

# City of Cape Town – 2011 Census Suburb Lotus River

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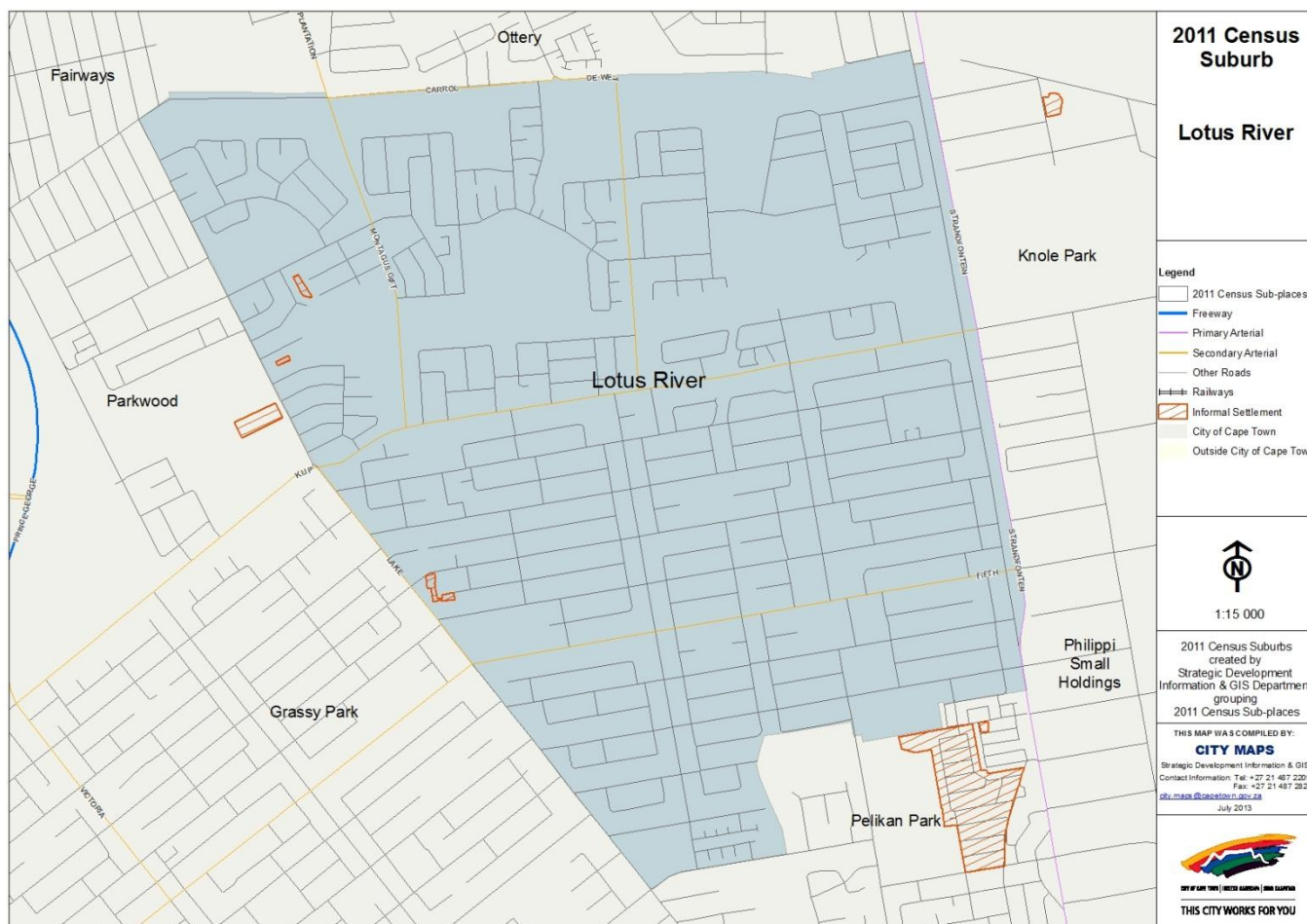
Compiled by Strategic Development Information and GIS Department (SDI&GIS), City of Cape Town  
2011 Census data supplied by Statistics South Africa  
(Based on information available at the time of compilation as released by Statistics South Africa)

The 2011 Census suburbs (190) have been created by SDI&GIS grouping the 2011 Census sub-places using GIS and December 2011 aerial photography. A sub-place is defined by Statistics South Africa “is the second (lowest) level of the place name category, namely a suburb, section or zone of an (apartheid) township, smallholdings, village, sub-village, ward or informal settlement.”

