

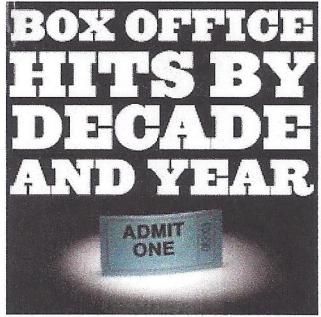

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(Domestic Gross)

BY DECADE and YEAR

● All-Time Box-Office Hits (Domestic) By Decade and Year:

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THE 1920s DECADE

TOP TEN FILMS

(estimated)

1. *The Big Parade* (1925)
2. *The Singing Fool* (1928)
3. *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (1921)
4. *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ* (1925)
5. *Way Down East* (1920)
6. ★ *The Gold Rush* (1925)
7. *The Ten Commandments* (1923)
8. *The Covered Wagon* (1923)
9. *Wings* (1927) (unknown gross)
10. *Over the Hill to the Poorhouse* (1920) (tie)
11. *Aloma of the South Seas* (1926) (tie)
12. *The Jazz Singer* (1927) (tie)
13. *The Broadway Melody* (1929)
14. *The Kid* (1921)

TOP FILMS BY YEAR

(unadjusted domestic gross totals)

- 1915: ★ *The Birth of a Nation* (1915)
- 1916: *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* (1916)
- 1917: *Cleopatra* (1917)
- 1918: *Mickey* (1918)
- 1919: *The Miracle Man* (1919)
- 1920: *Way Down East* (1920), or *Over the Hill to the Poorhouse* (1920)
- 1921: *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (1921), or *The Kid* (1921)
- 1922: *Robin Hood* (1922)
- 1923: *The Ten Commandments* (1923) or *The Covered Wagon* (1923)
- 1924: *The Sea Hawk* (1924)
- 1925: *The Big Parade* (1925), or ★ *The Gold Rush* (1925), or *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ* (1925)
- 1926: *Aloma of the South Seas* (1926), or *For Heaven's Sake* (1926), or *What Price Glory?* (1926)
- 1927: *The Jazz Singer* (1927), or *Wings* (1927)
- 1928: *The Singing Fool* (1928), or *The Road to Ruin* (1928)
- 1929: *The Broadway Melody* (1929), or *Sunnyside Up* (1929)

THE 1930s DECADE

| TOP TEN FILMS (unadjusted domestic gross totals) | TOP FILMS BY YEAR (unadjusted domestic gross totals) |
|---|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ★ <i>Gone With The Wind</i> (1939) 2. ★ <i>Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs</i> (1937) 3. ★ <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> (1939) 4. <i>Frankenstein</i> (1931) 5. <i>Tom Sawyer</i> (1930) 6. ★ <i>King Kong</i> (1933) 7. ★ <i>Mr. Smith Goes to Washington</i> (1939) 8. <i>Hell's Angels</i> (1930) 9. <i>How to Be a Detective</i> (1936) 10. <i>Ingagi</i> (1930) 11. <i>San Francisco</i> (1936) 12. <i>Maytime</i> (1937) | <p>1930: ★ <i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i> (1930), or <i>Whoopee!</i> (1930), or <i>Tom Sawyer</i> (1930), or <i>Ingagi</i> (1930), or <i>Hell's Angels</i> (1930)</p> <p>1931: <i>Frankenstein</i> (1931), or ★ <i>City Lights</i> (1931)</p> <p>1932: <i>The Kid From Spain</i> (1932), or <i>Grand Hotel</i> (1932), or <i>Shanghai Express</i> (1932)</p> <p>1933: ★ <i>King Kong</i> (1933), or <i>I'm No Angel</i> (1933), or <i>Cavalcade</i> (1933), or <i>She Done Him Wrong</i> (1933)</p> <p>1934: ★ <i>It Happened One Night</i> (1934), or <i>The Merry Widow</i> (1934), or <i>Viva Villa!</i> (1934)</p> <p>1935: <i>Mutiny on the Bounty</i> (1935), or <i>Top Hat</i> (1935)</p> <p>1936: <i>San Francisco</i> (1936), or <i>How to Be a Detective</i> (1936), or <i>One in a Million</i> (1936)</p> <p>1937: ★ <i>Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs</i> (1937), or <i>Maytime</i> (1937)</p> <p>1938: <i>You Can't Take It With You</i> (1938), or <i>The Dawn Patrol</i> (1938), or <i>Alexander's Ragtime Band</i> (1938)</p> <p>1939: ★ <i>Gone With The Wind</i> (1939), or ★ <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> (1939), or ★ <i>Mr. Smith Goes to Washington</i> (1939)</p> |

