

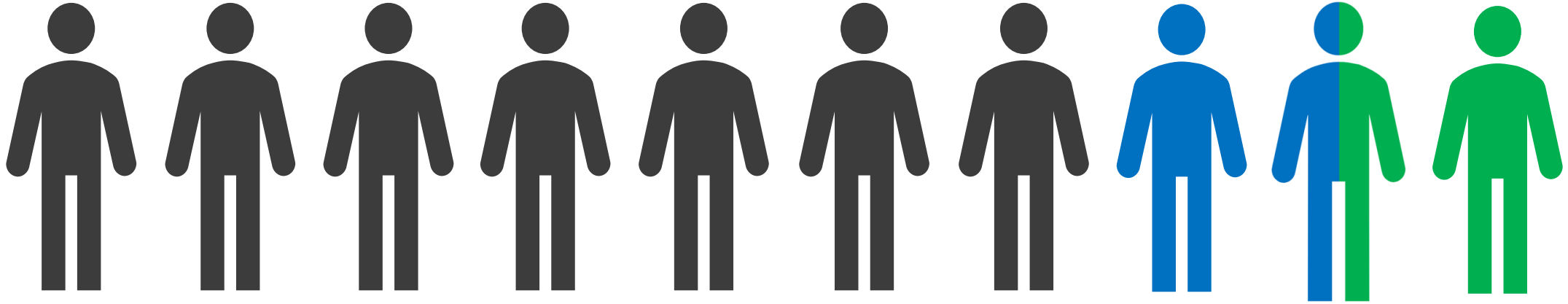


# Supporting Transfer Student Success

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# National Student Clearinghouse – Tracking Transfer



**70%** of students who start at a community college will not transfer within 6 years of entry

**30%** of students who start at a community college will transfer to a 4-yr institution within 6 years of entry

**50%** of transfer students will complete a bachelor's degree within 6 years of transferring

# National Student Clearinghouse – Tracking Transfer

Transfer Group

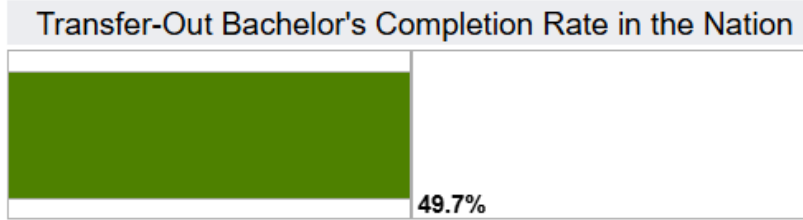
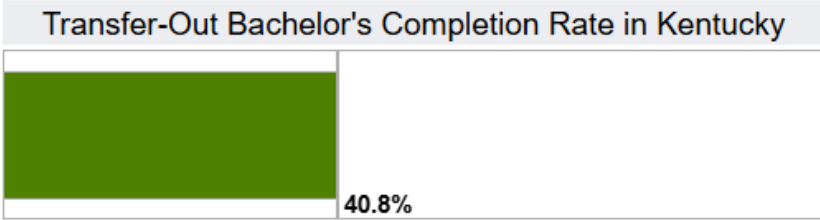
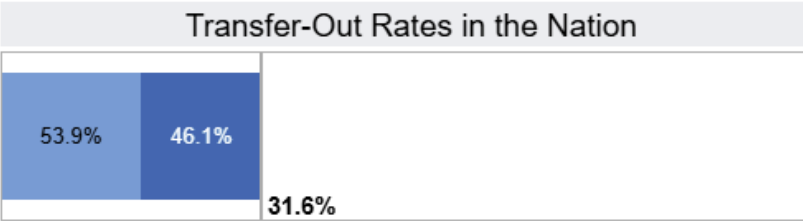
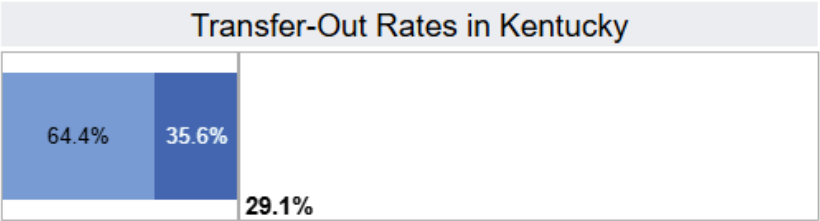
- Transfer with Award
- Transfer without Award

How Many Students are in the Kentucky Entering Community College Cohort?

