

@ERCboxoffice (Exhibitor Relations) reports that Marvel's The Avengers has become the quickest film to reach \$500 million in North America. The previous record was held by James Cameron's 3D epic, Avatar, which hit the \$500 million mark in 32 days. The Avengers did it in just 23 (so that's yet ANOTHER record the Joss Whedon helmed film has broken then). Despite facing stiff competition in the form of Men in Black 3, it is still expected to make \$47.1 million this four day holiday, taking its current total up to \$523 million. Overseas, it currently sits at \$781 million, resulting in a worldwide gross of \$1.295 billion. That puts The Avengers well on track to take Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2's #3 spot on the all-time list of highest grossing movies. STARRING: Chris Evans as Steve Rogers/Captain America Robert Downey Jr. as Tony Stark/Iron Man Chris Hemsworth as Thor Jeremy Renner as Clint

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