

# ABOUT USGBC

## OUR MISSION

To transform the way buildings and communities are designed, built and operated, enabling an environmentally and socially responsible, healthy and prosperous environment that improves the quality of life.

## OUR VISION

Buildings and communities will regenerate and sustain the health and vitality of all life within a generation.



# Overview

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is a nonprofit organization composed of leaders working to advance buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work. Driving its mission to transform the built environment is USGBC's LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System™, which is accessible online and supported by a robust LEED education workshop program and the LEED Credentialing program, administered through the Green Building Certification Institute. USGBC supports a rich education and research agenda, including Greenbuild, the cutting-edge international conference and expo focused on green building. USGBC also supports an aggressive education and advocacy program delivered at the local level through more than 75 chapters across the United States.

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Since its founding in 1993, USGBC has been focused on fulfilling the building and construction industry's vision for its own transformation to high-performance green building. Today, it includes more than 18,000 member organizations. As a testament to its leadership, in the past five years alone USGBC's membership has grown nearly 500%, and to date more than 5.3 billion square feet of building space are involved with the LEED program.

Industry-led and consensus-driven, USGBC is as diverse as the marketplace it serves. Its membership includes architects, engineers, contractors, real-estate professionals, government agencies and more. Leaders from within each of these sectors participate in the development of the LEED Rating Systems and the direction of the Council through volunteer service on USGBC's open committees.

# USGBC Programs



## LEED GREEN BUILDING RATING SYSTEM

LEED is a voluntary, consensus-based national certification system for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. Employees of USGBC's member organizations, representing every sector of the building industry, developed and continue to refine LEED. LEED addresses all building types, including new construction, commercial interiors, core and shell, operations and maintenance, homes, neighborhoods and specific applications such as retail, multiple buildings/campuses, schools, healthcare, laboratories and lodging.

Based on well-founded scientific standards, LEED emphasizes state-of-the-art strategies for sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, indoor environmental quality and design innovation. LEED promotes expertise in green building through a comprehensive system offering project certification, professional accreditation, training and practical resources.

## WORKSHOPS

Educational workshops are available online or in person in cities across the United States and internationally, and are conducted by top green building practitioners. USGBC's full-day and half-day sessions address the varied needs of LEED practitioners by exploring topics specific to individual building types or areas of professional practice as well as critical market issues such as the economics of LEED-certified projects.



## EDUCATION PROVIDER PROGRAM

USGBC's Education Provider Program facilitates access to top-quality professional development courses, enriching building professionals' knowledge of green building theory, techniques, and trends. Education Providers' courses and events are thoroughly reviewed and meet USGBC's criteria for instructional design and content quality. Education Providers offer courses at all learning levels for the broad range of professionals in the green building industry - the perfect complement to USGBC LEED education.

## GREENBUILD

Greenbuild is the cutting-edge conference and exposition dedicated to green building. Launched in 2002, it has quickly become the can't-miss event for the green building industry. Each year, tens of thousands of professionals from all over the world are drawn to Greenbuild by outstanding educational sessions and speakers, green building tours, special seminars and networking events, and a huge exhibit hall featuring the newest products and technologies. Greenbuild 2009 will be held in Phoenix, AZ November 11-13. Visit [www.greenbuildexpo.org](http://www.greenbuildexpo.org) for more information.

## USGBC CHAPTERS

USGBC has more than 75 local chapters throughout the United States. Chapters provide local green building resources, education and leadership opportunities. Local chapter members can connect with green building experts in their area, develop local green building strategies and tour green building projects.

## EMERGING GREEN BUILDERS

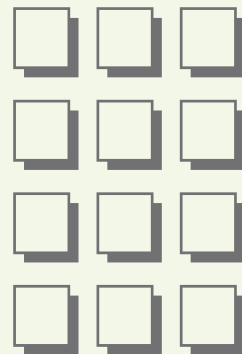
USGBC's Emerging Green Builders program provides educational opportunities and resources to students and young professionals with the goal of integrating these future leaders into the green building movement.

## GBCI PROGRAMS

The Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI), established in January 2008, provides third-party certification in green building performance and practice.

GBCI administers project certification for commercial and institutional buildings and tenant spaces under the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED rating system and also manages the professional credentialing programs based upon LEED including the LEED AP designation.

