

# The Force is strong with this franchise

How successful is Star Wars at the box office? In a word: Very. With the opening of Episode VIII: The Last Jedi tomorrow, the Star Wars franchise looks set to continue its vaunted success at the box office. Here is a look at their earnings at the cinema. (All figures are in US\$.)



Daisy Ridley's Rey returns in the sequel to the hugely successful Episode VII: The Force Awakens (2015). The Last Jedi is estimated to bring in \$1.63 billion in worldwide receipts.

## Biggest franchises in movie history

Franchise	No. of movies	Worldwide box office
Marvel Cinematic Universe	17	\$13,081,991,447
Harry Potter	9	\$8,532,684,345
<b>Star Wars</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$7,604,560,371</b>
James Bond	25	\$7,077,929,291
Peter Jackson's The Lord Of The Rings	6	\$5,895,804,182

**Domestic box office\*** **Worldwide box office**

\* Domestic box office  
Total money spent on tickets by moviegoers in the "domestic market", which is defined as the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Guam.

SOURCES: THE NUMBERS, BOX OFFICE MOJO, BOX OFFICE PRO, OBSERVER

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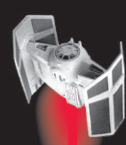


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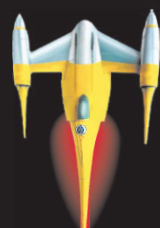


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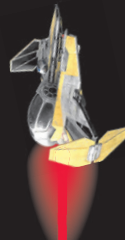


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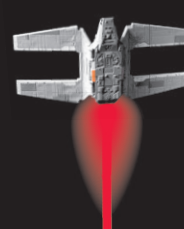
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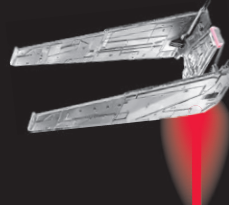


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The Force Awakens is the third highest grossing movie of all time, behind Titanic (1997) and Avatar (2009)

How much does each movie cost?

IV

Release date  
May 25, 1977

Production budget

\$11m

V

Release date  
May 21, 1980

Production budget

\$23m

VI

Release date  
May 25, 1983

Production budget

\$32.5m

I

Release date  
May 19, 1999

Production budget

\$115m

II

Release date  
May 16, 2002

Production budget

\$115m

III

Release date  
May 19, 2005

Production budget

\$113m

VII

Release date  
Dec 18, 2015

Production budget

\$306m

Rogue One

Release date  
Dec 16, 2016

Production budget

\$200m

VIII

Release date  
Dec 14, 2017

Production budget

\$250m

IV

A New Hope

V

The Empire Strikes Back

VI

Return Of The Jedi

I

The Phantom Menace

II

Attack Of The Clones

III

Revenge Of The Sith

VII

The Force Awakens

Rogue One:

A Star Wars Story

VIII

The Last Jedi