



1993-2007
On-Location Film Production Data

About this Report

This report is the product of independent research conducted by FilmL.A., a private, nonprofit organization that coordinates and processes permits for on-location motion picture, television and commercial production under contract to an ever-increasing roster of public-sector clients in the Los Angeles region.

Although film production activity can be measured in a variety of ways, our preferred unit of measure is the permitted production day (PPD). One PPD is defined as a single crew's permission to film a single project, at a single defined location, during any given 24-hour period.

This is a historical report, created using tools superseded by newer technology. The information included herein predates FilmL.A.'s 2008 introduction of a state-of-the-art Online Permit System (OPS), which allows for more precise tracking of film production by location and PPD. Direct comparison between data included in this report (covering years 1993 through 2007) and data made available in future periods (from 2008 on) is not advised.

In addition to researching matters of interest to entertainment industry leaders and local government representatives, FilmL.A. offers counsel to local governments on how to enhance the environment for filming in the greater Los Angeles region.

Ongoing community relations is a key component of the service FilmL.A. provides. The organization works to strike a balance between the needs and interests of the entertainment industry and the neighborhoods affected by on-location production.

In today's highly competitive, global entertainment production market, our services help the Los Angeles region retain its status as the entertainment production capital of the world.

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Permitted Production Days: By Quarter & Percentage Change from Previous Year

FEATURES

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997	
Q1	2,205	-	2,022	-8.3%	2,333	15.4%	3,178	36.2%	2,946	-7.3%
Q2	1,461	-	1,769	21.1%	2,796	58.1%	3,163	13.1%	3,048	-3.6%
Q3	1,639	-	1,753	7.0%	1,924	9.8%	3,580	86.1%	3,744	4.6%
Q4	1,660	-	1,760	6.0%	2,340	33.0%	4,059	73.5%	3,546	-12.6%
TOTAL	6,965	-	7,304	4.9%	9,393	28.6%	13,980	48.8%	13,284	-5.0%

	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
Q1	2,738	-7.1%	2,154	-21.3%	2,302	6.9%	3,339	45.0%	1,387	-58.5%
Q2	3,015	-1.1%	2,809	-6.8%	2,614	-6.9%	3,613	38.2%	2,132	-41.0%
Q3	3,264	-12.8%	2,908	-10.9%	1,924	-33.8%	1,212	-37.0%	2,400	98.0%
Q4	2,525	-28.8%	2,655	5.1%	2,661	0.2%	1,215	-54.3%	2,105	73.3%
TOTAL	11,542	-13.1%	10,526	-8.8%	9,501	-9.7%	9,379	-1.3%	8,024	-14.4%

	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
Q1	1,840	32.7%	1,754	-4.7%	2,190	24.9%	2,386	8.9%	1,860	-22.0%
Q2	1,659	-22.2%	2,174	31.0%	2,089	-3.9%	1,946	-6.8%	2,514	29.2%
Q3	1,669	-30.5%	2,204	32.1%	2,559	16.1%	2,423	-5.3%	1,997	-21.7%
Q4	2,161	2.7%	2,575	19.2%	2,680	4.1%	2,058	-23.2%	1,976	-4.0%
TOTAL	7,329	-8.7%	8,707	18.8%	9,518	9.3%	8,813	-7.4%	8,247	-6.4%

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TELEVISION

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997	
Q1	1,897	-	1,455	-23.3%	1,457	0.1%	1,901	30.5%	2,845	49.7%
Q2	1,155	-	1,578	36.6%	1,647	4.4%	1,985	20.5%	2,399	20.9%
Q3	1,710	-	1,561	-8.7%	2,517	61.2%	2,561	1.7%	3,343	30.5%
Q4	1,513	-	1,941	28.3%	2,210	13.9%	2,978	34.8%	3,126	5.0%
TOTAL	6,275	-	6,535	4.1%	7,831	19.8%	9,425	20.4%	11,713	24.3%

