

Labor Market Review

Statistical data report for December 2010, Released February 2011

Economic Growth Region 1

Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

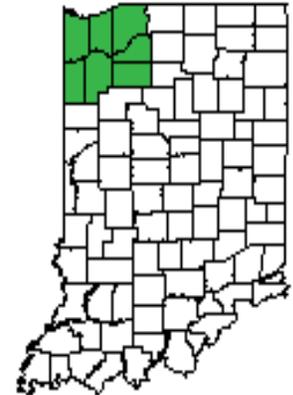
Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in December. Twenty states recorded unemployment rate increases, 15 states and the District of Columbia registered rate decreases, and 15 states had no rate change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported. Thirty-one states and the District of Columbia posted unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, 16 states reported increases and three states had no change. The national jobless rate fell by 0.4 percentage point between November and December to 9.4 percent, 0.5 percent lower than in December 2009.

Regional and State Unemployment

Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted), December 2010

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Dec 2010 Rate	Nov 2010 Rate	Dec 2009 Rate
U.S.	153,156,000	139,159,000	13,997,000	9.1%	9.3%	9.7%
IN	3,111,772	2,827,319	284,453	9.1%	9.4%	9.7%
Gary Metro Div	319,341	289,067	30,274	9.5%	9.6%	10.0%
MichCity-LaP MSA	50,719	45,378	5,341	10.5%	10.7%	11.8%
EGR 1	387,610	350,239	37,371	9.6%	9.8%	10.3%
Lake County	217,728	196,006	21,722	10.0%	10.2%	10.3%
Porter County	80,025	73,509	6,516	8.1%	8.2%	9.0%
LaPorte County	50,719	45,378	5,341	10.5%	10.7%	11.8%
Newton County	6,618	5,980	638	9.6%	9.5%	11.7%
Jasper County	14,969	13,572	1,397	9.3%	9.0%	10.6%
Starke County	10,723	9,516	1,207	11.3%	11.3%	12.6%
Pulaski County	6,828	6,278	550	8.1%	8.1%	9.4%
Gary	33,591	29,858	3,733	11.1%	12.2%	11.5%
Hammond	31,920	28,476	3,444	10.8%	11.2%	11.6%
East Chicago	9,903	8,585	1,318	13.3%	14.2%	12.8%
Hobart	13,446	12,036	1,410	10.5%	10.2%	11.9%
Merrillville	16,364	14,735	1,629	10.0%	10.0%	9.6%
Michigan City	13,930	12,373	1,557	11.2%	11.7%	12.1%
Portage	17,686	16,012	1,674	9.5%	9.8%	10.5%
Schererville	15,211	14,035	1,176	7.7%	8.0%	7.4%
Valparaiso	15,039	13,869	1,170	7.8%	7.9%	8.4%
Crown Point	11,380	10,243	1,137	10.0%	9.5%	10.2%
LaPorte City	10,016	8,947	1,069	10.7%	11.6%	11.9%

Economic Growth Region (EGR) 1 includes Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke and Pulaski Counties.



U.S., Indiana, and Surrounding States Unemployment, Dec. 2010 (Seasonally Adjusted)

State	Rate
U.S.	9.4%
Illinois	9.3%
Indiana	9.5%
Kentucky	10.3%
Michigan	11.7%
Ohio	9.6%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment Rate Ranking (High to Low)

Rank	County	Rate
7	STARKE	11.3%
18	LAPORTE	10.5%
29	LAKE	10.0%
41	NEWTON	9.6%
49	JASPER	9.3%
73	PULASKI	8.1%
72	PORTER	8.1%

State Release Date: 1/25/11

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to December 2010 from:

CPI Item	Dec 09		Nov 10	
	Midwest Region*		U.S. City	
<i>All Items</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>1.5%</i>	<i>0.2%</i>
Food & Beverages	1.4%	0.3%	1.5%	0.1%
Housing	0.7%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%
Apparel	-0.6%	-2.5%	-1.1%	-2.8%
Transportation	5.4%	1.3%	5.3%	1.3%
Medical Care	3.1%	0.0%	3.3%	0.1%
Recreation	0.2%	-0.1%	-0.8%	-0.4%
Education & Communication	1.3%	-0.3%	1.3%	-0.3%
Other Goods & Services	1.4%	0.4%	1.9%	0.2%

