

Russian-Made Films Gross \$224M in 2013

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A still from the movie "Stalingrad".

Films produced in Russia took nearly 8 billion rubles (\$224 million) at the domestic box office last year, as the number of movie-goers reached 35 million people, the Culture Ministry said.

A total of 423 films premiered in Russia last year, with one out of every seven — or about 60 movies in total — having been produced in Russia, the ministry said in a [report](#) published Wednesday on the Cabinet website.

The Russian film industry has seen a revival in recent years, thanks to a string of domestic box-office hits including historical epic "Stalingrad," New Years' comedy "Yolki-3," and hockey biopic "Legend No. 17," the report said.

Fond Kino, the agency responsible for developing cinema for the mass audience, help fund the production of 23 films through a program to support the domestic industry, the report said.

Of Fond Kino's 2013 budget of 6.7 billion rubles (\$186 million), studios will pay back about 30 percent, Culture Minister Vladimir Medinsky said last week.

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