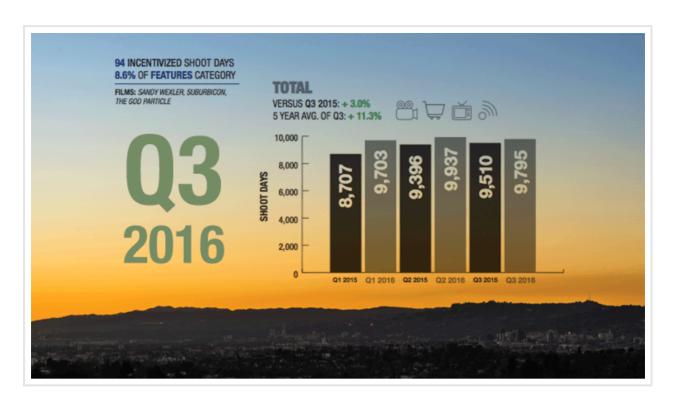
## 🖹 RECORD FILMING LEVELS REFLECT DYNAMIC CONTENT MIX IN L.A.

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FilmL.A. Research issued a new report this week, revealing that on-location filming in Greater Los Angeles increased 3.0 percent last quarter to a record-setting 9,795 Shoot Days (SD)\*.

From July through September, an increase in Television production (up 2.7 percent to 4,423 SD) offset modest declines in on-location Feature (down 5 percent to 1,089 SD) and Commercials (down 2.6 percent to 1,245 SD) production.

Local on-location Television production continues to be energized by the California Film & Television Tax Credit Program. Incentive-qualified TV projects filming in Los Angeles last quarter included *American Horror Story, Crazy Ex-Girlfriend, I'm Dying Up Here, Pitch, Scream Queens, This is Us*, and *Westworld*. Approximately one fourth of all local TV Drama and TV Comedy production is incentive-driven.

"From 2015 to 2016, we had four straight quarters of triple—or near triple digit—growth in TV comedy," said Adrian McDonald, Research Analyst for FilmL.A. "Year to date, 2016 is actually leading 2015 in total Comedy shoot days, with 1,623SDs this year so far compared to 1,554SDs at the same time last year."

But it was TV Reality and Web-Based TV that powered last quarter's growth, with TV Reality posting its first increase (up 6.6 percent to 1,342 SD) in six consecutive quarters, and short-form Web-Based TV reaching a new quarterly high (up 72.2 percent to 651 SD).

"California's film incentive is now helping to sustain local TV production after seven straight quarters of growth," noted FilmL.A. President Paul Audley. "We knew we'd see a leveling off as the program reached full utilization. With the program doing all it can to support filming in California, our focus is on the neighborhoods where filming happens and on managing the activity taking place."

Overall area Feature film production declined (down 5 percent to 1,089 SD), after three straight quarters of growth. Along with other, non-incentivized Feature projects, four films retained by the state incentive filmed in Greater Los Angeles last quarter: *CHiPS* (for pickup shots), *Sandy Wexler*, *Suburbicon* and *The God Particle*.

Commercial production levels slipped for the second straight quarter, dropping 2.6 percent (to 1,245 SD). Year-to-date, the category is still slightly ahead of where it was at this time in 2015.

"The mixed results we see from last quarter in film production in Los Angeles County remind us of the need to be determined and aggressive in keeping filming here," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe. "Be it film, television, commercials or web-based production, all have an impact on thousands of direct jobs and indirect jobs which support the industry. We must remain competitive, not just for the historical role Los Angeles County has played as the center of the entertainment industry, but for the economic impact production has across our region."