Note: CPI-U- Consumer Price Index-Urban

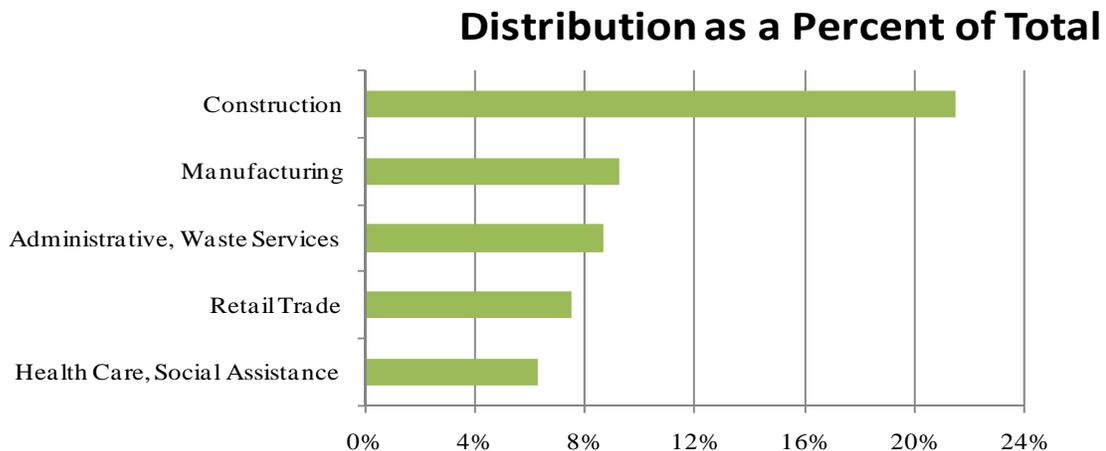
*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment Claims for Region 1

Week End >>	12/4/2010	12/11/2010	12/18/2010	12/25/2010
<u>Initial Claims</u>				
Region 1	1,110	1,065	1,070	1,254
Indiana	8,907	8,776	9,079	10,660
<u>Continued Claims</u>				
Region 1	7,203	7,448	7,906	8,458
Indiana	67,362	64,387	67,455	72,107
<u>Total Claims</u>				
Region 1	8,313	8,513	8,976	9,712
Indiana	76,269	73,163	76,534	82,767

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, UI Statistics

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top Five Industries in EGR 1, December 2010



Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, UI Statistics

WARN Notices for Region 1, December 2010

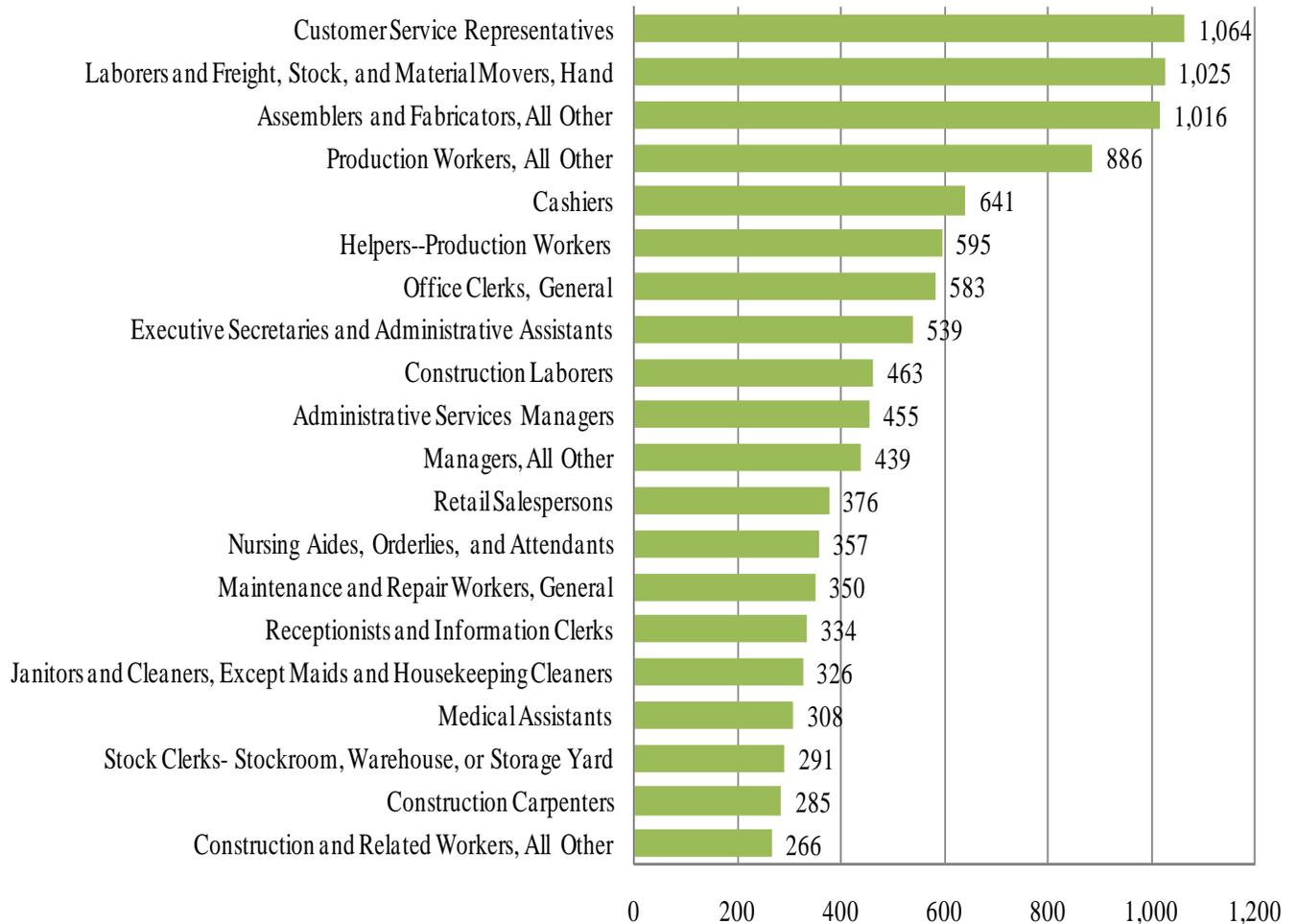
Company	City	County	Affected Workers	Notice Date

