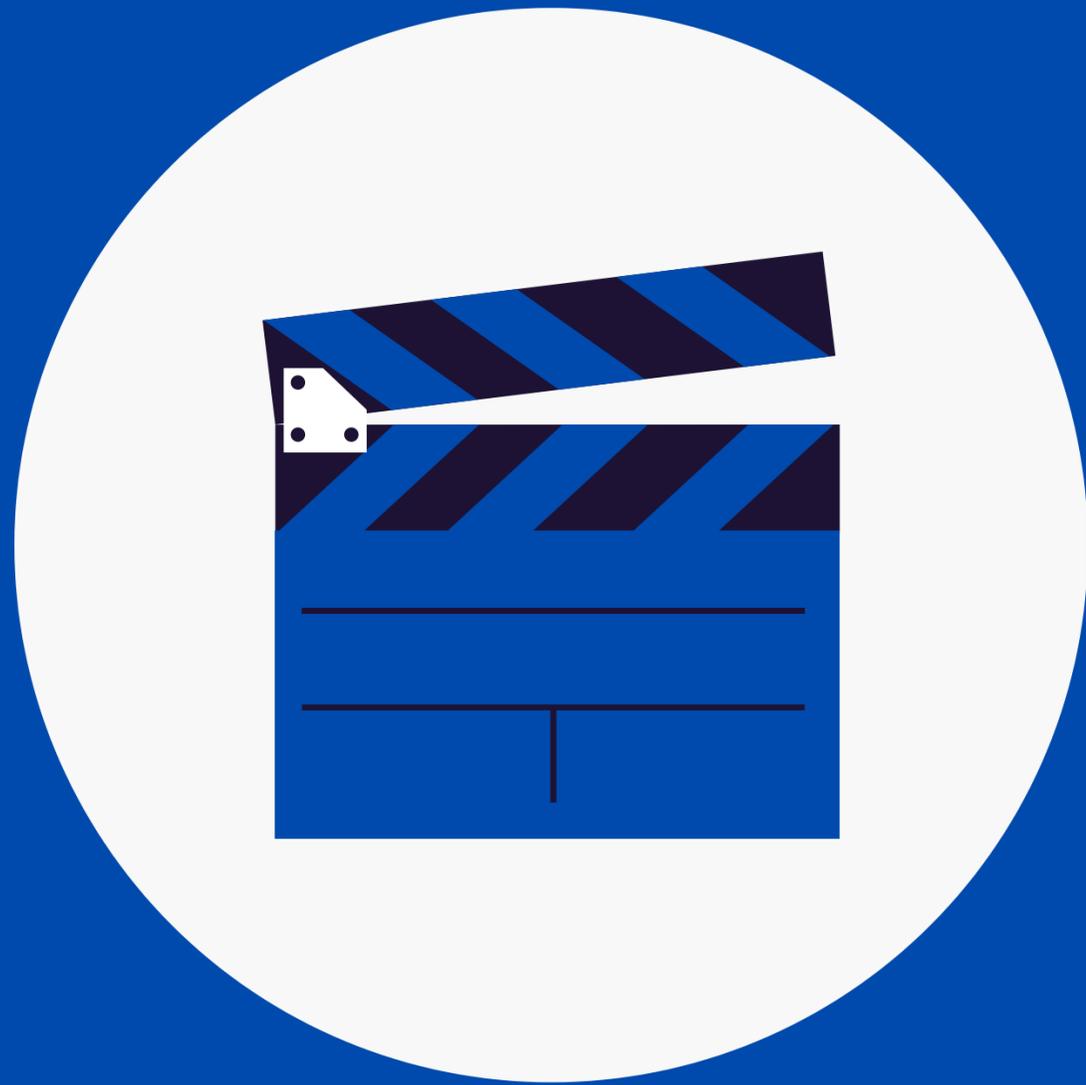


CITY OF SEATTLE FILM OFFICE



**2023**  
**FILM PERMIT**  
**COORDINATION**  
**YEAR IN REVIEW**



**Seattle** Office of  
Economic Development

## 2023 Overview

Permits  
Coordinated



Local Cast +  
Crew Hired

Total  
Filming  
Days



Total Filming  
Locations  
City-Wide

# Permits By Type

\*Click Images to Watch



**Toyota "Present from the Past"**  
Imperial Woodpecker (Hollywood, CA)