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## 2011 Census Suburb Description

2011 Census suburb Lotus River includes the following sub-places: Lotus River.



**Data Notes:**

- The following databases from Statistics South Africa (SSA) software were used to extract the data for the profiles:  
Demographic Profile – Descriptive and Education databases  
Economic Profile – Labour Force and Head of Household databases  
Dwelling Profile – Dwellings database  
Household Services Profile – Household Services database
- In some Census suburbs there may be no data for households, or a very low number, as the Census suburb has population mainly living in collective living quarters (e.g. hotels, hostels, students’ residences, hospitals, prisons and other institutions) or is an industrial or commercial area. In these instances the number of households is not applicable. All tables have the data included, even if at times they are “0”, for completeness. The tables relating to population, age and labour force indicators would include the population living in these collective living quarters.
- The Census suburbs where the population is categorised as living mainly in collective living quarters or is an industrial or commercial area, the average household size has been excluded as it is not applicable. There are some Census suburbs with an average household size that have a small percentage of the population living in collective living quarters within that Census suburb, and this could artificially inflate the average household size.

**2011 Census Suburb Overview**

<b>2011 Census Suburb Lotus River</b>	<b>2011</b>
Population	38 143
Households	8 895
Average Household Size	4.29

In 2011 the population of 2011 Census suburb Lotus River was 38 143 and the number of households was 8 895. The average household size was 4.29.

A household is defined as a group of persons who live together, and provide themselves jointly with food or other essentials for living, or a single person who lives alone (Statistics South Africa).

The population and household numbers above are to be used and quoted as the official numbers for this 2011 Census suburb for 2011.

**Key results for 2011 Census Suburb Lotus River:**

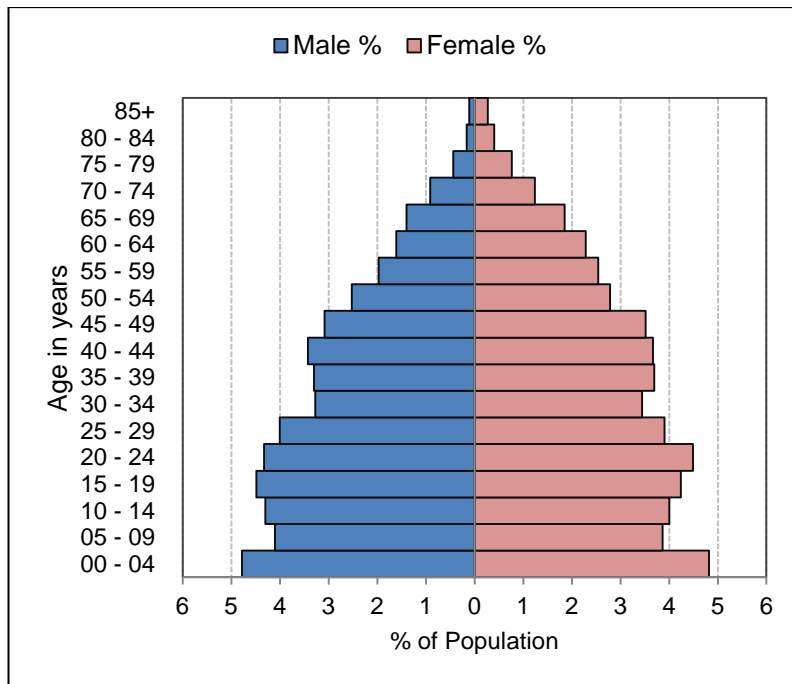
- The population is predominantly Coloured (93%).
- 36% of those aged 20 years and older have completed Grade 12 or higher.
- 80% of the labour force (aged 15 to 64) is employed.
- 40% of households have a monthly income of R3 200 or less.
- 96% of households live in formal dwellings.
- 99% of households have access to piped water in their dwelling or inside their yard.
- 97% of households have access to a flush toilet connected to the public sewer system.
- 99.6% of households have their refuse removed at least once a week.
- 99% of households use electricity for lighting in their dwelling.

**Note:** There are small variations in the total population and the number of households in the tables which follow. These occur as Statistics South Africa had to calculate the true population to correct omissions and double counts in the enumeration process. In addition when the data is extracted using the Statistics South Africa software, it randomly rounds off all cells to a base number 3, including the totals. These variations are not significant.

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## Demographic Profile – 2011 Census

Lotus River Population	Male		Female		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Black African	708	1.9%	692	1.8%	1 400	3.7%
Coloured	16 943	44.4%	18 380	48.2%	35 323	92.6%
Asian	146	0.4%	154	0.4%	300	0.8%
White	62	0.2%	56	0.1%	118	0.3%
Other	531	1.4%	472	1.2%	1 003	2.6%
Total	18 390	48.2%	19 754	51.8%	38 144	100.0%



