

Poland's Presidential Election First Round

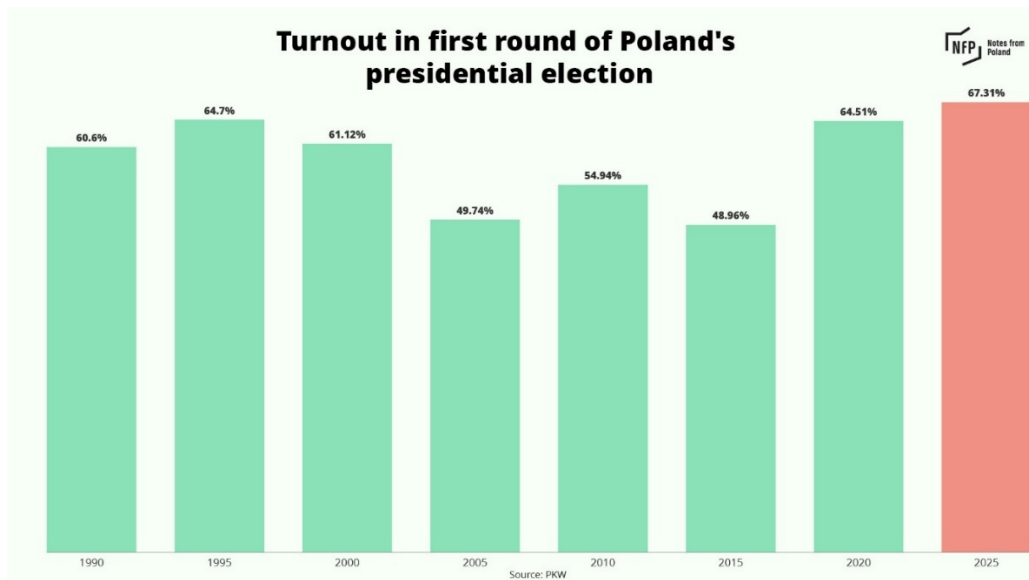


In the official statement, The State Electoral Commission (PKW) Trzaskowski, the deputy leader of Civic Platform (PO), led with 31.4% of the vote. He was closely followed by Nawrocki, supported by the opposition national-conservative Law and Justice (PiS) party, who secured 29.5 %.

Trzaskowski and Nawrocki are now set to compete in a second-round on 1 June as none of the 13 candidates won more than 50% of the votes.

Trzaskowski has already extended an olive branch to left-wing contender Magdalena Biejat of The Left (Lewica) and Third Way (Szymon Holownia and Wladyslaw Kosiniak- Kamysz), although this party gained only % 4.9 support from voters. Most of Polish farmers said loudly NO to government policy and their party leader Wladyslaw Kosiniak- Kamysz who is also a deputy prime minister and a minister of defense.

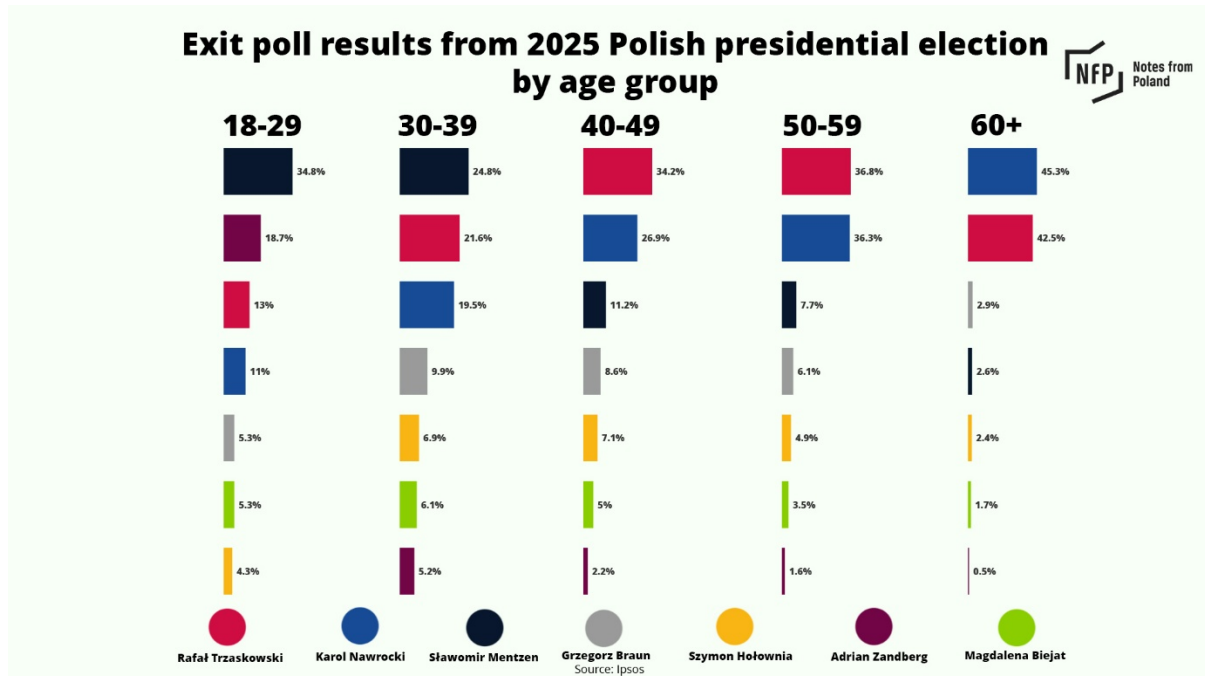
Voter turnout reached 67.31% – the highest for any first round of a presidential election in Poland's post-communist history.



