



**DFW  
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# Summary

DFW recorded a **net gain of 3,300 jobs** in July, bringing the region **45,100 jobs short of February 2020** pre-pandemic levels. From the previous month, **employment** saw little change and the **unemployment rates** in DFW, Texas, and nationwide all **decreased to 5.3%, 6.0% and 5.7%**, respectively. The top three positions posted were once again **software developers, registered nurses, and heavy truck drivers** – all of which saw an **increase in postings** from June.

Some findings when comparing July 2021 and July 2020:

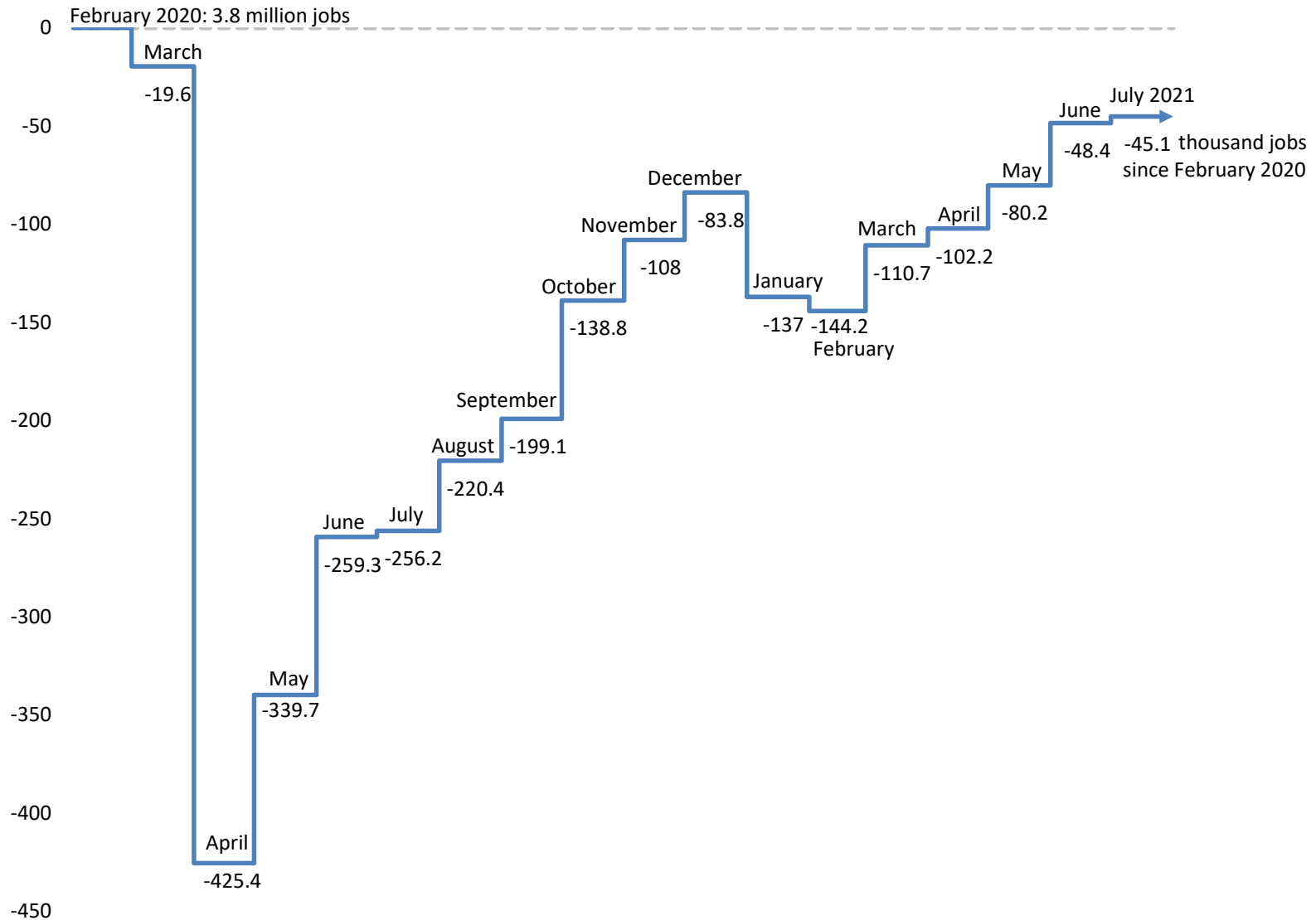
- The **leisure and hospitality (21%), other services (11%), and professional and business services (8%)** sectors have seen significant increases in employment in DFW.
- Nationwide, the **mining, quarrying, and oil and gas and transportation and utilities** sectors saw growth in employment by 7% each. Locally, these industries saw increases of 1% and 5%, respectively.
- **Job postings in the DFW area increased by 10,615, or roughly 30%.**

See the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas' [Texas Employment Forecast](#) and [DFW Economic Indicators](#) for deeper analysis of these dynamics.