Lotus River Age	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
0 to 4 years	147	10.5%	3 408	9.6%	21	7.0%	14	12.1%	71	7.1%	3 661	9.6%
5 to 14 years	192	13.7%	5 797	16.4%	34	11.3%	16	13.8%	164	16.3%	6 203	16.3%
15 to 24 years	239	17.1%	6 210	17.6%	61	20.3%	16	13.8%	168	16.7%	6 694	17.5%
25 to 64 years	698	49.8%	17 267	48.9%	159	53.0%	64	55.2%	514	51.2%	18 702	49.0%
65 years and older	125	8.9%	2 642	7.5%	25	8.3%	6	5.2%	87	8.7%	2 885	7.6%
Total	1 401	100.0%	35 324	100.0%	300	100.0%	116	100.0%	1 004	100.0%	38 145	100.0%

Lotus River Adult Education (for all aged 20+)	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No schooling	6	0.6%	312	1.4%	3	1.3%	0	0.0%	3	0.4%	324	1.3%
Some primary	42	4.4%	2 391	10.4%	30	12.8%	0	0.0%	39	5.6%	2 502	10.0%
Completed primary	60	6.3%	1 668	7.2%	9	3.8%	6	7.4%	39	5.6%	1 782	7.1%
Some secondary	378	40.0%	10 629	46.2%	72	30.8%	42	51.9%	228	32.6%	11 349	45.4%
Grade 12	324	34.3%	6 474	28.1%	72	30.8%	18	22.2%	285	40.8%	7 173	28.7%
Higher	126	13.3%	1 455	6.3%	48	20.5%	15	18.5%	102	14.6%	1 746	7.0%
Other	9	1.0%	84	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.4%	96	0.4%
Total	945	100.0%	23 013	100.0%	234	100.0%	81	100.0%	699	100.0%	24 972	100.0%

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## Economic Profile – 2011 Census

Lotus River Labour Force Indicators	Black African	Coloured	Asian	White	Other	Total
<b>Population aged 15 to 64 years</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>23 475</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>25 386</b>
<b>Labour Force</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>14 445</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>15 747</b>
Employed	540	11 577	117	48	390	12 672
Unemployed	96	2 868	30	9	72	3 075
<b>Not Economically Active</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>9 030</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>9 639</b>
Discouraged Work-seekers	24	771	6	0	15	816
Other not economically active	273	8 259	63	24	204	8 823
<b>Rates %</b>						
Unemployment rate	15.09%	19.85%	20.41%	15.79%	15.58%	19.53%
Labour absorption rate	57.88%	49.32%	54.17%	59.26%	57.27%	49.92%
Labour Force participation rate	68.17%	61.53%	68.06%	70.37%	67.84%	62.03%

### Definitions:

**Unemployment rate** is the proportion of the labour force that is unemployed.

The **labour absorption rate** is the proportion of working age (15 to 64 years) population that is employed.

The **labour force participation rate** is the proportion of the working age population that is either employed or unemployed.

**Note:** Based on available data as supplied by Statistics South Africa, the people categorised as living in collective living quarters are included in the "Other not economically active" category.

Lotus River Monthly Household Income	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
No income	27	7.2%	708	8.6%	6	8.3%	0	0.0%	18	9.5%	759	8.5%
R 1 - R 1 600	51	13.6%	1 251	15.2%	9	12.5%	12	33.3%	21	11.1%	1 344	15.1%
R 1 601 - R 3 200	54	14.4%	1 356	16.5%	9	12.5%	0	0.0%	27	14.3%	1 446	16.3%
R 3 201 - R 6 400	69	18.4%	1 662	20.2%	21	29.2%	9	25.0%	21	11.1%	1 782	20.1%
R 6 401 - R 12 800	69	18.4%	1 488	18.1%	9	12.5%	6	16.7%	42	22.2%	1 614	18.2%
R 12 801 - R 25 600	66	17.6%	1 149	14.0%	6	8.3%	6	16.7%	36	19.0%	1 263	14.2%
R 25 601 - R 51 200	27	7.2%	477	5.8%	9	12.5%	3	8.3%	24	12.7%	540	6.1%
R 51 201 - R 102 400	9	2.4%	90	1.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	99	1.1%
R 102 401 or more	3	0.8%	27	0.3%	3	4.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	33	0.4%
Unspecified	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8 208</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8 880</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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## Dwelling Profile – 2011 Census