A detailed exit poll taken on election day pointed to a fragmented political landscape and shifting dynamics in the Polish electorate, particularly among younger voters, many of whom opted for outsider candidates at opposite ends of the political spectrum.

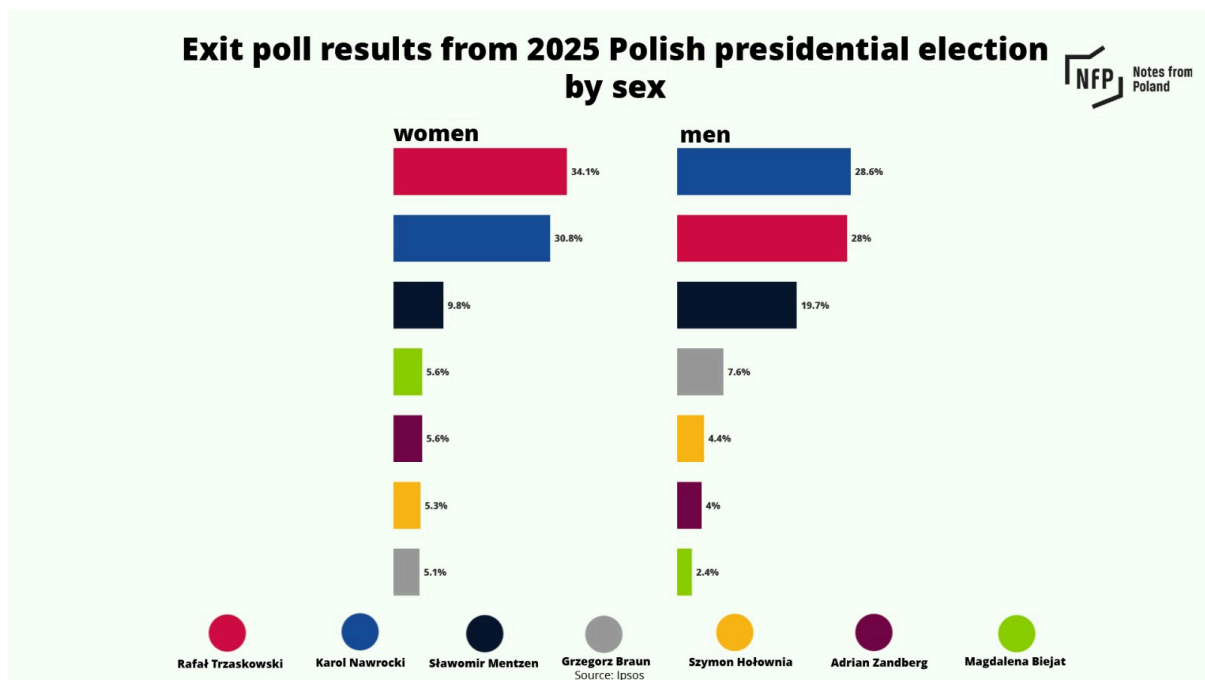
Among the youngest voters, turnout was the second highest of any age group, and the largest number of their votes went to Sławomir Mentzen of the far-right Confederation (Konfederacja) party and Adrian Zandberg of the small left-wing Together (Razem) party.

