

# What does one TRILLION dollars look like?

All this talk about "stimulus packages" and "bailouts"...

A billion dollars...

A hundred billion dollars...

Eight hundred billion dollars...

One TRILLION dollars...

What does that look like? These various numbers are tossed around like so many doggie treats, so let's try to get a sense of what exactly a trillion dollars looks like.

We'll start with a \$100 dollar bill ... currently the largest U.S. denomination in general circulation. Most everyone has seen them, slightly fewer have owned them. They're guaranteed to make friends wherever they go.



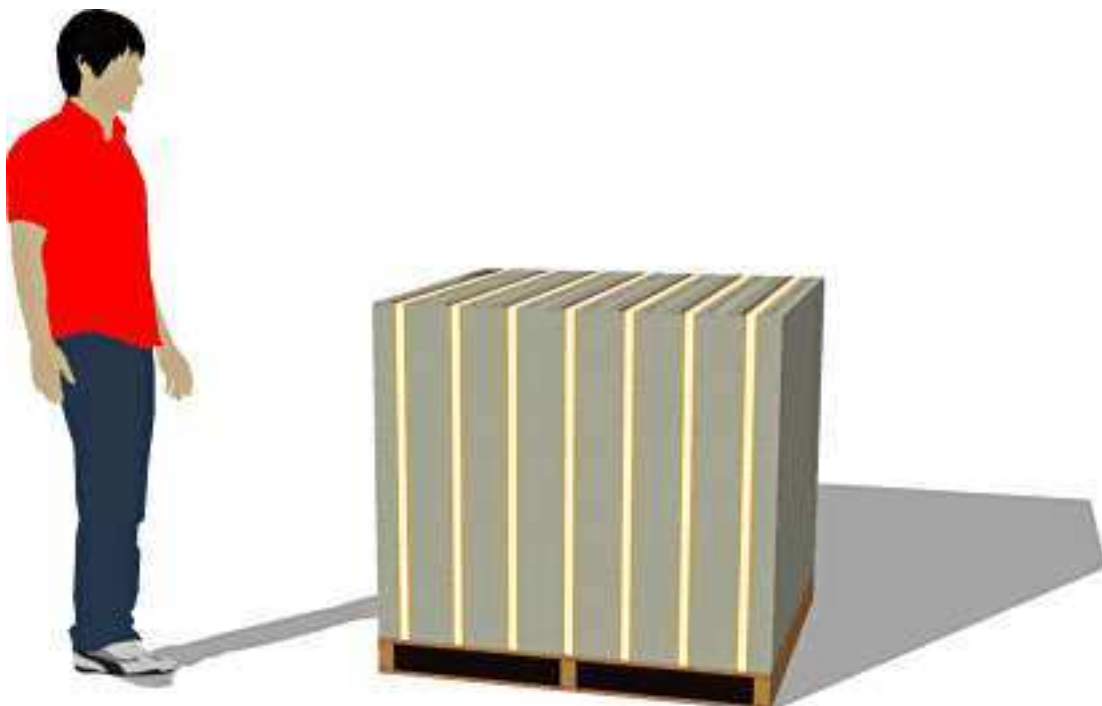
A packet of one hundred \$100 bills is less than 1/2" thick and contains \$10,000. It fits easily in your pocket or purse and is more than enough for week or two of shamefully decadent fun.