| THE 1940s DECADE | |
|---|---|
| TOP TEN FILMS (unadjusted domestic gross totals) | TOP FILMS BY YEAR (unadjusted domestic gross totals) |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Bambi</i> (1942) 2. <i>Pinocchio</i> (1940) 3. <i>Song of the South</i> (1946) 4. <i>Samson and Delilah</i> (1949) 5. ★ <i>Fantasia</i> (1940) 6. ★ <i>The Best Years of Our Lives</i> (1946) 7. <i>The Bells of St. Mary's</i> (1945) 8. <i>Duel in the Sun</i> (1946) 9. <i>This Is the Army</i> (1943) 10. <i>The Jolson Story</i> (1946) 11. <i>For Whom the Bell Tolls</i> (1943) 12. <i>Sergeant York</i> (1941) 13. <i>Going My Way</i> (1944) 14. <i>Mom and Dad</i> (1945) (tie) 15. <i>Forever Amber</i> (1947) (tie) | <p>1940: <i>Pinocchio</i> (1940), or ★ <i>Fantasia</i> (1940), or <i>Boon Town</i> (1940)</p> <p>1941: <i>Sergeant York</i> (1941)</p> <p>1942: <i>Bambi</i> (1942), or <i>Mrs. Miniver</i> (1942)</p> <p>1943: <i>This Is the Army</i> (1943), or <i>For Whom the Bell Tolls</i> (1943), or <i>A Guy Named Joe</i> (1943)</p> <p>1944: <i>Going My Way</i> (1944), or ★ <i>Meet Me in St. Louis</i> (1944)</p> <p>1945: <i>The Bells of St. Mary's</i> (1945), or <i>Mom and Dad</i> (1945)</p> <p>1946: <i>Song of the South</i> (1946), or ★ <i>The Best Years of Our Lives</i> (1946), <i>The Jolson Story</i> (1946), or <i>Duel in the Sun</i> (1946)</p> <p>1947: <i>Forever Amber</i> (1947), or <i>Unconquered</i> (1947), or <i>Golden Earrings</i> (1947)</p> <p>1948: <i>The Snake Pit</i> (1948), or <i>The Red Shoes</i> (1948), or <i>Easter Parade</i> (1948)</p> <p>1949: <i>Samson and Delilah</i> (1949)</p> |

| THE 1950s DECADE | |
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| TOP TEN FILMS (unadjusted domestic gross totals) | TOP FILMS BY YEAR (unadjusted domestic gross totals) |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Lady and the Tramp</i> (1955) 2. <i>Peter Pan</i> (1953) 3. <i>Cinderella</i> (1950) 4. <i>The Ten Commandments</i> (1956) 5. ★ <i>Ben-Hur</i> (1959) 6. <i>Sleeping Beauty</i> (1959) 7. <i>Around the World in 80 Days</i> (1956) 8. <i>South Pacific</i> (1958) (tie) 9. <i>From Here to Eternity</i> (1953) (tie) 10. <i>The Robe</i> (1953) (tie) 11. <i>The Greatest Show on Earth</i> (1952) (tie) 12. <i>Giant</i> (1956) (tie) | <p>1950: <i>Cinderella</i> (1950), or <i>King Solomon's Mines</i> (1950)</p> <p>1951: <i>Quo Vadis</i> (1951)</p> <p>1952: <i>The Greatest Show on Earth</i> (1952), or <i>This Is Cinerama</i> (1952)</p> <p>1953: <i>Peter Pan</i> (1953), or <i>The Robe</i> (1953), or <i>From Here to Eternity</i> (1953)</p> <p>1954: <i>White Christmas</i> (1954), or <i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i> (1954), or ★ <i>Rear Window</i> (1954)</p> <p>1955: <i>Lady and the Tramp</i> (1955), or <i>Mister Roberts</i> (1955), or <i>Cinerama Holiday</i> (1955)</p> <p>1956: <i>The Ten Commandments</i> (1956), or <i>Giant</i> (1956), or <i>Around the World in 80 Days</i> (1956)</p> <p>1957: ★ <i>The Bridge on the River Kwai</i> (1957)</p> <p>1958: <i>South Pacific</i> (1958)</p> |

