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## **Two Thirds See Toronto's Homeless Problem as Severe**

### **One half approve of 15 new shelters being built**

TORONTO November 24<sup>th</sup> – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1086 Toronto voters, two thirds describe Toronto's homelessness problem as severe (67%) and as many as one quarter describe it as "very severe" (26%). Taking this position is common to Boomers (55 to 64 - 30%), females (32%) rather than males (18%), among the least wealthy (41%), in Scarborough (30%), among the least educated (secondary school or less - 36%), among those who commute by public transit (30%). Doug Ford voters from the last election (31%), Olivia Chow votes (41%) and those who disapprove of John Tory as mayor (32%).

### **However, voters see transit, infrastructure and inequality as more serious than homelessness**

When asked what the most serious issues facing Toronto are, the largest group says "inadequate transit" (32%), followed by income inequality (16%), crumbling infrastructure (15%) and violent crime (13%). Fewer see homelessness (9%) or pedestrian and cyclist safety as serious (5%). Homelessness is seen as especially pressing among the least wealthy (16%) and the least educated (13%).

### **Three-in-ten have "some" or "a lot" of homeless people in their neighbourhood**

In total, 3-in-10 voters (31%) see some (22%) or "a lot" of homeless people in their neighbourhoods (9%). Having a lot in the neighbourhood is especially common, of course, in downtown Toronto (17%).

### **Vast majority feels safe walking in their neighbourhoods at night**

The wide majority of voters in total (80%) say they feel "very" (43%) or "somewhat safe" (37%) walking in their neighbourhoods at night. One sixth do not feel safe (15%), and one twenty fifth do not walk in their neighbourhoods at night in the first place (4%). Feeling the neighbourhood is safe is common to downtown Toronto (88%).

### **Job training for the homeless seen as best solution to the problem**

When asked the best solution to the city's homelessness problem, the plurality suggest job training (26%), followed by more low income housing (21%) and a guaranteed basic income (19%). Few suggest the answer is more shelters (6%), more generous social assistance (8%) or more beds in existing shelters (4%).

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Two thirds describe Toronto's homelessness problem as severe (67%) and as many as one quarter describe it as "very severe" (26%)
- When asked what the most serious issues facing Toronto are, the largest group says "inadequate transit" (32%), followed by income inequality (16%), crumbling infrastructure (15%) and violent crime (13%)
- In total, 3-in-10 voters (31%) see some (22%) or "a lot" of homeless people in their neighbourhoods (9%)
- The wide majority of voters in total (80%) say they feel "very" (43%) or "somewhat safe" (37%) walking in their neighbourhoods at night

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## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Close to one half of voters agree there are too few shelter beds in Toronto (46%), while very few think there are enough (12%) or too many (4%)
- In total, about one quarter of voters give to the homeless in the street at least once a week (28%)
- One sixth of voters already have a homeless shelter in their neighbourhood (15%)
- The majority of Toronto voters approve of the city's plan to build 15 new shelters (52%)
- When voters are asked where the new shelters should be located, the strong majority, 6-in-10, say "wherever they are needed" (59%)
- Just more than one third of voters would support a homeless shelter in their neighbourhood (36%), while just less would not support it (32%)

## **Consensus that there are too few shelter beds in Toronto**

Close to one half of voters agree there are too few shelter beds in Toronto (46%), while very few think there are enough (12%) or too many (4%). As many as 4-in-10 can't form an opinion on the subject (39%).

## **More than a quarter give to the homeless once a week or more**

In total, about one quarter of voters give to the homeless in the street at least once a week (28%), and one fifth claim they do so "daily" (21%). One third do not give money to the homeless at all (34%).

## **One sixth have a homeless shelter in their neighbourhood already**

One sixth of voters already have a homeless shelter in their neighbourhood (15%), and this is most common in the downtown (32%), East York (24%) and York (20%).

## **Majority approve of city building 15 new shelters**

The majority of Toronto voters approve of the city's plan to build 15 new shelters (52%), and approval is highest in York (64%) and lowest in Etobicoke (40%). Approval is common to the youngest (62%), the least wealthy (63%), among those who commute by transit (64%) and among Olivia Chow voters (68%).

## **Strong majority think shelters should be built wherever they're needed**

When voters are asked where the new shelters should be located, the strong majority, 6-in-10, say "wherever they are needed" (59%), while just one tenth want them limited to non-residential areas only (12%). Few opt for downtown (6%) or downtown and midtown only (7%). Incidence of wanting shelters built wherever they are needed is common to the youngest (63%), females (64%) rather than males (55%), mid to high income groups (\$60K to \$100K - 64%), in the downtown (69%), among the best educated (post grad - 63%), among public transit (72%) and bicycle commuters (73%) and among Olivia Chow voters (79%), but not Doug Ford voters (42%).