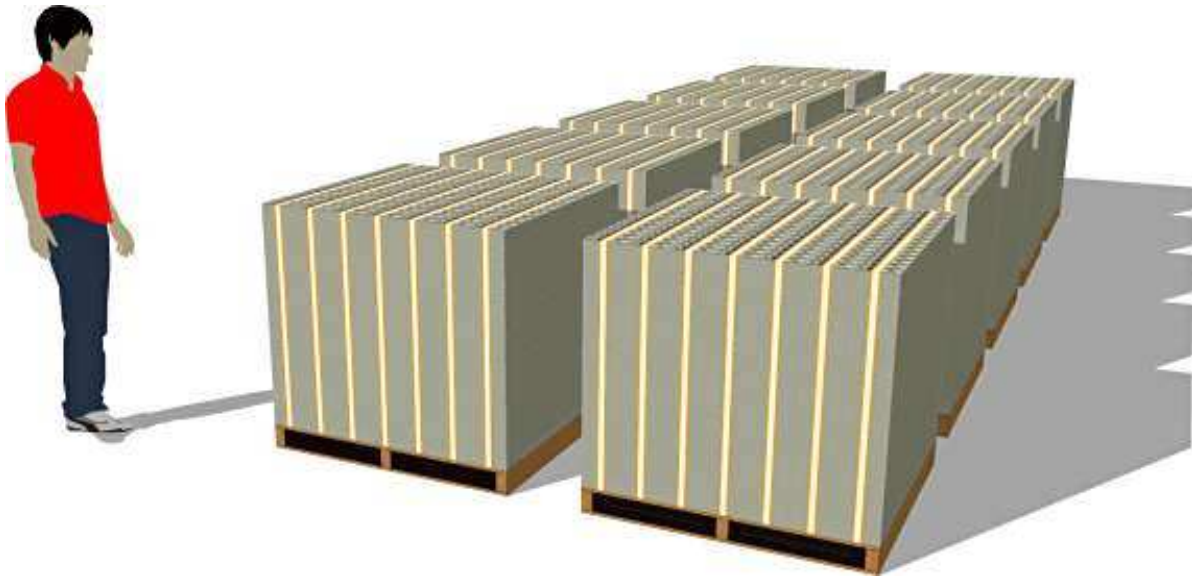
Believe it or not, this next little pile is \$1 million dollars (100 packets of \$10,000). You could stuff that into a grocery bag and carry it around with you.



While a measly \$1 million looked a little unimpressive, \$100 million is starting to look quite respectable. It fits neatly on a standard pallet...



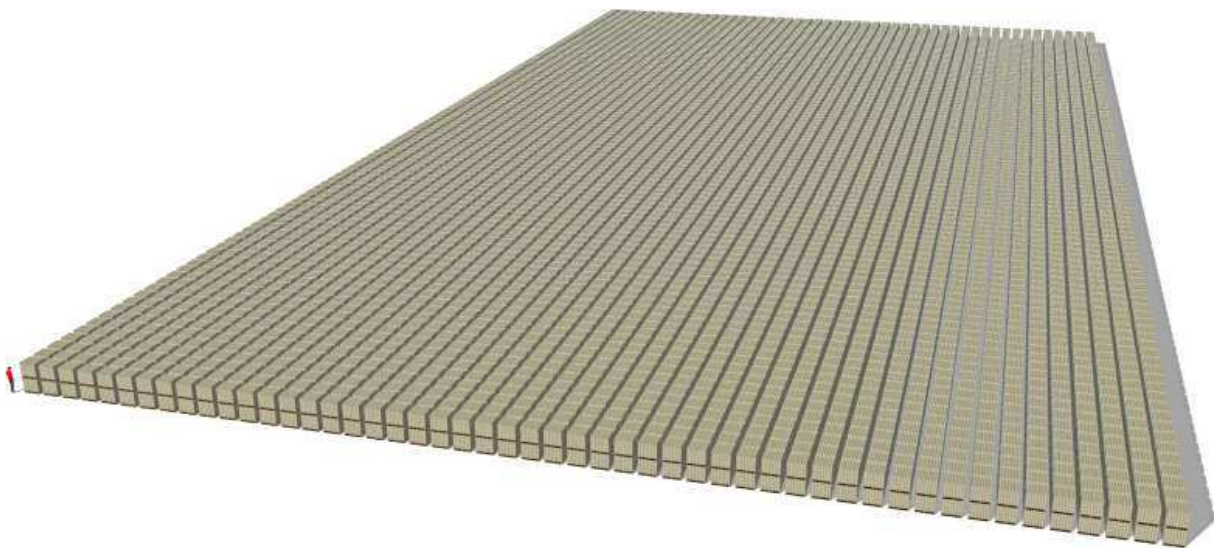
And \$1 BILLION dollars... now we're really getting somewhere...



Next we'll look at ONE TRILLION dollars. This is that number we've been hearing so much about. What is a trillion dollars? Well, it's a million million or a thousand billion; it's a one followed by 12 zeros ... \$1,000,000,000,000.

Are you ready for this? It's pretty surprising.

Ladies and gentlemen ... I give you \$1 trillion dollars...



Notice that those pallets are double stacked. And remember – those are \$100 bills.

So the next time you hear someone toss around the phrase "trillion dollars"... that's what they're talking about.