

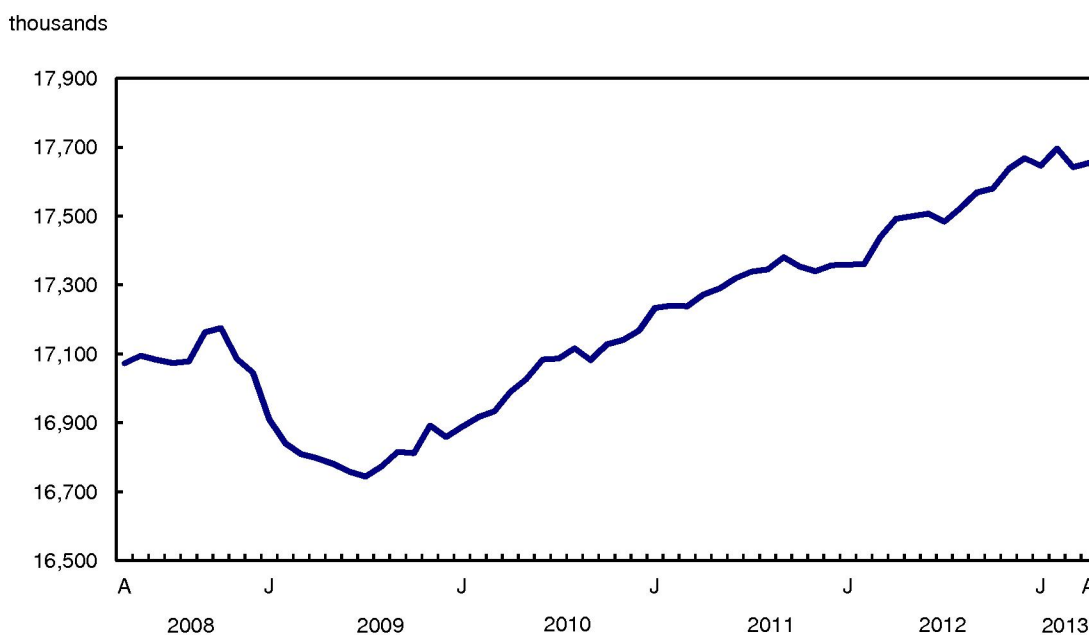
Labour Force Survey, April 2013

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Following a decline the previous month, employment was little changed in April and the unemployment rate remained at 7.2%.

Compared with 12 months earlier, employment increased 0.9% or 163,000, all in full time. The total number of hours worked rose by 1.5% over the same period.

Chart 1 Employment



Provincially, employment grew in Alberta, while it fell in Manitoba, New Brunswick and Newfoundland and Labrador.

In April, there were employment gains in manufacturing and public administration. These gains were offset by losses in transportation and warehousing; "other services"; and business, building and other support services.