Lotus River Type of Dwelling	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Formal Dwelling	359	95.5%	7 909	96.3%	71	95.9%	35	97.2%	188	95.9%	8 562	96.3%
Informal dwelling / shack in backyard	8	2.1%	172	2.1%	3	4.1%	0	0.0%	4	2.0%	187	2.1%
Informal dwelling / shack NOT in backyard	6	1.6%	46	0.6%	0	0.0%	1	2.8%	1	0.5%	54	0.6%
Other	3	0.8%	85	1.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	1.5%	91	1.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8 212</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8 894</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Lotus River Tenure Status	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Owned and fully paid off	89	23.7%	2 480	30.2%	26	35.1%	6	16.2%	69	35.0%	2 670	30.0%
Owned but not yet paid off	102	27.2%	2 070	25.2%	16	21.6%	5	13.5%	58	29.4%	2 251	25.3%
Rented	154	41.1%	3 264	39.8%	26	35.1%	25	67.6%	67	34.0%	3 536	39.8%
Occupied rent-free	24	6.4%	311	3.8%	5	6.8%	0	0.0%	2	1.0%	342	3.8%
Other	6	1.6%	84	1.0%	1	1.4%	1	2.7%	1	0.5%	93	1.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8 209</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8 892</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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## Household Services Profile – 2011 Census

Lotus River Access to Piped Water	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Piped water inside dwelling	351	93.6%	7 680	93.5%	72	96.0%	33	84.6%	189	95.5%	8 325	93.6%
Piped water inside yard	18	4.8%	426	5.2%	3	4.0%	3	7.7%	3	1.5%	453	5.1%
Piped water outside yard: < 200m	0	0.0%	51	0.6%	0	0.0%	3	7.7%	6	3.0%	60	0.7%
Piped water outside yard: > 200m	0	0.0%	12	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	12	0.1%
No access to piped water	6	1.6%	42	0.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	48	0.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8 211</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8 898</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Lotus River Toilet Facility	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Flush toilet (connected to sewerage system)	360	94.5%	7 947	96.8%	72	96.0%	33	91.7%	192	97.0%	8 604	96.7%
Flush toilet (with septic tank)	0	0.0%	12	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	12	0.1%
Chemical toilet	0	0.0%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.0%
Pit toilet with ventilation (VIP)	0	0.0%	6	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	0.1%
Pit toilet without ventilation	3	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.0%
Bucket toilet	3	0.8%	72	0.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	75	0.8%
Other	6	1.6%	84	1.0%	0	0.0%	3	8.3%	3	1.5%	96	1.1%
None	9	2.4%	84	1.0%	3	4.0%	0	0.0%	3	1.5%	99	1.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8 208</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8 898</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Lotus River Refuse Disposal	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Removed by local authority/private company at least once a week	369	98.4%	8 184	99.7%	75	100.0%	36	92.3%	195	98.5%	8 859	99.6%
Removed by local authority/private company less often	0	0.0%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.0%
Communal refuse dump	3	0.8%	15	0.2%	0	0.0%	3	7.7%	3	1.5%	24	0.3%
Own refuse dump	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
No rubbish disposal	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other	3	0.8%	9	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	12	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8 211</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8 898</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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## Household Services Profile continued – 2011 Census

Lotus River Energy used for Lighting	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Electricity	366	97.6%	8 103	98.6%	72	100.0%	39	100.0%	198	100.0%	8 778	98.7%
Gas	3	0.8%	15	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	18	0.2%
Paraffin	0	0.0%	6	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	0.1%
Candles	3	0.8%	63	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	66	0.7%
Solar	0	0.0%	12	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	12	0.1%
None	3	0.8%	15	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	18	0.2%
Total	375	100.0%	8 214	100.0%	72	100.0%	39	100.0%	198	100.0%	8 898	100.0%

Lotus River Energy used for Cooking	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Electricity	327	87.2%	7 419	90.4%	51	70.8%	30	76.9%	159	80.3%	7 986	89.8%
Gas	39	10.4%	702	8.6%	21	29.2%	9	23.1%	39	19.7%	810	9.1%
Paraffin	0	0.0%	6	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	0.1%
Wood	0	0.0%	18	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	18	0.2%
Coal	0	0.0%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.0%
Animal dung	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Solar	0	0.0%	15	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	15	0.2%
Other	0	0.0%	9	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	9	0.1%
None	9	2.4%	36	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	45	0.5%
Total	375	100.0%	8 208	100.0%	72	100.0%	39	100.0%	198	100.0%	8 892	100.0%

Lotus River Energy used for Heating	Black African		Coloured		Asian		White		Other		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Electricity	234	62.4%	6 123	74.6%	51	70.8%	24	66.7%	138	69.7%	6 570	73.9%
Gas	6	1.6%	162	2.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	12	6.1%	180	2.0%
Paraffin	3	0.8%	18	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	21	0.2%
Wood	3	0.8%	102	1.2%	0	0.0%	3	8.3%	0	0.0%	108	1.2%
Coal	3	0.8%	6	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	9	0.1%
Animal dung	0	0.0%	9	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	1.5%	12	0.1%
Solar	3	0.8%	15	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	18	0.2%
Other	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
None	123	32.8%	1 770	21.6%	21	29.2%	9	25.0%	45	22.7%	1 968	22.1%
Total	375	100.0%	8 205	100.0%	72	100.0%	36	100.0%	198	100.0%	8 886	100.0%

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