

Building permits, October 2023

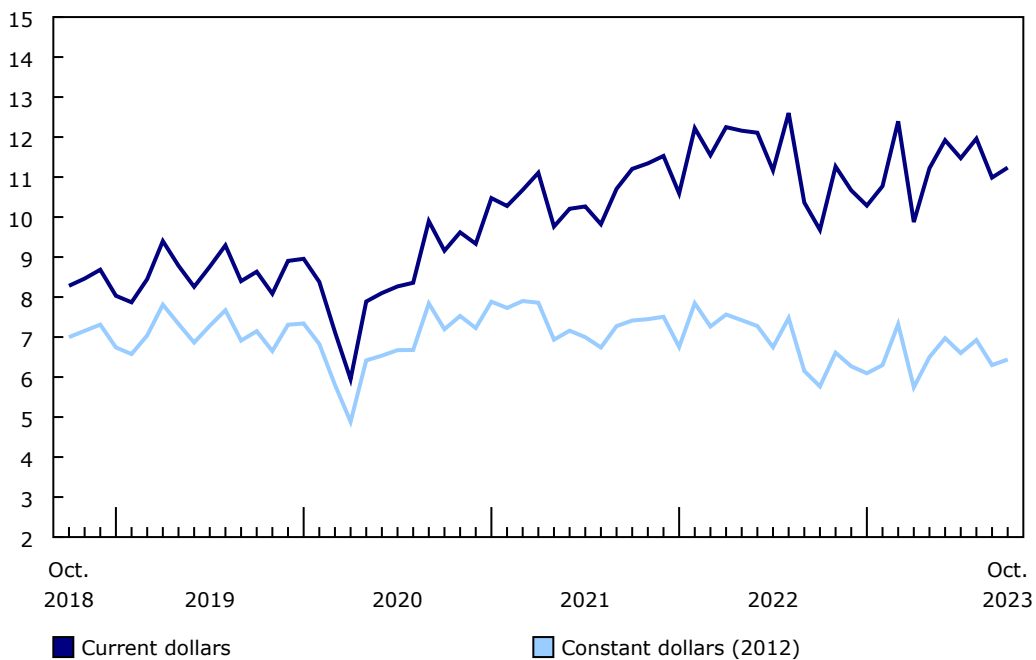
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The total value of building permits in Canada increased 2.3% from September to \$11.2 billion in October, led by gains in the non-residential sector.

On a constant dollar basis (2012=100), the total value of building permits was up 2.2% to \$6.4 billion in October.

Chart 1
Total value of building permits, seasonally adjusted

billions of dollars



Source(s): Table 34-10-0066-01.

Infographic 1 – Building permits, October 2023

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Figure 1 Month-to-month change in total value of building permits (seasonally adjusted)

