## MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION Worldwide Market Research

## 2004

## US Movie Attendance Study

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- In 2004, the number of moviegoers reached its highest point in five years
- $37 \%$ of total moviegoers are frequent moviegoers
- 46\% of total moviegoers are occasional moviegoers
- 17\% of total moviegoers are infrequent moviegoers
- Young and frequent moviegoers continue to represent the majority of admissions in 2004
- The 12-29 age group makes up 30\% of the population and represents almost half of annual theatrical admissions
- Frequent moviegoers make up 81\% of total admissions.
- Increase in moviegoing among the 40 and over age group
- The number of moviegoers aged 12-39 declined slightly in 2004, but moviegoers aged 40 and over increased 2 points.
- Moviegoers aged 50 and over have increased $11 \%$ to reach the highest point in the last five years.


## Moviegoers

- 12-39 year olds account for 57\% of total moviegoers.
- The 12-24, 25-39 and 40-59 age groups represent similar shares of the moviegoing population.



## Moviegoers

- With an eleven percent increase, the percentage of moviegoers aged 50 and over inched closer to the percentage of moviegoers aged 12-24.


## Percent of Moviegoers by Age Group

 $\underline{2004}$

## Admissions

- Admissions are almost equally dispersed among all age groups with those aged 30-39 having the highest percentage at $\mathbf{1 8 \%}$.

Percent of Yearly Admissions by Age Group 2000-2004


## Frequency

- The percent of frequent moviegoers among the moviegoing population increased 2 points.
- The combination of frequent and occasional moviegoers total 83\%.

Frequency of Total Moviegoing Population
2000-2004

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Frequent | $40 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $\mathbf{8 3 \%}$ |
| Occasional | $46 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $46 \%$ |  |
| Infrequent | $14 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $17 \%$ |  |

## Frequency

- While frequent moviegoers increased three points to reach similar levels seen in 2002, those that go to the movies occasionally still represent the majority of moviegoers aged twelve and over.
- Frequent moviegoers comprise $\mathbf{8 1 \%}$ of total admissions of all moviegoers.

Frequency of Moviegoing* 2000-2004

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Frequent | $30 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Occasional | $34 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| Infrequent | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Never | $26 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $24 \%$ |

[^0]Admissions by Frequency of Moviegoing 2004

$\square$ Frequent $\square$ Occasional $\square$ Infrequent

- Among all age brackets, 18-20 year olds continue to have the most frequent moviegoers.


## Frequent Moviegoers by Age Group* 2004



- Among the teen population, frequent and occasional moviegoers represent $88 \%$ of total teen moviegoers.
- The frequency of moviegoing among the adult population (18+) has been consistent among all categories with occasional moviegoers having the highest representation (35\%) in 2004.

Frequency of Moviegoing Among
Adult Population (18+)

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Frequent | $27 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Occasional | $33 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| Infrequent | $11 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $13 \%$ |

Frequency of Moviegoing Among
Teen Population (12-17)

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequent | $49 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $54 \%$ |
| Occasional | $38 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| Infrequent | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Never | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ |

Frequent and Occasional = 88\%

Frequency of Moviegoing Among
Adults and Teens - Male

|  | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 61\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequent | 33\% | 29\% | 29\% | 27\% | 28\% |  |
| Occasional | 33\% | 31\% | 34\% | 35\% | 33\% |  |
| Infrequent | 9\% | 12\% | 11\% | 12\% | 12\% |  |
| Never | 35\% | 27\% | 25\% | 25\% | 27\% |  |

Frequency of Moviegoing Among
Adults and Teens - Female
$\begin{array}{lllllll} & \mathbf{2 0 0 0} & \mathbf{2 0 0 1} & \mathbf{2 0 0 2} & \mathbf{2 0 0 3} & \mathbf{2 0 0 4} & \\$\cline { 2 - 7 } Frequent \& $\left.26 \% & 24 \% & 26 \% & 23 \% & 24 \% & \cdots\end{array}\right)$

## Frequency of Moviegoing Among

Single Adults

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequent | $32 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Occasional | $32 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $33 \%$ |
| Infrequent | $10 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Never | $26 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $27 \%$ |

Frequency of Moviegoing Among Married Adults

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequent | $24 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| Occasional | $34 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $37 \%$ |
| Infrequent | $12 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Never | $30 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $26 \%$ |

## Frequency

- Among families with children under the age of twelve, the percentage of occasional moviegoers continued to be the highest.
- Among families with teenagers, frequent and occasional moviegoers represent a combined 71\%.

Frequency of Moviegoing:
Families with Children (under 12) 2003-2004


Frequency of Moviegoing: Families with Teenagers (12-17) 2003-2004



[^0]:    * Aged 12 and over

    Frequent = at least once per month (12x/year)
    Occasional = at least once in six months (2-11x/year)
    Infrequent = less than once in six months