## **Opinion split on whether homeless shelter would be welcome in the neighbourhood**

Just more than one third of voters would support a homeless shelter in their neighbourhood (36%), while just less would not support it (32%). One quarter would neither oppose or support the effort (24%) and about a tenth don't have an opinion (8%). Support is most characteristic of the youngest (45%), the least wealthy (46%), in the downtown (45%), among those who commute by transit (47%) and bicycle (49%) and among Olivia Chow voters (53%), but not Ford voters (25%).

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## **Those who support a homeless shelter say “everyone deserves a roof over their head”**

When asked why they would support a homeless shelter in their neighbourhood, most say “everyone deserves a roof over their head” (50%), followed by those who say simply that it’s “the right thing to do” (35%). Fewer say it is because a shelter will fit into their neighbourhood (4%) or because there is already one there (5%).

## **Those who oppose a homeless shelter say it wouldn’t be safe**

Those opposing a shelter in their neighbourhood say it wouldn’t be safe for them and their families (37%), followed by those who say it wouldn’t fit in the neighbourhood (19%) and those who say it will lower property values (18%). Just one twentieth say they already have a homeless shelter in their neighbourhood (6%).

## **6-in-10 support a shelter in their neighbourhood for women and children**

When the potential shelter in their neighbourhood is described as a shelter for women and children, the one third approving doubles to 6-in-10 (60%). Just one sixth oppose such a shelter (16%) and a similar proportion would neither oppose nor support it (18%).

“It is refreshing to see that Toronto voters not only recognize the magnitude of the homelessness problem, they are also willing to collectively take responsibility for ameliorating the problem by, for the most part, welcoming shelters where they live,” said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- When asked why they would support a homeless shelter in their neighbourhood, most say “everyone deserves a roof over their head” (50%)
- Those opposing a shelter in their neighbourhood say it wouldn’t be safe for them and their families (37%)
- “It is refreshing to see that Toronto voters not only recognize the magnitude of the homelessness problem, they are also willing to collectively take responsibility for ameliorating the problem by, for the most part, welcoming shelters where they live,” said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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## Methodology

The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1086 randomly selected Toronto voters. The poll was conducted on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3%, 19 times out of 20. Subsample results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample (such as age, gender) results are available at [www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp](http://www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp)

Where appropriate, the data has been statistically weighted by age, region, and other variables to ensure that the sample reflects the actual population according to the latest Census data.

This research is not necessarily predictive of future outcomes, but rather, captures opinion at one point in time. Forum Research conducted this poll as a public service and to demonstrate our survey research capabilities. Forum houses its poll results in the Data Library of the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto.

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### Toronto's Most Serious Problem

'Which of the following is the most serious problem facing Toronto?'

[All Respondents]

#### Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1086	241	158	208	226	253	531	518
Homelessness	9	10	7	7	10	9	7	11
Crumbling infrastructure	15	12	11	16	22	20	16	14
Inadequate transit	32	37	36	27	32	24	37	29
Pedestrian and cyclist safety	5	4	6	7	5	4	4	5
Violent crime	13	9	10	18	15	14	12	13
Income inequality	16	18	18	16	11	15	14	18
Something else	7	6	11	6	4	8	7	7
Don't know	3	4	2	2	1	6	2	3

#### Income

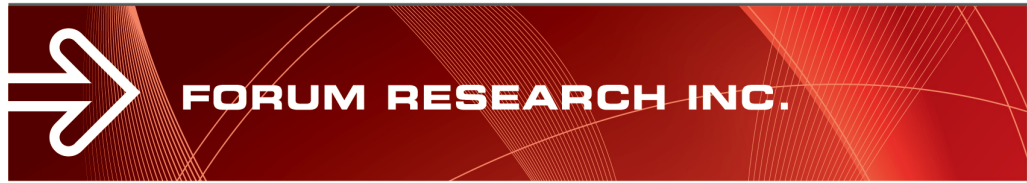
%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	1086	122	148	133	121	100	235
Homelessness	9	16	9	12	11	4	6
Crumbling infrastructure	15	11	9	10	16	11	19
Inadequate transit	32	17	18	34	34	42	48
Pedestrian and cyclist safety	5	7	9	4	2	3	4
Violent crime	13	11	18	16	7	11	9
Income inequality	16	23	22	13	23	18	8
Something else	7	7	10	10	6	8	5
Don't know	3	8	4	1	0	3	1

#### Region

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	1086	360	110	198	164	71	183
Homelessness	9	11	10	10	3	3	10
Crumbling infrastructure	15	15	16	10	22	16	16
Inadequate transit	32	38	29	32	31	34	28
Pedestrian and cyclist safety	5	8	5	6	4	4	1
Violent crime	13	5	16	13	16	17	16
Income inequality	16	15	16	18	15	12	18
Something else	7	6	6	7	8	7	9
Don't know	3	2	2	5	2	7	2

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**Transportation Mode**

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%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
Sample	1086	409	329	50	70	34	194
Homelessness	9	4	12	7	13	4	12
Crumbling infrastructure	15	19	9	15	18	16	18
Inadequate transit	32	28	41	36	25	29	26
Pedestrian and cyclist safety	5	4	5	22	4	8	3
Violent crime	13	18	9	8	3	13	13
Income inequality	16	15	16	11	28	21	15
Something else	7	9	5	1	7	6	8
Don't know	3	3	3	0	2	3	6