6,994

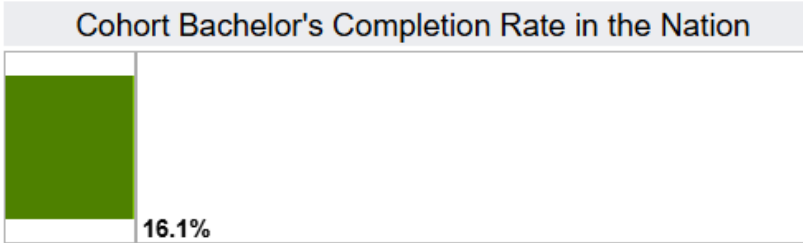
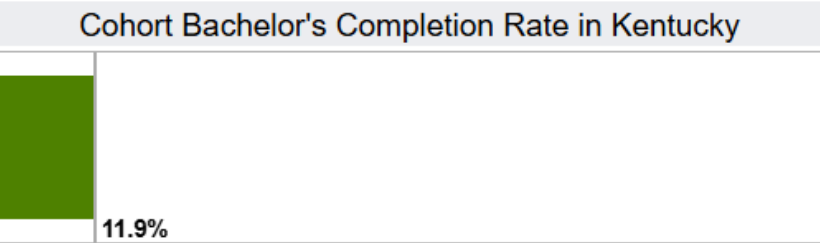
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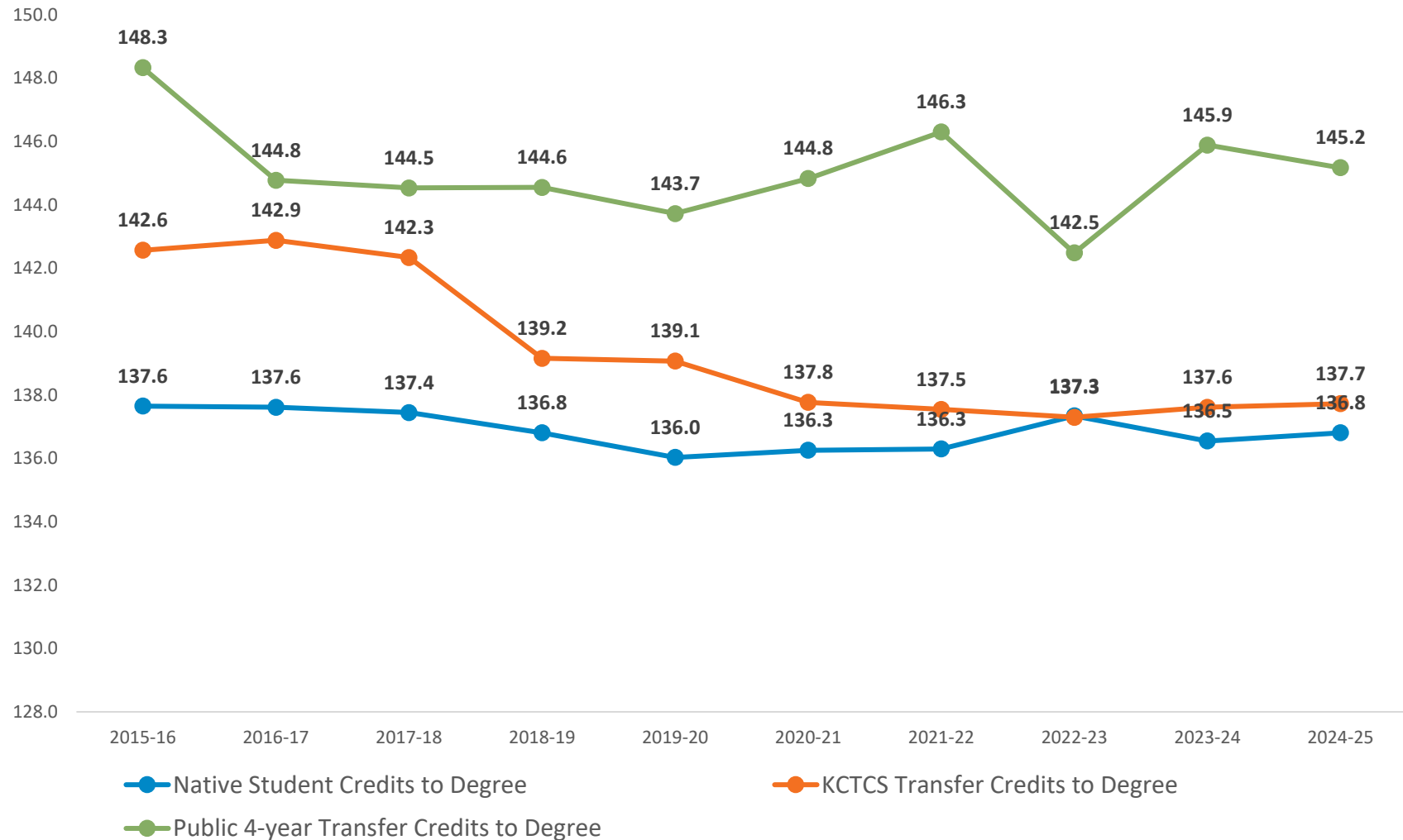