There were no WARN notices for Region 1 for December 2010.

Source: Hoosiers by the Numbers WARN Notices, Indiana Workforce Development, December 2010. For additional information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration Fact Sheet at <http://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>.

Applicant Pool: Top Twenty Occupations Desired by Active Applicants on their Resumes in the Past Twelve Months

Region 1 Applicant Pool



Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect Database

Wage and Salaried Employment, December 2010

Industry	Dec 2010	Nov 2010	Dec 2009	Number Change 11/10-12/10	Percent Change 11/10-12/10	Number Change 12/09-12/10	Percent Change 12/09-12/10
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	263,600	265,900	264,800	-2,300	-0.9%	-1,200	-0.5%
Total Private Employment	224,600	226,000	225,100	-1,400	-0.6%	-500	-0.2%
GOODS PRODUCING	48,600	49,800	48,700	-1,200	-2.4%	-100	-0.2%
---Mining & Logging	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Construction	13,800	15,000	14,300	-1,200	-8.0%	-500	-3.5%
---Manufacturing	34,500	34,500	34,100	0	0.0%	400	1.2%
Durable Goods	27,400	27,500	26,700	-100	-0.4%	700	2.6%
Primary Metal Mfg	17,600	17,700	18,000	-100	-0.6%	-400	-2.2%
Iron and Steel Mills	14,900	15,000	16,200	-100	-0.7%	-1,300	-8.0%
SERVICE PROVIDING	215,000	216,100	216,100	-1,100	-0.5%	-1,100	-0.5%
Private Service Providing	176,000	176,200	176,400	-200	-0.1%	-400	-0.2%
---Trade, Transp. & Utilities	57,200	57,000	57,600	200	0.4%	-400	-0.7%
Wholesale Trade	8,900	8,900	8,800	0	0.0%	100	1.1%
Retail Trade	34,000	33,700	34,300	300	0.9%	-300	-0.9%
Gen Merch Stores	7,100	7,100	7,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Gen Merch Stores	3,400	3,400	3,500	0	0.0%	-100	-2.9%
Transp/Warehousing/Utils	14,300	14,400	14,500	-100	-0.7%	-200	-1.4%
---Information	2,200	2,200	2,300	0	0.0%	-100	-4.4%
---Financial Activities	8,800	8,800	9,000	0	0.0%	-200	-2.2%
---Professional & Business	19,200	19,400	18,900	-200	-1.0%	300	1.6%
Employment Services	2,800	3,000	2,300	-200	-6.7%	500	21.7%
---Educational & Health	47,100	47,000	46,700	100	0.2%	400	0.9%
Educational Services	7,300	7,300	7,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Health Care/Social Assist.	39,800	39,700	39,400	100	0.3%	400	1.0%
Med/Surgical Hospitals	13,100	13,100	13,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Leisure & Hospitality	30,100	30,500	30,100	-400	-1.3%	0	0.0%
Arts/Entertnmt/Recn	6,700	6,900	6,900	-200	-2.9%	-200	-2.9%
Food Svcs/Drinkg Plcs	21,900	22,200	21,900	-300	-1.4%	0	0.0%
---Other Services	11,400	11,300	11,800	100	0.9%	-400	-3.4%
Government	39,000	39,900	39,700	-900	-2.3%	-700	-1.8%
---Federal Government	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	4,600	4,700	4,700	-100	-2.1%	-100	-2.1%
State Govt Educ Svcs	3,200	3,300	3,300	-100	-3.0%	-100	-3.0%
State Govt excluding Educ Svcs	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Local Government	32,400	33,200	33,000	-800	-2.4%	-600	-1.8%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	19,300	19,100	19,800	200	1.1%	-500	-2.5%
Local Govt excluding Educ Svcs	13,100	14,100	13,200	-1,000	-7.1%	-100	-0.8%
---Total State & Local Government	37,000	37,900	37,700	-900	-2.4%	-700	-1.9%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