Older voters favoured the candidates of the more traditional, established parties, PiS and PO, which have dominated Polish politics for the last two decades.

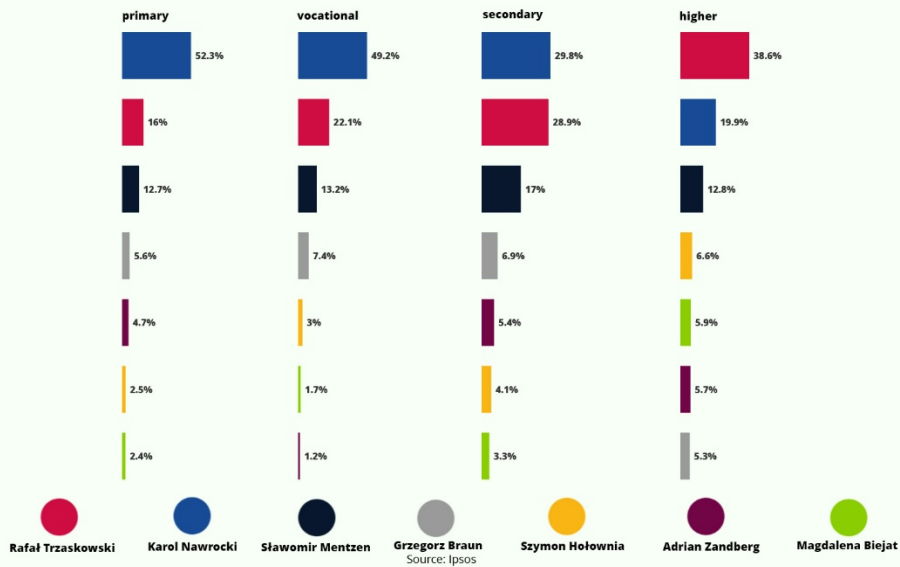


Meanwhile, a gender divide was also visible, with women favouring Trzaskowski and left-wing candidates, while men favoured conservatives. Far-right candidates received a combined 28.4% of the male vote.

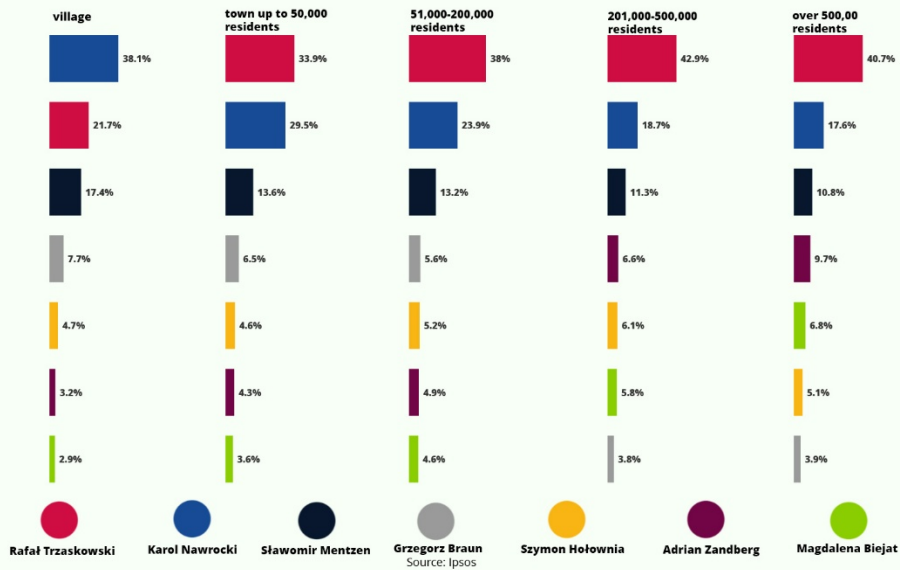
Below, it is also the breakdown of exit poll results by voters' level of education and the size of the municipality in which they live.