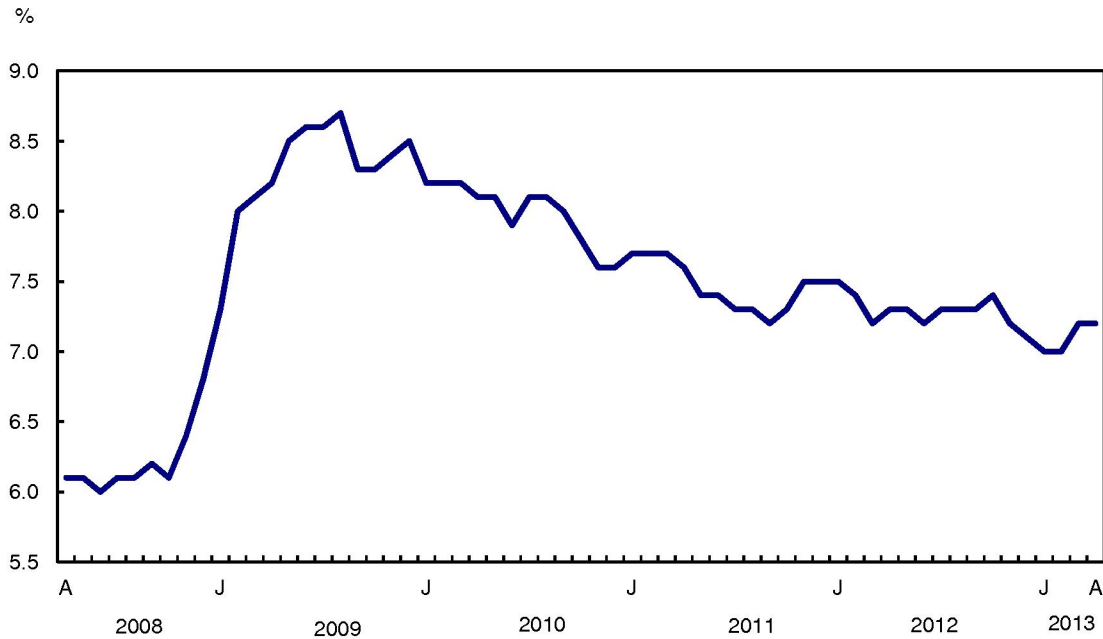
There were 34,000 more people working in the public sector in April, while there was little change in the number of private sector employees and the self-employed.

Over the previous 12 months, public sector employment increased 2.6% or 94,000, while growth in self-employment was 2.2% (+59,000), the bulk of which was in the first quarter of 2013. The number of private sector employees was little changed compared with 12 months earlier, as gains in the second half of 2012 were offset by losses in 2013.

Employment in April increased among people aged 25 to 54 and declined among youths. For people aged 55 and over, employment was little changed.



Chart 2
Unemployment rate



Employment up in Alberta

Employment in Alberta increased by 15,000 in April, offsetting the loss in the previous month and pushing the unemployment rate down 0.4 percentage points to 4.4%. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment in Alberta grew by 1.9%.

In Manitoba, employment declined by 11,000 in April, pushing the unemployment rate up 0.8 percentage points to 5.8%. With this decline, employment returned to a level similar to that of 12 months earlier.

Employment in New Brunswick fell by 3,200 and the unemployment rate was 10.9%. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment in the province was little changed.

Following three months of little change, employment in Newfoundland and Labrador declined by 3,000 in April and the unemployment rate was 12.4%. This decline brought employment back to its level of 12 months earlier.

Employment in Ontario was little changed in April, and the unemployment rate remained at 7.7%. On a year-over-year basis, employment growth in this province was 1.0%, with the bulk of the gains in the fall of 2012.

Following a decline in March, employment in Quebec was little changed in April and the unemployment rate was 7.8%. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment in the province rose 1.1%, with most of the growth from August to November 2012.

Industry perspective

Employment in manufacturing increased by 21,000 in April, the first monthly gain following a downward trend that began in June 2012. Employment in this industry was down 2.9% or 52,000 from 12 months earlier.

In April, the number of employees in public administration grew by 13,000. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment in this industry was up 2.6% or 25,000, all in provincial and local public administration.

There were 21,000 fewer people working in transportation and warehousing, bringing employment in this industry back to its level of 12 months earlier.

Employment in "other services", such as repair and maintenance or personal and household services, continued its year-long downward trend, declining by 19,000 in April. On a year-over-year basis, total employment has fallen by 7.3% in this industry.

The number of workers in business, building and other support services decreased by 16,000 in April, bringing employment back to a level similar to that of 12 months earlier.

Employment increases among people aged 25 to 54

In April, there were 31,000 more people aged 25 to 54 working, mostly men. With this gain, the unemployment rate for this age group fell 0.3 percentage points to 5.8%. On a year-over-year basis, total employment gains were 69,000 (+0.6%).

Among youths aged 15 to 24, employment declined by 19,000 in April, and the unemployment rate was 14.5%. Compared with 12 months earlier, youth employment was little changed.