Bachelor's Degree Origin

- Bachelor's from 4-year

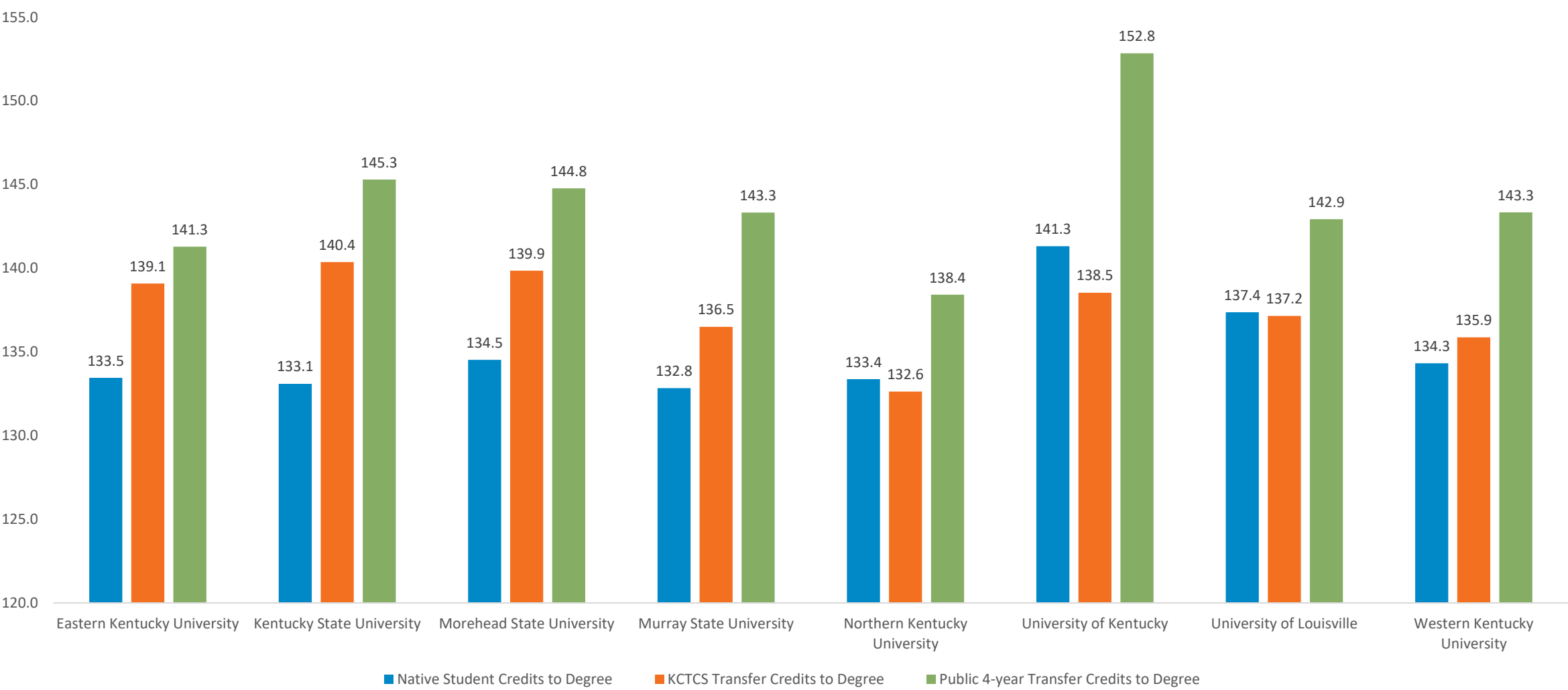


# Credit Hours to Degree Comparison: Transfers to 4-year Publics



- KCTCS Transfers
  - 4.9 Credit Hour Reduction
  - Similar to Native Students
- 4-YP Transfers
  - 3.1 Credit Hour Reduction
  - Significantly lags native students

