



**Production of Pathé's Oscar® Nominated Film, SELMA,  
Contributes over \$10.3 Million to Georgia's Economy, Hires  
Close to 1,900 Georgia Cast, Crew and Extras**

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*Directed by Ava DuVernay*

*Produced by Christian Colson, Oprah Winfrey, Dede Gardner and Jeremy Kleiner*

*Executive Producers Brad Pitt, Cameron McCracken, Diarmuid McKeown, Nan Morales, Nik Bower, Paul Ganes and Ava DuVernay*

*Written by Paul Webb*

*Distributed in the United States by Paramount Pictures*

WASHINGTON, DC— On the heels of the film receiving an Academy Award® nomination for Best Picture this morning, new economic figures released today reveal that the production of Pathé's SELMA spent a total of 95 days in Georgia, contributing more than \$10.3 million dollars to the local economy and hiring close to 1,900 Georgia cast, crew and extras. The production paid over \$5 million in wages to more than 400 Georgia crew members.

SELMA's production not only hired members of the Georgia film and television industry, it also worked with a wide array of local businesses, including those involved with wardrobe purchases, car rentals, lumber, hardware, supplies, and lodging. The production also stayed over 3,000 nights in hotel rooms, spending \$375,000.

Film and television production is a major economic driver in Georgia. The [latest state economic profile](#) data shows that the core in-state film and television industry employs 23,000 workers, supports over 77,000 jobs and pays \$1.6 billion in wages.

“The fact that we have become one of the fastest growing entertainment production centers in the U.S. is a testament to the unwavering commitment of Governor Deal and the Georgia legislature to creating a pro-business environment, investing in our highly-skilled existing crew base and support for the state's diverse locations,” said **GDEcD**

**Commissioner Chris Carr.** “Not only is Georgia’s entertainment industry creating thousands of jobs, but it has been a catalyst for long-term infrastructure growth, new tourism opportunities and increased brand awareness.”

“SELMA tells an incredibly powerful story about a turning point in our nation’s history, and the process of bringing that important story to life has meant an economic boost for Georgia,” said **Senator Chris Dodd, MPAA Chairman and CEO.** “The state’s competitive film incentive program continues to encourage filmmakers to choose Georgia as the place to film, hiring local workers and prompting economic growth. I am grateful to Governor Deal and the state legislature for their leadership on this issue.”

Key economic impact figures from SELMA’s production in Georgia:

- Contributed over \$10.3 million dollars to the Georgia Economy
- Paid over \$5 million in wages to over 400 Georgia crew members, and hired close to 1,500 cast and extras
- Stayed 3,000 hotel room nights, spending \$375,000 on lodging
- Spent \$470,000 on in-state wardrobe purchases, dry cleaning and laundry
- Contracted \$180,000 on lumber, hardware and supplies
- Spent over \$200,000 on catering and food and over \$131,000 on car rentals

### **About the MPAA**

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