Employment among people aged 55 and over was little changed in April. However, with more people in this age group searching for work, the unemployment rate rose 0.3 percentage points to 6.1%. Over the 12 months to April, employment for this group was up 111,000 (+3.5%), primarily a result of population ageing.

Note to readers

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates are based on a sample and are therefore subject to sampling variability. As a result, monthly estimates will show more variability than trends observed over longer time periods. Estimates for smaller geographic areas or industries also have more variability. For an explanation of sampling variability of estimates and how to use standard errors to assess this variability, consult the "Estimates quality" section of the publication Labour Force Information (71-001-X).

The employment rate is the number of employed persons as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The rate for a particular group (for example, youth aged 15 to 24) is the number employed in that group as a percentage of the population for that group.

The unemployment rate is the number unemployed as a percentage of the labour force (employed and unemployed).

The participation rate is the number of employed and unemployed as a percentage of the population. For more detailed information, see the Guide to the Labour Force Survey (71-543-G).

Unless otherwise stated, this release presents seasonally adjusted estimates, which facilitates comparisons by removing the effects of seasonal variations. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see Seasonal adjustment and identifying economic trends.

Each year, the LFS revises its estimates for the previous three years, using the latest seasonal factors.

Table 1
Labour force characteristics by age and sex – Seasonally adjusted

	March 2013	April 2013	Standard error ¹	March to April 2013	April 2012 to April 2013	March to April 2013	April 2012 to April 2013
	thousands (except rates)			change in thousands (except rates)		% change	
Both sexes, 15 years and over							
Population	28,551.2	28,588.7	...	37.5	346.7	0.1	1.2
Labour force	19,016.6	19,016.1	29.1	-0.5	150.7	0.0	0.8
Employment	17,641.9	17,654.4	28.7	12.5	162.5	0.1	0.9
Full-time	14,319.0	14,355.0	38.2	36.0	183.9	0.3	1.3
Part-time	3,323.0	3,299.4	35.1	-23.6	-21.5	-0.7	-0.6
Unemployment	1,374.7	1,361.7	25.2	-13.0	-11.7	-0.9	-0.9
Participation rate	66.6	66.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.2	0.1	0.0	-0.1	...	...
Employment rate	61.8	61.8	0.1	0.0	-0.1	...	...
Part-time rate	18.8	18.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	...	...
Youths, 15 to 24 years							
Population	4,452.5	4,451.2	...	-1.3	-6.0	0.0	-0.1
Labour force	2,851.2	2,839.5	17.2	-11.7	-4.9	-0.4	-0.2
Employment	2,446.9	2,428.1	15.9	-18.8	-18.2	-0.8	-0.7
Full-time	1,285.7	1,292.0	18.5	6.3	2.0	0.5	0.2
Part-time	1,161.1	1,136.2	19.4	-24.9	-20.1	-2.1	-1.7
Unemployment	404.4	411.4	15.1	7.0	13.2	1.7	3.3
Participation rate	64.0	63.8	0.4	-0.2	0.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.2	14.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	...	...
Employment rate	55.0	54.5	0.4	-0.5	-0.4	...	...
Part-time rate	47.5	46.8	0.7	-0.7	-0.5	...	...
Men, 25 years and over							
Population	11,796.8	11,815.9	...	19.1	176.8	0.2	1.5
Labour force	8,549.5	8,567.0	15.1	17.5	72.8	0.2	0.9
Employment	8,024.7	8,042.6	16.3	17.9	88.6	0.2	1.1
Full-time	7,414.7	7,416.7	21.6	2.0	72.3	0.0	1.0
Part-time	609.9	625.9	17.4	16.0	16.4	2.6	2.7
Unemployment	524.8	524.4	14.7	-0.4	-15.8	-0.1	-2.9
Participation rate	72.5	72.5	0.1	0.0	-0.5	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.1	0.2	0.0	-0.3	...	...
Employment rate	68.0	68.1	0.1	0.1	-0.2	...	...
Part-time rate	7.6	7.8	0.2	0.2	0.1	...	...
Women, 25 years and over							
Population	12,302.0	12,321.5	...	19.5	175.8	0.2	1.4
Labour force	7,615.9	7,609.6	16.5	-6.3	82.9	-0.1	1.1
Employment	7,170.4	7,183.7	16.4	13.3	92.0	0.2	1.3
Full-time	5,618.5	5,646.4	25.0	27.9	109.8	0.5	2.0
Part-time	1,551.9	1,537.4	23.6	-14.5	-17.7	-0.9	-1.1
Unemployment	445.5	425.9	13.4	-19.6	-9.1	-4.4	-2.1
Participation rate	61.9	61.8	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.6	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...
Employment rate	58.3	58.3	0.1	0.0	-0.1	...	...
Part-time rate	21.6	21.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	...	...