# DFW Cumulative Job Change Since Before the Pandemic

Cumulative change in jobs since February 2020 (thousands)



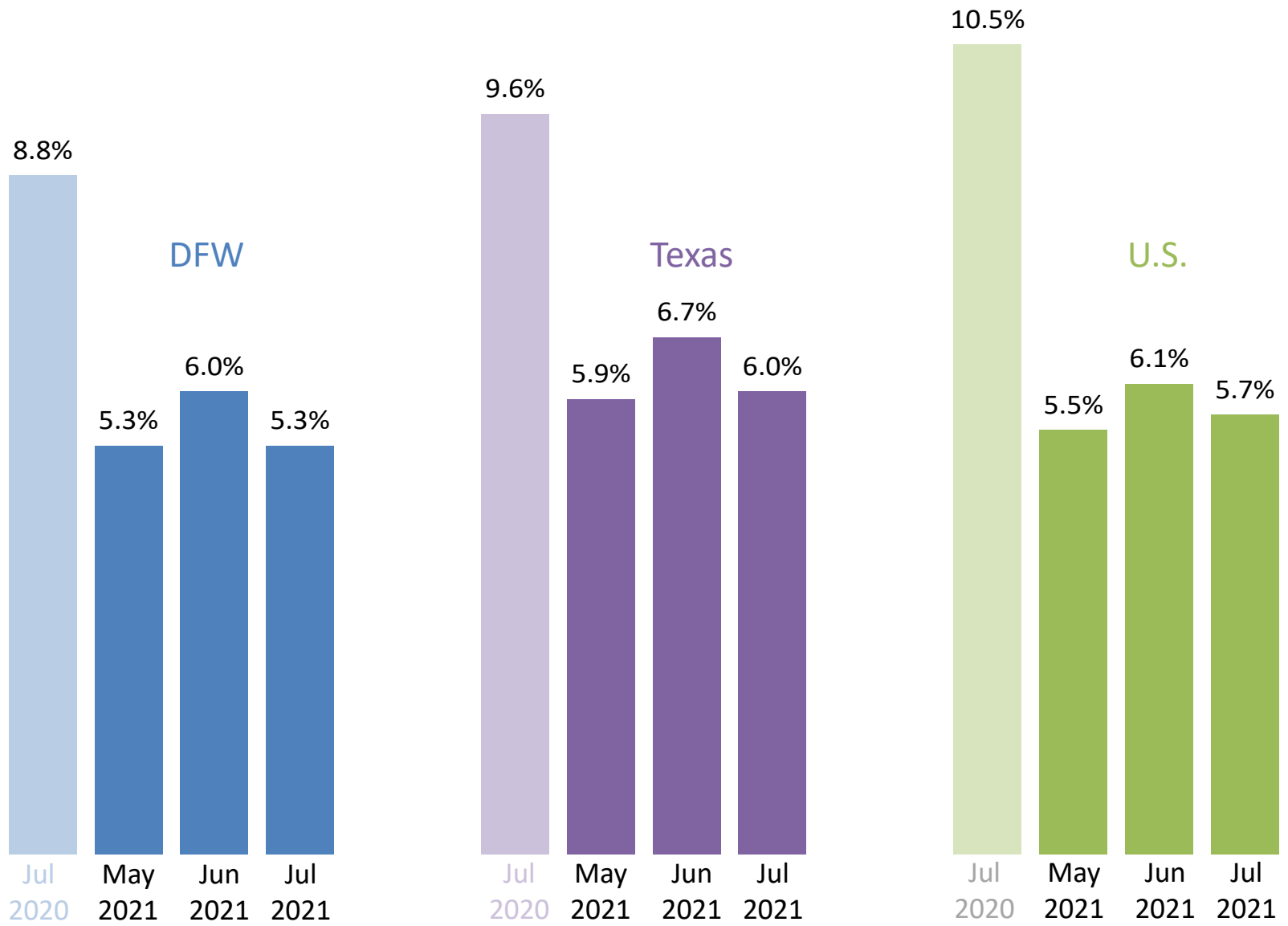
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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics State and Area Employment, Hours, and Earnings, September 2021.