	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
Q1	2,629	-7.6%	2,875	9.4%	2,783	-3.2%	3,194	14.8%	3,344	4.7%
Q2	2,349	-2.1%	1,681	-28.4%	2,028	20.6%	2,476	22.1%	2,814	13.7%
Q3	3,245	-2.9%	2,877	-11.3%	3,058	6.3%	2,603	-14.9%	3,526	35.5%
Q4	2,962	-5.2%	2,846	-3.9%	3,273	15.0%	2,594	-20.7%	3,186	22.8%
TOTAL	11,185	-4.5%	10,279	-8.1%	11,142	8.4%	10,867	-2.5%	12,870	18.4%

	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
Q1	3,641	8.9%	4,974	36.6%	4,675	-6.0%	4,996	6.9%	6,478	29.7%
Q2	2,867	1.9%	3,964	38.3%	4,669	17.8%	4,514	-3.3%	5,387	19.3%
Q3	4,121	16.9%	4,914	19.2%	5,049	2.7%	5,833	15.5%	5,950	2.0%
Q4	3,766	18.2%	4,405	17.0%	4,347	-1.3%	5,309	22.1%	5,500	3.6%
TOTAL	14,395	11.8%	18,257	26.8%	18,740	2.6%	20,652	10.2%	23,315	12.9%

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COMMERCIALS

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997	
Q1	1,539	-	1,361	-11.6%	1,484	9.0%	2,012	35.6%	2,117	5.2%
Q2	1,138	-	1,227	7.8%	1,148	-6.4%	1,218	6.1%	1,572	29.1%
Q3	1,026	-	1,057	3.0%	1,148	8.6%	1,132	-1.4%	1,542	36.2%
Q4	1,135	-	1,098	-3.3%	1,065	-3.0%	1,283	20.5%	1,423	10.9%
TOTAL	4,838	-	4,743	-2.0%	4,845	2.2%	5,645	16.5%	6,654	17.9%

	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
Q1	1,845	-12.8%	1,963	6.4%	2,160	10.0%	2,137	-1.1%	1,674	-21.7%
Q2	1,617	2.9%	1,585	-2.0%	1,238	-21.9%	1,107	-10.6%	1,290	16.5%
Q3	1,273	-17.4%	1,640	28.8%	574	-65.0%	1,223	113.1%	1,418	15.9%
Q4	1,417	-0.4%	1,381	-2.5%	979	-29.1%	1,113	13.7%	1,233	10.8%
TOTAL	6,152	-7.5%	6,569	6.8%	4,951	-24.6%	5,580	12.7%	5,615	0.6%

	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
Q1	1,808	8.0%	2,079	15.0%	2,044	-1.7%	1,896	-7.2%	2,076	9.5%
Q2	1,041	-19.3%	1,457	40.0%	1,668	14.5%	1,393	-16.5%	1,633	17.2%
Q3	1,342	-5.4%	1,602	19.4%	1,654	3.2%	1,674	1.2%	1,434	-14.3%
Q4	1,510	22.5%	1,565	3.6%	1,617	3.3%	1,780	10.1%	1,587	-10.8%
TOTAL	5,701	1.5%	6,703	17.6%	6,983	4.2%	6,743	-3.4%	6,730	-0.2%

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MUSIC VIDEOS

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997	
Q1	367	-	295	-19.6%	225	-23.7%	432	92.0%	352	-18.5%
Q2	224	-	265	18.3%	382	44.2%	392	2.6%	453	15.6%
Q3	319	-	292	-8.5%	413	41.4%	368	-10.9%	496	34.8%
Q4	289	-	290	0.3%	243	-16.2%	372	53.1%	376	1.1%
TOTAL	1,199	-	1,142	-4.8%	1,263	10.6%	1,564	23.8%	1,677	7.2%

	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
Q1	489	38.9%	486	-0.6%	489	0.6%	393	-19.6%	314	-20.1%
Q2	392	-13.5%	523	33.4%	732	40.0%	444	-39.3%	426	-4.1%
Q3	558	12.5%	506	-9.3%	457	-9.7%	466	2.0%	358	-23.2%
Q4	298	-20.7%	380	27.5%	380	0.0%	306	-19.5%	312	2.0%
TOTAL	1,737	3.6%	1,895	9.1%	2,058	8.6%	1,609	-21.8%	1,410	-12.4%

