



No Fixed Address: The Intersection of Justice, Homelessness & Eviction Prevention

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Agenda



- **Part 1: Context Setting**
 - Homelessness & justice involvement in Ontario
- **Part 2: Lived Experience Perspectives**
 - What justice-involved folks in Ontario are saying
- **Part 3: Preventing Evictions**
 - How can you spot these issues early on?
 - How can you help avoid the cycle of homelessness and justice involvement?

Part 1: The Context in Ontario

Housing in the Current Context



Soaring housing prices hit small town Ontario hard

By [Allison Hannaford](#) | News | May 28th 2022

Real Estate

Jack Landau Posted 7 months ago

Out of control Greater Toronto Area home prices just broke yet another record

CONSUMER

Average rental prices in Toronto rise year-over-year after dropping in 2021



By [Hannah Jackson](#) • Global News

Posted March 14, 2022 3:19 pm

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Most Ontario Renters Choosing Between Food and Paying Rent: Report

PUBLISHED: 12:52 PM JUN 2, 2022

Almost half of Canada's millennials think owning a home is just 'a pipe dream'

KMPG poll finds millennials disenchanted amid rising home prices, high levels of personal debt and stagnant incomes

Zeba Khan

Feb 07, 2020 • February 7, 2020 • 3 minute read • [10 Comments](#)

The Cycle of Homelessness & Justice Involvement



How the Cycle Begins & Continues

How does homelessness lead to incarceration?

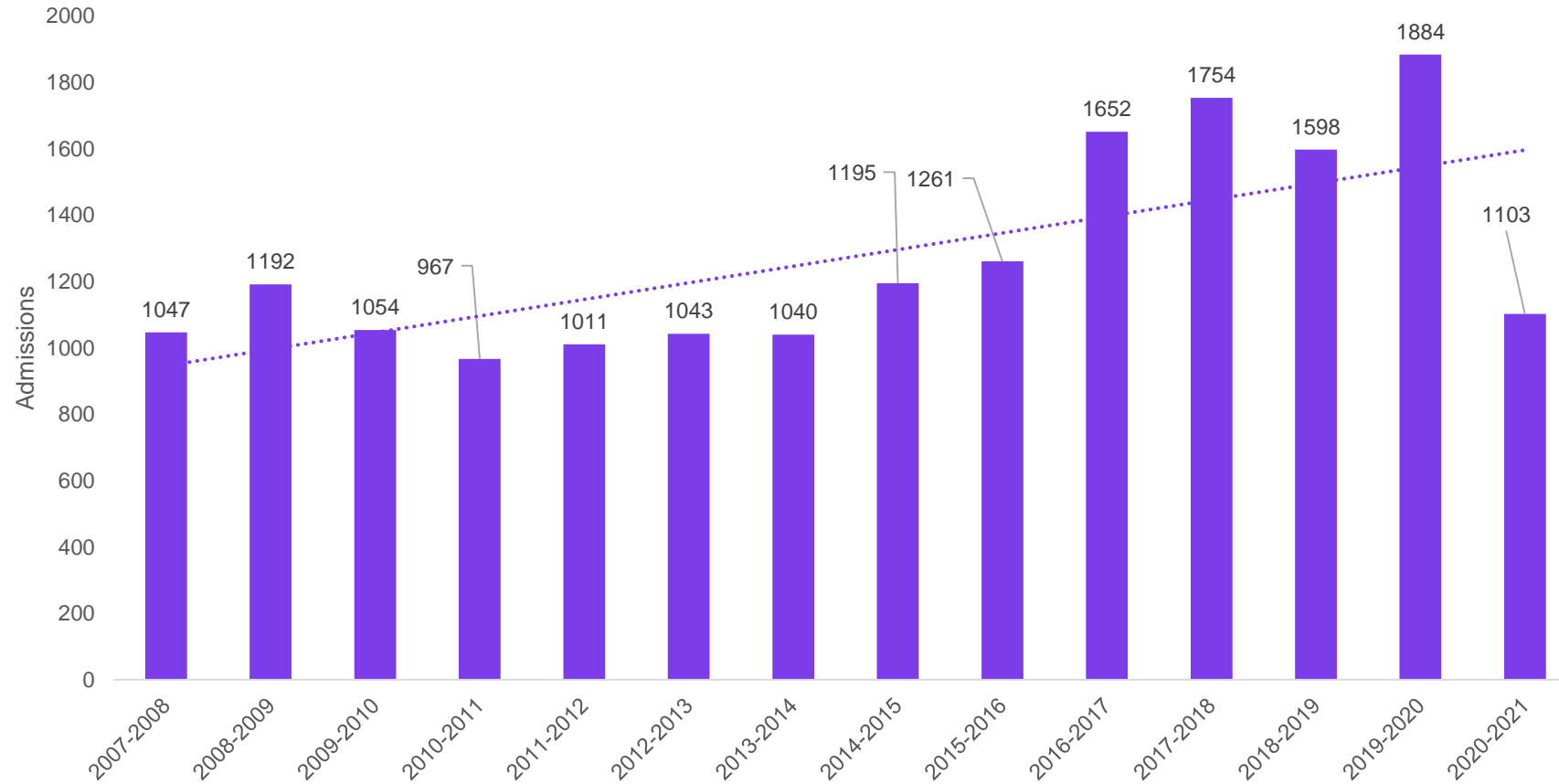
- Laws target people living with homelessness
- More likely to bring them into contact with law enforcement