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**Homelessness in Toronto: Severity**

*How severe is the problem of homelessness in Toronto?*

*[All Respondents]*

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1086	241	158	208	226	253	531	518
NET: TOP2	67	68	63	66	70	69	59	74
NET: BTM2	23	22	29	22	24	15	30	16
Very severe	26	25	21	28	30	27	18	32
Somewhat severe	41	44	42	38	40	42	41	42
Not too severe	16	16	22	13	17	13	22	12
Not severe at all	6	6	7	9	7	3	9	4
Don't know	10	10	8	12	6	16	10	10

**Income**

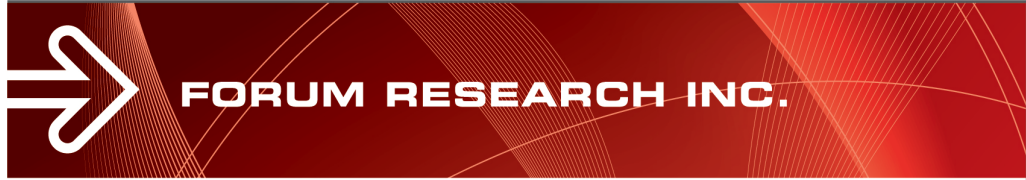
%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	1086	122	148	133	121	100	235
NET: TOP2	67	72	69	72	68	66	65
NET: BTM2	23	14	16	18	26	24	28
Very severe	26	41	30	23	24	21	21
Somewhat severe	41	32	39	49	44	45	45
Not too severe	16	10	13	16	22	16	19
Not severe at all	6	5	3	2	5	8	9
Don't know	10	13	15	10	6	9	6

**Region**

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Sample	1086	360	110	198	164	71	183
NET: TOP2	67	72	70	64	56	69	72
NET: BTM2	23	21	25	25	26	25	18
Very severe	26	26	26	25	19	27	30
Somewhat severe	41	46	45	39	37	42	42
Not too severe	16	16	19	17	19	24	11
Not severe at all	6	5	6	8	7	1	7
Don't know	10	7	5	11	18	7	10

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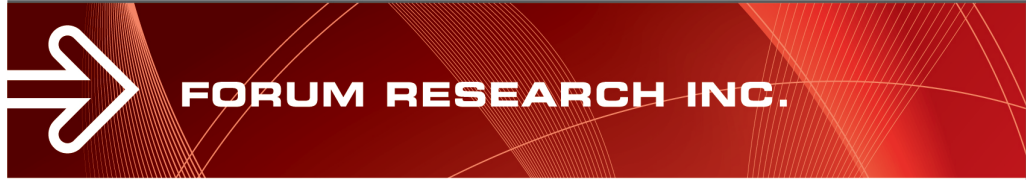
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Sample	1086	409	329	50	70	34	194
NET: TOP2	67	61	75	78	61	40	70
NET: BTM2	23	29	18	13	28	32	12
Very severe	26	21	30	29	25	16	29
Somewhat severe	41	40	45	50	36	25	41
Not too severe	16	20	15	9	20	24	8
Not severe at all	6	9	3	4	8	8	5
Don't know	10	10	6	9	11	27	17

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**Homeless People in Neighbourhood**

*How many homeless people frequent your neighbourhood?*

*[All Respondents]*

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1086	241	158	208	226	253	531	518
A lot	9	12	6	9	8	6	6	10
Some	22	23	25	20	23	20	21	24
Few	40	38	39	38	42	44	40	40
None	29	27	30	33	27	29	33	26

**Income**

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	1086	122	148	133	121	100	235
A lot	9	15	7	5	12	4	7
Some	22	23	23	34	20	13	25
Few	40	39	41	32	31	50	41
None	29	23	29	29	38	33	27

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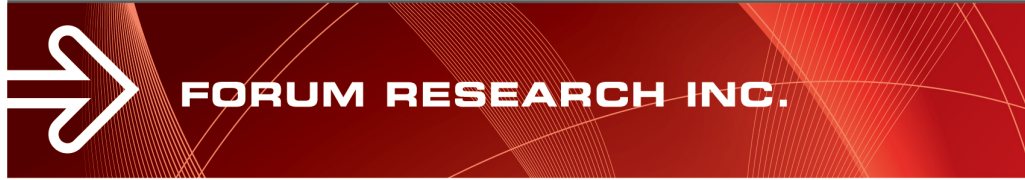
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A lot	9	17	12	5	2	4	10
Some	22	36	33	17	13	30	14
Few	40	34	37	44	40	53	37
None	29	12	17	34	44	14	40

**Transportation Mode**

%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
Sample	1086	409	329	50	70	34	194
A lot	9	5	12	15	17	2	7
Some	22	15	28	45	31	10	22
Few	40	41	38	33	37	50	42
None	29	39	22	7	16	38	30

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***Walking in Neighbourhood at Night***