	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
Q1	395	25.8%	346	-12.4%	314	-9.2%	331	5.4%	196	-40.8%
Q2	297	-30.3%	389	31.0%	378	-2.8%	327	-13.5%	373	14.1%
Q3	221	-38.3%	267	20.8%	327	22.5%	310	-5.2%	279	-10.0%
Q4	295	-5.4%	271	-8.1%	339	25.1%	242	-28.6%	157	-35.1%
TOTAL	1,208	-14.3%	1,273	5.4%	1,358	6.7%	1,210	-10.9%	1,005	-16.9%

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STILL PHOTOS

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997	
Q1	747	-	517	-30.8%	900	74.1%	1,801	100.1%	1,296	-28.0%
Q2	712	-	838	17.7%	885	5.6%	1,443	63.1%	1,277	-11.5%
Q3	928	-	1,012	9.1%	1,157	14.3%	823	-28.9%	1,454	76.7%
Q4	664	-	394	-40.7%	1,157	193.7%	1,216	5.1%	1,298	6.7%
TOTAL	3,051	-	2,761	-9.5%	4,099	48.5%	5,283	28.9%	5,325	0.8%

	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
Q1	1,380	6.5%	1,348	-2.3%	2,039	51.3%	1,881	-7.7%	1,760	-6.4%
Q2	1,337	4.7%	1,569	17.4%	3,249	107.1%	1,922	-40.8%	1,941	1.0%
Q3	1,061	-27.0%	1,065	0.4%	2,405	125.8%	1,841	-23.5%	1,905	3.5%
Q4	1,172	-9.7%	2,411	105.7%	1,812	-24.8%	1,926	6.3%	1,840	-4.5%
TOTAL	4,950	-7.0%	6,393	29.2%	9,505	48.7%	7,570	-20.4%	7,446	-1.6%

	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
Q1	2,083	18.4%	1,711	-17.9%	3,124	82.6%	2,261	-27.6%	2,367	4.7%
Q2	1,467	-24.4%	2,076	41.5%	2,983	43.7%	2,528	-15.3%	2,025	-19.9%
Q3	2,076	9.0%	1,976	-4.8%	2,811	42.3%	2,374	-15.5%	1,764	-25.7%
Q4	2,316	25.9%	2,984	28.8%	2,271	-23.9%	2,607	14.8%	1,904	-27.0%
TOTAL	7,942	6.7%	8,747	10.1%	11,189	27.9%	9,770	-12.7%	8,060	-17.5%

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STUDENT FILMS

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997	
Q1	516	-	338	-34.5%	1,128	233.7%	1,142	1.2%	1,024	-10.3%
Q2	556	-	546	-1.8%	1,068	95.6%	1,038	-2.8%	637	-38.6%
Q3	744	-	542	-27.2%	568	4.8%	451	-20.6%	600	33.0%
Q4	656	-	690	5.2%	854	23.8%	722	-15.5%	963	33.4%
TOTAL	2,472	-	2,116	-14.4%	3,618	71.0%	3,353	-7.3%	3,224	-3.8%

	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
Q1	1,339	30.8%	1,381	3.1%	1,392	0.8%	1,379	-0.9%	1,610	16.8%
Q2	779	22.3%	1,139	46.2%	1,048	-8.0%	1,146	9.4%	995	-13.2%
Q3	496	-17.3%	736	48.4%	920	25.0%	1,017	10.5%	956	-6.0%
Q4	1,127	17.0%	1,580	40.2%	1,315	-16.8%	1,574	19.7%	1,140	-27.6%
TOTAL	3,741	16.0%	4,836	29.3%	4,675	-3.3%	5,116	9.4%	4,701	-8.1%

	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
Q1	1,667	3.5%	2,045	22.7%	984	-51.9%	661	-32.8%	717	8.5%
Q2	1,145	15.1%	1,368	19.5%	720	-47.4%	535	-25.7%	669	25.0%
Q3	882	-7.7%	740	-16.1%	537	-27.4%	492	-8.4%	520	5.7%
Q4	1,294	13.5%	1,226	-5.3%	791	-35.5%	674	-14.8%	707	4.9%
TOTAL	4,988	6.1%	5,379	7.8%	3,032	-43.6%	2,362	-22.1%	2,613	10.6%

