

2019 Seattle Film Permit Data

Production Companies by Region	2019		2018	
Film permits – Total	499		537	
Film Permits – Seattle productions	219	43.89%	202	37.62%
Film Permits – WA State productions	94	18.84%	92	17.13%
Film Permits – Out of state productions	186	37.27%	243	45.25%

Film Production Types	2019		2018	
Commercial / Advertising	137	27.45%	148	27.56%
Corporate / Industrial	55	11.02%	52	9.68%
Documentary	49	9.81%	39	7.26%
Feature Film	25	5.01%	21	3.91%
Kiosk	1	0.20%	1	0.19%
Music Video	19	3.80%	19	3.54%
PSA	1	0.20%	10	1.86%
Short Film	31	6.21%	38	7.08%
Still Photography	91	18.24%	99	18.44%
Student Film	17	3.41%	15	2.79%
TV - Other	12	2.40%	13	2.42%
TV - Reality	17	3.41%	27	5.03%
TV - Series	15	3.01%	21	3.91%
VR / AR	4	0.80%	2	0.37%
Web Series	25	5.01%	32	5.96%

Filming Category	2019		2018	
Commercial / Corporate		56.91%		55.87%
Feature Film / Episodic		18.84%		21.23%
Other		24.25%		22.90%

Shoot Type – Number of Times Permitted	2019		2018	
Standard Filming on Location		242		651
Low Impact Filming		168		267
Parking Only Request		72		100
Filming with a Drone		17		15

Production Company Location Breakdown				
	2019		2018	
City / Region	# of Permits	% of Total Permits	# of Permits	% of Total Permits
Seattle, WA	219	43.89%	202	37.62%
Rest of Washington State	94	18.84%	92	17.13%
	313	62.73 % Total WA Permits	294	54.75 % Total WA Permits
Top Out of State				
Los Angeles, CA	58	11.62%	32	6.69%
New York, NY	29	5.81%	20	4.18%
London, England	15	3.00%	11	2.30%
Other	84	28.74%	180	28.74%
	186	32.27% Total Out of State	243	45.25% Total Out of State

Local Cast + Crew		
Hires / # of Days Filming	2019	2018
Local Cast + Crew Hires	5,796	5,610
# of Filming Days	1,107	1,151

City of Seattle Department Coordination				
	2019		2018	
Department	# of Permits Coordinated	Percent of Total Permits	# of Permits Coordinated	Percent of Total Permits
Parks	239	47.90%	283	52.70%
SDOT	176	35.27%	189	35.20%
SPD	34	6.81%	26	4.84%
Seattle Center	11	2.20%	15	2.79%
SPU	8	1.60%	N/A	N/A
Seattle City Light	4	0.80%	N/A	N/A
KC Metro	7	1.40%	N/A	N/A
FAS	2	0.41%	N/A	N/A
Other		6.61%		4.47%

New Data Sets Tracked in 2019

Top Parks

Park	# of Times Permitted
Gas Works Park	47
Discovery Park	42
Kerry Park	41
Magnuson Park	19
Volunteer Park	18
Golden Gardens Park	17
Seward Park	15
Alki Beach / Alki Beach Trail	13
Green Lake	12
Lincoln Park	12
Occidental Park	11
Seacrest Park	11
Freeway Park	11
Lake Union Park	10
Waterfront Park	9
Carkeek Park	8
Don Armeni	5
Denny Park	3
Victor Steinbrueck Park	1

Top Council Districts

Council District	# of Times Permitted
District 7	185
District 3	78
District 4	72
District 2	60
District 6	58
District 5	13
District 1	49



Top Neighborhoods

Neighborhood	# of Times Permitted
Queen Anne	56
Downtown	49
Fremont	44
Capitol Hill	37
Magnolia	33
Cascade / Eastlake / South	32
Lake Union	
Pioneer Square	25
Duwamish / SODO	20
Alki / Admiral	19
Belltown	19
First Hill	19
Ballard	15
Green Lake	14
Ravenna / Bryant	14
Sunset Hill / Loyal Heights	14
Laurelhurst / Sand Point	13
Fauntleroy / Seaview	12
North Capitol Hill	12
Seward Park	12