

The Box Office

The cinema sector in the UK showed significant signs of recovery in 2021. While still below pre-pandemic levels, there was a strong upturn in both ticket sales and box office receipts during the year.



Facts in focus

UK cinema admissions reached 74 million in 2021, up 68% on 2020 (44 million), but down from 176 million in 2019.

UK box office receipts were £542 million, up from £307 million in 2020, but down from £1.25 billion in 2019.

A total of 442 films were released for a week or more in the UK and Republic of Ireland, up from 381 films in 2020 (764 in 2019).

UK films, including co-productions, accounted for 30% of releases and 41% of the market by value.

The box office share of UK independent films was 5%, down from 14% in 2020.

The top 100 films earned almost 98% of the gross box office.