

88th OSCARS® FACT SHEET

88th Oscars Information

Number of features eligible for Best Picture this year (88th Oscars, 2015)	305
Number of features eligible for Best Picture last year (87th Oscars, 2014)	320
Number of countries submitting foreign language films	80
Number of voting members	6,261 (as of 12/14/15)
Number of ushers / ticket takers inside the Dolby™ Theatre at Hollywood & Highland Center®	60
Number of Red Carpet fan bleacher seats	745
Number of people who work in the Oscar® telecast production office	Approx. 250
Number of production vehicles / trailers (including press and catering)	Approx. 100
Number of crew members working during the telecast	Approx. 270
Telecast rating and share for 87th Oscars	Rating: 20.6 Share: 33
How many Americans watched the 87th Oscars? (<i>estimate</i>)	Average U.S. audience: 37.3 million
Number of countries in which the 88th Oscar telecast will be seen	More than 225
Estimated global viewership of 88th Oscars	Several hundred million
Number of Oscar statuettes given out at the 87th Oscars	51
Number of competitive award categories for the 88th Oscars	24
Awards presented at the Governors Awards on November 14, 2015	Honorary Awards (Oscar statuettes) to Spike Lee and Gena Rowlands; Debbie Reynolds received the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award (Oscar statuette)

Oscars Press

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Number of press organizations requesting credentials for 88th Oscars	787
Number of outlets issued credentials for the 87th Oscars	288
Total number press credentials issued for the 87th Oscars (including technical personnel)	1415
Number of still photographers on the red carpet for the 87th Academy Awards	63
Number of TV press for the 87th Oscars, including camera operators, audio technicians and other crew	1013
Number of print reporters on the red carpet for the 87th Oscars	36

The Oscar® Statuette

Total number of Oscar statuettes presented since the first Oscars	3,001 (includes the 3 Oscars® presented at the Governors Awards event on November 14, 2015)
Height of Oscar statuette	13½ inches
Diameter of Oscar statuette base	5¼ inches
Weight of Oscar statuette	8½ pounds
Design:	A stylized figure of a knight holding a crusader's sword standing on a reel of film with five spokes signifying the five original branches of the Academy (actors, directors, producers, technicians and writers). No model was used during the design process.

Oscar® Telecast

Best rating and share in the past 30 years	Best rating: 34.9 in 1998 (share: 55)
Latest telecast date in the past 20 years	March 29, 1999 (71st Academy Awards)
Earliest telecast date in the past 20 years	February 22 (81st Oscars held in 2009 and 87th Oscars held in

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Longest Oscar telecast	2015) 74th Oscars show, in 2002, with a running time of 4 hours, 23 minutes
Shortest Oscar telecast	31st Academy Awards show, in 1959, with a running time of 1 hour, 40 minutes
Date of first televised show	March 19, 1953 (25th Academy Awards)
Date since which ABC has been the broadcaster of the Academy Awards (uninterrupted)	March 29, 1976 (48th Academy Awards)
Total number of years that ABC has broadcast the Academy Awards (including this year)	51 (ABC was the broadcaster for a 10-year stint from the 33rd to 42nd Academy Awards, in addition to its current run)

Oscar Venues

Venue that has hosted the most Oscar presentations	Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, with 25 Oscar shows
Number of Oscar shows hosted at the Dolby Theatre (formerly Kodak Theatre), including the 88th Academy Awards	15
Seating capacity of the Dolby Theatre on Oscar night	3,300
Length of the red carpet at the Dolby Theatre	Approx. 500 feet
Width of the red carpet at the Dolby Theatre	Approx. 33 feet

Miscellaneous Oscar® Trivia

Person who has hosted the most Oscar shows	Bob Hope, with 19 host appearances
Oldest Oscars show poster in the collection of the Margaret Herrick Library	32nd Academy Awards show poster (show on April 4, 1960 honoring films of 1959)
Size of most common set-dressing Oscar	34 in. diameter (base) 7½ feet tall 65 pounds

Governors Ball

