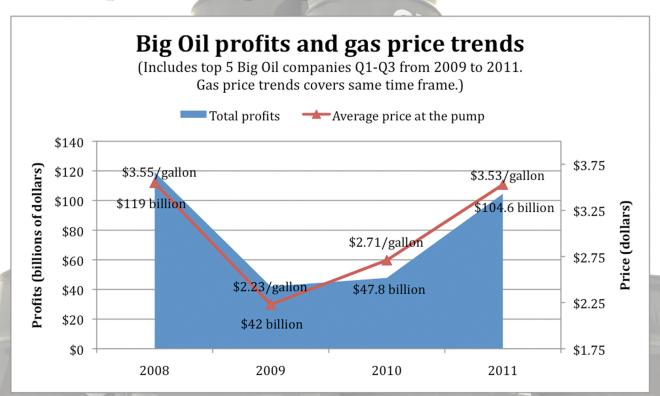


## **Profits**

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Most sectors are struggling to recover from the recession while the top five oil and gas companies made \$104 billion during the first three quarters of 2011.

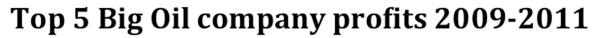
Industry's windfall profits were the result of high prices Americans paid at the pump.



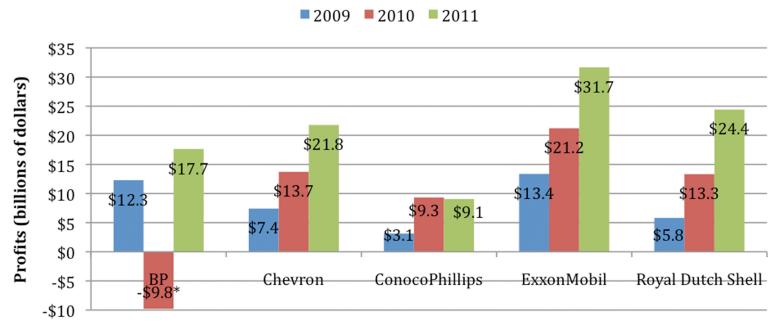
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(Comparison by company of first three quarterly reports filed for the year)



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\*BP's Q2 2010 earnings reflect a pretax charge of \$32 billion to cover costs relating to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill disaster.