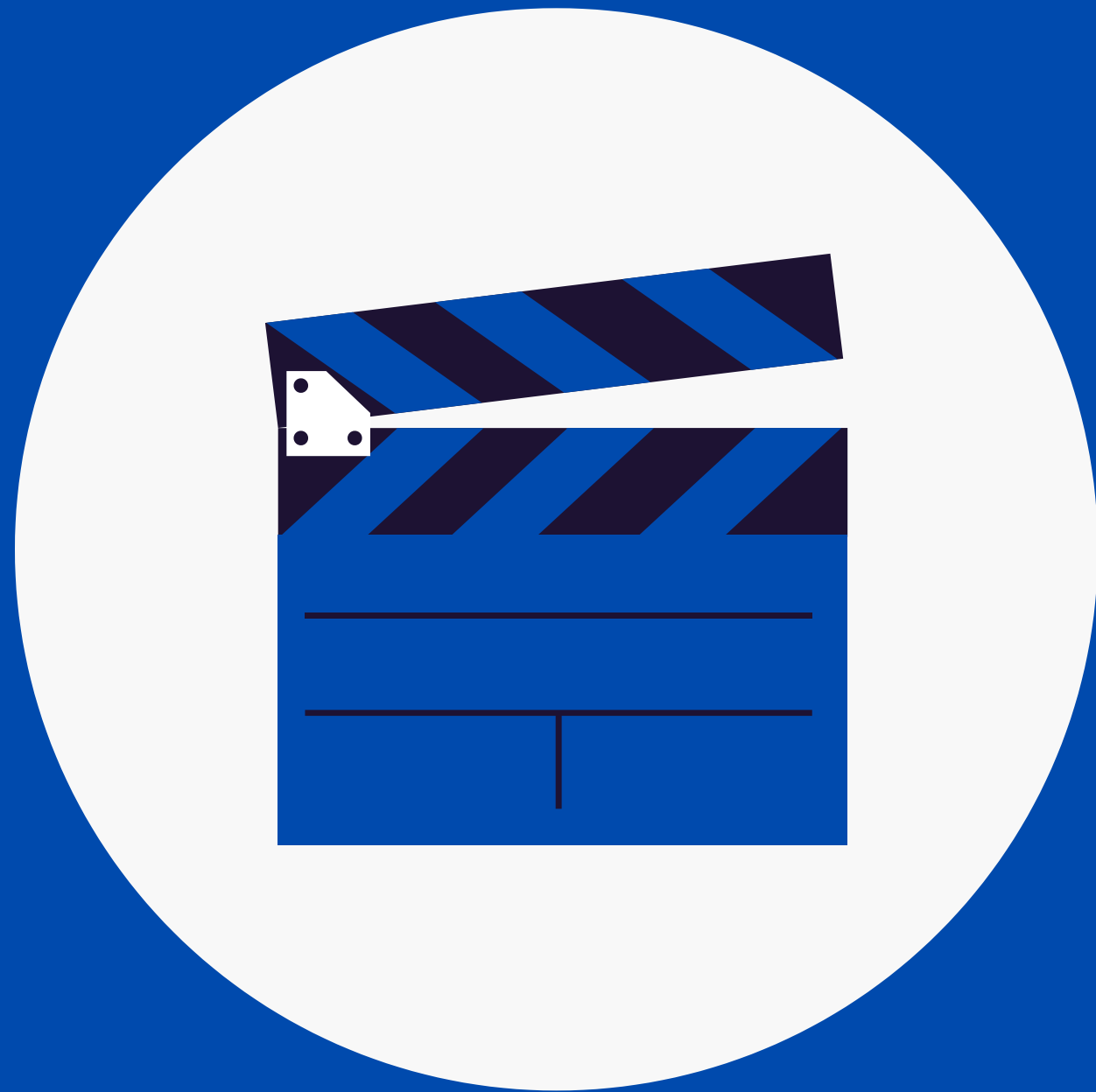


CITY OF SEATTLE FILM OFFICE



2025 FILM PERMIT COORDINATION YEAR IN REVIEW



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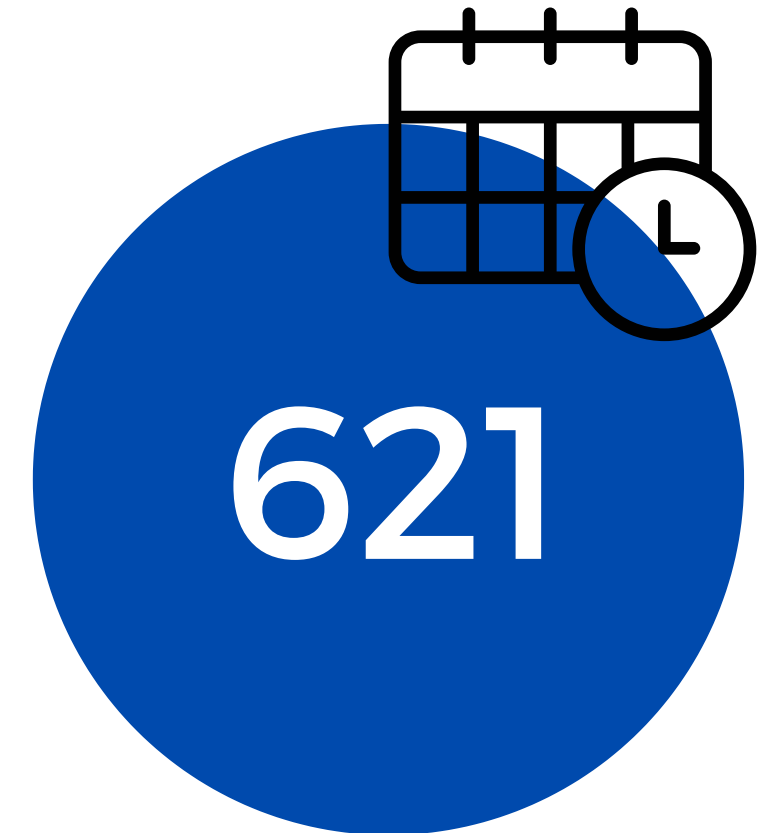
2025 Overview



**Permits
Coordinated**



**Local Cast +
Crew Hired**



**Total Filming
Days**

Permits By Type *Click Images to Watch



Hustle and Film | Ford-150
Friends and Family, Los Angeles, CA

54%
Commercial

Still Photography, Commercial / Advertising,
Corporate / Industrial