**55%**

**Commercial**

Still Photography, Commercial / Advertising,  
Corporate / Industrial

**30%**

**Other**

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



**"How Many People Will  
Dance in Public?"**  
Cut (Seattle, WA)

**15%**

**Feature Film  
/ Episodic**

Feature Film , TV  
Programming,  
Web Series



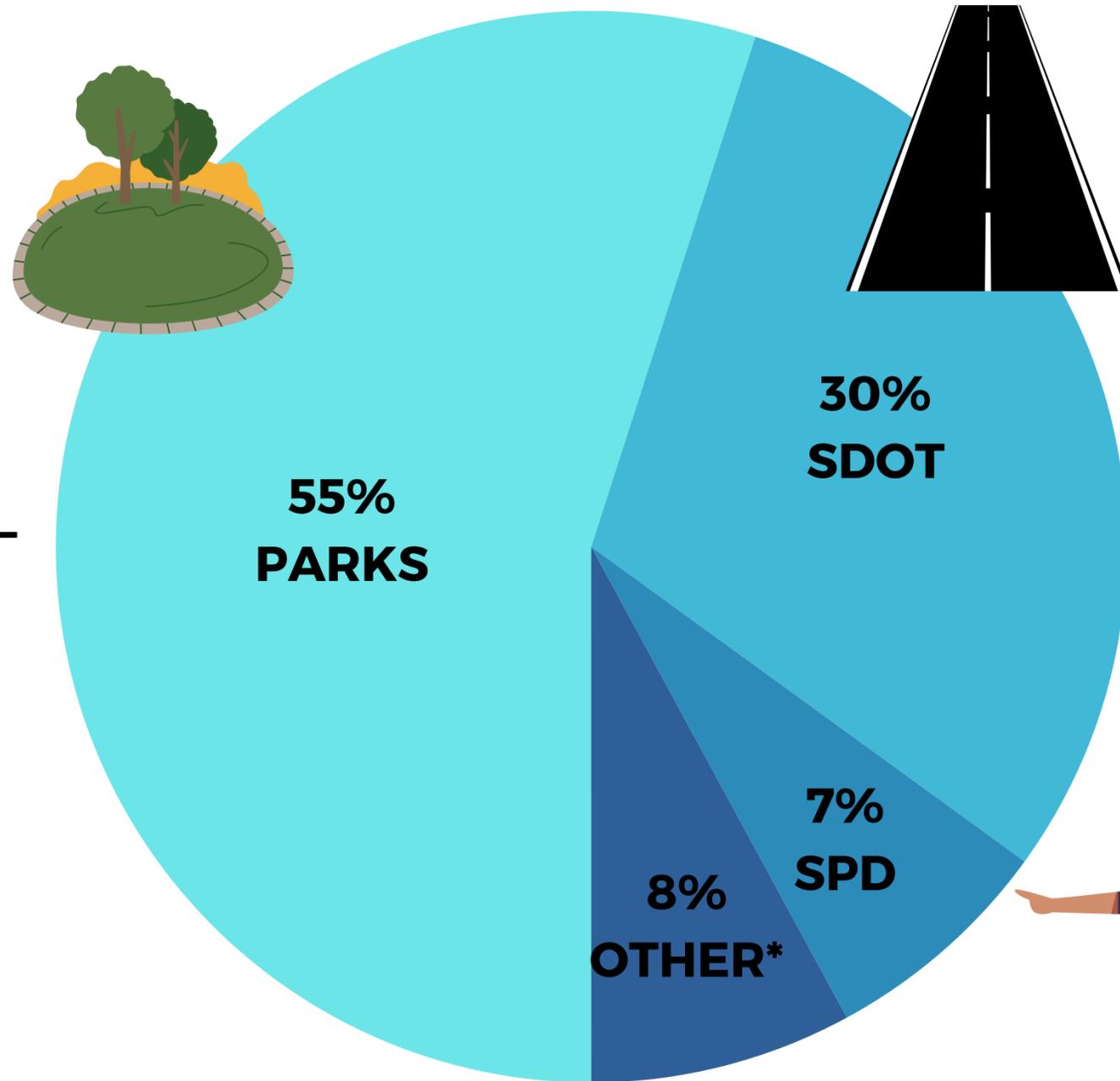
**The Amazing Race -  
Season 35 Finale**  
WRP Group (Van Nuys, CA)