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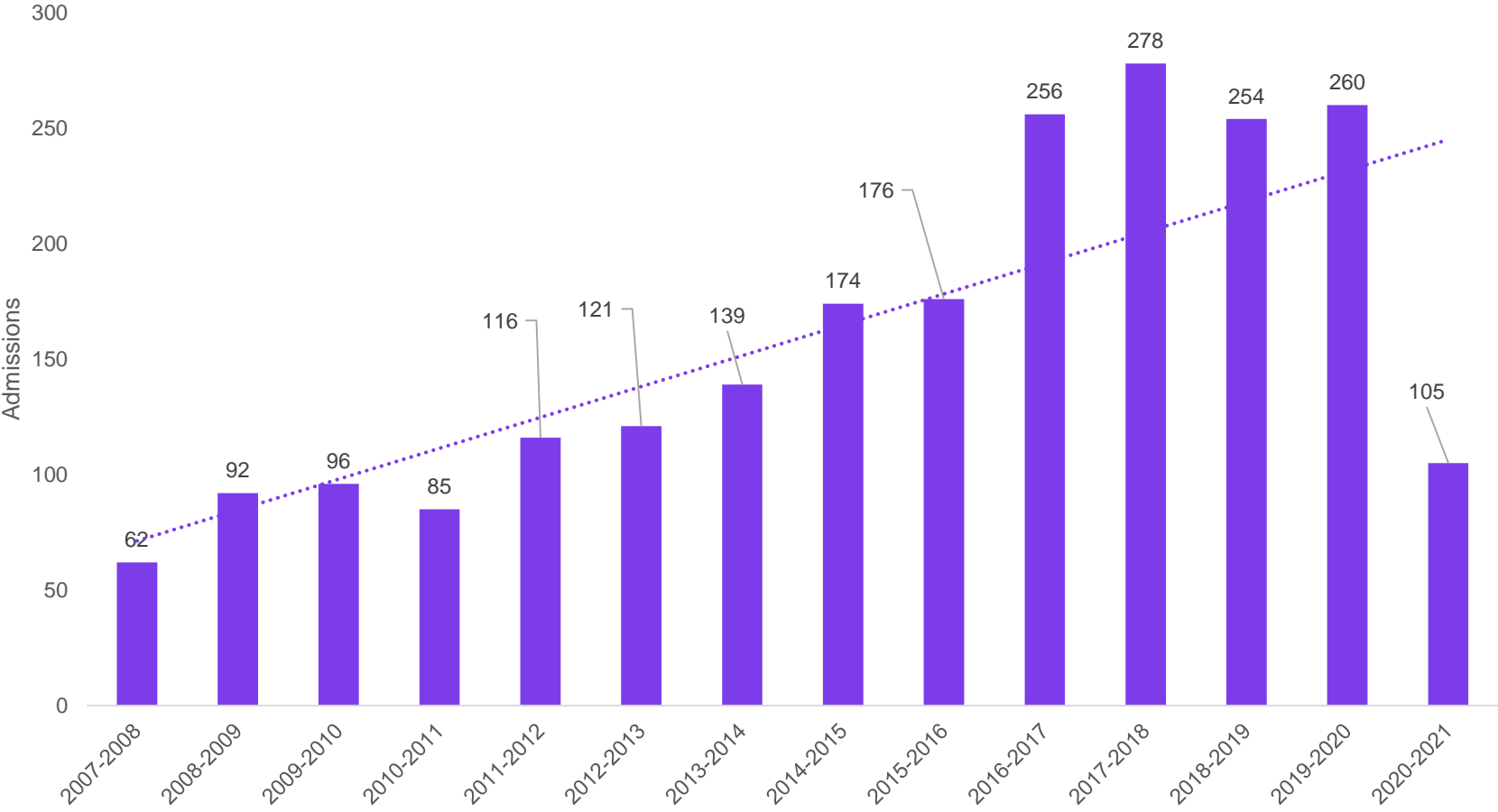
- Economic costs of incarceration
- Policies (criminal records, etc.) make recovery difficult

