitely in the air with these five athlete-celebrity couples. Which one is your favorite? Let us know below!**

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## **Zimbio's Top 10 Sizzling Celebrity Couples**





When it comes to celebrity couples, everyone wants to know which ones are hot and which ones simply don't make the cut. Zimbio came up with a list of their 100 Hottest Celebrity Couples. Celebs were rated on their levels of success, attractiveness, popularity and staying power. The total of the scores in the four categories determined each couple's rank on the list. Although one of the couples has since split, the other nine are still happily together – as of now. Let's take a look at how hot Zimbio's top 10 list is:

**1. Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt:** Who other than “Brangelina” should get the number one spot? Jolie and Pitt's names have graced headlines ever since word got out that they were an item. On success, Zimbio said, “These two command the box office,” and their attractiveness and popularity are self-explanatory. As far as staying power, Zimbio believes they have more reasons to stay together than the average celebrity couple.

**2. Beyonce and Jay-Z:** *Parade* magazine reported that this couple racked up a total of \$162 million this year, proving their obvious success. Also, this couple keeps their relationship strictly between them, giving their relationship longevity.

**3. David and Victoria Beckham:** Their attractiveness ranked a scorching 19 on the scale of one to 20. Posh Spice remains a feisty diva who has perfected her fashion tip, and the soccer player has always been noted for his good looks. Though rumors have circulated about the couple having affairs, they are still holding strong, 12 years later.

**4. Gisele Bundchen and Tom Brady:** There's no need to speak on success, as Brady is one of the hottest names in the NFL and the former Victoria's Secret angel continues to land many cosmetic endorsements. This is a first marriage for this seemingly ageless couple – one that will hopefully last!

**5. Faith Hill and Tom McGraw:** Though Zimbio doesn't think this couple is too hot, success sums them up in a nutshell. Hill had 1.2 million Google searches last month, and McGraw's 2.25 million was enough to put them in the top tier of most popular couples, according to the site. We predict that this couple will continue their happily ever after, as their staying power ranks 20 out of 20.

**6. Will Smith and Jada Pinkett:** You should have known this hot Hollywood couple was coming! Smith and Pinkett are the epitome of the sweet, down-to-earth duo everyone loves. They have both spoken out about divorce before, and simply put, it won't happen.

**7. Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake:** Although this couple gained a spot in the top 10 list, the fire to their flame has been blown out. However, the former pair ranked 19 out of 20 for both popularity and attractiveness.

**8. Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale:** While they aren't as successful as the others, this musical couple ranks high in attractiveness. Though Stefani used to date No Doubt band mate Tony Kanal, there's "no doubt" she and Rossdale are a match made in heaven.

**9. Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis:** According to Zimbio,



“Johnny Depp became the highest-paid actor for a single role in the history of film” after shooting *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest*. If that’s not success, we don’t know what is! These dark-haired lookers have an unpredictable staying power and didn’t rank high in popularity, but made the top 10. Kudos!

**10. Heidi Klum and Seal:** Seal’s album *Soul* ranked number one on the French album charts for 13 weeks straight last year, and Klum’s 2010 income was said to be \$14 million, according to *Forbes* Celebrity 100. Though Seal has a rare condition called discoid lupus erythematosus that caused the scars on his face, Klum, the bombshell Victoria’s Secret model, only noticed his flawless personality.

This Top 10 list is just a small portion of what’s on Zimbio’s Top 100 menu; if you can’t take the heat, stay out of the kitchen. For the rest of the list, visit [Zimbio.com](http://Zimbio.com).