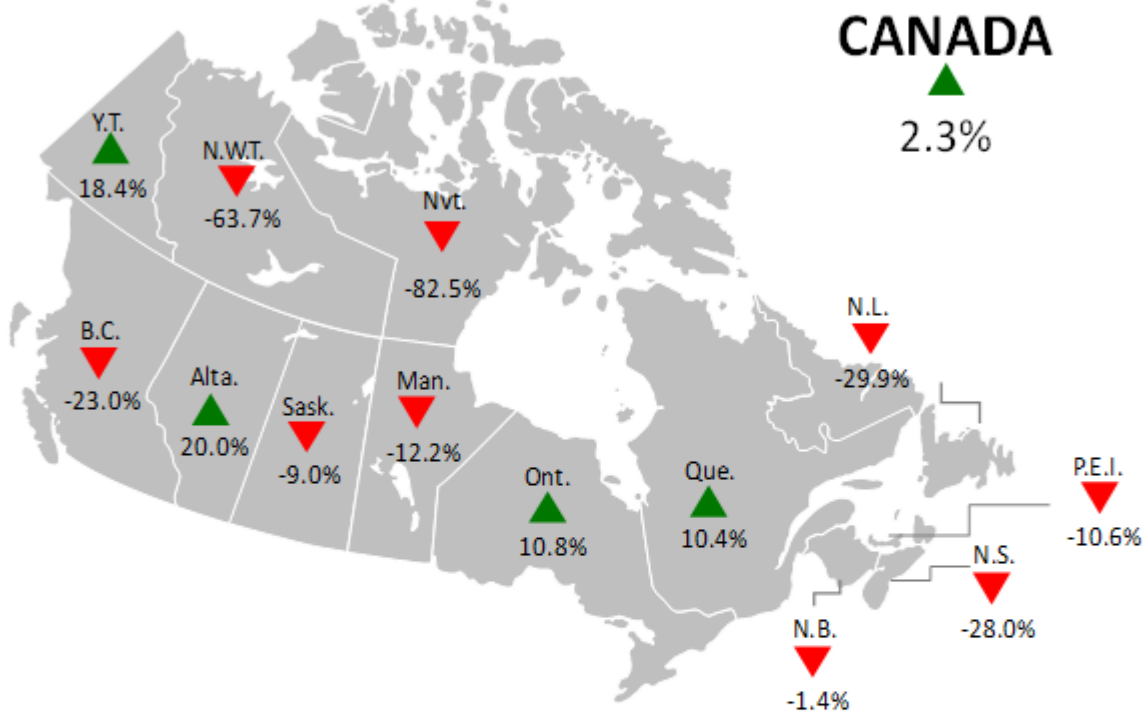
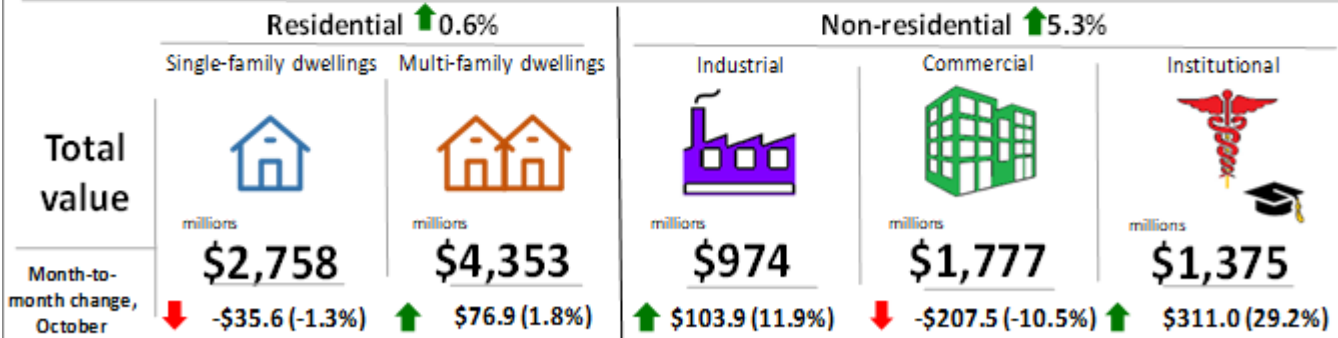


Figure 2 Building permits for residential and non-residential construction in Canada (seasonally adjusted)



Source: Table 34-10-0066-01—Building permits, by type of structure and type of work.



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Institutional projects lead non-residential construction intention gains