Visit [www.gbci.org](http://www.gbci.org) for more information.



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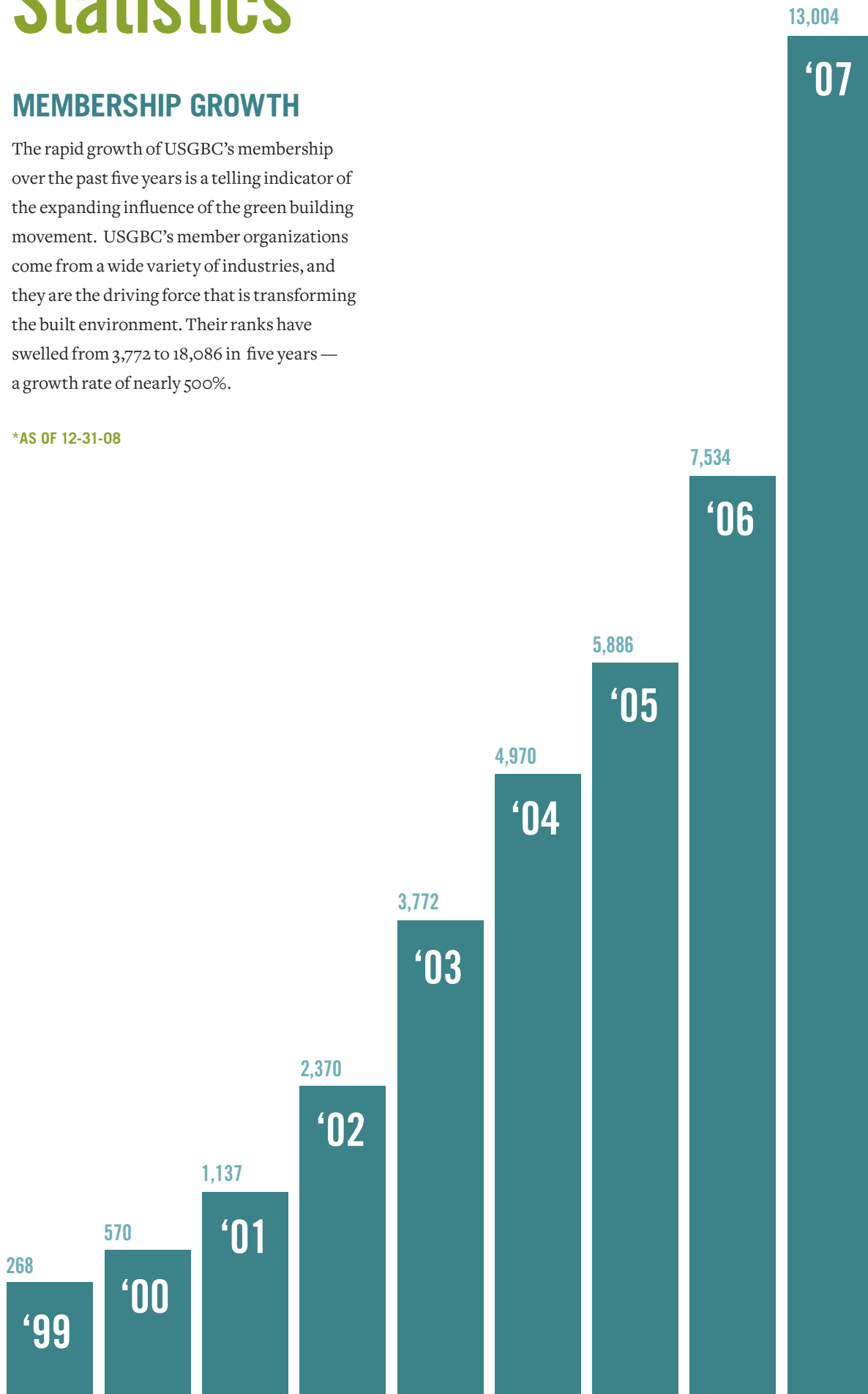
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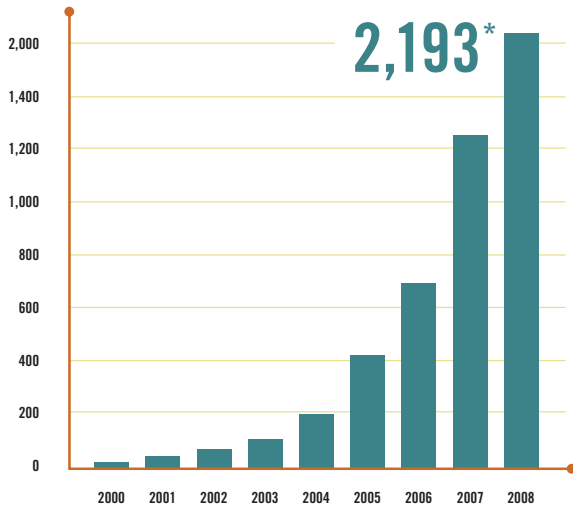
## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