1. Average standard error for change in two consecutive months. See "Sampling Errors" in the section "About the Labour Force Survey" at the end of the publication *Labour Force Information (71-001-X)* for further explanations.

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Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0087.

Table 2
Employment by class of worker and industry (based on NAICS¹) – Seasonally adjusted

	March 2013	April 2013	Standard error ²	March to April 2013	April 2012 to April 2013	March to April 2013	April 2012 to April 2013
	thousands			change in thousands		% change	
Class of worker							
Employees	14,915.7	14,929.9	35.7	14.2	103.6	0.1	0.7
Self-employed	2,726.2	2,724.5	25.5	-1.7	58.9	-0.1	2.2
Public/private sector employees							
Public	3,623.2	3,657.4	25.0	34.2	93.5	0.9	2.6
Private	11,292.5	11,272.5	37.9	-20.0	10.0	-0.2	0.1
All industries	17,641.9	17,654.4	28.7	12.5	162.4	0.1	0.9
Goods-producing sector	3,824.5	3,849.0	26.6	24.5	-60.7	0.6	-1.6
Agriculture	322.2	320.9	7.2	-1.3	9.7	-0.4	3.1
Natural resources ³	356.7	357.5	7.3	0.8	-24.3	0.2	-6.4
Utilities	129.6	133.6	4.9	4.0	-4.1	3.1	-3.0
Construction	1,300.1	1,300.6	17.1	0.5	9.8	0.0	0.8
Manufacturing	1,715.8	1,736.4	19.9	20.6	-51.8	1.2	-2.9
Services-producing sector	13,817.4	13,805.4	34.3	-12.0	223.1	-0.1	1.6
Trade	2,701.1	2,685.3	23.6	-15.8	72.6	-0.6	2.8
Transportation and warehousing	873.5	852.8	14.1	-20.7	-0.8	-2.4	-0.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,110.9	1,123.7	16.0	12.8	39.0	1.2	3.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,337.0	1,348.0	18.4	11.0	40.4	0.8	3.1
Business, building and other support services	707.3	691.6	14.3	-15.7	12.6	-2.2	1.9
Educational services	1,289.6	1,290.6	17.2	1.0	31.8	0.1	2.5
Health care and social assistance	2,169.0	2,187.2	19.3	18.2	76.5	0.8	3.6
Information, culture and recreation	785.2	785.3	14.5	0.1	-27.6	0.0	-3.4
Accommodation and food services	1,118.4	1,121.1	16.8	2.7	12.9	0.2	1.2
Other services	764.7	746.0	13.8	-18.7	-59.1	-2.4	-7.3
Public administration	960.7	973.9	12.6	13.2	25.0	1.4	2.6

1. North American Industry Classification System.

2. Average standard error for change in two consecutive months. See "Sampling Errors" in the section "About the Labour Force Survey" at the end of the publication Labour Force Information (71-001-X) for further explanations.

3. Also referred to as forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas.

Note(s): Related CANSIM tables 282-0088 and 282-0089.

