

Hollywood's record summer box office

U.S. movies earned a record \$4.15 billion this summer despite fears that videos and piracy are killing the industry. U.S. ticket sales from the first weekend in May through the Labour Day holiday were up eight percent from 2006 and surpassed the previous high of \$3.95bn in summer 2004



Top summer 2007 movies	Distributor	U.S. gross	World gross
<i>Spider-Man 3</i>	<i>Sony</i>	\$336.5m	\$885.4m
<i>Shrek the Third</i>	<i>DreamWorks Animation</i>	\$320.7m	\$738.2m
<i>Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End</i>	<i>Disney</i>	\$308.1m	\$657.1m
<i>Knocked Up</i>	<i>Universal</i>	\$147.7m	\$173.4m
<i>Live Free or Die Hard</i>	<i>20th Century Fox</i>	\$133.1m	\$353.5m
<i>Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer</i>	<i>20th Century Fox</i>	\$131.4m	\$270.4m
<i>Ocean's Thirteen</i>	<i>Warner Bros</i>	\$116.8m	\$295.8m
<i>Evan Almighty</i>	<i>Universal</i>	\$98.9m	\$140.4m
<i>Ratatouille</i>	<i>Disney</i>	\$199.0m	\$371.0m
<i>Transformers</i>	<i>Paramount</i>	\$308.6m	\$676.0m
<i>Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix</i>	<i>Warner Bros</i>	\$283.2m	\$896.5m
<i>The Bourne Ultimatum</i>	<i>Universal</i>	\$202.5m	\$257.5m
<i>Hairspray</i>	<i>New Line</i>	\$112.0m	\$134.0m
<i>Rush Hour 3</i>	<i>New Line</i>	\$121.9m	\$121.9m
<i>The Simpsons Movie</i>	<i>20th Century Fox</i>	\$178.7m	\$468.7m