*How safe do you feel walking in your neighbourhood at night?*

*[All Respondents]*

**Age / Gender**

	%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample		1086	241	158	208	226	253	531	518
NET: TOP2		80	81	84	81	83	69	84	77
NET: BTM2		15	17	12	16	12	19	13	17
Very safe		43	41	45	45	43	39	52	34
Somewhat safe		37	41	38	36	40	31	32	43
Not very safe		11	11	10	12	9	13	9	13
Not at all safe		4	6	2	4	3	6	3	4
Don't walk in your neighbourhood at night		4	2	2	3	4	11	2	5
Don't know		1	0	2	1	1	0	1	1

**Income**

	%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample		1086	122	148	133	121	100	235
NET: TOP2		80	72	67	79	90	84	91
NET: BTM2		15	20	27	13	10	14	8
Very safe		43	30	35	42	37	44	60
Somewhat safe		37	42	32	36	52	40	31
Not very safe		11	13	21	11	7	9	4
Not at all safe		4	7	6	2	3	5	3
Don't walk in your neighbourhood at night		4	5	4	6	1	3	1
Don't know		1	2	2	2	0	0	0

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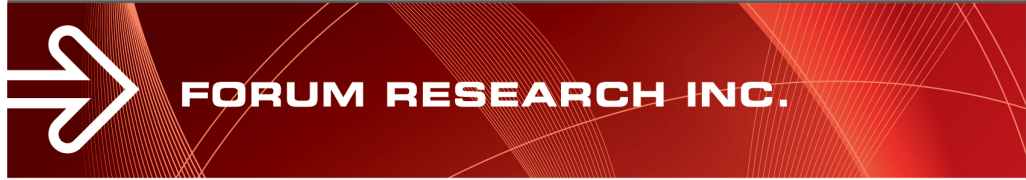
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NET: TOP2	80	88	79	80	79	83	72
NET: BTM2	15	10	18	14	16	12	22
Very safe	43	53	46	40	44	37	33
Somewhat safe	37	35	34	40	34	46	38
Not very safe	11	7	12	10	11	10	17
Not at all safe	4	3	5	4	5	2	5
Don't walk in your neighbourhood at night	4	2	3	4	5	3	6
Don't know	1	0	0	2	0	2	0

**Transportation Mode**

%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
Sample	1086	409	329	50	70	34	194
NET: TOP2	80	83	85	77	80	52	65
NET: BTM2	15	14	13	13	19	31	21
Very safe	43	43	45	47	39	36	38
Somewhat safe	37	41	40	30	41	16	27
Not very safe	11	9	9	11	18	29	13
Not at all safe	4	4	3	3	1	2	8
Don't walk in your neighbourhood at night	4	2	2	3	1	18	14
Don't know	1	1	0	7	0	0	0

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***Solution to Homelessness in Toronto***

*Which of the following is the best solution to homelessness in Toronto?*

*[All Respondents]*

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
<b>Sample</b>	<b>1086</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>518</b>
More shelter beds in existing shelters	4	3	4	6	6	6	5	4
Guaranteed basic income	19	20	21	18	15	16	18	18
More generous social assistance	8	12	6	5	8	5	8	8
More low-income housing	21	18	19	24	25	23	15	27
Job training for the homeless	26	30	25	26	23	23	31	23
Additional homeless shelters	6	6	5	7	8	7	7	6
Something else	9	6	12	11	10	8	9	8

**Income**

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
<b>Sample</b>	<b>1086</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>235</b>
More shelter beds in existing shelters	4	3	8	7	3	3	3
Guaranteed basic income	19	21	17	23	23	17	19
More generous social assistance	8	12	10	5	7	18	4
More low-income housing	21	22	20	28	22	19	19
Job training for the homeless	26	16	22	20	33	29	30
Additional homeless shelters	6	14	5	3	4	5	5
Something else	9	6	9	7	4	5	13
Don't know	6	6	9	6	4	4	6

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<b>Sample</b>	<b>1086</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>183</b>
More shelter beds in existing shelters	4	6	5	4	4	2	5
Guaranteed basic income	19	24	16	19	13	18	17
More generous social assistance	8	6	11	10	8	6	7
More low-income housing	21	22	21	23	15	17	24
Job training for the homeless	26	21	27	23	40	31	23
Additional homeless shelters	6	8	8	7	1	7	7
Something else	9	9	7	9	8	7	11
Don't know	6	4	5	5	9	13	6

**Transportation Mode**

%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
<b>Sample</b>	<b>1086</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>194</b>
More shelter beds in existing shelters	4	5	4	4	4	4	5
Guaranteed basic income	19	18	20	14	25	6	17
More generous social assistance	8	7	10	10	4	6	7
More low-income housing	21	15	27	28	17	6	28
Job training for the homeless	26	32	22	10	24	62	19
Additional homeless shelters	6	5	6	9	10	4	8
Something else	9	12	7	13	12	10	4
Don't know	6	6	4	12	4	2	12

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**Sufficient Number of Shelter Beds**

Are there currently enough shelter beds in Toronto for the homeless population?

