

# LANCASTER POVERTY FACT SHEET

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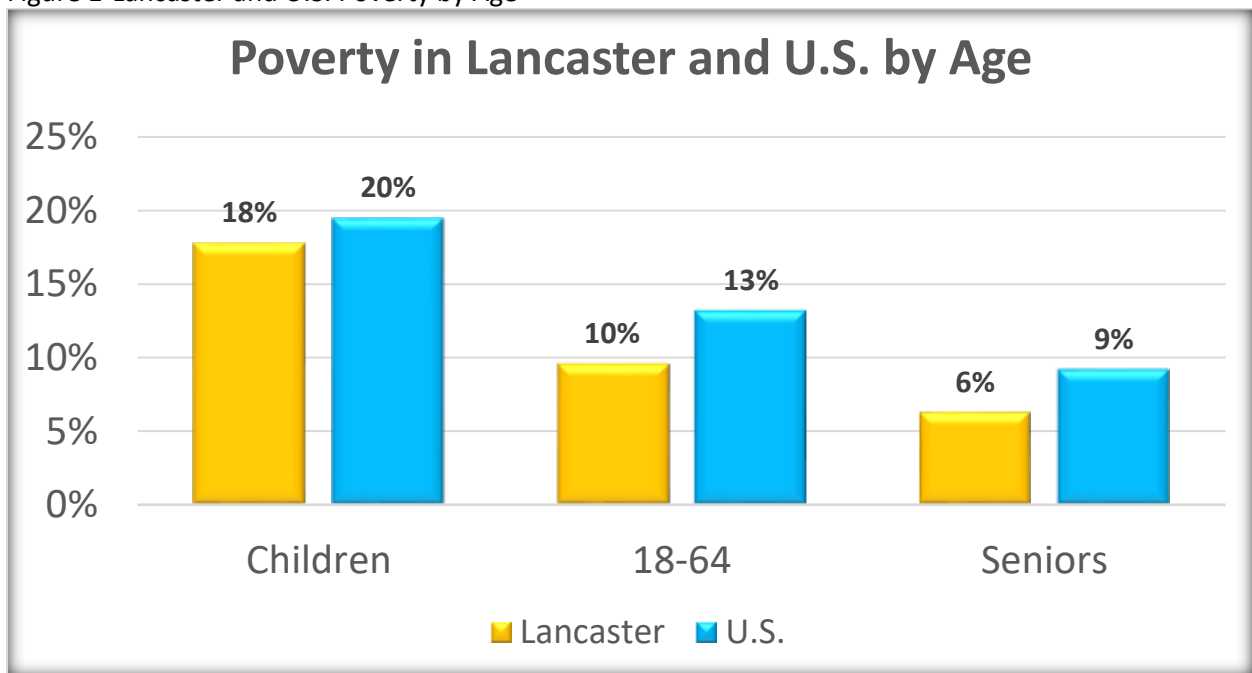
(Data from 2016 ACS Census Data)

2016 Poverty Rate	Overall	Under 18	18-64	Over 65	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Latino	Asian
United States	14.0%	19.5%	13.2%	9.2%	11.6%	23.8%	21.0%	11.8%
Pennsylvania	12.9%	18.5%	12.3%	7.8%	10.1 %	26.4%	30.0%	14.0%
Lancaster County/City	11.0%	17.8%	9.6%	6.3%	9.1%	31.3%	32.6%	15.7%
Harrisburg-Carlisle	9.4%	13.8%	8.8%	5.9%	6.8%	21.5%	29.9%	10.9%
Lebanon County	9.3%	12.9%	9.4%	4.5%	8.2%	N/A	22.1%	N/A
Philadelphia	25.7%	37.3%	23.4%	17.4%	17.7%	30.8%	37.9%	22.9%
Reading	13.6%	21.3%	17.8%	8.1%	10.6%	18.9%	36.0%	12.6%
York	9.9%	13.5%	9.4%	7.0%	8.6%	17.3%	29.4%	N/A

