



LOS ANGELES TO LOSE MORE ENTERTAINMENT JOBS

Entertainment industry jobs in Los Angeles will decline further in 2009 after an annual decline in 2008, according to the Los Angeles Economic Development Corp. After falling to 154,000 in 2008 from 157,800 in 2007, industry jobs in the region are forecast to fall to 153,600 in 2009, mostly due to cutbacks in broadcasting. The television sector was hurt both by the Writers Guild strike that ended in early 2008 and by shrinking audiences for broadcast television. Workers in feature films are feeling the pinch from cost cuts at the studios and California's lack of film production incentives. Many productions are going to other states or countries that offer incentives to filmmakers.

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