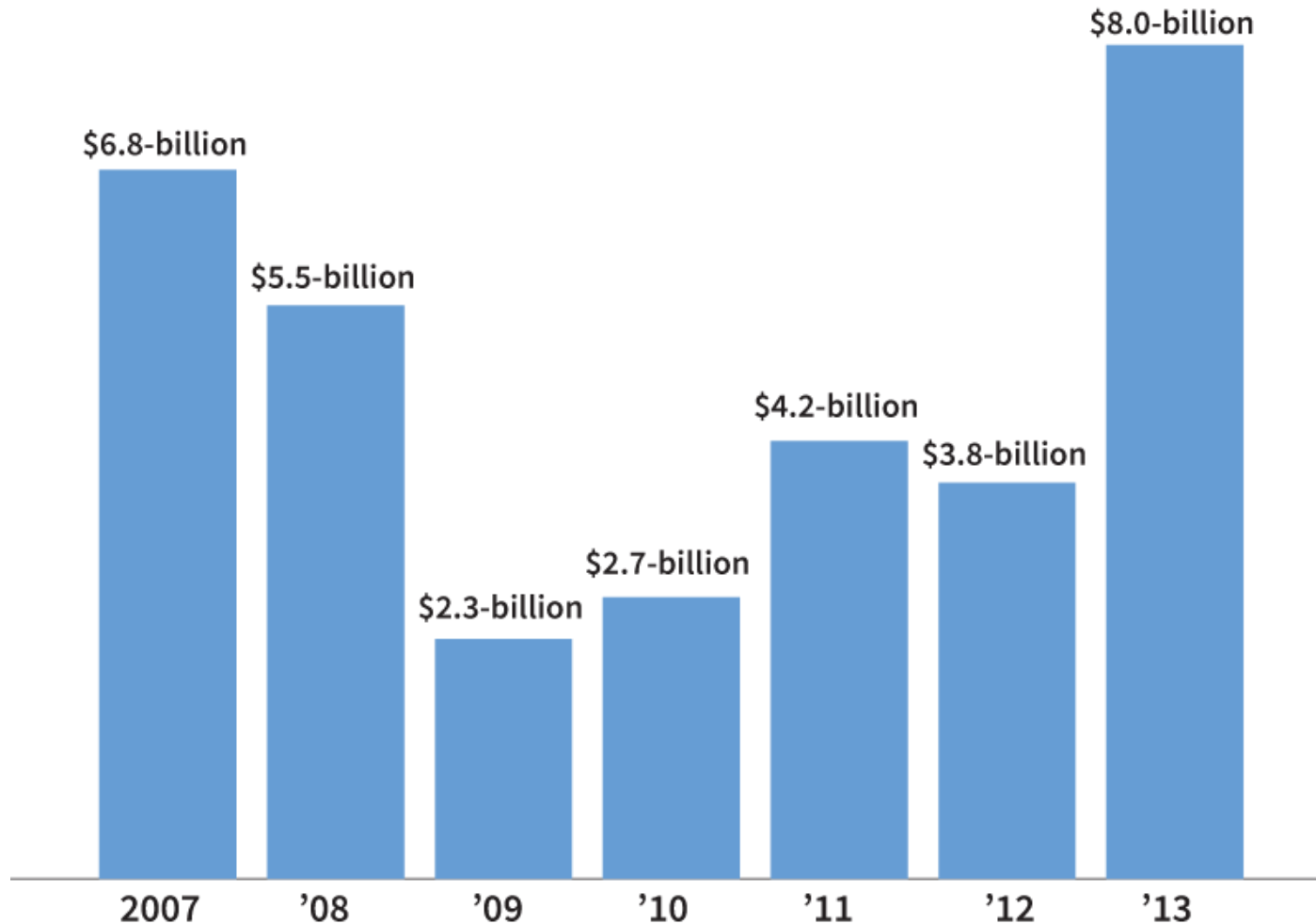


A Strong Sign of Recovery in Big Gifts

Wealthy Americans are on track to give more \$1-million-plus donations to charity than they did before the recession. The numbers below are based on giving in the first nine months of each year.



Note: To show how typical big gifts were affected by the downturn, *The Chronicle* excluded from the count two multibillion-dollar bequests and Warren Buffett's contributions, which total in the billions. Other than those, all figures are based on donations of \$1-million or more that *The Chronicle* tracks in its [database of large gifts](#).