[All Respondents]

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1086	241	158	208	226	253	531	518
There are too many shelter beds	4	3	6	4	2	2	4	3
There are too few shelter beds	46	47	38	51	46	46	37	53
There are about the right number of shelter beds	12	8	13	10	15	16	16	7
Don't know	39	42	43	36	37	36	42	37

**Income**

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	1086	122	148	133	121	100	235
There are too many shelter beds	4	3	3	8	2	4	3
There are too few shelter beds	46	51	44	55	49	40	45
There are about the right number of shelter beds	12	11	13	3	12	12	14
Don't know	39	35	40	33	38	44	38

**Region**

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	1086	360	110	198	164	71	183
There are too many shelter beds	4	3	7	3	5	3	3
There are too few shelter beds	46	53	59	42	35	49	44
There are about the right number of shelter beds	12	14	9	10	14	7	12
Don't know	39	30	26	45	46	41	40

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## Transportation Mode

%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
Sample	1086	409	329	50	70	34	194
There are too many shelter beds	4	5	3	8	1	3	1
There are too few shelter beds	46	40	52	50	51	16	48
There are about the right number of shelter beds	12	11	12	14	10	23	11
Don't know	39	44	33	28	38	58	40

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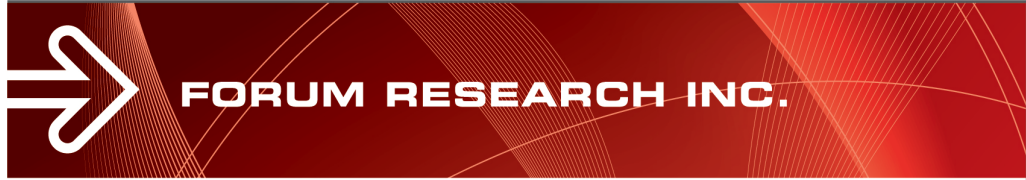
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***Giving Money to Homeless People***

*Do you give money to homeless people in the street?*

*[All Respondents]*

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1086	241	158	208	226	253	531	518
Yes, daily	21	23	18	23	22	17	18	23
Yes, at least once a week	7	5	8	9	8	9	7	8
Yes, once a month or so	14	13	17	15	16	12	16	13
Yes, less often than once a month	24	25	23	21	24	27	25	23
Do not give money to the homeless in the street	34	35	34	32	30	35	35	33

**Income**

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	1086	122	148	133	121	100	235
Yes, daily	21	18	19	21	31	26	21
Yes, at least once a week	7	10	12	7	4	7	6
Yes, once a month or so	14	17	20	20	15	7	11
Yes, less often than once a month	24	25	23	21	20	25	21
Do not give money to the homeless in the street	34	30	26	31	31	34	41

**Region**

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	1086	360	110	198	164	71	183
Yes, daily	21	23	19	19	20	22	21
Yes, at least once a week	7	8	10	6	6	9	7
Yes, once a month or so	14	16	20	15	13	6	14
Yes, less often than once a month	24	18	20	27	26	27	25
Do not give money to the homeless in the street	34	34	31	34	34	36	32

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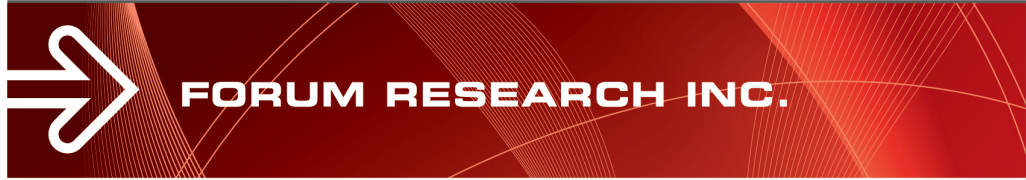
**Transportation Mode**

%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
<b>Sample</b>	<b>1086</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>194</b>
Yes, daily	21	24	21	26	22	6	13
Yes, at least once a week	7	7	9	7	2	14	7
Yes, once a month or so	14	10	18	18	15	21	16
Yes, less often than once a month	24	24	23	24	23	41	21
Do not give money to the homeless in the street	34	35	30	25	38	18	43

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**Homeless Shelter in Neighbourhood**

*Is there a homeless shelter in your neighbourhood?*

*[All Respondents]*

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1086	241	158	208	226	253	531	518
Yes	15	18	15	14	17	12	14	16
No	42	37	40	45	45	46	44	39
Don't know	43	45	45	41	38	42	42	44

**Income**

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	1086	122	148	133	121	100	235
Yes	15	11	13	15	11	16	17
No	42	42	47	41	49	40	39
Don't know	43	47	40	44	40	44	43