# Unemployment Rates\* in DFW, Texas, and U.S.



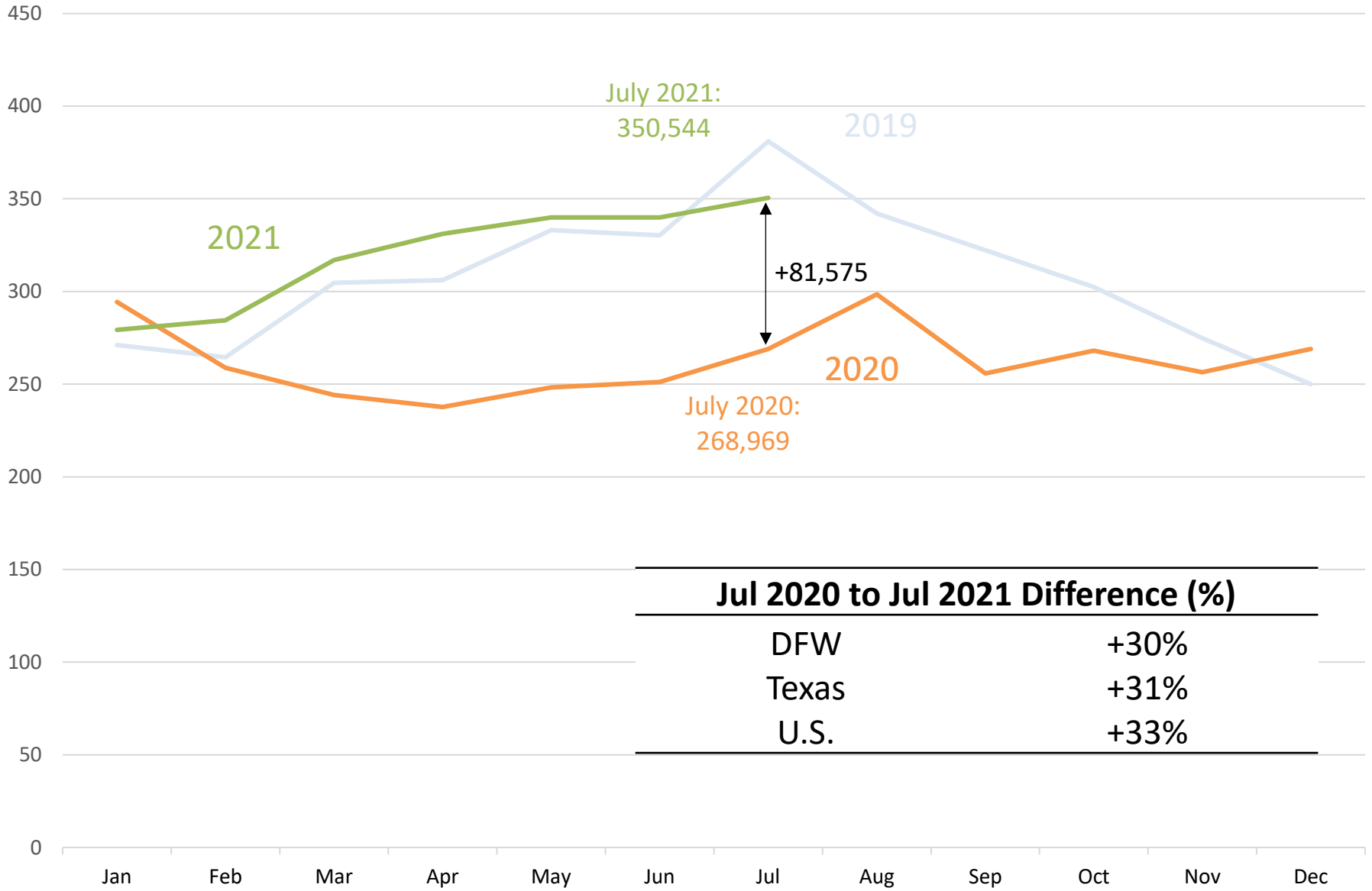
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# DFW Total Job Postings: 2021 vs. 2020