The rapid growth of USGBC's membership over the past five years is a telling indicator of the expanding influence of the green building movement. USGBC's member organizations come from a wide variety of industries, and they are the driving force that is transforming the built environment. Their ranks have swelled from 3,772 to 18,086 in five years — a growth rate of nearly 500%.

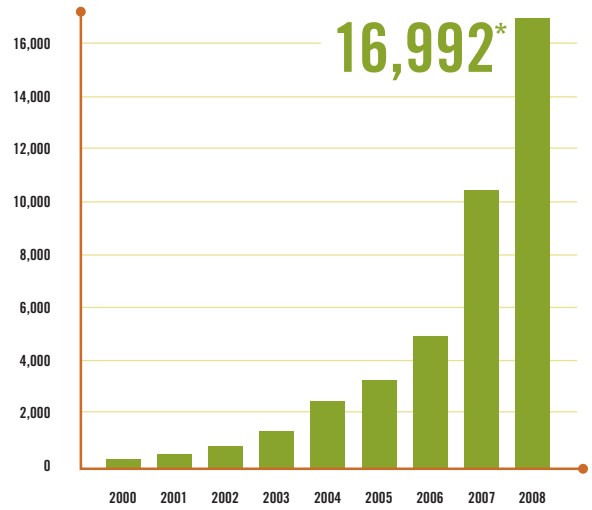
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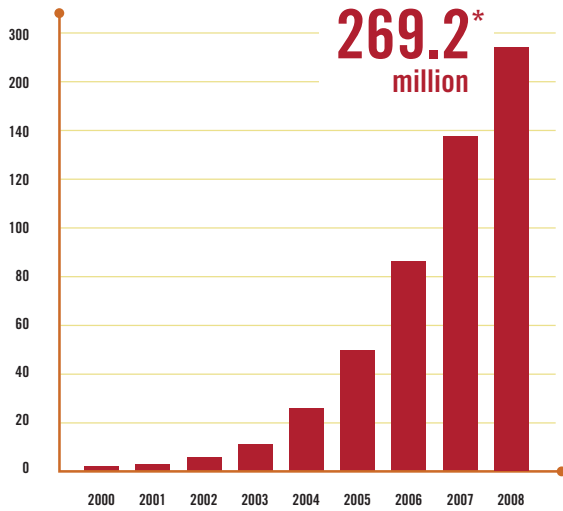
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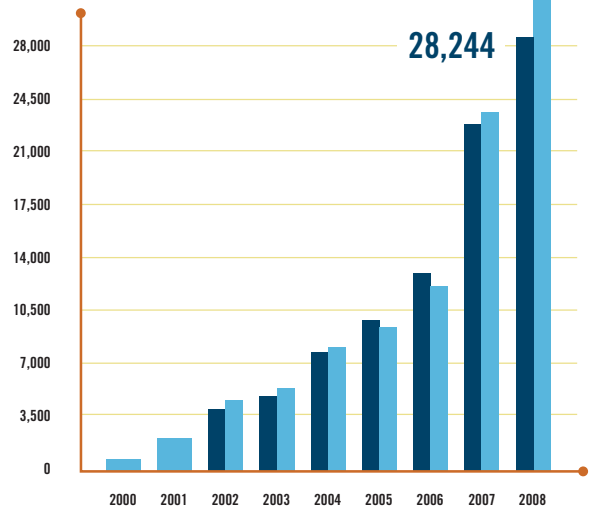
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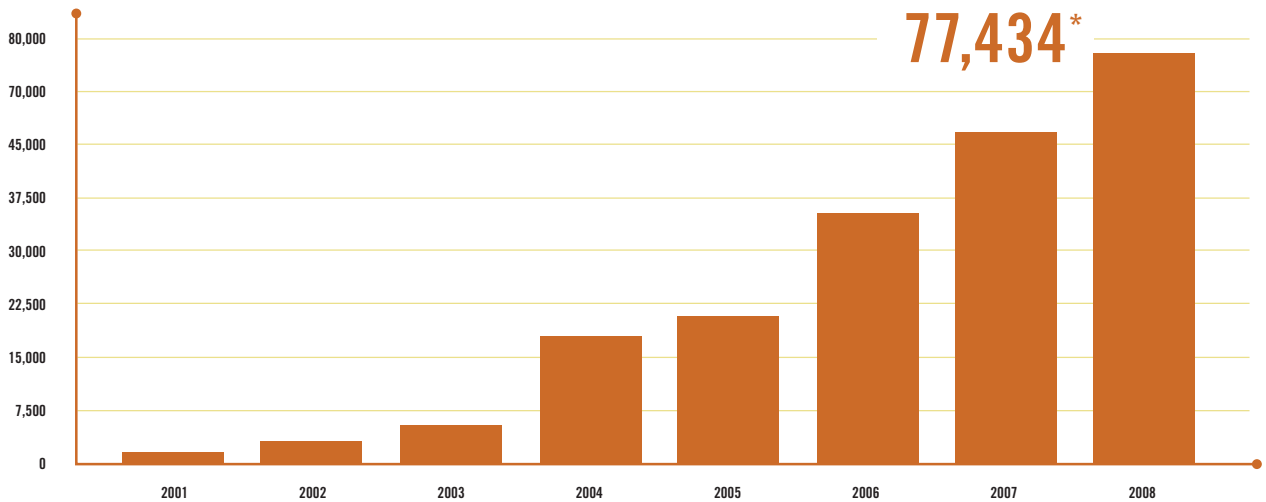
**SQUARE FOOTAGE OF COMMERCIAL LEED CERTIFIED PROJECTS (CUMULATIVE, IN MILLIONS)**