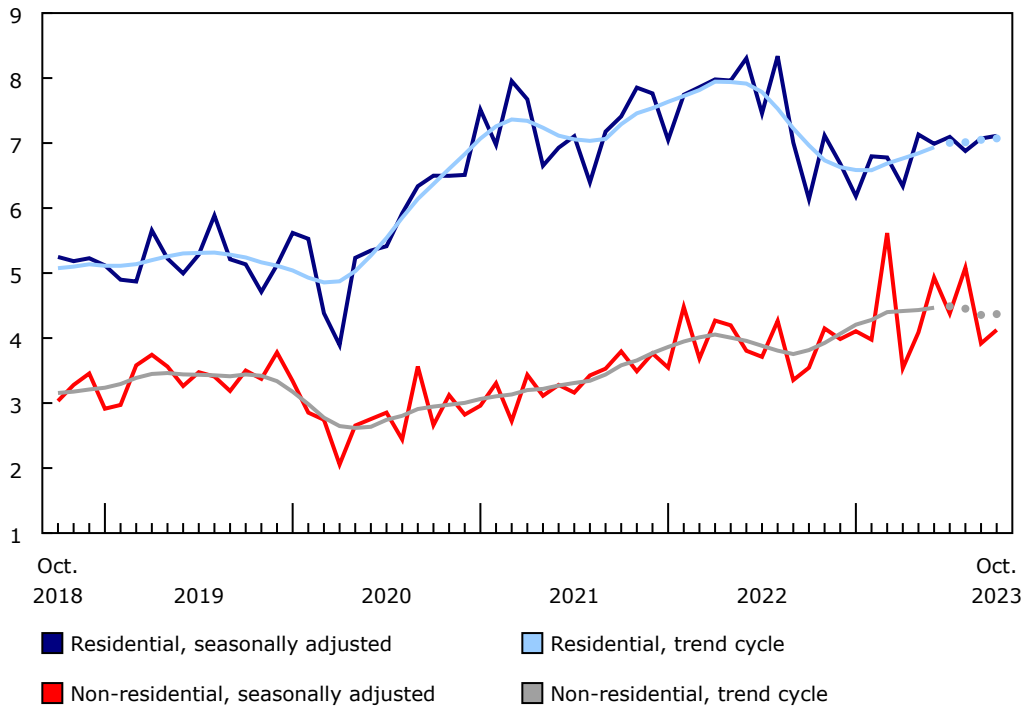
The total value of non-residential sector permits increased 5.3% to \$4.1 billion in October, with gains being concentrated in Ontario (+16.0% to \$2.0 billion). This was attributable to a significant increase in construction intentions in the institutional component (+29.2% to \$1.4 billion). In October, the largest permit issued was for the construction of a new hospital wing in Toronto.

Construction intentions in the industrial component (+11.9% to \$973.8 million) also saw gains in October, while the commercial component (-10.5% to \$1.8 billion) posted its second consecutive monthly decline.

Permit values in the commercial component have been trending down since the record high of \$2.9 billion in March. Year over year, the value of commercial permits issued in October (\$1.8 billion) was 11.9% less than the value of those issued in October 2022 (\$2.0 billion).

Chart 2
Value of building permits for the residential and non-residential sectors

billions of dollars



Note(s): The higher variability associated with the trend-cycle estimates is indicated with a dotted line on the chart for the current reference month and the previous three months. For more information, see the Note to readers.
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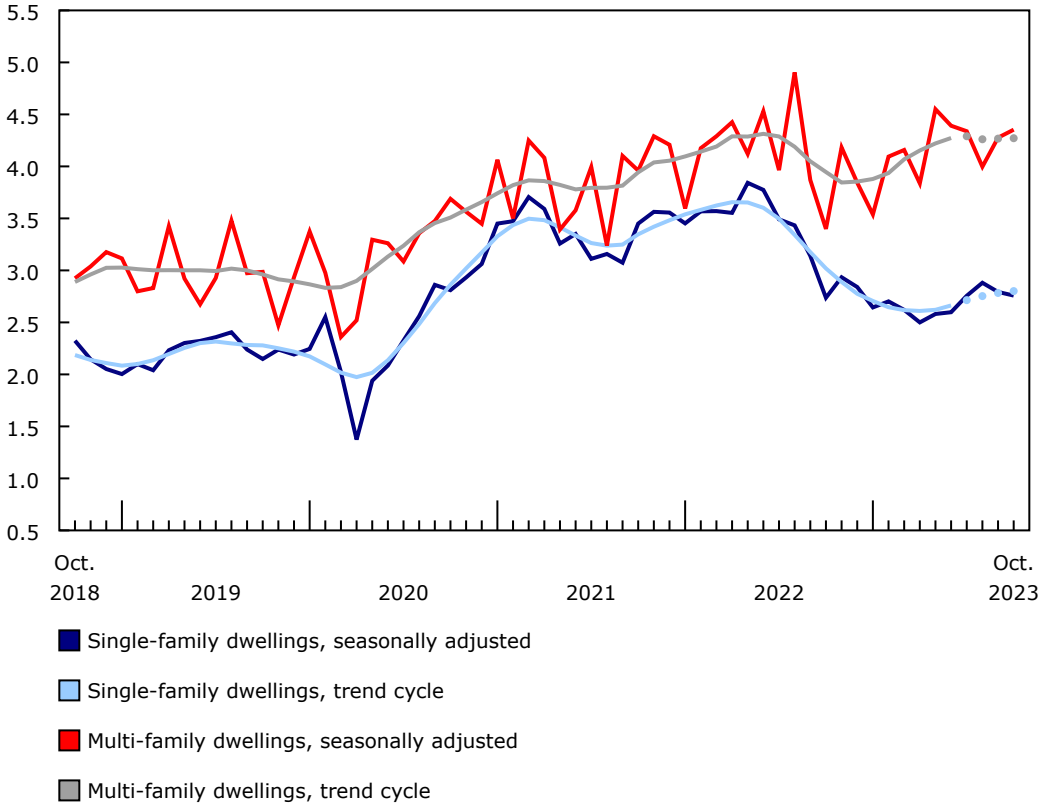
Total value of residential permits relatively unchanged compared with previous month