Table 3
Labour force characteristics by province – Seasonally adjusted

	March 2013	April 2013	Standard error ¹	March to April 2013	April 2012 to April 2013	March to April 2013	April 2012 to April 2013
	thousands (except rates)			change in thousands (except rates)		% change	
Newfoundland and Labrador							
Population	429.4	429.5	...	0.1	1.5	0.0	0.4
Labour force	268.0	265.0	2.0	-3.0	0.8	-1.1	0.3
Employment	235.1	232.1	2.1	-3.0	0.4	-1.3	0.2
Full-time	202.2	198.8	2.4	-3.4	-2.5	-1.7	-1.2
Part-time	32.9	33.3	1.9	0.4	3.0	1.2	9.9
Unemployment	32.9	32.9	1.8	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.2
Participation rate	62.4	61.7	0.5	-0.7	0.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.3	12.4	0.7	0.1	0.1	...	...
Employment rate	54.8	54.0	0.5	-0.8	-0.1	...	...
Prince Edward Island							
Population	120.6	120.7	...	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Labour force	85.4	85.2	0.6	-0.2	2.9	-0.2	3.5
Employment	75.0	75.3	0.7	0.3	2.2	0.4	3.0
Full-time	62.0	62.2	0.8	0.2	2.1	0.3	3.5
Part-time	13.0	13.1	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.8
Unemployment	10.3	9.9	0.7	-0.4	0.7	-3.9	7.6
Participation rate	70.8	70.6	0.5	-0.2	2.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.1	11.6	0.8	-0.5	0.4	...	...
Employment rate	62.2	62.4	0.5	0.2	1.7	...	...
Nova Scotia							
Population	781.0	781.1	...	0.1	1.1	0.0	0.1
Labour force	503.4	501.7	2.6	-1.7	1.9	-0.3	0.4
Employment	455.8	456.2	2.8	0.4	2.1	0.1	0.5
Full-time	368.4	372.0	3.6	3.6	2.7	1.0	0.7
Part-time	87.4	84.3	3.2	-3.1	-0.5	-3.5	-0.6
Unemployment	47.6	45.4	2.4	-2.2	-0.3	-4.6	-0.7
Participation rate	64.5	64.2	0.3	-0.3	0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.5	9.0	0.5	-0.5	-0.1	...	...
Employment rate	58.4	58.4	0.4	0.0	0.2	...	...
New Brunswick							
Population	619.8	619.9	...	0.1	-0.5	0.0	-0.1
Labour force	392.6	390.7	2.2	-1.9	0.1	-0.5	0.0
Employment	351.2	348.0	2.3	-3.2	-4.4	-0.9	-1.2
Full-time	294.9	292.3	2.8	-2.6	-6.5	-0.9	-2.2
Part-time	56.4	55.7	2.3	-0.7	2.1	-1.2	3.9
Unemployment	41.3	42.7	2.2	1.4	4.5	3.4	11.8
Participation rate	63.3	63.0	0.4	-0.3	0.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.5	10.9	0.5	0.4	1.1	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	56.1	0.4	-0.6	-0.7	...	...
Quebec							
Population	6,674.7	6,680.2	...	5.5	56.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	4,354.2	4,363.4	15.0	9.2	41.7	0.2	1.0
Employment	4,019.8	4,022.5	15.3	2.7	43.6	0.1	1.1
Full-time	3,268.2	3,265.0	20.0	-3.2	65.1	-0.1	2.0
Part-time	751.6	757.5	18.1	5.9	-21.5	0.8	-2.8
Unemployment	334.4	340.9	13.5	6.5	-1.8	1.9	-0.5
Participation rate	65.2	65.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.8	0.3	0.1	-0.1	...	...
Employment rate	60.2	60.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	...	...