### Poverty by Age in Lancaster

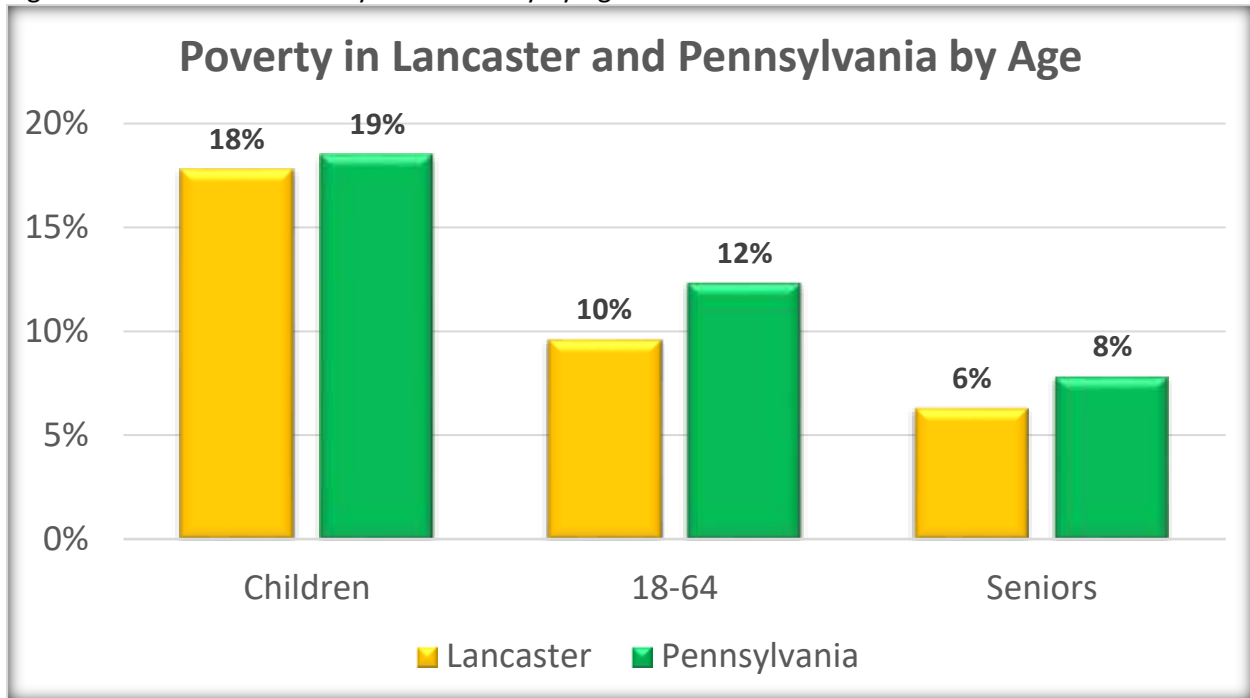
Analyzing poverty in Lancaster according to age group, the highest rate of poverty is among children (under the age of 18) at 17.8%, while the lowest poverty rate is among seniors (individuals over the age of 65) at 6.3%. The poverty rate for the age group of 18-64 is 9.6%. When compared to the United States, the poverty rates for each age group are lower in Lancaster than in the United States.

Figure 1-Lancaster and U.S. Poverty by Age



In the state of Pennsylvania, the poverty rate for children (under the age of 18) is 18.5% which is slightly higher than the poverty rate for children in Lancaster (17.8%). For the age group of 18 to 64, the poverty rate in Pennsylvania is 12.3% and in Lancaster the poverty rate for this age group is 9.6%. For seniors (over the age of 65), the poverty rate is 7.8%, and in Lancaster, the poverty rate for seniors is 6.3%.

