

'Slumdog' breaks records at UK top spot

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[Slumdog Millionaire](#) has broken the UK box office record for the most successful second weekend. Following its success at the Golden Globes and BAFTA nominations,

[Danny Boyle](#)

's film took £2.6 million, a 44% increase on its opening weekend.

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Award-winning movie [Slumdog Millionaire](#) has surged to the top of the U.K. box office chart with a huge increase in takings - beating the record previously set by

[Billy Elliot](#)

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The film, directed by [Danny Boyle](#), saw its profits soar by 47 per cent to \$8.6 million (GBP6.2 million) in its second week of release, catapulting it into the number one spot ahead of

[Will Smith](#)

's new drama

[Seven Pounds](#)

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[Seann William Scott](#) and [Paul Rudd](#)'s comedy [Role Models](#) fell from first to third, while [My Bloody Valentine 3-D](#)

debuted at number four.

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The top five was rounded out by [Kate Hudson](#) and [Anne Hathaway](#) 's romantic comedy [Bride Wars](#)

Dave Thurston, managing director of Nielsen Edi, the industry body that monitors box office sales, praised [Slumdog Millionaire](#) for setting a new U.K. record.

He says, "It's incredible - 47 per cent is the biggest ever increase for a U.K. saturation release - it really is a box office phenomenon, breaking the record previously held by [Billy Elliot](#) 's 13 per cent. It is clearly a hit."