37%
Other

Documentary, Music Videos, Short
Films, Student Films, Web Series



“Beavers All Day”
Offbeat Films LLC, Seattle, WA
Filmed Entirely at M5 Creative

9%
**Feature Film
/ Episodic**

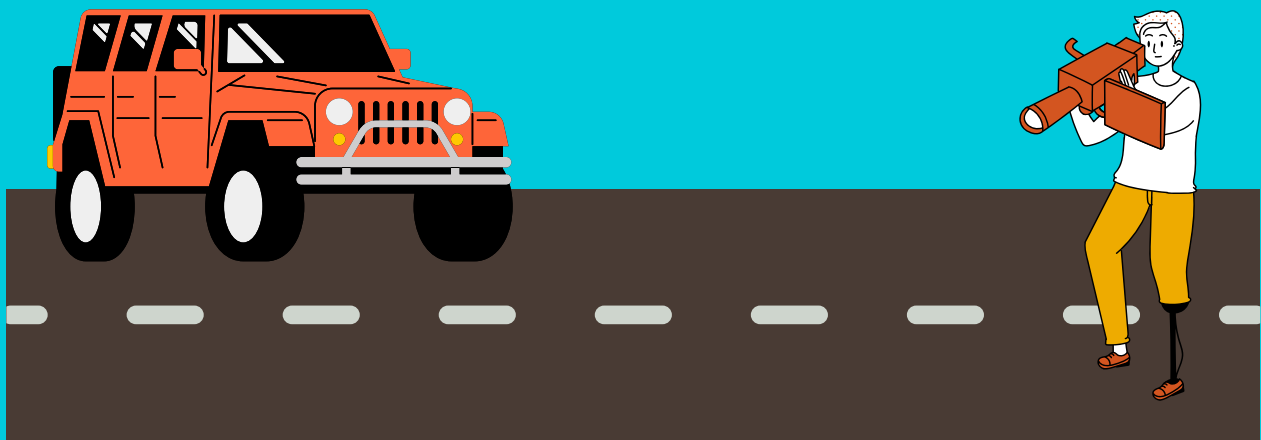
Feature Film , TV
Programming,
Web Series



Million Dollar Zombie Flips
Zombie Reno Media US, Santa Monica, CA

Department Collaboration

Productions filmed at a total of **660** locations city-wide - all of which require coordination with our partner City Departments