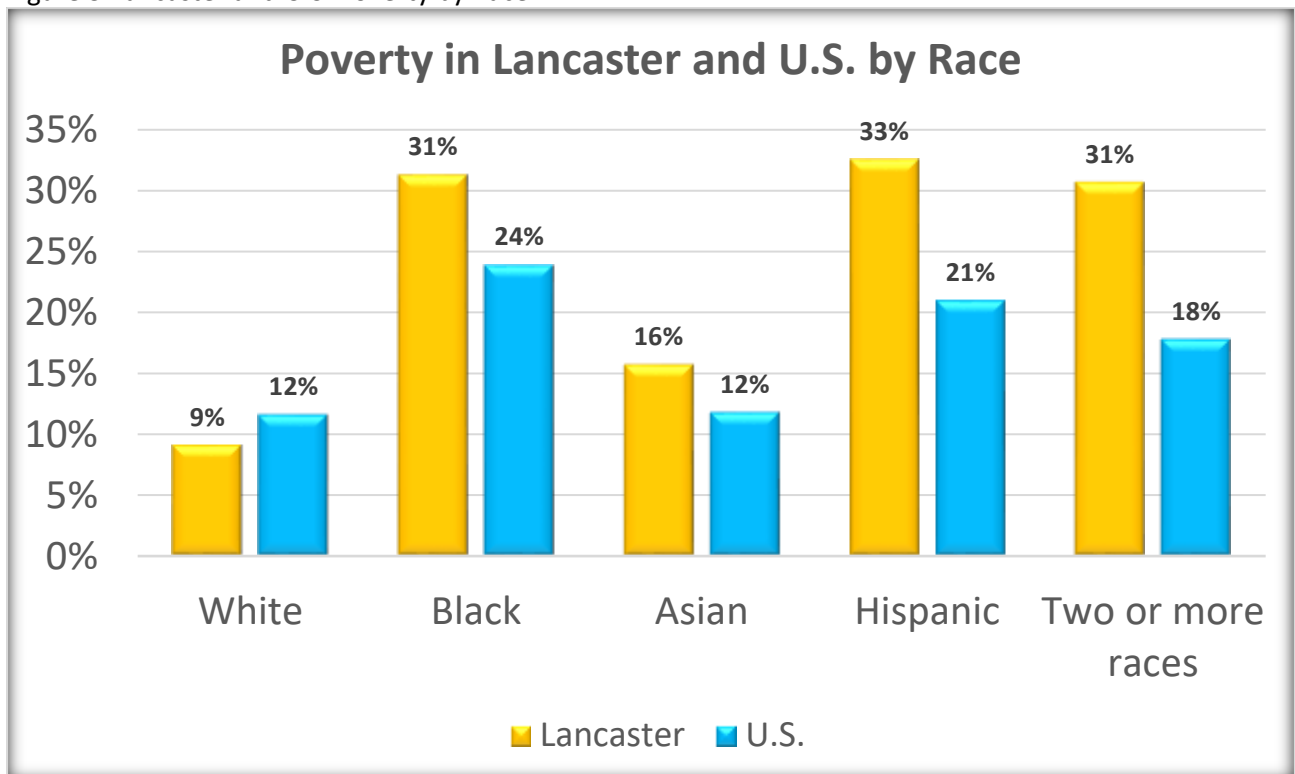
Figure 2-Lancaster and Pennsylvania Poverty by Age