The total monthly value of residential building permits edged up 0.6% to \$7.1 billion in October, following a 2.8% gain in September. In October, gains in residential permit values for Ontario (+7.4% or +\$199.9 million), Alberta (+14.8% or +\$125.5 million) and Quebec (+7.0% or +\$89.0 million) offset declines in the remaining seven provinces. Year-over-year residential construction intentions were up 16.1% in October compared with October 2022.

Across Canada, 18,100 new dwellings in multi-unit buildings and 4,600 new single-family dwellings were authorized.

Chart 3
Value of building permits for the single-family and multi-family components

billions of dollars



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To explore data using an interactive user interface, visit the [Building permits: Interactive Dashboard](#).

For more information on construction, please visit the [Construction statistics](#) portal.

For more information on housing, please visit the [Housing statistics](#) portal.

Statistics Canada has a [Housing Market Indicators](#) dashboard. This web application provides access to key housing market indicators for Canada, by province and by census metropolitan area. The indicators are updated automatically with new information from monthly releases, giving users access to the latest data.

Note to readers

Unless otherwise stated, this release presents seasonally adjusted data with current dollar values, which facilitate month-to-month and quarter-to-quarter comparisons by removing the effects of seasonal variations. For information on seasonal adjustment, see [Seasonally adjusted data – Frequently asked questions](#).

Building components

- **Single-family dwellings:** Residential buildings containing only one dwelling unit (e.g., single-detached house, bungalow, linked home [linked at the foundation]).
- **Multi-family dwellings:** Residential buildings containing multiple dwelling units (e.g., apartment, apartment condominium, row house, semi-detached house).
- **Industrial buildings:** Buildings used in the processing or production of goods or related to transportation and communication.
- **Commercial buildings:** Buildings used in the trade or distribution of goods and services, including office buildings.
- **Institutional and government buildings:** Buildings used to house public and semi-public services, such as those related to health and welfare, education or public administration, and buildings used for religious services.

Revision

Data are subject to revisions based on late responses, methodological changes and classification updates. Unadjusted data have been revised for the previous month. Seasonally adjusted data have been revised for the previous three months.

For information on trend-cycle data, see the page [Trend-cycle estimates – Frequently asked questions](#).

Next release

Data on building permits for November will be released on January 9, 2024.

Table 1
Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, Canada – Seasonally adjusted

	October 2022	August 2023 ^r	September 2023 ^r	October 2023 ^p	September to October 2023	October 2022 to October 2023
	millions of dollars				% change	
Total	9,680.1	11,961.1	10,987.0	11,235.8	2.3	16.1
Residential	6,135.9	6,878.3	7,069.6	7,110.8	0.6	15.9
Single ¹	2,736.7	2,881.4	2,793.5	2,757.9	-1.3	0.8
Multiple	3,399.2	3,996.9	4,276.1	4,353.0	1.8	28.1
Non-residential	3,544.2	5,082.9	3,917.5	4,125.0	5.3	16.4
Industrial	850.9	887.1	869.9	973.8	11.9	14.5
Commercial	2,017.4	2,096.8	1,984.0	1,776.6	-10.5	-11.9
Institutional	675.9	2,099.0	1,063.6	1,374.6	29.2	103.4
	number of units				% change	
Total dwellings	19,515	20,514	21,764	22,738	4.5	16.5
Single ¹	4,840	4,561	4,590	4,621	0.7	-4.5
Multiple	14,675	15,953	17,175	18,117	5.5	23.5

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1. Included in this category are the following types of dwellings: single detached, mobile home and cottage.

