

Movie Index by Year

The table below shows the biggest grossing movie that was first released in a particular year. Click on the movie's name to go to its page. Or click on the year at the beginning of each row for a list of all the movies that opened that year.

The last two columns count all the movies that were released in a particular year, and their combined gross. Note that this is not quite the same thing as the total gross for that year, because some movies released in previous years will still be showing. It is a pretty good guide, however.

| Index | Top Movie | Total Gross | Movies Released | Combined Gross |
|----------------------|--|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1915 | Birth of a Nation, The | \$10,000,000 | | |
| 1916 | 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (1916) | \$8,000,000 | | |
| 1920 | Over the Hill to the Poorhouse | \$3,000,000 | | |
| 1921 | Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, The | \$9,200,000 | | |
| 1923 | Covered Wagon, The | \$3,800,000 | | |
| 1925 | Big Parade | \$11,000,000 | | |
| 1926 | Alamo of the South Seas | \$3,000,000 | | |
| 1927 | Jazz Singer, The | \$3,000,000 | | |
| 1928 | Singing Fool, The | \$10,000,000 | | |
| 1929 | Broadway Melody, The | \$2,800,000 | | |
| 1930 | Tom Sawyer | \$11,000,000 | | |
| 1931 | Frankenstein | \$12,000,000 | | |
| 1933 | King Kong (1933) | \$10,000,000 | | |
| 1934 | It Happened One Night | \$2,500,000 | | |
| 1935 | Top Hat | \$3,000,000 | | |
| 1936 | How to Become a Detective | \$6,000,000 | | |
| 1937 | Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs | \$184,925,485 | | |
| 1938 | You Can't Take It With You | \$4,000,000 | | |
| 1939 | Gone with the Wind | \$198,680,470 | | |
| 1940 | Pinocchio | \$84,300,000 | | |
| 1941 | Sergeant York | \$16,400,000 | | |
| 1942 | Bambi | \$102,797,000 | | |
| 1943 | This is the Army | \$19,500,000 | | |
| 1944 | Going My Way | \$16,300,000 | | |
| 1945 | Bell's of St. Mary's, The | \$21,300,000 | | |
| 1946 | Song of the South | \$65,000,000 | | |
| 1947 | Forever Amber | \$16,000,000 | | |
| 1948 | Snake Pit, The | \$10,000,000 | | |
| 1949 | Samson and Delilah | \$28,800,000 | | |
| 1950 | Cinderella | \$32,596,406 | | |
| 1951 | Quo Vadis? | \$30,000,000 | | |

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| <u>1952</u> <u>Greatest Show on Earth, The</u> | \$36,000,000 |
| <u>1953</u> <u>Peter Pan</u> | \$87,400,000 |
| <u>1954</u> <u>White Christmas</u> | \$30,000,000 |
| <u>1955</u> <u>Lady and the Tramp</u> | \$93,600,000 |
| <u>1956</u> <u>Ten Commandments, The</u> | \$80,000,000 |
| <u>1957</u> <u>Bridge on the River Kwai</u> | \$33,300,000 |
| <u>1958</u> <u>South Pacific</u> | \$36,800,000 |
| <u>1959</u> <u>Ben-Hur</u> | \$73,000,000 |
| <u>1960</u> <u>Swiss Family Robinson</u> | \$40,400,000 |
| <u>1961</u> <u>101 Dalmatians, The</u> | \$153,000,000 |
| <u>1962</u> <u>Longest Day, The</u> | \$39,100,000 |
| <u>1963</u> <u>Cleopatra</u> | \$48,000,000 |
| <u>1964</u> <u>Mary Poppins</u> | \$102,300,000 |
| <u>1965</u> <u>Sound of Music, The</u> | \$163,000,000 |
| <u>1966</u> <u>Bible, The</u> | \$34,900,023 |
| <u>1967</u> <u>Jungle Book, The</u> | \$141,843,000 |
| <u>1968</u> <u>Funny Girl</u> | \$58,500,000 |
| <u>1969</u> <u>Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid</u> | \$102,308,900 |
| <u>1970</u> <u>Love Story</u> | \$106,397,186 |
| <u>1971</u> <u>Billy Jack</u> | \$98,000,000 |
| <u>1972</u> <u>Godfather, The</u> | \$134,966,411 |
| <u>1973</u> <u>Exorcist, The</u> | \$204,632,868 |
| <u>1974</u> <u>Blazing Saddles</u> | \$119,500,000 |
| <u>1975</u> <u>Jaws</u> | \$260,000,000 |
| <u>1976</u> <u>Rocky</u> | \$117,235,147 |
| <u>1977</u> <u>Star Wars</u> | \$460,998,007 |
| <u>1978</u> <u>Grease</u> | \$181,508,510 |
| <u>1979</u> <u>Kramer vs. Kramer</u> | \$106,260,000 |
| <u>1980</u> <u>Empire Strikes Back, The</u> | \$290,271,960 |
| <u>1981</u> <u>Raiders of the Lost Ark</u> | \$242,374,454 |
| <u>1982</u> <u>ET: The Extra-Terrestrial</u> | \$435,110,554 |
| <u>1983</u> <u>Return of the Jedi</u> | \$309,205,079 |
| <u>1984</u> <u>Ghostbusters</u> | \$238,600,000 |
| <u>1985</u> <u>Back to the Future</u> | \$210,609,762 |
| <u>1986</u> <u>Top Gun</u> | \$176,781,728 |
| <u>1987</u> <u>Three Men and a Baby</u> | \$167,780,960 |
| <u>1988</u> <u>Rain Man</u> | \$172,825,435 |
| <u>1989</u> <u>Batman</u> | \$251,188,924 |
| <u>1990</u> <u>Home Alone</u> | \$285,761,243 |
| <u>1991</u> <u>Terminator 2: Judgement Day</u> | \$204,843,345 |
| <u>1992</u> <u>Aladdin</u> | \$217,350,219 |
| <u>1993</u> <u>Jurassic Park</u> | \$357,067,947 |

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| <u>1994 Forrest Gump</u> | \$329,693,974 | |
| <u>1995 Toy Story</u> | \$191,796,233 | |
| <u>1996 Independence Day</u> | \$306,169,255 | 309 \$5,741,238,898 |
| <u>1997 Titanic</u> | \$600,788,188 | 331 \$6,432,709,539 |
| <u>1998 Saving Private Ryan</u> | \$216,335,085 | 362 \$6,508,217,503 |
| <u>1999 Star Wars: Phantom Menace</u> | \$431,088,297 | 439 \$7,315,285,308 |
| <u>2000 How the Grinch Stole Christmas</u> | \$260,031,035 | 504 \$7,645,533,779 |
| <u>2001 Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</u> | \$317,557,891 | 480 \$8,064,832,557 |
| <u>2002 Spider-Man</u> | \$403,706,375 | 475 \$9,119,071,074 |
| <u>2003 Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King</u> | \$377,027,325 | 493 \$9,042,491,571 |
| <u>2004 Shrek 2</u> | \$436,721,703 | 554 \$9,272,919,353 |
| <u>2005 Hitch</u> | \$172,062,000 | 454 \$1,418,307,046 |