### Lancaster Poverty by Race

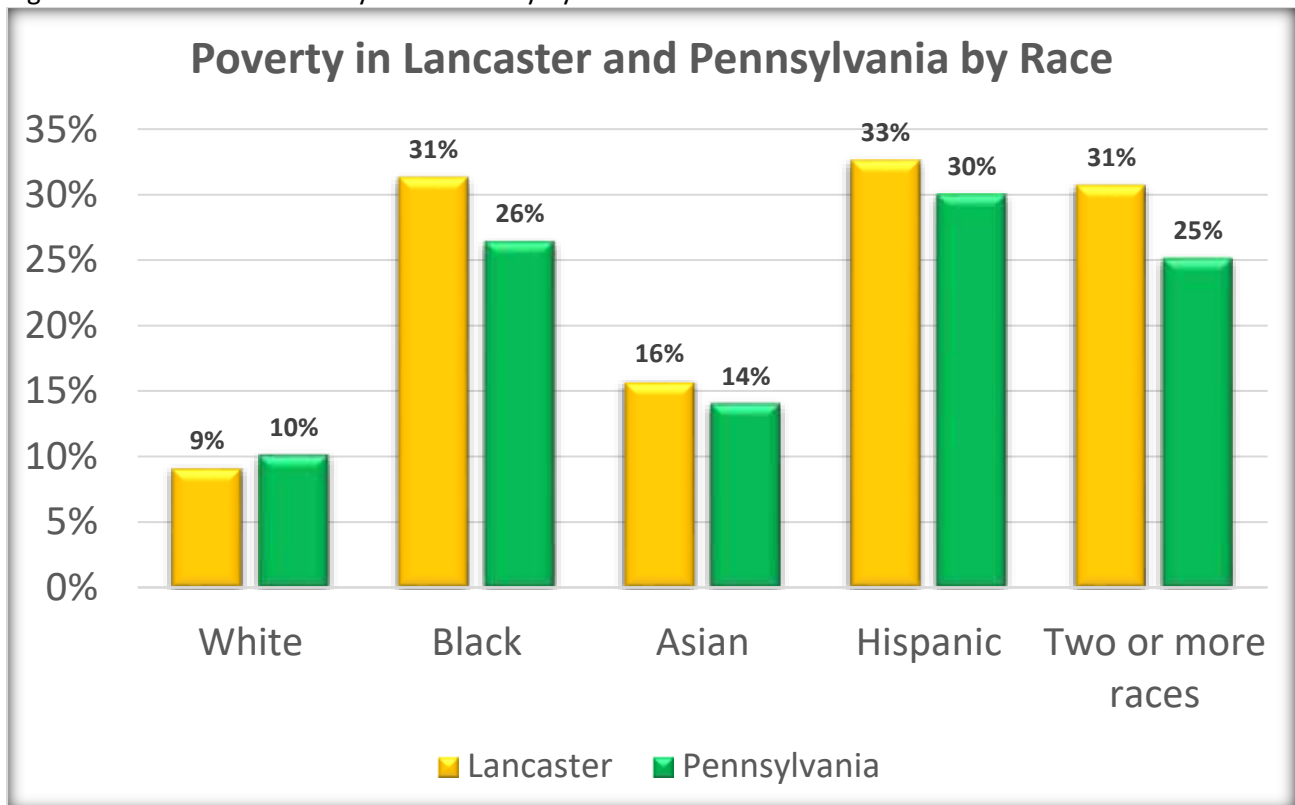
Poverty extends across racial groups and is even more profound among the minority populations living in Lancaster. The highest rate of poverty is found among Hispanic people (32.6%), followed by Black people (31.3%), and individuals of two or more races (30.7%). Among the Asian population, 15.7% are living in poverty. The White population has the lowest rate of poverty at 9.1%. Poverty rates in Lancaster Pennsylvania are higher across the racial groups of Black people, Asian people, Hispanic people, and people identifying as two or more races when compared to poverty rates for the United States.

Figure 3-Lancaster and U.S. Poverty by Race



In the state of Pennsylvania, the highest rate of poverty is among Hispanic people with a poverty rate of 30%. Black people have the next highest rate at 26.4% which is closely followed by those who identify as two or more races at 25.1%. Among the Asian population, the poverty rate for Pennsylvania is 14%, with White people having the lowest rate of poverty in Pennsylvania (10.1%). Comparing Lancaster with the state of Pennsylvania as a whole, the poverty rates for Black people, Asian people, Hispanic people, and people identifying as two or more races are higher in Lancaster than in Pennsylvania.

