

Labour Force Survey, January 2014

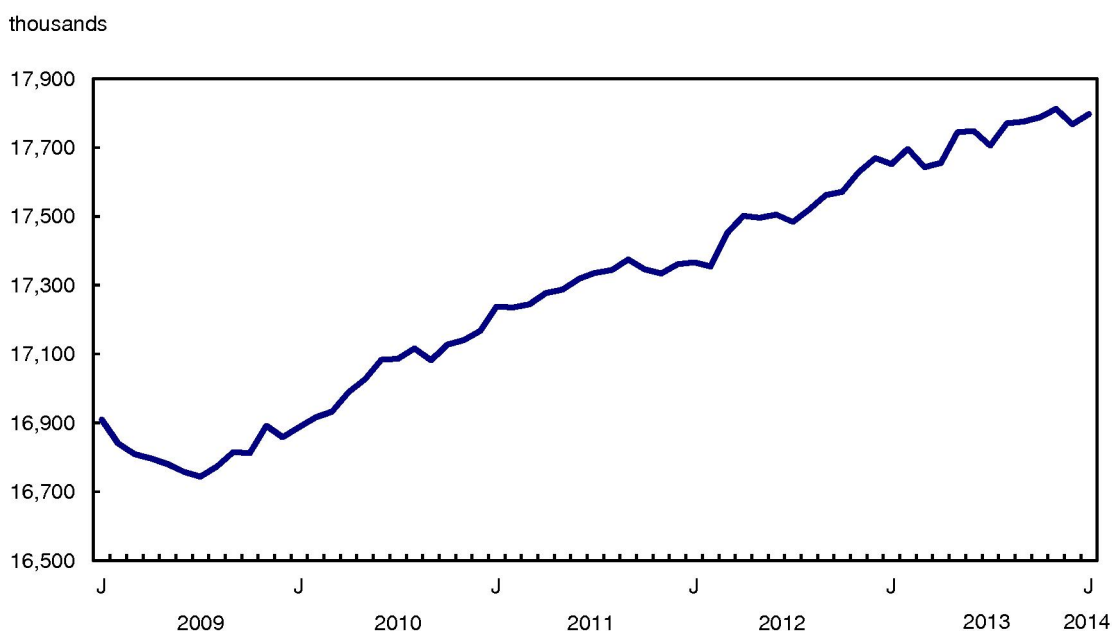
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Employment rose by 29,000 in January, the result of an increase in full-time work. The unemployment rate declined 0.2 percentage points to 7.0%.

Over the past 12 months, employment increased 0.8% or 146,000 and the number of hours worked rose 0.7%.

During the same period, the employment rate fell 0.3 percentage points to 61.6% as employment grew at a slower pace than the population.

Chart 1 Employment



In January, employment increased in transportation and warehousing, while it declined in business, building and other support services as well as public administration.

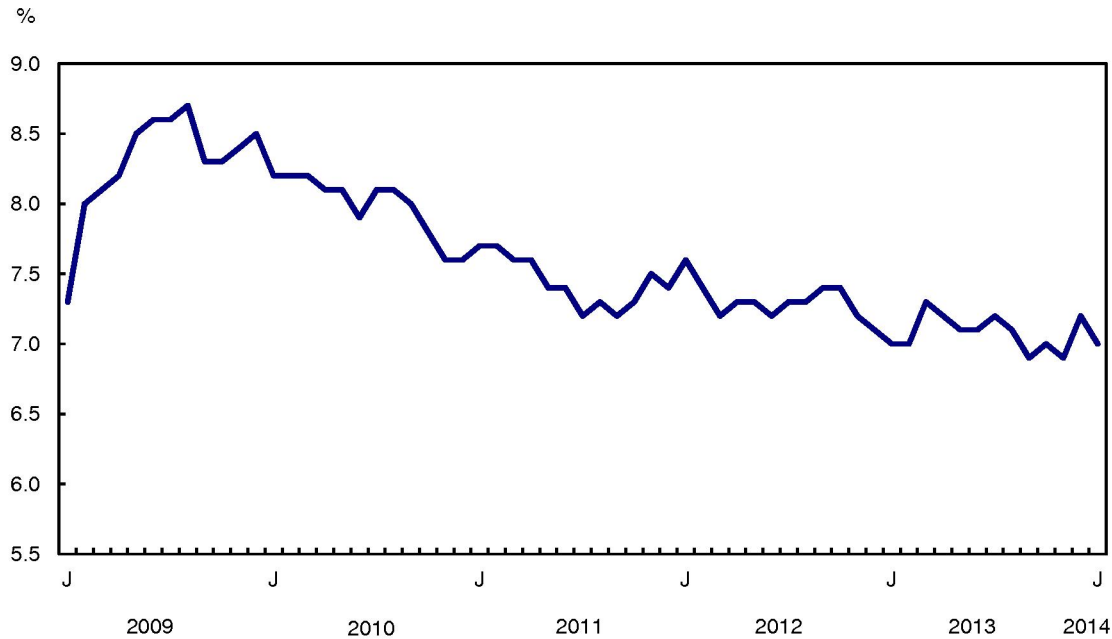
The number of self-employed workers rose in January. However, compared with 12 months earlier, all the employment gains were among private sector employees, as there was little change in self-employment and public sector employment.