Note(s): Data may not add up to totals as a result of rounding.

Source(s): Table [34-10-0066-02](#).

Table 2
Value of building permits, by province and territory – Seasonally adjusted

	October 2022	August 2023 ^r	September 2023 ^r	October 2023 ^p	September to October 2023	October 2022 to October 2023
	millions of dollars				% change	
Canada	9,680.1	11,961.1	10,987.0	11,235.8	2.3	16.1
Residential	6,135.9	6,878.3	7,069.6	7,110.8	0.6	15.9
Non-residential	3,544.2	5,082.9	3,917.5	4,125.0	5.3	16.4
Newfoundland and Labrador	30.4	44.1	56.3	39.4	-29.9	29.8
Residential	26.7	28.8	35.5	23.7	-33.3	-11.5
Non-residential	3.6	15.2	20.8	15.8	-24.2	333.0
Prince Edward Island	17.9	46.4	49.6	44.3	-10.6	147.2
Residential	15.1	29.5	37.1	31.3	-15.9	107.2
Non-residential	2.9	16.9	12.5	13.1	5.0	358.0
Nova Scotia	192.3	254.3	288.7	207.9	-28.0	8.1
Residential	130.9	180.4	197.0	155.9	-20.8	19.2
Non-residential	61.4	73.9	91.7	52.0	-43.3	-15.3
New Brunswick	148.7	185.9	131.6	129.8	-1.4	-12.7
Residential	100.9	121.1	90.3	75.7	-16.2	-25.0
Non-residential	47.8	64.7	41.3	54.1	31.0	13.3
Quebec	1,791.6	1,958.4	2,070.6	2,286.0	10.4	27.6
Residential	1,074.2	1,152.6	1,265.9	1,354.9	7.0	26.1
Non-residential	717.4	805.8	804.7	931.1	15.7	29.8
Ontario	3,635.3	5,368.0	4,393.1	4,866.7	10.8	33.9
Residential	2,166.4	2,988.8	2,686.1	2,886.0	7.4	33.2
Non-residential	1,468.9	2,379.1	1,707.0	1,980.6	16.0	34.8
Manitoba	309.0	352.4	319.2	280.2	-12.2	-9.3
Residential	183.0	199.3	203.5	162.9	-20.0	-11.0
Non-residential	126.0	153.2	115.7	117.4	1.5	-6.9
Saskatchewan	140.3	265.5	224.4	204.3	-9.0	45.6
Residential	77.3	125.0	106.6	91.0	-14.6	17.7
Non-residential	63.0	140.5	117.8	113.3	-3.8	79.9
Alberta	1,168.5	1,274.3	1,213.9	1,456.2	20.0	24.6
Residential	793.4	882.3	848.1	973.6	14.8	22.7
Non-residential	375.1	392.0	365.8	482.6	31.9	28.7
British Columbia	2,186.9	2,190.4	2,221.1	1,711.2	-23.0	-21.8
Residential	1,543.1	1,165.8	1,597.0	1,349.3	-15.5	-12.6
Non-residential	643.8	1,024.6	624.1	361.9	-42.0	-43.8
Yukon	27.8	13.9	5.2	6.1	18.4	-78.1
Residential	9.3	3.6	1.9	5.0	159.1	-46.1
Non-residential	18.6	10.3	3.2	1.1	-65.8	-94.1
Northwest Territories	14.8	0.2	6.9	2.5	-63.7	-83.1
Residential	12.7	0.0	0.4	1.5	225.3	-88.6
Non-residential	2.0	0.2	6.4	1.0	-83.7	-48.7
Nunavut	16.6	7.4	6.6	1.2	-82.5	-93.0
Residential	2.8	1.0	0.1	0.2	51.9	-92.8
Non-residential	13.8	6.4	6.5	1.0	-85.2	-93.0

