

**TV/THEATRICAL/STREAMING**

## Clarification Regarding Background Minimum Count

Effective Feb. 5, 2024, producers agree to modify Section 1(c) of Schedule X, Part I, to increase the number of background actors to which the terms of Schedule X, Part I apply. Starting on this day, productions producing under the TV/Theatrical agreement will increase the minimum number of covered background positions from 22 (excluding swimmers, skaters and dancers, but including certain stand-ins) to 25 (excluding swimmers, skaters, dancers and stand-ins) on short- and long-form television motion pictures, and from 57 (excluding swimmers, skaters and dancers, but including all except one stand-in) to 85 (excluding all swimmers, skaters, dancers and stand-ins) on theatrical motion pictures.

Depending on the production's needs for the day's call, up to 25 or 85 background actors must be covered in addition to every stand-in. Stand-in actors must not be included in the general background minimum count.

If members become aware that a production is not correctly maintaining the contractually appropriate background-covered positions, up to the maximum cap, and/or all stand-in actors are incorrectly being included as fulfilling the minimum background count, under the above-mentioned agreements, please contact the National Background Actors Department. Members should be aware that by doing so, it enables the union to vigorously enforce the contracts provisions on their behalf and ensures producers adhere to their contractual obligations.

### KNOW YOUR CONTRACTS

The best way for the union to protect you is for you to know the union — and the provisions and protections that are negotiated on your behalf in all the contracts. Knowing the provisions and protections guaranteed by your contract is the best way to ensure you are always protected. All contracts are accessible online at [sagaftra.org/productioncenter](https://sagaftra.org/productioncenter).

### QUESTIONS?

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