# Interdepartmental Coordination

Filming occurred in **101 of Seattle's 485 Parks** in 2023

**Top 5 Parks for Filming**

- Kerry Park
- Gas Works Park
- Discovery Park
- Seward Park
- Volunteer Park



30% of productions worked on City of Seattle streets and sidewalks, including reservation of **815 paid parking spaces** city-wide in 2023

**101 uniformed police officers** were hired to staff film productions in 2023

\*Other departments include: Seattle Center, SPU, SCL, FAS, KC Metro

## Where Did Productions Come From?



**42%** were **Seattle-based** companies

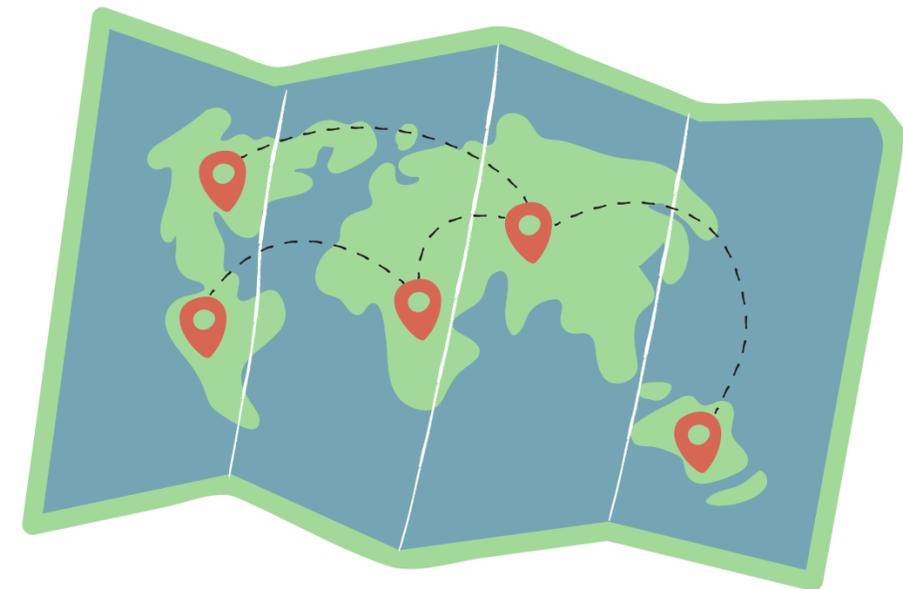
**18%** were from other parts of **Washington State**



**230** productions identified themselves as a small business - including **66 different Seattle-based production companies or organizations**

**40%** were from outside of the state or country

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



Furthest distance traveled by a production:

**7,000 miles;**

**Auckland, New Zealand**



# Where Did Productions Film?

## Most-Filmed Neighborhoods

- Queen Anne
- Fremont
- Downtown
- Capitol Hill
- Alki / Admiral
- Magnolia
- Belltown
- Cascade / Eastlake /SLU
- Seward Park
- Green Lake