65% of all permitted locations required coordination with **SDOT**

This includes the reservation of **1,279 paid parking** spaces city-wide in 2025

56% of all permitted locations required coordination with **Parks and Recreation**

Filming occurred in **85 of Seattle’s 485 Parks** in 2025



11% of all permitted locations required coordination with **SPD**

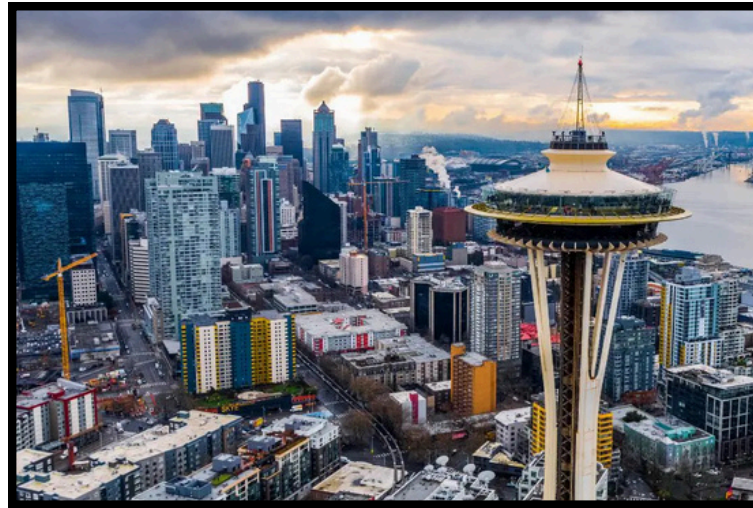
82 uniformed SPD officers were hired to staff 20 film productions in 2025



24% required coordination with other departments, including:
Seattle Center, SPU, SCL, FAS, KC Metro

Where Did Productions Film?

Most-Filmed Neighborhoods



- 1) Downtown
- 2) Queen Anne
- 3) Fremont
- 4) Magnolia
- 5) Capitol Hill

Most-Filmed Parks

- 1) Gas Works Park
- 2) Discovery Park
- 3) Lincoln Park
- 4) Kerry Park
- 5) Green Lake Park



Most-Filmed Council Districts

by number of locations filmed at

- District 7 - **230**
- District 4 - **69**
- District 1 - **60**
- District 2 - **53**
- District 3 - **52**
- District 6 - **49**
- District 5 - **10**



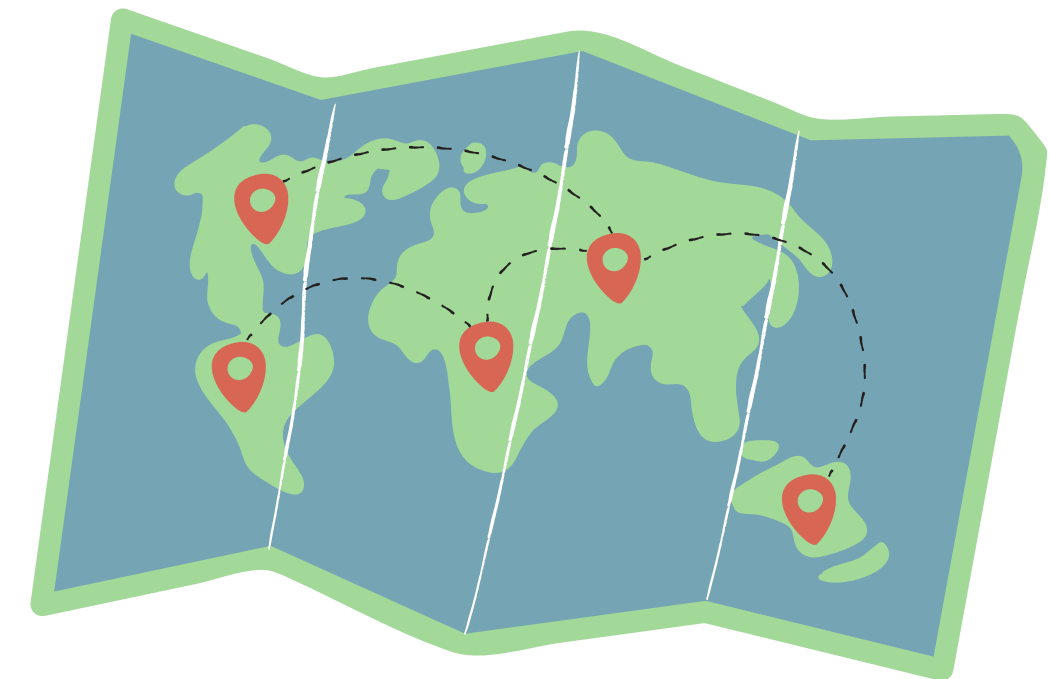
Where Did Productions Come From?