**EDUCATION WORKSHOP ATTENDEES (PER YEAR)  
GREENBUILD ATTENDEES (NOVEMBER EVENT)**



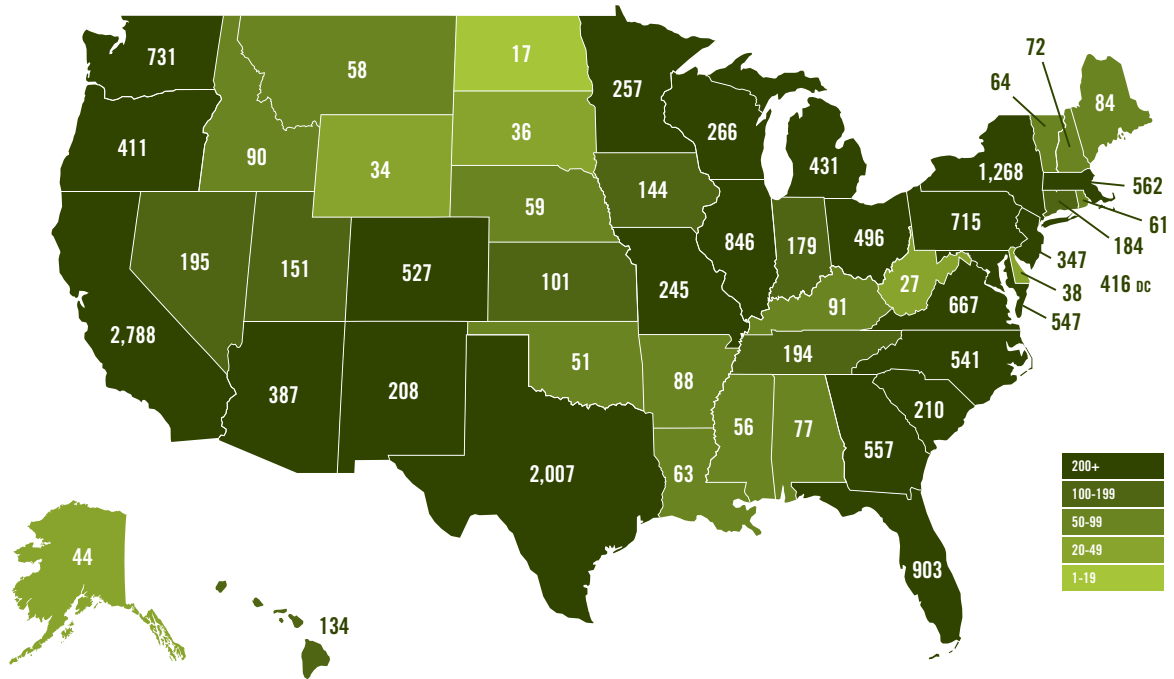
**LEED ACCREDITED PROFESSIONALS (CUMULATIVE)**