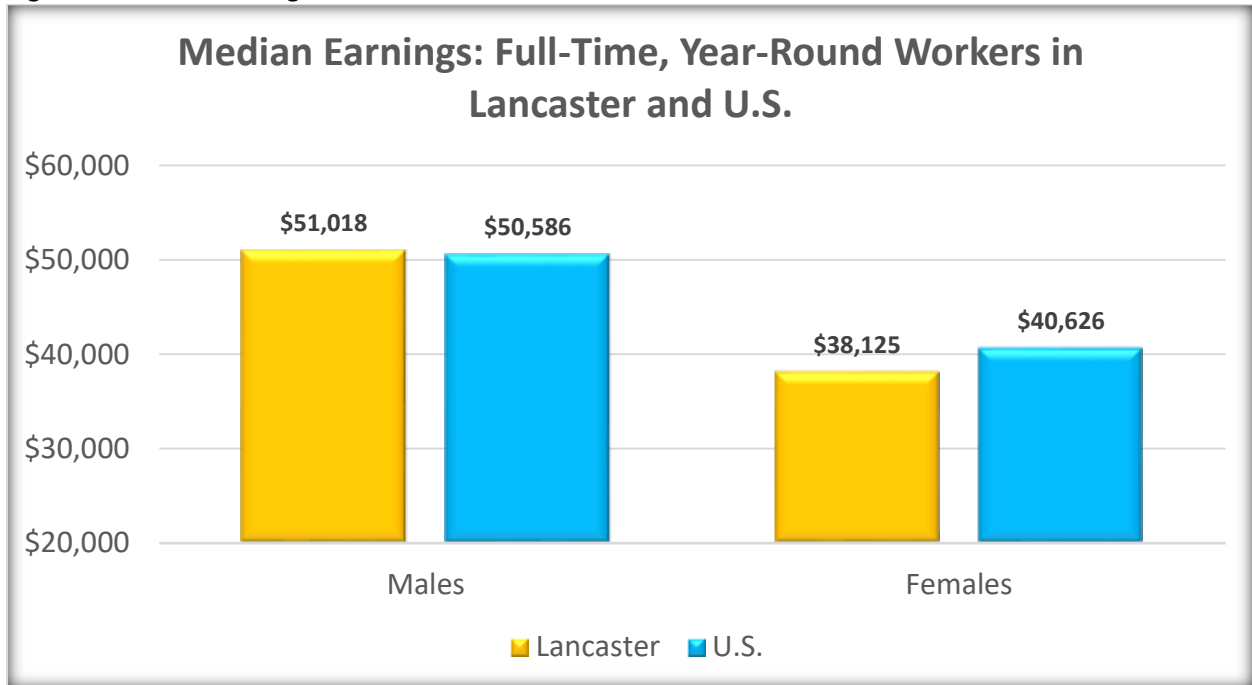
Figure 4-Lancaster and Pennsylvania Poverty by Race



### Male and Female Earnings in Lancaster

For nonfamily households, the median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers in Lancaster is \$51,018. The median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers in nonfamily households in Lancaster is \$38,125. Males in Lancaster have a slightly higher yearly earning than the median for the U.S. (\$50,586), but females in Lancaster have a lower yearly earning than the U.S. (\$40,626). In both the U.S. and in Lancaster, earnings for males are substantially higher than earnings for females.

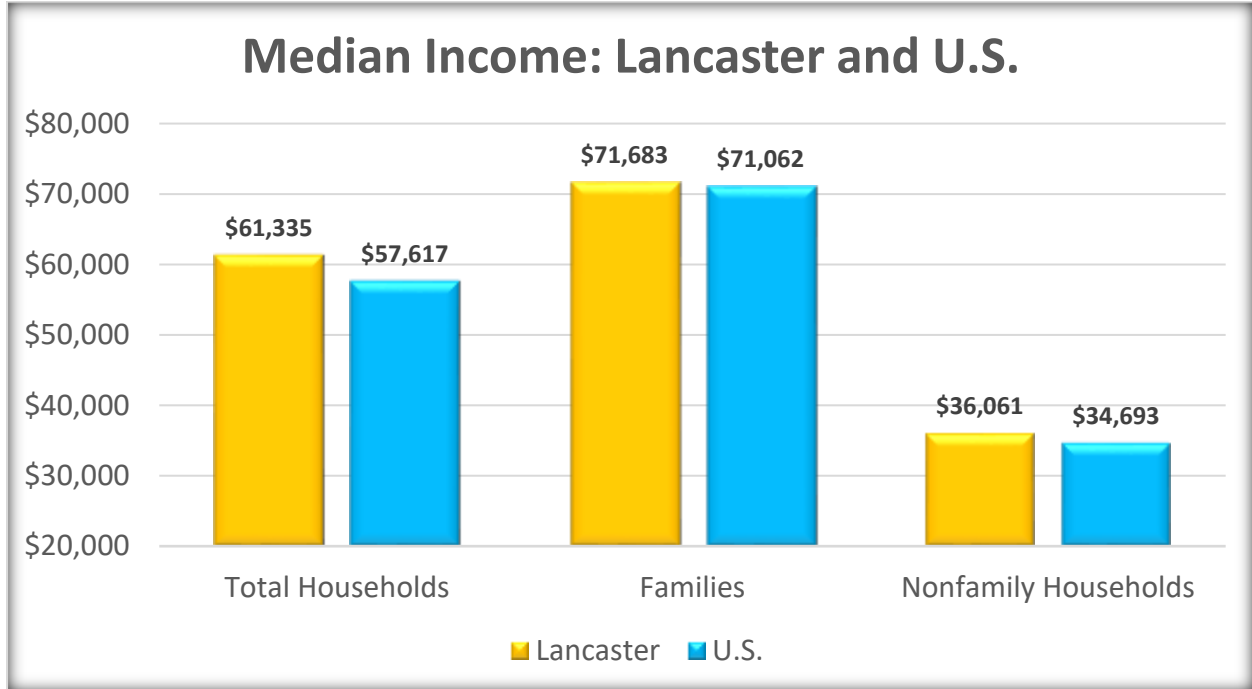
Figure 5-Median earnings for Males and Females in Lancaster and U.S.