Michigan City-LaPorte MSA

The Michigan City-LaPorte MSA is equivalent to all of LaPorte County, Indiana

Wage and Salaried Employment, December 2010

Industry	Dec 10	Nov 10	Dec 09	Nov 10 to Dec 10		Dec 09 to Dec 10	
				Change	Percent Change	Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	43,300	43,800	43,500	-500	-1.1%	-200	-0.5%
Total Private Employment	36,200	36,600	36,100	-400	-1.1%	100	0.3%
GOODS PRODUCING	9,100	9,300	9,200	-200	-2.2%	-100	-1.1%
---Mining, Logging, Construction	1,800	2,000	2,000	-200	-10.0%	-200	-10.0%
---Manufacturing	7,300	7,300	7,200	0	0.0%	100	1.4%
SERVICE PROVIDING	34,200	34,500	34,300	-300	-0.9%	-100	-0.3%
Private Service Providing	27,100	27,300	26,900	-200	-0.7%	200	0.7%
---Trade, Transp, & Utilities	9,100	9,100	9,000	0	0.0%	100	1.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	6,000	5,900	6,000	100	1.7%	0	0.0%
---Information	400	400	400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Financial Activities	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Professional & Business	2,800	2,900	2,600	-100	-3.5%	200	7.7%
---Educational & Health	6,700	6,700	6,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Leisure & Hospitality	5,100	5,200	5,100	-100	-1.9%	0	0.0%
---Other Services	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	0.0%	-100	-5.6%
Government	7,100	7,200	7,400	-100	-1.4%	-300	-4.1%
---Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Govt Educ Svcs	800	800	600	0	0.0%	200	33.3%
State Govt excluding Educ Svcs	1,600	1,600	1,800	0	0.0%	-200	-11.1%
---Local Government	4,500	4,600	4,800	-100	-2.2%	-300	-6.3%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	2,700	2,700	2,900	0	0.0%	-200	-6.9%
Local Govt excluding Educ Svcs	1,800	1,900	1,900	-100	-5.3%	-100	-5.3%
---Total State & Local Government	6,900	7,000	7,200	-100	-1.4%	-300	-4.2%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

Union Members in 2010

(Excerpted from the Bureau of Labor Statistics report released January 2010)

Introduction

In 2010, the union membership rate--the percent of wage and salary workers who were members of a union--was 11.9 percent, down from 12.3 percent a year earlier, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported. The number of wage and salary workers belonging to unions declined by 612,000 to 14.7 million. In 1983, the first year for which comparable union data are available, the union membership rate was 20.1 percent, and there were 17.7 million union workers. The data on union membership were collected as part of the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly sample survey of about 60,000 households that obtains information on employment and unemployment among the nation's civilian non-institutional population age 16 and over.

Highlights of the 2010 data

- The union membership rate for public sector workers (36.2 percent) was substantially higher than the rate for private sector workers (6.9 percent).
- Workers in education, training, and library occupations had the highest unionization rate at 37.1 percent.
- Black workers were more likely to be union members than were white, Asian, or Hispanic workers.
- Among states, New York had the highest union membership rate (24.2 percent) and North Carolina had the lowest rate (3.2 percent).

Industry and Occupation of Union Members

In 2010, 7.6 million public sector employees belonged to a union, compared with 7.1 million union workers in the private sector. The union membership rate for public sector workers (36.2 percent) was substantially higher than the rate for private sector workers (6.9 percent). Within the public sector, local government workers had the highest union membership rate, 42.3 percent. This group includes workers in heavily unionized occupations, such as teachers, police officers, and fire fighters. Private sector industries with high unionization rates included transportation and utilities (21.8 percent), telecommunications (15.8 percent), and construction (13.1 percent). In 2010, low unionization rates occurred in agriculture and related industries (1.6 percent) and in financial activities (2.0 percent).

