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`Jurassic World` breaks global record with \$511 million debut

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USPA News - "Jurassic World," the sequel to the popular 1993 science fiction movie "Jurassic Park," grossed an estimated \$511.8 million worldwide in the first five days, making it the biggest ever opening, according to figures released Sunday by box office trackers. The movie, which was directed by Colin Trevorrow and stars Chris Pratt and Bryce Dallas Howard, first premiered in parts of Asia and Europe on Wednesday, followed by a wider release in Europe and South America on Thursday.

The movie premiered in the United States on Friday. Box Office Mojo and entertainment tracker Rentrak estimated that the movie grossed about \$511.8 million in the first five days, surpassing the 2011 movie "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2" to make it the biggest ever worldwide opening. It is the first time that a movie grossed more than half a billion dollars in its opening days. In the United States alone, the movie grossed an estimated \$204.6 million since Friday's release, making it the second-best U.S. opening weekend off all time, though the final figures could still change that. The 2012 movie "The Avengers" scored \$207.4 million during its opening weekend in the United States, only \$3 million more than the current estimate for "Jurassic World." "Jurassic World" features a fully operational luxury resort off the coast of Costa Rica that is visited by tens of thousands of guests daily to watch living dinosaurs. Order turns to mayhem, however, when a genetically modified Indominus rex escapes and goes on a rampage across the park, turning the resort's guests into prey. "Jurassic World" is the fourth installment in the "Jurassic Park" series. The original "Jurassic Park," which won three Academy Awards for its visual effects and sounds, became the highest grossing film of all time when it was released in 1993, though it has slipped to the 17th place in recent years.

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