## LOS ANGELES SHOOT DAYS\*, BY CATEGORY

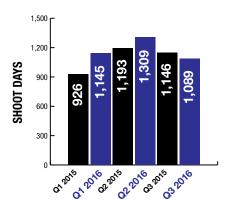
CALENDAR YEARS 2015 - 2016, THIRD QUARTER



### **FEATURE FILMS**

VERSUS Q3 2015: - 5.0% 5 YEAR AVG. OF Q3: - 11.5%



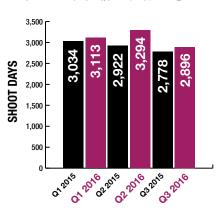


#### **94 INCENTIVIZED SHOOT DAYS** 8.6% OF FEATURES CATEGORY

FILMS: SANDY WEXLER, SUBURBICON, THE GOD PARTICLE

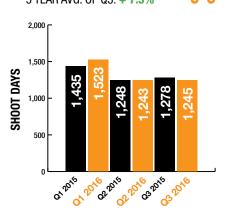
# **OTHER**

VERSUS Q3 2015: + 4.2% 5 YEAR AVG. OF Q3: + 8.7%



#### COMMERCIALS

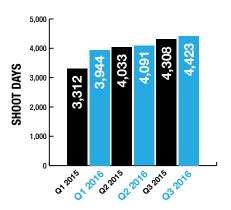
VERSUS Q3 2015: - 2.6% 5 YEAR AVG. OF Q3: + 7.5%



#### TELEVISION

VERSUS Q3 2015: + 2.7% 5 YEAR AVG. OF Q3: + 19.0%





## TOTAL

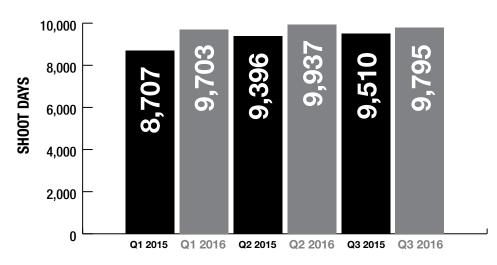
VERSUS Q3 2015: + 3.0% 5 YEAR AVG. OF Q3: + 11.3%











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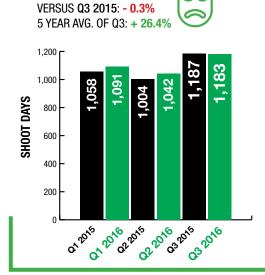
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## LOS ANGELES SHOOT DAYS\*, BY TELEVISION SUB-CATEGORY

CALENDAR YEARS 2015 - 2016, THIRD QUARTER



### TV COMEDY

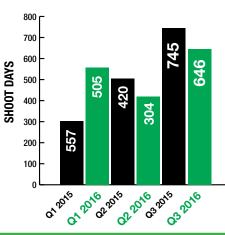
VERSUS Q3 2015: - 13.3% 5 YEAR AVG. OF Q3: + 28.0%



#### TV REALITY

VERSUS Q3 2015: + 6.6% 5 YEAR AVG. OF Q3: + 4.2%





## 1,500 1,200 SHOOT DAYS 900 600 300 022015 032015 022016 012016

## TV PILOT

300

250

200

150

100

50

SHOOT DAYS

**TV DRAMA** 

VERSUS Q3 2015: + 20.8% 5 YEAR AVG. OF Q3: + 57.3%

264

115 2016 2015



151

125

278

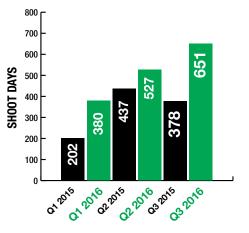
of 2016 2015

### **WEB-BASED**

VERSUS Q3 2015: + 72.2% 5 YEAR AVG. OF Q3: + 69.0%







### **293 INCENTIVIZED SHOOT DAYS** 25% OF TV DRAMA CATEGORY

SHOWS: WESTWORLD. THIS IS US. SCREAM QUEENS. PITCH. AMERICAN HORROR STORY

**153 INCENTIVIZED SHOOT DAYS** 23.6% OF TV COMEDY CATEGORY

SHOWS: CRAZY EX-GIRLFRIEND. I'M DYING UP HERE

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