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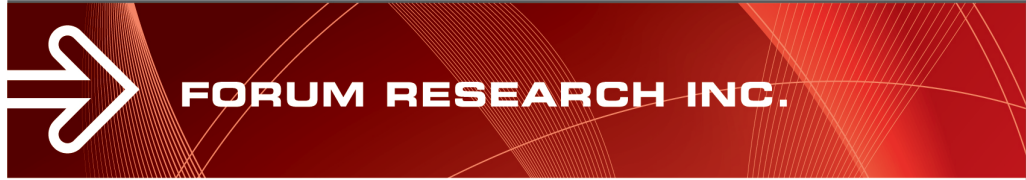
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Sample	1086	360	110	198	164	71	183
Yes	15	32	24	6	8	20	10
No	42	33	35	46	48	31	46
Don't know	43	34	41	48	44	49	44

**Transportation Mode**

%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
Sample	1086	409	329	50	70	34	194
Yes	15	14	15	35	22	6	12
No	42	39	43	28	41	49	46
Don't know	43	46	42	36	37	44	41

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**15 New Homeless Shelters: Approval**

The city of Toronto estimates it will need as many as 15 new homeless shelters in the coming years. Do you approve or disapprove of building as many as 15 new homeless shelters in Toronto?

[All Respondents]

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1086	241	158	208	226	253	531	518
Approve	52	62	49	48	48	47	52	53
Disapprove	25	24	28	28	27	21	28	23
Don't know	22	14	23	24	25	31	20	24

**Income**

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	1086	122	148	133	121	100	235
Approve	52	63	60	54	51	53	47
Disapprove	25	19	19	27	29	18	31
Don't know	22	18	21	19	20	28	22

**Region**

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	1086	360	110	198	164	71	183
Approve	52	55	55	54	40	64	53
Disapprove	25	27	24	23	34	10	26
Don't know	22	19	21	23	26	26	21

**Transportation Mode**

%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
Sample	1086	409	329	50	70	34	194
Approve	52	46	64	48	53	52	44
Disapprove	25	33	19	24	23	27	20
Don't know	22	21	18	28	23	21	36

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**Best Place to Build New Homeless Shelters**

*Where is the best place to build new homeless shelters?*

*[All Respondents]*

**Age / Gender**

	%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
<b>Sample</b>		<b>1086</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>518</b>
Non-residential neighbourhoods only		12	12	10	17	10	9	12	11
Downtown only		6	4	10	5	7	6	6	6
Downtown and midtown only		7	6	5	9	9	8	8	6
Anywhere in the city they are needed		59	63	63	52	55	58	55	64
Somewhere else		6	6	4	4	10	6	7	4
Nowhere		3	1	4	5	3	1	4	2
Don't know		8	8	5	8	7	12	8	7

**Income**

	%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
<b>Sample</b>		<b>1086</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>235</b>
Non-residential neighbourhoods only		12	9	9	12	10	11	11
Downtown only		6	3	6	15	2	6	4
Downtown and midtown only		7	5	8	6	11	8	7
Anywhere in the city they are needed		59	61	60	58	64	64	59
Somewhere else		6	6	5	6	5	7	6
Nowhere		3	3	2	2	2	0	5
Don't know		8	13	11	2	7	4	8

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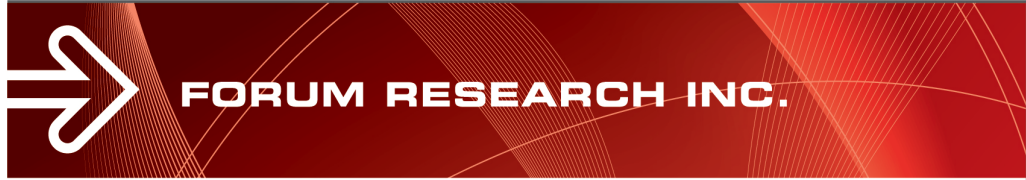
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<b>Sample</b>	<b>1086</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>183</b>
Non-residential neighbourhoods only	12	9	13	13	15	12	10
Downtown only	6	2	8	9	5	6	8
Downtown and midtown only	7	5	4	5	12	6	8
Anywhere in the city they are needed	59	69	61	56	49	63	57
Somewhere else	6	7	3	5	5	7	6
Nowhere	3	3	7	3	3	0	2
Don't know	8	5	3	9	10	8	9

**Transportation Mode**

%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
<b>Sample</b>	<b>1086</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>194</b>
Non-residential neighbourhoods only	12	18	5	6	12	10	12
Downtown only	6	9	3	8	7	6	5
Downtown and midtown only	7	9	6	0	6	6	7
Anywhere in the city they are needed	59	47	72	73	62	53	57
Somewhere else	6	6	5	7	8	18	4
Nowhere	3	5	1	3	0	0	2
Don't know	8	8	7	3	5	7	13

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***Homeless Shelters: Safer Communities***

*Do you agree or disagree that building a homeless shelter in your neighbourhood and getting homeless people off the streets will help make your community safer for everyone?*

[All Respondents]

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	532	119	74	108	100	131	257	255
Agree	40	53	38	37	34	29	41	40
Disagree	33	29	34	34	40	33	37	29
Don't know	27	18	28	29	26	38	23	31