### Median Income in Lancaster

The median total household income for Lancaster is \$61,335 which is slightly higher than the median total household income for the U.S. (\$57,617). For families, the median income for Lancaster and the U.S. is approximately the same. For nonfamily households, the median income for Lancaster is \$36,061 which is slightly higher than the median nonfamily household income for the U.S. (\$34,693).

Figure 6-Median Income in Lancaster and U.S.

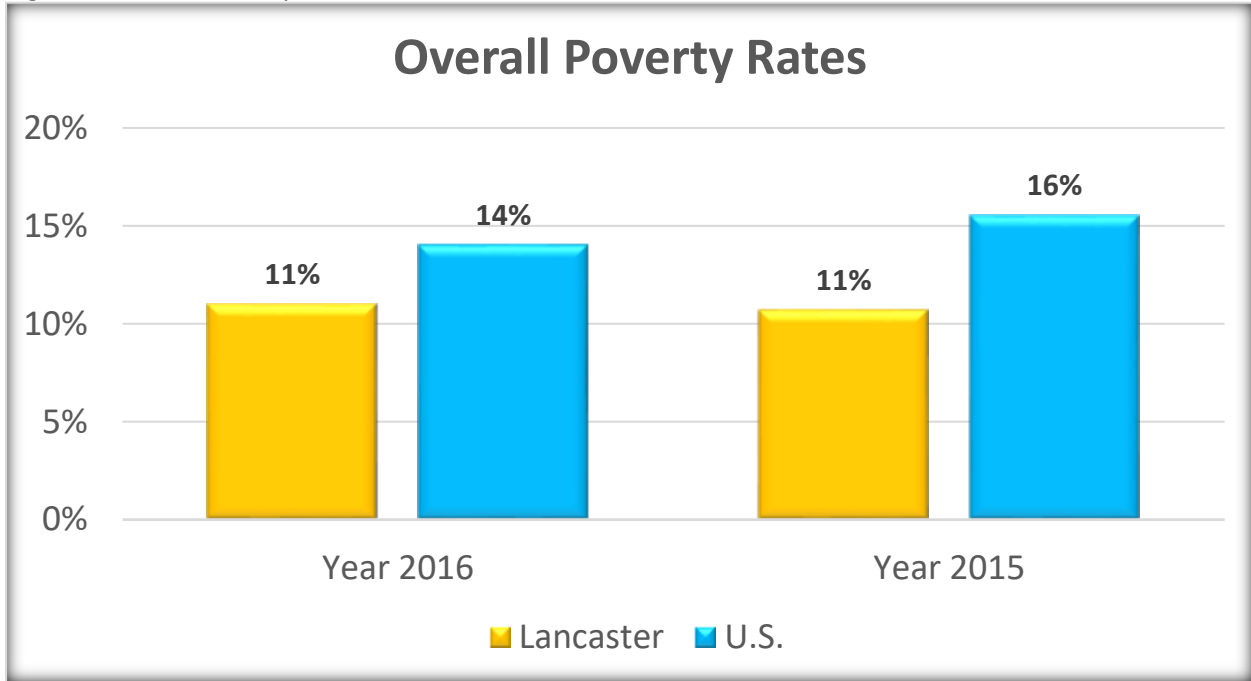




### Yearly Overall Rates of Poverty

The poverty rate in 2016 for the U.S. is at 14%, which is a slight decrease from the poverty rate of 15.5% in 2015. However, the poverty rate in Lancaster in 2016 is at 11%, which is a slight increase from the 10.7% poverty rate for Lancaster in 2015.

Figure 7-Overall Poverty Rates for Lancaster and U.S. in 2016 and 2015



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Sources:

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