Employment increased in Prince Edward Island, while it fell in New Brunswick and was little changed in the other provinces.

There were more men aged 25 and over working in January, while employment was virtually unchanged among women and youths.



Chart 2
Unemployment rate



Industry perspective

In January, there were 15,000 more people employed in transportation and warehousing. Despite this increase, employment in this industry was similar to what it was in January 2013.

The number of people working in business, building and other support services fell by 25,000, bringing employment in this industry back to a level similar to that of 12 months earlier.

There were 16,000 fewer employees in public administration in January. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment in public administration was down 58,000 (-5.9%), making it the only industry with an employment decline over the period.

Over the past 12 months, most of the employment gains were recorded in five industries: professional, scientific and technical services; finance, insurance and real estate and leasing; health care and social assistance; utilities; and natural resources.

Provincial employment

Employment in Prince Edward Island rose by 1,000 in January, and the unemployment rate was 11.3%. On a year-over-year basis, both the employment level and the unemployment rate were virtually unchanged.

The number of people working in New Brunswick fell by 2,400 in January, leaving employment at about the same level as that of 12 months earlier. The unemployment rate in this province was 9.9% in January, down 1.3 percentage points from January 2013, as fewer people searched for work.

Although employment was little changed in Ontario, the unemployment rate fell 0.4 percentage points to 7.5% as fewer people looked for work. On a year-over-year basis, employment in the province rose by 54,000 or 0.8%, the same growth rate as the national average.

In Alberta, employment was virtually unchanged in January. Compared with 12 months earlier, however, employment was up 70,000 (+3.2%), accounting for nearly half of the national gains of 146,000.

Employment gains among men aged 25 and over

For men aged 25 to 54, employment rose by 24,000 in January, and the unemployment rate declined by 0.3 percentage points to 6.1%. Compared with 12 months earlier, employment for this group was little changed.

For men aged 55 and over, employment increased 18,000 and the unemployment rate fell by 0.4 percentage points to 6.3%. On a year-over-year basis, employment for this group was up 69,000 (+3.8%), mostly as a result of population aging.

Among women aged 25 to 54 and those 55 and over, employment was little changed in January. Compared with January 2013, employment was little changed among women 25 to 54, while it increased by 77,000 or 5.1% for women 55 and over, partly as a result of population aging.

In January, youths aged 15 to 24 saw little change in employment, and their unemployment rate was 13.9%. On a year-over-year basis, youth employment was down 29,000 or 1.2%.

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 "Data quality" section of the publication Labour Force Information (71-001-X).

This analysis focuses on differences between estimates that are statistically significant at the 68% confidence level.

*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, youths 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.

Annual revision

Seasonally adjusted estimates from the LFS were revised using the latest seasonal factors, going back three years (January 2011 onwards). The revised estimates have been available on CANSIM (tables 282-0087 to 282-0094, 282-0100, 282-0116 and 282-0117) since January 31, 2014.