## Most-Filmed Council Districts

by number of productions

- District 7 - **142**
- District 3 - **56**
- District 6 - **52**
- District 4 - **50**
- District 1 - **49**
- District 2 - **44**
- District 5 - **17**



## 2023 Seattle Film Permit Data

Production Companies by Region	2023		2022		2021		2020	
<b>Film permits – Total</b>	<b>353</b>		<b>344</b>		<b>378</b>		<b>187</b>	
Film Permits – Seattle Production Co’s	149	42.21%	153	44.45%	161	42.59%	73	39.03%
Film Permits – WA State production Co’s	64	18.13%	54	15.70%	81	21.43%	44	23.53%
Film Permits – Out of state production Co’s	140	40.23%	137	39.83%	136	35.98%	70	37.43%

Film Production Types	2023		2022		2021		2020	
Commercial / Advertising	109	30.88%	90	26.16%	104	27.51%	55	29.41%
Corporate / Industrial	33	9.34%	47	13.66%	53	14.02%	23	12.30%
Documentary	37	10.48%	57	16.57%	27	7.14%	20	10.70%
Feature Film	6	1.70%	8	2.33%	11	2.91%	7	3.74%
Kiosk	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Music Video	14	3.97%	16	4.65%	13	3.44%	4	2.14%
PSA	7	1.98%	3	0.87%	3	0.79%	1	0.79%
Short Film	38	10.77%	19	5.52%	30	7.94%	10	5.35%
Still Photography	53	15.01%	53	15.41%	70	18.52%	31	16.58%
Student Film	11	3.12%	12	3.49%	20	5.29%	9	4.81%
TV - Other	14	3.97%	4	1.16%	7	1.85%	6	3.20%
TV - Reality	10	2.83%	12	3.49%	13	3.44%	10	5.35%
TV - Series	3	0.85%	6	1.74%	8	2.12%	5	2.67%
VR / AR	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	0.53%	1	0.53%
Web Series	18	5.10%	17	4.94%	17	4.50%	5	2.67%

Filming Category	2023	2022	2021	2020
Commercial / Corporate	55.24%	55.23%	60.05%	58.82%
Feature Film / Episodic	14.44%	13.66%	14.81%	17.65%
Other	30.32%	31.11%	25.13%	23.53%

Shoot Type - Number of Times Permitted	2023	2022	2021	2020
Standard Filming on Location	409	377	384	150
Low Impact Filming	156	167	214	100
Parking Only Request	84	85	97	33
Filming with a Drone	61	53	49	27

Local Cast + Crew				
Hires / # of Days Filming	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Local Cast + Crew Hires</b>	4,536	4,725	5,504	1,787
<b># of Filming Days</b>	717	755	905	360

City of Seattle Department Coordination								
	2023		2022		2021		2020	
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	194	54.96%	167	48.55%	197	52.12%	71	37.98%
SDOT	106	30.03%	111	32.27%	126	33.33%	39	20.85%
SPD	25	7.09%	22	6.39%	19	5.03%	6	3.21%
Seattle Center	24	6.80%	22	6.39%	13	3.44%	10	5.35%
SPU	6	1.70%	3	0.87%	4	1.05%	0	0%
Seattle City Light	6	1.70%	6	1.74%	5	1.32%	3	1.60%
KC Metro	3	0.85%	6	1.74%	7	1.85%	1	0.53%
FAS	194	54.96%	2	0.58%	4	1.06%	0	0%

## 2023 Top Neighborhoods

<b>Neighborhood</b>	<b># of Times Permitted</b>
Queen Anne	66
Fremont	45
Downtown	32
Capitol Hill	30
Alki / Admiral	26
Magnolia	25
Belltown	20
Cascade / Eastlake / South Lake Union	19
Seward Park	16
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## 2023 Top Council Districts

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## 2023 Top Parks

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Seward Park	26
Volunteer Park	18