Exit poll results from 2025 Polish presidential election by education level

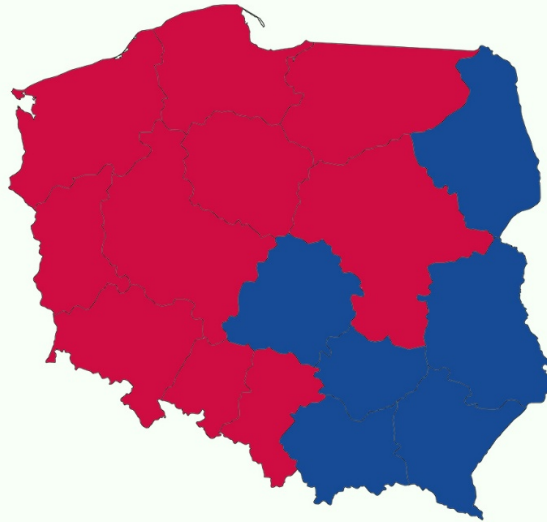


Exit poll results from 2025 Polish presidential election by size of municipality



Meanwhile, official results show that, as is regularly the case with Polish elections, the more conservative east of Poland favoured Nawrocki while the more liberal west voted for Trzaskowski.

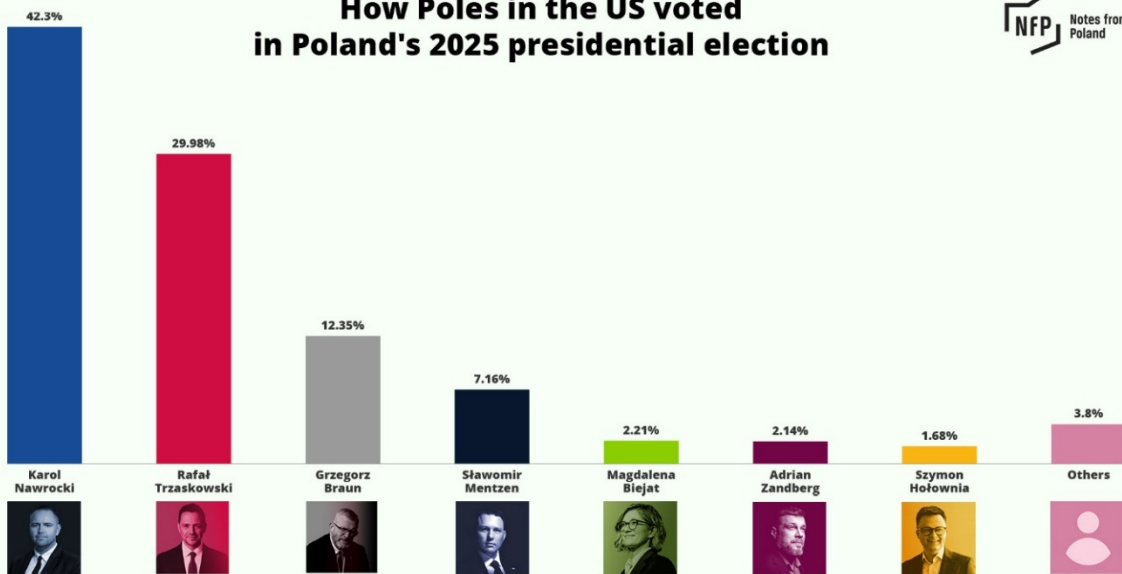
Provinces in which Rafał Trzaskowski won the most votes vs those where Karol Nawrocki won