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

	December 2013	January 2014	Standard error ¹	December 2013 to January 2014	January 2013 to January 2014	December 2013 to January 2014	January 2013 to January 2014
	thousands (except rates)			change in thousands (except rates)		% change	
Both sexes, 15 years and over							
Population	28,843.7	28,870.4	...	26.7	369.2	0.1	1.3
Labour force	19,151.4	19,130.5	29.1	-20.9	160.1	-0.1	0.8
Employment	17,767.9	17,797.3	28.9	29.4	145.9	0.2	0.8
Full-time	14,374.2	14,424.7	39.2	50.5	70.5	0.4	0.5
Part-time	3,393.7	3,372.6	36.1	-21.1	75.4	-0.6	2.3
Unemployment	1,383.5	1,333.2	24.9	-50.3	14.1	-3.6	1.1
Participation rate	66.4	66.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.0	0.1	-0.2	0.0	...	...
Employment rate	61.6	61.6	0.1	0.0	-0.3	...	...
Part-time rate	19.1	19.0	0.2	-0.1	0.3	...	...
Youths, 15 to 24 years							
Population	4,439.9	4,436.8	...	-3.1	-17.9	-0.1	-0.4
Labour force	2,816.1	2,815.1	17.2	-1.0	-20.9	0.0	-0.7
Employment	2,421.9	2,423.4	15.8	1.5	-29.4	0.1	-1.2
Full-time	1,249.4	1,242.8	18.6	-6.6	-67.4	-0.5	-5.1
Part-time	1,172.5	1,180.6	19.7	8.1	38.0	0.7	3.3
Unemployment	394.3	391.7	14.6	-2.6	8.5	-0.7	2.2
Participation rate	63.4	63.4	0.4	0.0	-0.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.0	13.9	0.5	-0.1	0.4	...	...
Employment rate	54.5	54.6	0.4	0.1	-0.5	...	...
Part-time rate	48.4	48.7	0.7	0.3	2.1	...	...
Men, 25 years and over							
Population	11,951.2	11,966.6	...	15.4	195.9	0.1	1.7
Labour force	8,638.2	8,654.7	15.1	16.5	109.4	0.2	1.3
Employment	8,082.3	8,124.1	16.4	41.8	100.8	0.5	1.3
Full-time	7,441.1	7,486.2	22.0	45.1	66.5	0.6	0.9
Part-time	641.2	637.8	18.0	-3.4	34.3	-0.5	5.7
Unemployment	555.8	530.7	14.5	-25.1	8.7	-4.5	1.7
Participation rate	72.3	72.3	0.1	0.0	-0.3	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.1	0.2	-0.3	0.0	...	...
Employment rate	67.6	67.9	0.1	0.3	-0.3	...	...
Part-time rate	7.9	7.9	0.2	0.0	0.4	...	...
Women, 25 years and over							
Population	12,452.6	12,467.0	...	14.4	191.2	0.1	1.6
Labour force	7,697.1	7,660.7	16.6	-36.4	71.6	-0.5	0.9
Employment	7,263.8	7,249.9	16.4	-13.9	74.6	-0.2	1.0
Full-time	5,683.7	5,695.7	25.7	12.0	71.5	0.2	1.3
Part-time	1,580.1	1,554.1	24.0	-26.0	3.0	-1.6	0.2
Unemployment	433.3	410.8	13.3	-22.5	-3.0	-5.2	-0.7
Participation rate	61.8	61.4	0.1	-0.4	-0.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.1
Employment rate	58.3	58.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.3
Part-time rate	21.8	21.4	0.3	-0.4	-0.2

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

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0087. The sum of individual categories may not always add up to the total as a result of rounding.

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

	December 2013	January 2014	Standard error ²	December 2013 to January 2014	January 2013 to January 2014	December 2013 to January 2014	January 2013 to January 2014
	thousands			change in thousands		% change	
Class of worker							
Employees	15,099.7	15,100.8	35.7	1.1	138.2	0.0	0.9
Self-employed	2,668.2	2,696.5	25.5	28.3	7.8	1.1	0.3
Public/private sector employees							
Public	3,622.3	3,637.0	25.0	14.7	19.5	0.4	0.5
Private	11,477.4	11,463.8	37.9	-13.6	118.6	-0.1	1.0
All industries	17,767.9	17,797.3	28.9	29.4	145.9	0.2	0.8
Goods-producing sector	3,874.1	3,877.7	26.3	3.6	15.2	0.1	0.4
Agriculture	299.3	302.8	7.5	3.5	-12.2	1.2	-3.9
Natural resources ³	377.7	376.6	7.4	-1.1	19.7	-0.3	5.5
Utilities	157.2	158.6	5.4	1.4	24.0	0.9	17.8
Construction	1,294.4	1,301.1	17.7	6.7	5.4	0.5	0.4
Manufacturing	1,745.5	1,738.7	19.6	-6.8	-21.6	-0.4	-1.2
Services-producing sector	13,893.8	13,919.6	34.4	25.8	130.8	0.2	0.9
Trade	2,696.3	2,686.7	24.5	-9.6	-6.0	-0.4	-0.2
Transportation and warehousing	868.9	884.1	14.2	15.2	20.7	1.7	2.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,134.2	1,148.8	16.8	14.6	38.6	1.3	3.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,368.8	1,385.4	18.6	16.6	80.1	1.2	6.1
Business, building and other support services	715.7	690.3	14.4	-25.4	-7.5	-3.5	-1.1
Educational services	1,279.7	1,291.2	16.2	11.5	-1.4	0.9	-0.1
Health care and social assistance	2,204.6	2,221.5	19.5	16.9	56.3	0.8	2.6
Information, culture and recreation	806.0	793.7	14.8	-12.3	5.0	-1.5	0.6
Accommodation and food services	1,132.4	1,149.4	17.2	17.0	25.7	1.5	2.3
Other services	760.9	758.1	13.8	-2.8	-23.2	-0.4	-3.0
Public administration	926.3	910.3	13.0	-16.0	-57.5	-1.7	-5.9