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Table 3
Value of building permits, by census metropolitan area – Seasonally adjusted¹

	October 2022	August 2023 ^r	September 2023 ^r	October 2023 ^p	September to October 2023	October 2022 to October 2023
	millions of dollars				% change	
Total, census metropolitan areas	7,162.6	8,873.4	8,179.9	8,750.9	7.0	22.2
St. John's	17.6	31.6	40.3	23.1	-42.7	31.3
Halifax	124.1	155.5	191.4	149.1	-22.1	20.2
Moncton	49.7	45.9	38.6	41.0	6.3	-17.4
Saint John	23.8	22.3	24.5	17.3	-29.3	-27.1
Fredericton	21.6	46.0	26.5	23.9	-9.7	10.9
Saguenay	38.6	27.6	36.4	58.8	61.3	52.4
Québec	244.6	137.8	204.0	173.5	-15.0	-29.1
Sherbrooke	45.6	70.5	59.8	73.5	22.8	61.0
Trois-Rivières	41.6	91.7	80.2	75.4	-6.1	81.3
Drummondville	29.2	24.1	24.5	23.8	-2.8	-18.2
Montréal	688.4	966.1	1,026.0	1,035.8	1.0	50.5
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario and Quebec	366.3	279.5	251.4	683.0	171.7	86.5
Gatineau part	65.0	53.8	52.2	71.9	37.9	10.7
Ottawa part	301.3	225.7	199.2	611.1	206.8	102.8
Kingston	13.9	36.4	114.7	40.4	-64.8	191.3
Bellefleur–Quinte West	25.4	57.3	22.1	53.3	141.4	109.5
Peterborough	14.2	56.8	40.6	14.9	-63.2	5.2
Oshawa	164.0	217.0	92.0	168.3	82.8	2.6
Toronto	1,166.5	2,059.1	1,841.8	2,028.8	10.2	73.9
Hamilton	167.5	433.6	201.3	396.1	96.7	136.5
St. Catharines–Niagara	170.6	234.9	105.7	117.6	11.2	-31.1
Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo	213.6	186.4	244.4	201.6	-17.5	-5.6
Brantford	69.5	35.3	52.0	69.0	32.7	-0.7
Guelph	31.4	97.3	59.0	93.4	58.4	197.5
London	140.4	114.5	143.4	193.4	34.8	37.8
Windsor	65.1	130.6	74.0	65.0	-12.2	-0.1
Barrie	219.5	87.7	56.7	59.0	4.1	-73.1
Greater Sudbury	11.8	29.2 ^E	24.0 ^E	21.8 ^E	-9.2	84.9
Thunder Bay	18.9	185.5	15.1	25.8	70.5	36.0
Winnipeg	224.3	190.4	208.2	177.0	-15.0	-21.1
Regina	27.9	89.9	55.6	37.1	-33.2	33.2
Saskatoon	79.1	102.6	98.3	103.7	5.5	31.2
Lethbridge	16.3	25.8	25.4	22.3	-12.3	36.3
Calgary	552.9	687.0	612.0	774.3	26.5	40.0
Red Deer	5.3	16.5	5.2	3.3	-36.2	-37.0
Edmonton	359.8	369.1	411.2	425.7	3.5	18.3
Kelowna	102.9	262.7	295.4	195.1	-34.0	89.6
Kamloops	39.9	13.3	10.0	6.4 ^E	-36.2	-84.0
Chilliwack	15.0	16.5	26.1	10.5	-59.9	-30.2
Abbotsford–Mission	58.5	88.1	68.1	27.6	-59.4	-52.8
Vancouver	1,452.5	1,180.7	1,164.6	968.2	-16.9	-33.3
Victoria	155.9	87.1	201.3	141.1	-29.9	-9.5
Nanaimo	21.0	26.5	33.5	27.6	-17.5	31.9

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1. Go online to view the census subdivisions that make up the [census metropolitan areas](#).

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Source(s): Table [34-10-0066-01](#).

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