**Income**

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	532	72	65	61	59	57	118
Agree	40	53	42	42	42	38	34
Disagree	33	25	24	35	26	34	39
Don't know	27	22	34	23	32	28	27

**Region**

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	532	168	52	101	83	36	92
Agree	40	45	38	46	29	40	38
Disagree	33	34	37	27	41	28	34
Don't know	27	21	24	26	30	32	29

**Transportation Mode**

%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
Sample	532	196	166	22	36	19	93
Agree	40	39	47	31	36	38	32
Disagree	33	35	30	37	37	30	33
Don't know	27	26	23	33	26	31	35

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**Homeless Shelters: Less Safe Communities**

*Do you agree or disagree that building a homeless shelter in your neighbourhood will attract even more homeless people and make your community less safe?*

[All Respondents]

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	554	122	84	100	126	122	274	263
Agree	41	41	47	42	44	30	46	37
Disagree	33	35	30	32	39	30	31	36
Don't know	25	24	23	26	18	39	24	27

**Income**

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	554	50	83	72	62	43	117
Agree	41	29	45	45	41	30	44
Disagree	33	30	21	29	44	40	40
Don't know	25	41	34	26	15	30	17

**Region**

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	554	192	58	97	81	35	91
Agree	41	33	45	51	57	28	31
Disagree	33	45	44	24	22	40	34
Don't know	25	23	10	25	21	32	35

**Transportation Mode**

%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
Sample	554	213	163	28	34	15	101
Agree	41	56	30	40	31	36	30
Disagree	33	24	43	39	43	18	34
Don't know	25	20	27	21	26	46	35

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***New Homeless Shelter in Neighbourhood: Approval***

*Would you support or oppose a homeless shelter being built in your neighbourhood?*

*[All Respondents]*

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1086	241	158	208	226	253	531	518
Would support it	36	45	33	32	32	29	35	36
Would oppose it	32	27	33	35	37	31	34	29
Would neither support nor oppose it	24	23	24	25	22	28	24	25
Don't know	8	5	10	8	9	12	7	10

**Income**

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	1086	122	148	133	121	100	235
Would support it	36	46	31	44	38	41	32
Would oppose it	32	23	27	31	28	32	37
Would neither support nor oppose it	24	21	28	19	29	23	25
Don't know	8	10	14	6	5	3	6

**Region**

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	1086	360	110	198	164	71	183
Would support it	36	45	36	32	25	37	36
Would oppose it	32	25	37	34	41	29	28
Would neither support nor oppose it	24	23	17	23	27	24	27
Don't know	8	6	9	10	7	10	9

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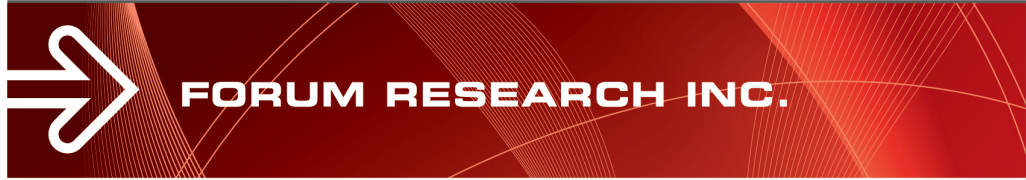
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Sample	1086	409	329	50	70	34	194
Would support it	36	29	47	49	34	12	29
Would oppose it	32	41	23	24	27	30	31
Would neither support nor oppose it	24	23	22	18	31	39	26
Don't know	8	6	8	10	8	19	14

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***New Homeless Shelter in Neighbourhood: Support***

*Why would you support a homeless shelter in your neighbourhood?*

*[Support homeless shelter in neighbourhood]*

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	386	102	56	68	77	83	187	184
It's the right thing to do	35	26	33	44	44	47	38	34
Everyone deserves a roof over their heads	50	57	49	42	45	45	48	52
It will fit in to your neighbourhood	4	2	5	6	6	2	6	2
There is already a homeless shelter in your neighbourhood	5	7	7	4	1	2	5	5
Some other reason	2	3	1	0	3	2	1	3
Don't know	4	4	6	5	2	2	3	5

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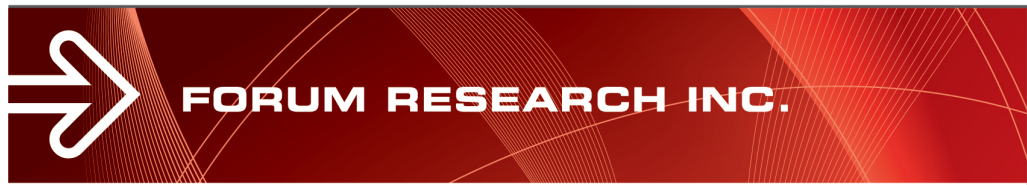
%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	386	52	46	61	47	39	86
It's the right thing to do	35	37	25	38	40	28	41
Everyone deserves a roof over their heads	50	50	49	51	48	58	49
It will fit in to your neighbourhood	4	3	1	4	5	8	2
There is already a homeless shelter in your neighbourhood	5	0	10	3	1	3	5
Some other reason	2	1	2	2	7	2	1
Don't know	4	8	13	3	0	0	1