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MISCELLANEOUS

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997	
Q1	572	-	495	-13.5%	704	42.2%	1,028	46.0%	1,216	18.3%
Q2	331	-	480	45.0%	687	43.1%	1,252	82.2%	1,244	-0.6%
Q3	396	-	517	30.6%	608	17.6%	1,210	99.0%	1,938	60.2%
Q4	541	-	605	11.8%	934	54.4%	1,242	33.0%	1,394	12.2%
TOTAL	1,840	-	2,097	14.0%	2,933	39.9%	4,732	61.3%	5,792	22.4%

	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
Q1	1,301	7.0%	1,662	27.7%	1,057	-36.4%	696	-34.2%	1,056	51.7%
Q2	1,398	12.4%	1,785	27.7%	1,519	-14.9%	1,021	-32.8%	1,079	5.7%
Q3	1,858	-4.1%	1,305	-29.8%	1,338	2.5%	1,112	-16.9%	1,143	2.8%
Q4	1,794	28.7%	1,160	-35.3%	1,062	-8.4%	1,026	-3.4%	1,071	4.4%
TOTAL	6,351	9.7%	5,912	-6.9%	4,976	-15.8%	3,855	-22.5%	4,349	12.8%

	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
Q1	696	-34.1%	959	37.8%	710	-26.0%	1,097	54.5%	884	-19.4%
Q2	788	-27.0%	942	19.5%	877	-6.9%	1,416	61.5%	954	-32.6%
Q3	637	-44.3%	861	35.2%	817	-5.1%	1,379	68.8%	1,017	-26.3%
Q4	547	-48.9%	742	35.6%	846	14.0%	894	5.7%	1,297	45.1%

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DOCUMENTARIES

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997	
Q1	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-
Q2	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-
Q3	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-
Q4	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-
TOTAL	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-

	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
Q1	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-
Q2	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-
Q3	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-
Q4	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-
TOTAL	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-	no data	-

	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
Q1	no data	-	no data	-	97	-	257	164.9%	100	-61.1%
Q2	no data	-	no data	-	318	-	334	5.0%	213	-36.2%
Q3	no data	-	75	-	179	138.7%	256	43.0%	211	-17.6%
Q4	no data	-	62	-	212	241.9%	216	1.9%	225	4.2%
TOTAL	no data	-	137	-	806	488.3%	1,063	31.9%	749	-29.5%

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TOTAL: All Categories

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997	
Q1	7,843	-	6,483	-17.3%	8,231	27.0%	11,494	39.6%	11,796	2.6%
Q2	5,577	-	6,703	20.2%	8,613	28.5%	10,491	21.8%	10,630	1.3%
Q3	6,762	-	6,734	-0.4%	8,335	23.8%	10,125	21.5%	13,117	29.6%
Q4	6,458	-	6,778	5.0%	8,803	29.9%	11,872	34.9%	12,126	2.1%
TOTAL	26,640	-	26,698	0.2%	33,982	27.3%	43,982	29.4%	47,669	8.4%

	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
Q1	11,721	-0.6%	11,869	1.3%	12,222	3.0%	13,019	6.5%	11,145	-14.4%
Q2	10,887	2.4%	11,091	1.9%	12,428	12.1%	11,729	-5.6%	10,677	-9.0%
Q3	11,755	-10.4%	11,037	-6.1%	10,676	-3.3%	9,474	-11.3%	11,706	23.6%
Q4	11,295	-6.9%	12,413	9.9%	11,482	-7.5%	9,754	-15.0%	10,887	11.6%
TOTAL	45,658	-4.2%	46,410	1.6%	46,808	0.9%	43,976	-6.1%	44,415	1.0%

	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
Q1	12,130	8.8%	13,868	14.3%	14,138	1.9%	13,885	-1.8%	14,678	5.7%
Q2	9,264	-13.2%	12,370	33.5%	13,702	10.8%	12,993	-5.2%	13,768	6.0%
Q3	10,948	-6.5%	12,639	15.4%	13,933	10.2%	14,741	5.8%	13,072	-11.3%
Q4	11,889	9.2%	13,830	16.3%	13,103	-5.3%	13,780	5.2%	13,353	-3.1%
TOTAL	44,231	-0.4%	52,707	19.2%	54,876	4.1%	55,399	1.0%	54,871	-1.0%