# Credit Hours to Degree Comparison by Institution



# Transfer Pathways – KCTCS to Public Universities

**KCTCS manages over 350 transfer pathway agreements to KY public universities.**

- [Eastern Kentucky University](#) (30 [KCTCS Plans](#))
- [Kentucky State University](#) (26 KCTCS Plans)
- [Morehead State University](#) (15 KCTCS Plans)
- [Murray State University](#) (35 KCTCS Plans)
- [Northern Kentucky University](#) (85 KCTCS Plans)
- [University of Kentucky](#) (111 KCTCS Plans)
- [University of Louisville](#) (16 KCTCS Plans)
- [Western Kentucky University](#) (40 KCTCS Plans)

**Guidance from KCTCS:** Specific partnerships are developed by each individual KCTCS college, so students should check with their local college for details on transfer opportunities.

## University of Kentucky



- [MLT to MLS Online \(Henderson Community College\)](#)
- [MLT to MLS Online \(Jefferson Community and Technical College\)](#)
- [MLT to MLS Online \(Madisonville Community College\)](#)
- [MLT to MLS Online \(Maysville Community and Technical College\)](#)
- [MLT to MLS Online \(Somerset Community and Technical College\)](#)
- [MLT to MLS Online \(Southeast Community and Technical College\)](#)
- [MLT to MLS Online \(West Kentucky Community and Technical College\)](#)

# Top Transfer Majors to Public Universities (6-digit CIP)

Major	From KCTCS Transfer Student %	From 4-YR Transfer Students %
Psychology, General	8.48%	10.03%
Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	7.63%	14.34%
Social Work	7.37%	2.29%
Elementary Education and Teaching	4.89%	5.14%
Business/Commerce, General	4.19%	2.18%
Business Administration and Management, General	3.91%	4.94%
Biology/Biological Sciences, General	3.19%	5.30%
Accounting	2.80%	1.35%
Communication Studies/Speech Communication and Rhetoric	1.95%	1.40%
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	1.58%	1.35%
Computer and Information Sciences, General	1.42%	0.68%
<b>SUM</b>	<b>47.41%</b>	<b>49%</b>

# About Statewide Transfer Pathways

## What are Statewide Transfer Pathways?

Statewide transfer pathways are common course and degree plans in the first 60 credit hours for transfer students. They ensure students can seamlessly transfer to their intended major/bachelor's degree program at a KY public university.

Transfer pathways consist of coursework that can be seamlessly transferred and applied toward the requirements of a BA or BS degree at a public four-year institution that offers that degree. Each transfer pathway contains courses that satisfy the graduation requirements for an associate's degree.

Any student who completes the requirements of the transfer pathway and then transfers to a four-year public institution will not be required to complete more than the total credits required for the BA or BS degree in that program, less the 60 credit hours earned in the transfer pathway.



# Universal Transfer Pathways in Louisiana



## *your* FIRST 60 CREDITS IN MANAGEMENT

Subject	Required Courses
Business	Intro to Business <b>OR</b> Business Law Business Statistics II Business Calculus Intro to Financial Accounting Intro to Managerial Accounting
English	Composition I and II
Fine Arts	One Fine Arts Elective*
Humanities	Public Speaking Two Humanities Electives*
IT	Three credits of IT elective that covers at least 50% Excel*
Math	Intro Statistics College Algebra
Natural Sciences	One Life Science, one Physical Science, and chose one more course in the same discipline from either*
Social/Behavioral Science	Microeconomics Macroeconomics
Other	One Elective*

# Universal Transfer Pathways in Louisiana

## START AT ANY OF THESE COLLEGES:

- Baton Rouge Community College
- Bossier Parish Community College
- LSU at Eunice
- Northshore Technical Community College



## FINISH AT ANY OF THESE UNIVERSITIES:

- Grambling State University
- Louisiana State University
- LSU in Shreveport
- Louisiana Tech University
- McNeese State University
- Nicholls State University
- Northwestern State University
- Southeastern Louisiana University
- Southern University A&M
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- University of Louisiana at Monroe
- University of New Orleans



# Pending Legislation

- The council, public universities, and KCTCS shall collaborate to develop statewide transfer pathways
- Statewide transfer pathways shall be identified based upon:
  - Student demand
  - Workforce demands
  - Existing commonalities in student learning outcomes in the first (60) credit hours among current bachelor's degree programs
- Participation in each transfer pathway will be at the discretion of each university

# Questions

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