1. North American Industry Classification System.

2. Average standard error for change in two consecutive months. See "Sampling variability of estimates" 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. The sum of individual categories may not always add up to the total as a result of rounding.

Table 3
Labour force characteristics by province – Seasonally adjusted

	December 2013	January 2014	Standard error ¹	December 2013 to January 2014	January 2013 to January 2014	December 2013 to January 2014	January 2013 to January 2014
	thousands (except rates)			change in thousands (except rates)		% change	
Newfoundland and Labrador							
Population	429.6	429.4	...	-0.2	0.8	0.0	0.2
Labour force	262.4	264.4	1.9	2.0	-0.3	0.8	-0.1
Employment	234.0	232.7	2.0	-1.3	-1.1	-0.6	-0.5
Full-time	198.8	196.7	2.4	-2.1	-4.6	-1.1	-2.3
Part-time	35.1	36.0	1.9	0.9	3.4	2.6	10.4
Unemployment	28.4	31.8	1.8	3.4	0.9	12.0	2.9
Participation rate	61.1	61.6	0.4	0.5	-0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.8	12.0	0.6	1.2	0.3	...	...
Employment rate	54.5	54.2	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	...	...
Prince Edward Island							
Population	121.0	121.1	...	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.4
Labour force	83.3	84.1	0.6	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.4
Employment	73.6	74.6	0.7	1.0	0.6	1.4	0.8
Full-time	61.8	61.9	0.9	0.1	1.3	0.2	2.1
Part-time	11.8	12.7	0.7	0.9	-0.7	7.6	-5.2
Unemployment	9.7	9.5	0.7	-0.2	-0.3	-2.1	-3.1
Participation rate	68.8	69.4	0.5	0.6	-0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	11.6	11.3	0.8	-0.3	-0.4	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	61.6	0.6	0.8	0.2	...	...
Nova Scotia							
Population	781.5	781.6	...	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.1
Labour force	494.9	489.9	2.6	-5.0	-9.3	-1.0	-1.9
Employment	449.5	447.8	2.6	-1.7	-3.2	-0.4	-0.7
Full-time	359.9	359.3	3.5	-0.6	-5.4	-0.2	-1.5
Part-time	89.6	88.5	3.2	-1.1	2.2	-1.2	2.5
Unemployment	45.4	42.2	2.4	-3.2	-6.0	-7.0	-12.4
Participation rate	63.3	62.7	0.3	-0.6	-1.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.2	8.6	0.5	-0.6	-1.1	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	57.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	...	...
New Brunswick							
Population	619.9	620.0	...	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Labour force	391.7	389.7	2.2	-2.0	-5.2	-0.5	-1.3
Employment	353.7	351.3	2.4	-2.4	0.7	-0.7	0.2
Full-time	296.1	299.3	3.0	3.2	6.2	1.1	2.1
Part-time	57.6	52.0	2.6	-5.6	-5.5	-9.7	-9.6
Unemployment	38.0	38.4	2.3	0.4	-6.0	1.1	-13.5
Participation rate	63.2	62.9	0.4	-0.3	-0.8	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.7	9.9	0.6	0.2	-1.3	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	56.7	0.4	-0.4	0.2	...	...
Quebec							
Population	6,714.0	6,716.9	...	2.9	48.6	0.0	0.7
Labour force	4,384.0	4,384.9	15.1	0.9	27.5	0.0	0.6
Employment	4,045.5	4,058.2	15.2	12.7	10.0	0.3	0.2
Full-time	3,239.9	3,239.2	20.0	-0.7	-66.8	0.0	-2.0
Part-time	805.5	819.0	18.3	13.5	76.8	1.7	10.3
Unemployment	338.6	326.7	13.2	-11.9	17.5	-3.5	5.7
Participation rate	65.3	65.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.5	0.3	-0.2	0.4	...	...
Employment rate	60.3	60.4	0.2	0.1	-0.3	...	...