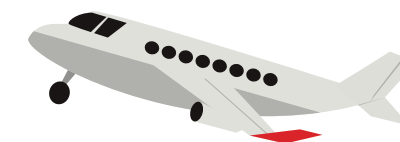
274 productions identified themselves as a small business - including **50 different Seattle-based production companies or organizations**

34% were from outside of the state or country

Los Angeles, New York represented the majority of non-Washington State productions



Furthest distance traveled by a production:



4,739 miles;
Göteborg, Sweden

2025 Seattle Film Permit Data

Production Companies by Region	2025		2024		2023		2022	
Film permits – Total	360		340		353		344	
Film Permits – Seattle Production Co's	167	46%	145	42.65%	149	42.21%	153	44.45%
Film Permits – WA State production Co's	73	20%	57	16.80%	64	18.13%	54	15.70%
Film Permits – Out of state production Co's	120	34%	140	40.55%	140	40.23%	137	39.83%

Film Production Types	2025		2024		2023		2022	
Commercial / Advertising	114	32%	117	34.41%	109	30.88%	90	26.16%
Corporate / Industrial	36	10%	18	5.29%	33	9.34%	47	13.66%
Documentary	38	11%	40	11.80%	37	10.48%	57	16.57
Feature Film	10	3%	14	4.12%	6	1.70%	8	2.33%
Kiosk	1	0%	1	0.30%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Music Video	26	7%	10	3.00%	14	3.97%	16	4.65%
PSA	8	2%	15	4.41%	7	1.98%	3	0.87%
Short Film	45	13%	39	11.47%	38	10.77%	19	5.52%
Still Photography	43	12%	37	10.90%	53	15.01%	53	15.41%
Student Film	16	4%	9	2.65%	11	3.12%	12	3.49%
TV - Other	7	2%	9	2.65%	14	3.97%	4	1.16%
TV - Reality	6	2%	10	3.00%	10	2.83%	12	3.49%
TV - Series	4	1%	7	2.06%	3	0.85%	6	1.74%
VR / AR	0	0%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Web Series	6	2%	14	4.12%	18	5.10%	17	4.94%

Filming Category	2025	2024	2023	2022
Commercial / Corporate	54 %	50.59%	55.24%	55.23%
Feature Film / Episodic	9%	15.89%	14.44%	13.66%
Other	37%	33.52%	30.32%	31.11%

Shoot Type - Number of Times Permitted	2025	2024	2023	2022
Standard Filming on Location	356	363	409	377
Low Impact Filming	164	165	156	167
Parking Only Request	52	79	84	85
Filming with a Drone	88	79	61	53

Local Cast + Crew				
Hires / # of Days Filming	2025	2024	2023	2022
Local Cast + Crew Hires	4,096	4,027	4,536	4,725
# of Filming Days	621	727	717	755

City of Seattle Department Coordination								
	2025		2024		2023		2022	
Department	# of Permits Coordinated	Percent of Total Permits	# of Permits Coordinated	Percent of Total Permits	# of Permits Coordinated	Percent of Total Permits	# of Permits Coordinated	Percent of Total Permits
Parks	235	65%	267	78%	194	54.96%	167	167
SDOT	200	56%	215	63%	106	30.03%	111	111
SPD	39	11%	55	16%	25	7.09%	22	22
Seattle Center	47	13%	16	4%	24	6.80%	22	22
SPU	3	1%	3	1%	6	1.70%	3	3
Seattle City Light	5	1%	2	1%	6	1.70%	6	6
KC Metro	7	2%	5	1.50%	3	0.85%	6	6
FAS	0	0%	4	1.17	194	54.96%	2	2
M5 Creative	26	7%	15	4.41%	N/A		N/A	N/A

2025 Top Neighborhoods

Neighborhood	# of Times Permitted
Downtown	71
Queen Anne	69
Fremont	44
Magnolia	28
Capitol Hill	26

2025 Top Council Districts

Council District	# of Times Permitted
District 7	230
District 4	69
District 1	60
District 2	53
District 3	52
District 6	49
District 5	10

2025 Top Parks

Park	# of Times Permitted
Gas Works Park	34
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Lincoln Park	22
Kerry Park	18
Green Lake Park	16