**Region**

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	386	156	43	60	42	27	58
It's the right thing to do	35	43	47	23	31	34	35
Everyone deserves a roof over their heads	50	44	39	60	48	50	53
It will fit in to your neighbourhood	4	5	5	1	8	3	3
There is already a homeless shelter in your neighbourhood	5	6	5	6	8	8	0
Some other reason	2	2	4	0	3	0	5
Don't know	4	1	0	10	2	4	5

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**Transport Mode**

%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
Sample	386	122	147	24	26	4	63
It's the right thing to do	35	33	37	32	24	0	47
Everyone deserves a roof over their heads	50	49	52	38	57	86	43
It will fit in to your neighbourhood	4	4	4	0	2	0	5
There is already a homeless shelter in your neighbourhood	5	5	3	12	17	14	0
Some other reason	2	2	2	0	0	0	4
Don't know	4	7	2	18	0	0	0

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***New Homeless Shelter in Neighbourhood: Oppose***

*Why would you oppose a homeless shelter in your neighbourhood?*

*[Oppose homeless shelter in neighbourhood]*

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	342	72	50	72	76	72	181	148
It wouldn't be safe for you or your family	37	48	49	35	21	17	32	45
It would affect property values	18	13	11	23	28	20	23	14
It wouldn't fit in to your neighbourhood	19	18	18	15	19	28	20	17
There is already a homeless shelter in your neighbourhood	6	4	3	6	10	8	6	5
Some other reason	18	15	17	21	21	16	17	16
Don't know	2	2	2	0	0	10	3	3

**Income**

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	342	32	45	37	36	31	75
It wouldn't be safe for you or your family	37	36	41	55	43	36	34
It would affect property values	18	9	11	8	16	35	27
It wouldn't fit in to your neighbourhood	19	9	13	16	30	13	21
There is already a homeless shelter in your neighbourhood	6	5	12	9	2	5	3
Some other reason	18	36	15	11	10	7	13
Don't know	2	4	8	0	0	5	2

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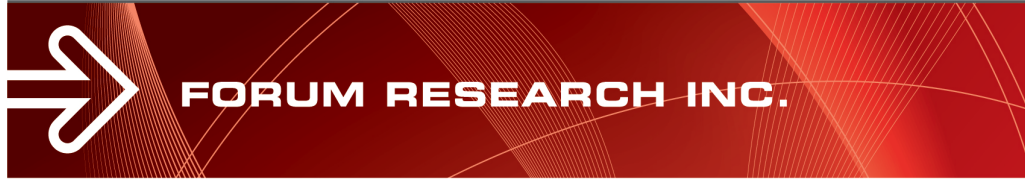
%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	342	92	34	70	65	21	60
It wouldn't be safe for you or your family	37	34	57	44	34	42	23
It would affect property values	18	16	6	19	22	16	20
It wouldn't fit in to your neighbourhood	19	20	10	13	21	15	32
There is already a homeless shelter in your neighbourhood	6	11	16	2	2	6	5
Some other reason	18	15	11	19	21	15	18
Don't know	2	3	0	3	1	6	3

**Transportation Mode**

%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
Sample	342	168	77	13	19	12	53
It wouldn't be safe for you or your family	37	38	39	62	38	20	25
It would affect property values	18	21	17	0	4	16	17
It wouldn't fit in to your neighbourhood	19	17	23	4	19	37	21
There is already a homeless shelter in your neighbourhood	6	4	4	30	19	0	8
Some other reason	18	18	17	4	15	26	18
Don't know	2	2	0	0	5	0	11

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**Homeless Shelter for Women and Children in Neighbourhood: Support**

*Would you support or oppose a homeless shelter for women and children being built in your neighbourhood?*

[All Respondents]

**Age / Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1086	241	158	208	226	253	531	518
Would support it	60	63	62	56	55	57	56	63
Would oppose it	16	15	18	18	18	9	16	15
Would neither support nor oppose it	18	17	17	19	18	23	23	15
Don't know	6	5	3	7	9	11	5	7

**Income**

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	1086	122	148	133	121	100	235
Would support it	60	61	64	63	63	69	54
Would oppose it	16	15	12	17	14	8	21
Would neither support nor oppose it	18	14	15	15	21	18	21
Don't know	6	10	9	5	2	5	4

**Region**

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	1086	360	110	198	164	71	183
Would support it	60	66	67	57	48	64	60
Would oppose it	16	13	19	19	14	14	15
Would neither support nor oppose it	18	14	11	18	30	14	19
Don't know	6	7	3	6	8	9	6

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%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
Sample	1086	409	329	50	70	34	194
Would support it	60	55	69	59	53	37	59
Would oppose it	16	21	12	21	12	13	11
Would neither support nor oppose it	18	19	14	17	32	34	17
Don't know	6	6	6	3	3	15	13

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