

Deadline reports that The Hunger Games has smashed records with its \$19.75M midnight opening, while other sources indicate that the \$65.25M it made yesterday was enough for it to reach the #5 spot in the list of opening day records. This places it ahead of other top 10 films such as The Dark Knight, Spider-Man 3 and Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen, but behind the final Harry Potter and three instalments of Twilight. However, this is still the highest opening for a non-sequel ever. Lionsgate are understandably said to be ecstatic with these results as they now have a very hot new franchise (based on the trilogy of novels written by Suzanne Collins) in their hands. The Hunger Games is the studios highest grossing release ever. "I've never lived up at this level. Very few people have," one exec told the site. "I did see some champagne glasses flowing down the

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