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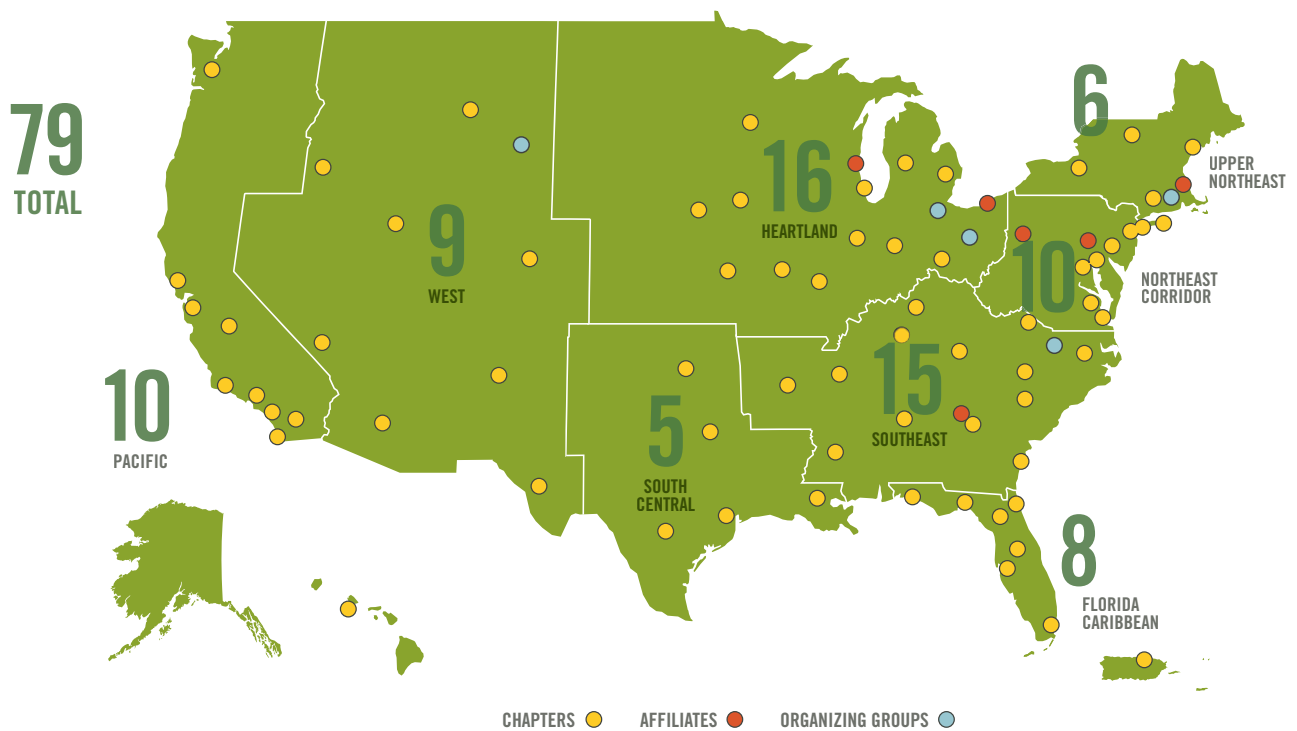
# COMMERCIAL LEED PROJECTS BY STATE (REGISTERED AND CERTIFIED)

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# USGBC CHAPTER NETWORK BY REGION

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