Job postings, thousands



Jul 2020 to Jul 2021 Difference (%)	
DFW	+30%
Texas	+31%
U.S.	+33%



# Top Occupations by Job Postings in DFW

	Occupation	Median Annual Earnings	Median Advertised Salary	Median Posting Duration	July 2021 Unique Job Postings	July 2020 Unique Job Postings	Change, Jul. 2020 to Jul. 2021 (%)
1	Software developers and software quality assurance analysts and testers	\$110,173	\$118,528	30	19,675	12,329	60%
2	Registered nurses	\$76,955	\$94,464	30	16,443	10,508	56%
3	Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	\$48,595	\$64,896	19	13,673	13,292	3%
4	Computer occupations, all other	\$97,077	\$109,440	32	11,092	6,753	64%
5	First-line supervisors of retail sales workers	\$42,581	\$34,432	48	8,426	7,770	8%
6	Retail salespersons	\$25,731	\$33,216	43	8,169	7,308	12%
7	Customer service representatives	\$37,209	\$33,408	31	7,983	6,053	32%
8	Stockers and order fillers	\$30,324	\$31,104	36	5,840	4,272	37%
9	Marketing managers	\$146,763	\$104,704	35	5,802	3,204	81%
10	Accountants and auditors	\$78,279	\$75,008	33	5,211	3,708	41%
	<b>All occupations</b>	-	-	-	<b>350,544</b>	<b>268,969</b>	<b>30%</b>



# Top Occupations by Job Postings in DFW

	Occupation	May 2021 Unique Job Postings	June 2021 Unique Job Postings	July 2021 Unique Job Postings	Change, Jun. 2021 to Jul. 2021 (%)
1	Software developers and software quality assurance analysts and testers	17,635	18,975	19,675	4%
2	Registered nurses	14,624	15,682	16,443	5%
3	Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	14,171	13,277	13,673	3%
4	Computer occupations, all other	10,058	10,720	11,092	3%
5	First-line supervisors of retail sales workers	8,736	8,024	8,426	5%
6	Retail salespersons	8,526	8,319	8,169	-2%
7	Customer service representatives	8,002	7,854	7,983	2%
8	Stockers and order fillers	6,137	5,725	5,840	2%
9	Marketing managers	5,529	5,695	5,802	2%
10	Accountants and auditors	4,755	5,162	5,211	1%
	<b>All occupations</b>	<b>339,897</b>	<b>339,929</b>	<b>350,544</b>	<b>3%</b>



# DFW Employment by Industry

Industry	July 2020 Employment	May 2021 Employment	June 2021 Employment	July 2021 Employment	Change, Jul. 2020 to Jul. 2021 (%)	Change, Jun. 2021 to Jul. 2021 (%)
Professional and business services	616,900	652,100	663,800	669,000	8%	1%
Wholesale and retail trade	560,100	578,800	587,700	586,500	5%	0%
Education and health services	438,700	451,800	448,300	450,500	3%	0%
Government	421,400	456,500	444,200	431,700	2%	-3%
Leisure and hospitality	314,600	361,400	377,800	381,500	21%	1%
Financial activities	322,300	328,400	330,300	333,200	3%	1%
Manufacturing	278,600	281,300	282,700	284,900	2%	1%
Transportation and utilities	226,200	234,900	237,600	236,700	5%	0%
Construction	127,500	126,100	127,000	127,700	0%	1%
Other services	110,000	118,900	121,400	121,700	11%	0%
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	89,200	89,000	89,700	90,000	1%	0%
Information	77,100	79,400	79,900	80,300	4%	1%
<b>Total nonfarm</b>	<b>3,582,600</b>	<b>3,758,600</b>	<b>3,790,400</b>	<b>3,793,700</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>0%</b>

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# DFW vs. U.S. Employment by Industry

Industry	DFW			U.S.		
	DFW July 2021 Employment	DFW July 2021 Employment Share (%)	DFW Employment Change, Jul. 2020 to Jul. 2021 (%)	U.S. July 2021 Employment	U.S. July 2021 Employment Share (%)	U.S. Employment Change, Jul. 2020 to Jul. 2021 (%)
Professional and business services	669,000	18%	8%	21,084,000	14%	6%
Wholesale and retail trade	586,500	15%	5%	21,077,300	14%	4%
Education and health services	450,500	12%	3%	23,308,000	16%	3%
Government	431,700	11%	2%	20,776,000	14%	2%
Leisure and hospitality	381,500	10%	21%	15,834,000	11%	18%
Financial activities	333,200	9%	3%	8,887,000	6%	2%
Manufacturing	284,900	8%	2%	12,441,000	8%	3%
Transportation and utilities	236,700	6%	5%	6,237,700	4%	7%
Construction	127,700	3%	0%	7,641,000	5%	3%
Other services	121,700	3%	11%	5,782,000	4%	7%
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	90,000	2%	1%	642,000	0%	7%
Information	80,300	2%	4%	2,760,000	2%	6%
<b>Total nonfarm</b>	<b>3,793,700</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>146,470,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5%</b>

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