

80th ACADEMY AWARDS® FACT SHEET

80th Academy Awards Information

Number of eligible pictures for this year	306
Number of countries submitting foreign language films	63
Number of voting members	5,829
Number of times Jon Stewart has hosted the Academy Awards show	This will be his 2nd time.
The week before the show, on what day will rehearsals with talent begin?	Thursday
Number of seat fillers	Approx. 250
Number of ushers / ticket takers inside the Kodak Theatre at Hollywood & Highland Center®	40
Number of bleacher seats	612
Number of people who work in the production office	Approx. 300
Number of production vehicles / trailers (including press and catering)	Approx. 100
Number of cameras used during the show	14 high-definition cameras for the red carpet arrivals segment
	20 high-definition cameras for the Academy Awards show
Number of crew members working during the red carpet arrivals segment	Approx. 130
Number of crew members working during the telecast	Approx. 350
Number of LED screens temporarily attached to the Hollywood & Highland Center for the show	2

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Number of 2006 features eligible for Best Picture award (79th Academy Awards)	306
Telecast rating and share for 79th Academy Awards show	Rating: 23.5 Share: 35
How many Americans watched the 79th Academy Awards show? (<i>estimate</i>)	Total U.S. audience: 75.0 million Average U.S. audience: 39.9 million
Number of international broadcasters airing the 79th Oscar® telecast	106
Estimated global viewership of 79th Academy Awards show	Several hundred million
Number of Oscar statuettes created for 79th Academy Awards	50
Number of Oscar statuettes given out at the 79th Academy Awards (including statuettes given out at the Scientific and Technical Awards)	36 (including the Sawyer Award to Ray Feeney, presented at the Scientific and Technical Awards ceremony)
Number of award categories for the 79th Academy Awards	24 (not including Testimonial Awards or Sci/Tech Awards)
Number of individual films that received Oscar nominations for 2006 (79th Academy Awards)	58 (44 feature films)
<u>Academy Awards Press</u>	
Number of press organizations requesting credentials	More than 700
Total number of press credentials requested	About 3,000
Number of outlets receiving credentials	277 (as of 79th Academy Awards)
Total number press credentials issued (including technical personnel)	1,896 (as of 79th Academy Awards)
Number of photographers on the red carpet	102 (as of 79th Academy Awards)
Number of TV press on the red carpet, including camera operators, audio technicians and other crew	286 (as of 79th Academy Awards)
Number of print reporters on the red carpet	101 (as of 79th Academy Awards)

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The Oscar Statuette

Total number of Oscar statuettes presented since the first Academy Awards	2,658 (not including 80th Awards)
Number of Honorary Awards presented since the first Academy Awards [Honorary Awards may take the form of an Oscar statuette, Thalberg bust, plaque, or any other form chosen by the Academy]	146 (includes Honorary Award to be presented at the 80th Oscars)
Height of Oscar statuette	13½ inches
Diameter of Oscar statuette base	5¼ inches
Weight of Oscar statuette	8½ pounds

Oscar Telecast

Best rating and share in the past 30 years	Best rating: 38.0 in 1983 (share: 59) Best share: 68 in 1978 (rating: 36.3)
Latest telecast date in the past 20 years	April 11, 1988 (60th Academy Awards)
Earliest telecast date in the past 20 years	February 24, 2008 (80th Academy Awards)
Longest televised show	74th Academy Awards show, in 2002, with a running time of 4 hours, 23 minutes
Shortest televised show	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)	43 (ABC was the broadcaster for a 10-year stint from the 33rd to 42nd Academy Awards, in addition to its current run)

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Oscar Venues

Venue that has hosted the most Academy Awards presentations	Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, with 25 Oscar shows
Number of Oscar shows hosted at the Kodak Theatre, including the 80th Academy Awards	7
Seating capacity of the Kodak Theatre on Oscar night	3,300
Length of the red carpet at the Kodak Theatre	Approx. 500 feet
Width of the red carpet at the Kodak Theatre	Approx. 33 feet

Miscellaneous Oscar Trivia

Person who has hosted the most Academy Awards shows	Bob Hope, with 19 host appearances
Suggested length of acceptance speeches	45 seconds
Oldest Academy Awards 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

Date of the first Governors Ball	March 26, 1958, following the 30th Academy Awards presentation. Held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in the Grand Ballroom
Number of Governors Balls, including the 80th Academy Awards	50
Since the first Governors Ball, following the 30th Academy Awards, number of times there has not been a Governors Ball	1 (40th Academy Awards)
Size of the Grand Ballroom at Hollywood & Highland Center	25,090 square feet