THE 1960s DECADE

| TOP TEN FILMS (unadjusted domestic gross totals) | TOP FILMS BY YEAR (unadjusted domestic gross totals) |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The Sound of Music</i> (1965) 2. <i>101 Dalmatians</i> (1961) 3. <i>The Jungle Book</i> (1967) 4. <i>Doctor Zhivago</i> (1965) 5. ★ <i>The Graduate</i> (1967) 6. <i>Mary Poppins</i> (1964) (<i>tie</i>) 7. <i>Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid</i> (1969) (<i>tie</i>) 8. <i>My Fair Lady</i> (1964) 9. <i>Thunderball</i> (1965) 10. <i>Funny Girl</i> (1968) 11. ★ <i>2001: A Space Odyssey</i> (1968) 12. <i>Guess Who's Coming to Dinner</i> (1967) 13. <i>Bonnie and Clyde</i> (1967) 14. <i>Cleopatra</i> (1963) | <p>1960: <i>Swiss Family Robinson</i> (1960), or <i>Let's Make Love</i> (1960), or <i>Spartacus</i> (1960), or ★ <i>Psycho</i> (1960)</p> <p>1961: <i>101 Dalmatians</i> (1961), or ★ <i>West Side Story</i> (1961)</p> <p>1962: ★ <i>Lawrence of Arabia</i> (1962), or <i>How the West Was Won</i> (1962), or <i>The Longest Day</i> (1962) or <i>Dr. No</i> (1962)</p> <p>1963: <i>Cleopatra</i> (1963), or <i>From Russia With Love</i> (1963)</p> <p>1964: <i>Mary Poppins</i> (1964), or <i>My Fair Lady</i> (1964), or <i>Goldfinger</i> (1964)</p> <p>1965: <i>The Sound of Music</i> (1965), or <i>Thunderball</i> (1965), or <i>Doctor Zhivago</i> (1965)</p> <p>1966: <i>Hawaii</i> (1966), or <i>The Bible: In the Beginning</i> (1966), or ★ <i>Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?</i> (1966)</p> <p>1967: <i>The Jungle Book</i> (1967), or <i>Guess Who's Coming to Dinner</i> (1967), or ★ <i>Bonnie and Clyde</i> (1967), or ★ <i>The Graduate</i> (1967)</p> <p>1968: <i>Funny Girl</i> (1968), or ★ <i>2001: A Space Odyssey</i> (1968)</p> <p>1969: <i>Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid</i> (1969)</p> |

THE 1970s DECADE

| TOP TEN FILMS (unadjusted domestic gross totals) | TOP FILMS BY YEAR (unadjusted domestic gross totals) |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ★ <i>Star Wars</i> (1977) 2. ★ <i>Jaws</i> (1975) 3. <i>The Exorcist</i> (1973) 4. <i>Grease</i> (1978) 5. <i>The Sting</i> (1973) 6. <i>National Lampoon's Animal House</i> (1978) 7. ★ <i>The Godfather</i> (1972) 8. <i>Superman</i> (1978) 9. <i>Close Encounters of the Third Kind</i> (1977/80) 10. <i>Smokey and the Bandit</i> (1977) 11. <i>Blazing Saddles</i> (1974) 12. <i>Rocky</i> (1976) 13. <i>The Towering Inferno</i> (1974) 14. <i>The Rocky Horror Picture Show</i> (1975) 15. <i>Kramer vs. Kramer</i> (1979) | <p>1970: <i>Love Story</i> (1970)</p> <p>1971: <i>Billy Jack</i> (1971), or <i>Diamonds Are Forever</i> (1971)</p> <p>1972: ★ <i>The Godfather</i> (1972)</p> <p>1973: <i>The Exorcist</i> (1973), or <i>The Sting</i> (1973)</p> <p>1974: <i>Blazing Saddles</i> (1974), or <i>The Towering Inferno</i> (1974)</p> <p>1975: ★ <i>Jaws</i> (1975), or <i>The Rocky Horror Picture Show</i> (1975)</p> <p>1976: <i>Rocky</i> (1976)</p> <p>1977: ★ <i>Star Wars</i> (1977), or <i>Close Encounters of the Third Kind</i> (1977/80), or <i>Smokey and the Bandit</i> (1977)</p> <p>1978: <i>Grease</i> (1978), or <i>National Lampoon's Animal House</i> (1978), or <i>Superman</i> (1978)</p> <p>1979: <i>Kramer vs. Kramer</i> (1979), or <i>Rocky II</i> (1979), or <i>Moonraker</i> (1979)</p> |

THE 1980s DECADE

| TOP TEN FILMS (unadjusted domestic gross totals) | TOP FILMS BY YEAR (unadjusted domestic gross totals) |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ★ <i>E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial</i> (1982) 2. <i>Star Wars: Episode VI - Return of the Jedi</i> (1983) 3. <i>Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back</i> (1980) 4. <i>Batman</i> (1989) 5. <i>Raiders of the Lost Ark</i> (1981) 6. <i>Ghostbusters</i> (1984) 7. <i>Beverly Hills Cop</i> (1984) 8. <i>Back to the Future</i> (1985) 9. <i>Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade</i> (1989) 10. <i>Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom</i> (1984) | <p>1980: ★ <i>Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back</i> (1980)</p> <p>1981: <i>Raiders of the Lost Ark</i> (1981)</p> <p>1982: ★ <i>E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial</i> (1982)</p> <p>1983: <i>Star Wars: Episode VI - Return of the Jedi</i> (1983)</p> <p>1984: <i>Beverly Hills Cop</i> (1984), or <i>Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom</i> (1984)</p> <p>1985: <i>Back to the Future</i> (1985)</p> <p>1986: <i>Top Gun</i> (1986)</p> <p>1987: <i>Three Men and a Baby</i> (1987), or <i>Ghostbusters</i> (1984), or <i>Fatal Attraction</i> (1987)</p> |