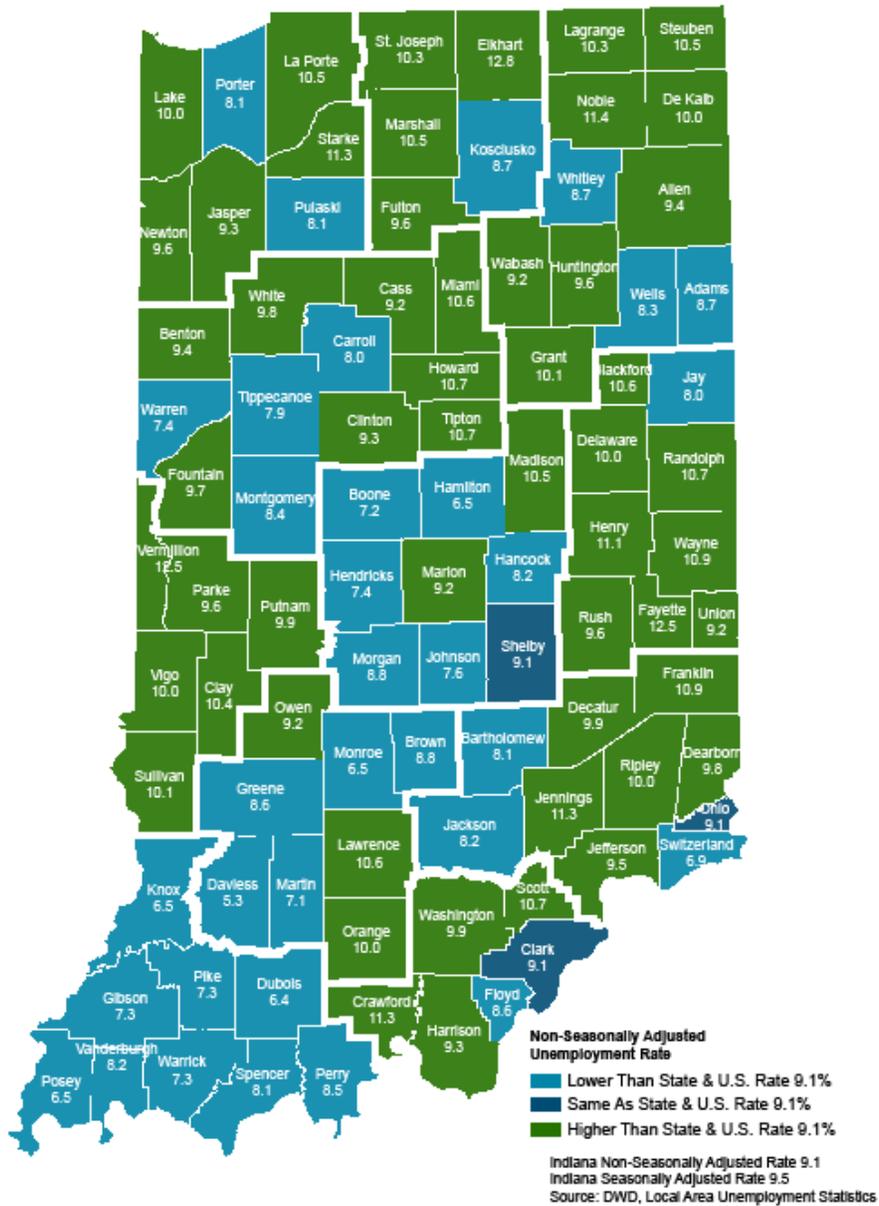
Among occupational groups, education, training, and library occupations (37.1 percent) and protective service occupations (34.1 percent) had the highest unionization rates in 2010. Sales and related occupations (3.2 percent) and farming, fishing, and forestry occupations (3.4 percent) had the lowest unionization rates.

Earnings

In 2010, among full-time wage and salary workers, union members had median usual weekly earnings of \$917, while those who were not represented by unions had median weekly earnings of \$717. In addition to coverage by a collective bargaining agreement, the difference reflects a variety of influences including variations in the distributions of union members and nonunion employees by occupation, industry, firm size, or geographic region.

For a page linking to the table of contents of the full report or individual parts of it visit the BLS website: <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/union2.toc.htm>

County Unemployment Rates December 2010



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