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

	December 2013	January 2014	Standard error ¹	December 2013 to January 2014	January 2013 to January 2014	December 2013 to January 2014	January 2013 to January 2014
Ontario							
Population	11,267.6	11,278.4	...	10.8	138.4	0.1	1.2
Labour force	7,466.3	7,438.2	19.8	-28.1	46.4	-0.4	0.6
Employment	6,876.8	6,882.8	19.0	6.0	53.8	0.1	0.8
Full-time	5,577.5	5,600.6	26.6	23.1	90.5	0.4	1.6
Part-time	1,299.2	1,282.2	24.6	-17.0	-36.8	-1.3	-2.8
Unemployment	589.5	555.4	17.2	-34.1	-7.4	-5.8	-1.3
Participation rate	66.3	66.0	0.2	-0.3	-0.4	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.9	7.5	0.2	-0.4	-0.1	...	...
Employment rate	61.0	61.0	0.2	0.0	-0.3	...	...
Manitoba							
Population	978.9	979.9	...	1.0	11.6	0.1	1.2
Labour force	667.5	670.8	2.7	3.3	-2.5	0.5	-0.4
Employment	630.5	633.1	2.7	2.6	-6.7	0.4	-1.0
Full-time	510.3	514.9	3.7	4.6	0.0	0.9	0.0
Part-time	120.1	118.1	3.5	-2.0	-6.8	-1.7	-5.4
Unemployment	37.0	37.7	2.1	0.7	4.1	1.9	12.2
Participation rate	68.2	68.5	0.3	0.3	-1.0	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.6	0.3	0.1	0.6	...	...
Employment rate	64.4	64.6	0.3	0.2	-1.5	...	...
Saskatchewan							
Population	834.2	835.3	...	1.1	16.5	0.1	2.0
Labour force	580.4	581.6	2.5	1.2	7.1	0.2	1.2
Employment	558.0	556.8	2.6	-1.2	5.3	-0.2	1.0
Full-time	457.5	462.3	3.4	4.8	9.2	1.0	2.0
Part-time	100.5	94.5	3.1	-6.0	-3.9	-6.0	-4.0
Unemployment	22.4	24.8	1.8	2.4	1.8	10.7	7.8
Participation rate	69.6	69.6	0.3	0.0	-0.6	...	...
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	...	...
Employment rate	66.9	66.7	0.3	-0.2	-0.7	...	...
Alberta							
Population	3,222.3	3,230.0	...	7.7	108.3	0.2	3.5
Labour force	2,349.0	2,351.5	9.3	2.5	75.9	0.1	3.3
Employment	2,236.7	2,243.3	9.9	6.6	69.6	0.3	3.2
Full-time	1,873.6	1,882.9	12.6	9.3	47.6	0.5	2.6
Part-time	363.1	360.3	11.2	-2.8	21.8	-0.8	6.4
Unemployment	112.2	108.2	7.1	-4.0	6.3	-3.6	6.2
Participation rate	72.9	72.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.6	0.3	-0.2	0.1	...	...
Employment rate	69.4	69.5	0.3	0.1	-0.1	...	...
British Columbia							
Population	3,874.8	3,877.9	...	3.1	43.9	0.1	1.1
Labour force	2,472.0	2,475.3	10.5	3.3	20.3	0.1	0.8
Employment	2,309.7	2,316.8	10.4	7.1	17.1	0.3	0.7
Full-time	1,798.6	1,807.7	14.6	9.1	-7.5	0.5	-0.4
Part-time	511.1	509.1	13.8	-2.0	24.6	-0.4	5.1
Unemployment	162.3	158.5	8.6	-3.8	3.2	-2.3	2.1
Participation rate	63.8	63.8	0.3	0.0	-0.2	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.6	6.4	0.3	-0.2	0.1
Employment rate	59.6	59.7	0.3	0.1	-0.3

... not applicable

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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 282-0225.

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 January 18. 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 March 7.

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