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| | <p>1988: <i>Rain Man</i> (1988) 1989: <i>Batman</i> (1989), or <i>Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade</i> (1989)</p> |
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THE 1990s DECADE

| TOP TEN FILMS <small>(unadjusted domestic gross totals)</small> | TOP FILMS BY YEAR <small>(unadjusted domestic gross totals)</small> |
|---|---|
| 1. <i>Titanic</i> (1997) 2. <i>Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace</i> (1999) 3. <i>Jurassic Park</i> (1993) 4. <i>Forrest Gump</i> (1994) 5. <i>The Lion King</i> (1994) 6. <i>Independence Day</i> (1996) 7. <i>The Sixth Sense</i> (1999) 8. <i>Home Alone</i> (1990) 9. <i>Men in Black</i> (1997) 10. <i>Toy Story 2</i> (1999) | 1990: <i>Home Alone</i> (1990), or <i>Ghost</i> (1990) 1991: <i>Terminator 2: Judgment Day</i> (1991) 1992: <i>Aladdin</i> (1992) 1993: <i>Jurassic Park</i> (1993) 1994: <i>Forrest Gump</i> (1994), or <i>The Lion King</i> (1994) 1995: <i>Toy Story</i> (1995), or <i>Die Hard With a Vengeance</i> (1995) 1996: <i>Independence Day</i> (1996) 1997: <i>Titanic</i> (1997), or <i>Men in Black</i> (1997) 1998: <i>Saving Private Ryan</i> (1998), or <i>Armageddon</i> (1998) 1999: <i>Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace</i> (1999) , or <i>The Sixth Sense</i> (1999), or <i>Toy Story 2</i> (1999) |

THE 2000s DECADE

| TOP TEN FILMS <small>(unadjusted domestic gross totals)</small> | TOP FILMS BY YEAR <small>(unadjusted domestic gross totals)</small> |
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| 1. <i>Avatar</i> (2009) 2. <i>The Dark Knight</i> (2008) 3. <i>Shrek 2</i> (2004) 4. <i>Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest</i> (2006) 5. <i>Spider-Man</i> (2002) 6. <i>Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen</i> (2009) 7. <i>Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith</i> (2005) 8. <i>The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King</i> (2003) 9. <i>Spider-Man 2</i> (2004) 10. <i>The Passion of the Christ</i> (2004) | 2000: <i>How the Grinch Stole Christmas</i> (2000), or <i>Mission Impossible II</i> (2000) 2001: <i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i> (2001) 2002: <i>Spider-Man</i> (2002), or <i>The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers</i> (2002) 2003: <i>The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King</i> (2003) 2004: <i>Shrek 2</i> (2004), or <i>Spider-Man 2</i> (2004), or <i>The Passion of the Christ</i> (2004) 2005: <i>Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith</i> (2005), or <i>Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire</i> (2005) 2006: <i>Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest</i> (2006) 2007: <i>Spider-Man 3</i> (2007), or <i>Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End</i> (2007) 2008: <i>The Dark Knight</i> (2008) 2009: <i>Avatar</i> (2009), or <i>Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen</i> (2009) |

THE 2010s DECADE

| TOP TEN FILMS <small>(unadjusted domestic gross totals)</small> <small>(tentative only)</small> | TOP FILMS BY YEAR <small>(unadjusted domestic gross totals)</small> |
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| 1. <i>Marvel's The Avengers</i> (2012) 2. <i>The Dark Knight Rises</i> (2012) 3. <i>Toy Story 3</i> (2010) 4. <i>Iron Man 3</i> (2013) 5. <i>The Hunger Games</i> (2012) 6. <i>Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2</i> (2011) 7. <i>Despicable Me 2</i> (2013) 8. <i>Transformers: Dark of the Moon</i> (2011) 9. <i>The Hunger Games: Catching Fire</i> (2013) 10. <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> (2010) 11. <i>Iron Man 2</i> (2010) | 2010: <i>Toy Story 3</i> (2010) 2011: <i>Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2</i> (2011) 2012: <i>Marvel's The Avengers</i> (2012) 2013: <i>Iron Man 3</i> (2013) (tentative) |

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