Source: PKW; Map outline: Vemaps

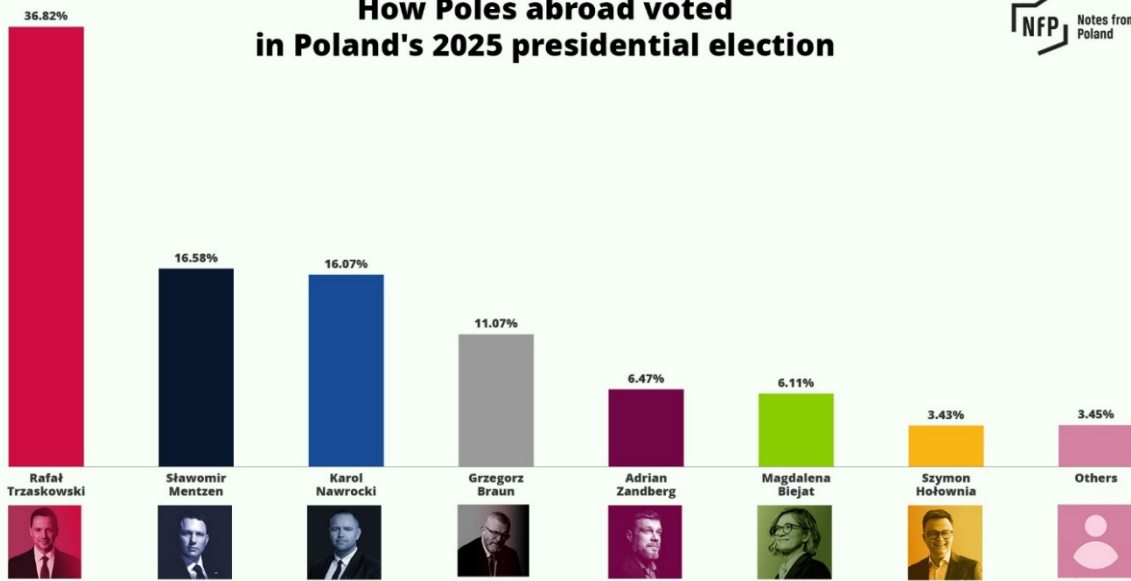
The official results also show that Trzaskowski won convincingly among Polish citizens voting outside Poland itself, although Nawrocki was more popular among the large diaspora in the United States, which usually leans more conservative than Poles in western European countries such as the United Kingdom and Germany.