Systemic barriers play a prominent role

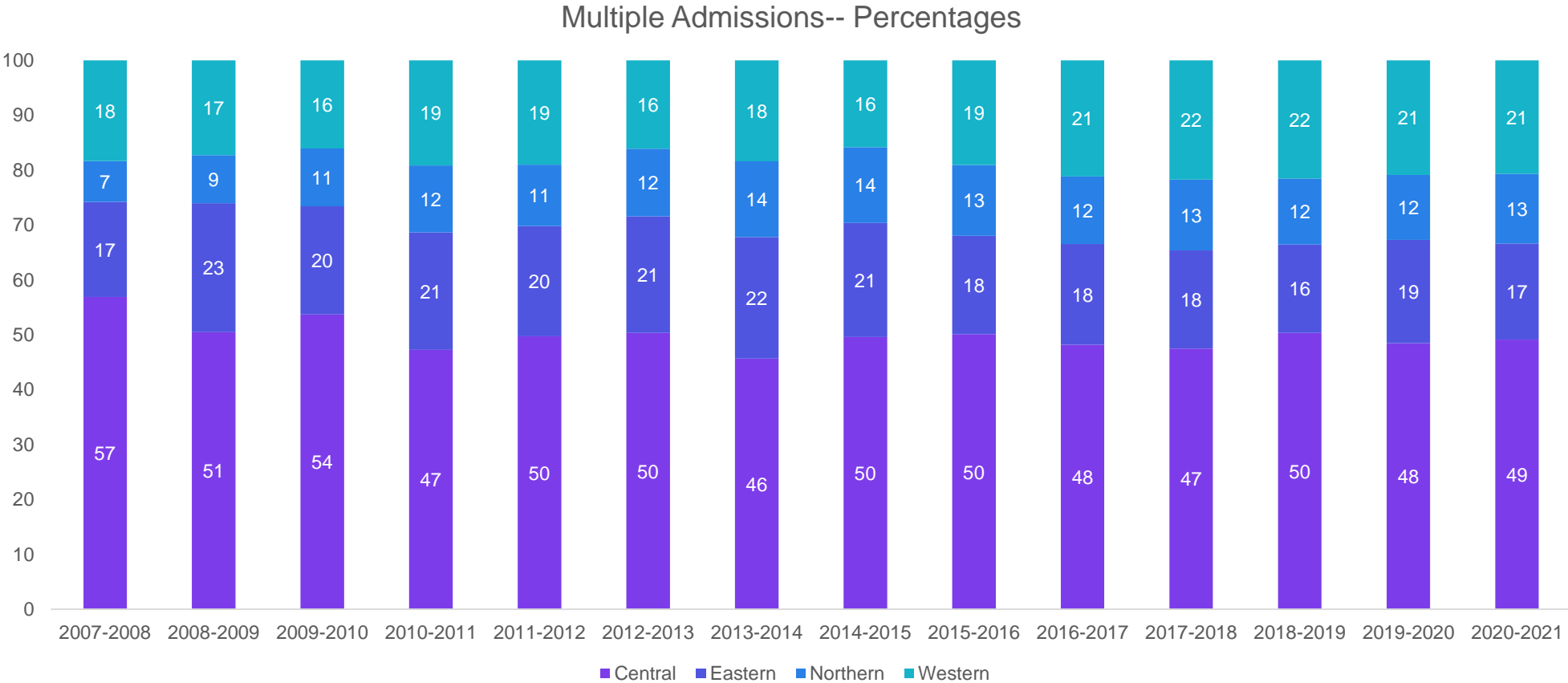
NFA Admissions Have Increased



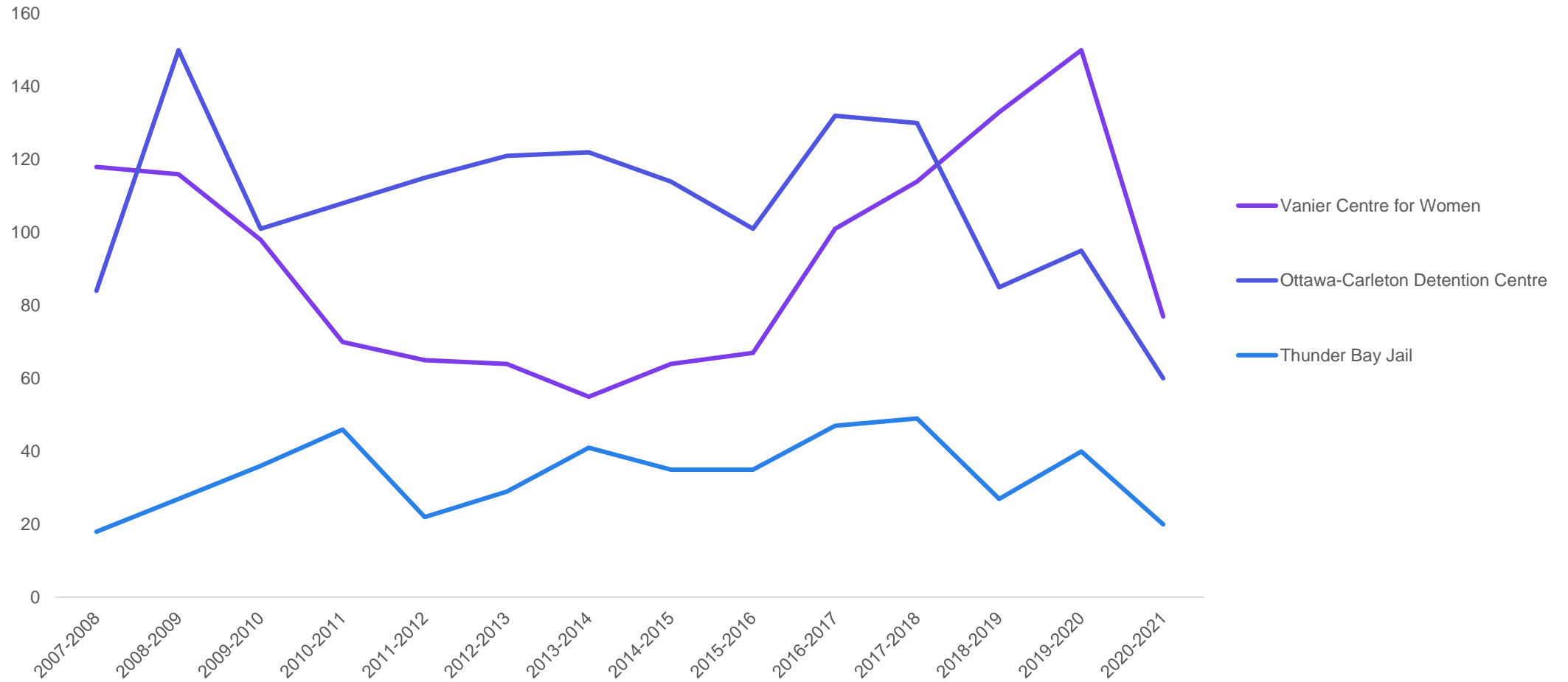
Faster Increase for Indigenous Populations



NFA Admissions Have Grown Most in the North and West



Spotlight on Declining NFA Populations



Part 2: Perspectives of Individuals with Lived Experience

Upcoming Research

- In-depth exploration of the experiences of justice involved people
- One-on-one discussions with justice-involved people & service providers
 - Interviews with 50 individuals with lived experience & 120 surveys
 - Surveys completed by 60 service providers & a handful of interviews



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Perceived Systemic Barriers

- Affordability (e.g., access to affordable housing, waitlists, eligibility requirements, etc.)
- Justice involvement (e.g., criminal record, discrimination, etc.)
- Stigma (e.g., social assistance, “looking” homeless, etc.)
- Overburdened social services

What is Wanted

- More shelters/low barrier housing options/affordable housing
- More help with systems navigation
- Greater landlord advocacy
- Rent programs/housing programs
- Release planning

What's Working

- Outreach
- Highly structured detox vs. independent living
- Federal institution programming & release planning structure
- Social support/case worker

Part 3: Eviction Prevention

Training to Avoid Evictions



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Important Things to Flag

- Time in custody can lead to missed rent payments and evictions
- Missed rent payments can be a legal reason for eviction **BUT only** if a landlord provides proper notice and follows the legal eviction process
- A landlord can legally dispose of or sell tenant belongings **BUT only** after 72 hours following a legal eviction

What Can You Do?

- If they receive a notice → tell them they don't need to move just yet
 - Keep an eye on this if they are in custody
 - Cancelling the notice & repayment plans
 - Rent banks, OW or ODSP (additional allowances), OW Emergency Assistance, etc.
- If they don't receive a notice → or the Rental Housing Enforcement Unit
 - Or T2 Application to the Landlord & Tenant Board

NOTE: Belongings can only be removed 72 hours after a legal eviction.

THANK YOU!

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