Table 3 - continued
Labour force characteristics by province – Seasonally adjusted

	March 2013	April 2013	Standard error ¹	March to April 2013	April 2012 to April 2013	March to April 2013	April 2012 to April 2013
Ontario							
Population	11,159.5	11,173.8	...	14.3	131.9	0.1	1.2
Labour force	7,410.2	7,414.6	20.0	4.4	63.3	0.1	0.9
Employment	6,840.9	6,844.7	19.3	3.8	70.7	0.1	1.0
Full-time	5,508.3	5,525.9	25.6	17.6	23.1	0.3	0.4
Part-time	1,332.6	1,318.8	23.6	-13.8	47.6	-1.0	3.7
Unemployment	569.3	569.9	17.6	0.6	-7.4	0.1	-1.3
Participation rate	66.4	66.4	0.2	0.0	-0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.7	0.2	0.0	-0.2	...	...
Employment rate	61.3	61.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	...	...
Manitoba							
Population	969.8	971.1	...	1.3	9.4	0.1	1.0
Labour force	672.3	666.2	2.6	-6.1	1.1	-0.9	0.2
Employment	638.8	627.7	2.7	-11.1	-2.0	-1.7	-0.3
Full-time	511.1	503.7	3.6	-7.4	-3.7	-1.4	-0.7
Part-time	127.7	124.0	3.5	-3.7	1.8	-2.9	1.5
Unemployment	33.5	38.5	2.2	5.0	3.1	14.9	8.8
Participation rate	69.3	68.6	0.3	-0.7	-0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.0	5.8	0.3	0.8	0.5	...	...
Employment rate	65.9	64.6	0.3	-1.3	-0.9	...	...
Saskatchewan							
Population	820.6	821.9	...	1.3	14.2	0.2	1.8
Labour force	577.3	576.4	2.5	-0.9	12.0	-0.2	2.1
Employment	554.7	553.2	2.6	-1.5	16.4	-0.3	3.1
Full-time	458.1	453.9	3.3	-4.2	10.1	-0.9	2.3
Part-time	96.6	99.2	3.1	2.6	6.3	2.7	6.8
Unemployment	22.6	23.2	1.9	0.6	-4.5	2.7	-16.2
Participation rate	70.4	70.1	0.3	-0.3	0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.0	0.3	0.1	-0.9	...	...
Employment rate	67.6	67.3	0.3	-0.3	0.8	...	...
Alberta							
Population	3,135.3	3,145.7	...	10.4	95.2	0.3	3.1
Labour force	2,277.5	2,282.1	8.7	4.6	30.1	0.2	1.3
Employment	2,167.9	2,182.7	8.9	14.8	40.1	0.7	1.9
Full-time	1,843.4	1,862.4	11.8	19.0	83.0	1.0	4.7
Part-time	324.5	320.3	10.9	-4.2	-42.9	-1.3	-11.8
Unemployment	109.6	99.4	6.8	-10.2	-10.0	-9.3	-9.1
Participation rate	72.6	72.5	0.3	-0.1	-1.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.4	0.3	-0.4	-0.5	...	...
Employment rate	69.1	69.4	0.3	0.3	-0.8	...	...
British Columbia							
Population	3,840.5	3,844.7	...	4.2	37.5	0.1	1.0
Labour force	2,475.7	2,471.0	10.7	-4.7	-3.1	-0.2	-0.1
Employment	2,302.6	2,312.1	10.3	9.5	-6.6	0.4	-0.3
Full-time	1,802.4	1,818.9	14.5	16.5	10.8	0.9	0.6
Part-time	500.2	493.2	13.6	-7.0	-17.4	-1.4	-3.4
Unemployment	173.1	158.8	8.6	-14.3	3.4	-8.3	2.2
Participation rate	64.5	64.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.7
Unemployment rate	7.0	6.4	0.3	-0.6	0.1
Employment rate	60.0	60.1	0.3	0.1	-0.8

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Available in CANSIM: tables 282-0001 to 282-0042, 282-0047 to 282-0051, 282-0054, 282-0055, 282-0060 to 282-0063, 282-0069 to 282-0089, 282-0092 to 282-0095, 282-0100 to 282-0121 and 282-0200 to 282-0219.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3701.

A more detailed summary, *Labour Force Information* (71-001-X), is now available online for the week ending April 20. From the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*, choose *All subjects*, then *Labour*.

[Data tables](#) are also now available online. From the *Browse by subject* module of our website, choose *Labour*.

The next release of the Labour Force Survey will be on June 7.

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