How Poles in the US voted in Poland's 2025 presidential election

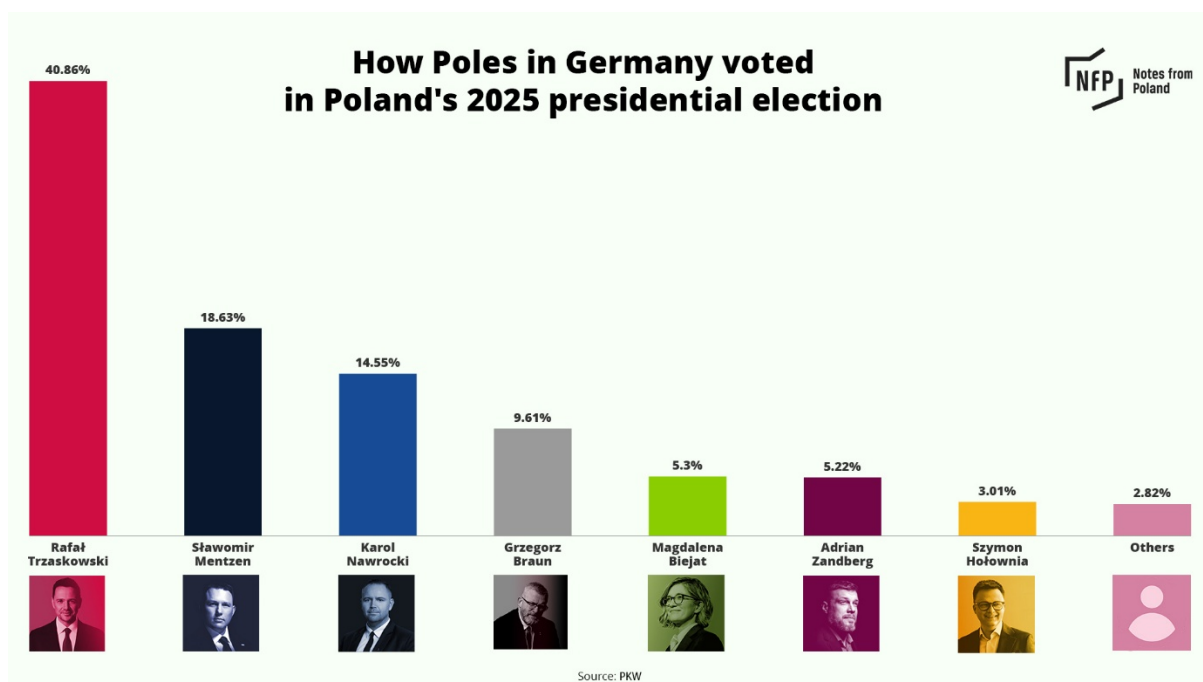
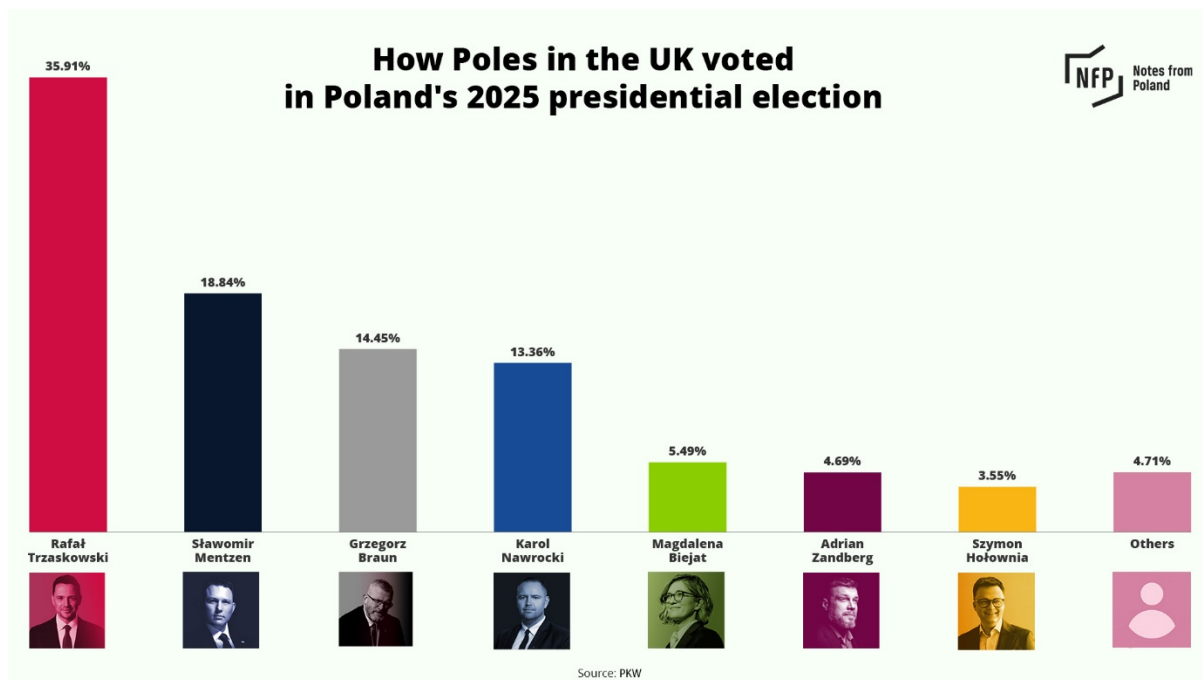


Source: PKW

How Poles abroad voted in Poland's 2025 presidential election



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Trzaskowski and Nawrocki will now meet in a one-on-one run-off on 1 June, ahead of which both candidates will vie for support from the electorates of their eliminated rivals.

Trzaskowski told his supporters at a rally in Sandomierz, southern Poland: "We're going to win." But he said a lot of work and "great determination" would be needed.

"I'm convinced that all Poland will win," he said. He pledged to cooperate with prime minister Tusk's coalition to liberalise the country's strict abortion law and accelerate reform of the Polish judiciary.

Trzaskowski performed worse than opinion polls predicted before the vote, which had him between 4%-6% ahead of Nawrocki.

Nawrocki told his supporters in Gdansk that Tusk must be stopped from winning total power in Poland.

He called on supporters of two far-right candidates, Sławomir Mentzen, who came third and won 14.8%, and of Grzegorz Braun, who came fourth and won 6.3%, to "save Poland" from Tusk.

In my opinion the current presidential election is mostly in the hands of Polish farmers representing more than 50% of all voters in Poland and very unhappy with the performance of their leader Władysław Kosiniak – Kamysz. Also considering facts that the first round of election country (regional) population results leans towards Karol Nawrocki (51.6% votes).



Regional Poland first round election results:

Karol Nawrocki	51.6%
Sławomir Mentzen	15.1%
Rafał Trzaskowski	12.0%
Szymon Holownia	3.5%
Marek Jakubiak	1.3%

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