

Moana 2 sails to record-breaking box-office opening

[Moana 2](#) has set multiple records after sailing to a massive box-office opening over Thanksgiving weekend.

The Disney sequel has grossed an estimated \$221 million across the five-day weekend at the US box office, marking the biggest five-day opening in history ahead of [The Super Mario Bros Movie](#)'s \$205.6 million.

Moana 2's three-day US debut of \$135.5 million is the best-ever start for a Walt Disney Animation ahead of [Frozen II](#)'s \$130.2 million.

Worldwide, *Moana 2* has already grossed \$386.3 million which is the second-biggest global debut of the year behind [Deadpool & Wolverine](#)'s \$444.7 million bow.



Disney

“Moana 2 has far surpassed our high expectations this weekend and is a testament to the phenomenon that Moana has become,” Disney Entertainment co-chairman Alan Bergman said (via [Variety](#)).

“This is a moment to celebrate, and we’re thankful to all the moviegoers and fans who’ve helped make this a record-breaking debut.”

Moana 2 helped power the US box office to \$422 million across all movies over the Thanksgiving period, smashing past the previous record of \$315 million in 2018.

Part of that saw [Wicked](#) add \$117.5 million across the five-day weekend, lifting it to \$262.4 million so far at the US box office and \$359.2 million worldwide, while [Gladiator II](#) added \$44 million for \$111.2 million in the US and \$320 million worldwide.



Disney

With Auli'i Cravalho once again voicing the titular

heroine, *Moana 2* may have attracted a large crowd, but [didn't fully convince critics](#).

Currently sitting at a 65% critics score on [Rotten Tomatoes](#), the follow-up has landed a significantly lower rating and softer praise than its 2016 predecessor, *Certified Fresh* at 95%.

The score can go up – or further down – as more reviews come in. At present, film writers seem almost unanimously disappointed by the sequel, despite the stunning animation.

***Moana 2* is out now in cinemas, while *Moana* is available to stream on [Disney+](#).**

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