## How much does producing a film cost?

The following is a rough estimate of the average cost of production of an Egyptian Film. This said, films are of four different kinds, falling under the categories:

Blockbuster Musicals

Big budget films

Medium or average production

Small or shoe string limited budget films.

The table below shows the cost of production and wages paid to the different members of the set and crew depending on total cost and budget:

|                       | Musical | Megaproduction | Average | Small film |
|-----------------------|---------|----------------|---------|------------|
| Studio                | 3500    | 3000           | 2500    | 1500       |
| Actors                | 12000   | 8000           | 5000    | 3000       |
| Director              | 4000    | 4000           | 2500    | 1500       |
| Celluloid             | 1800    | 1500           | 1200    | 1200       |
| Film reel             | 2500    | 2500           | 2500    | 2500       |
| Music and<br>Song     | 2500    | 1000           | 500     | 500        |
| Set                   | 2000    | 2000           | 1500    | 1200       |
| Various expenses      | 1500    | 1500           | 1000    | 1000       |
| Technicians           | 3000    | 3000           | 2000    | 1500       |
| Printing & Developing | 1200    | 1200           | 1000    | 1000       |
| Extras (actors)       | 1000    | 1000           | 800     | 500        |
| Wardrobe              | 500     | 500            | 300     | 200        |
| Still Photography     | 150     | 150            | 100     | 100        |

| Extra wages | 500   | 500   | 300   | 200   |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Publicity   | 1500  | 1500  | 1200  | 1000  |
| Management  | 500   | 500   | 300   | 300   |
| expenses    |       |       |       |       |
| TOTAL:      | 38150 | 31850 | 22700 | 17200 |

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