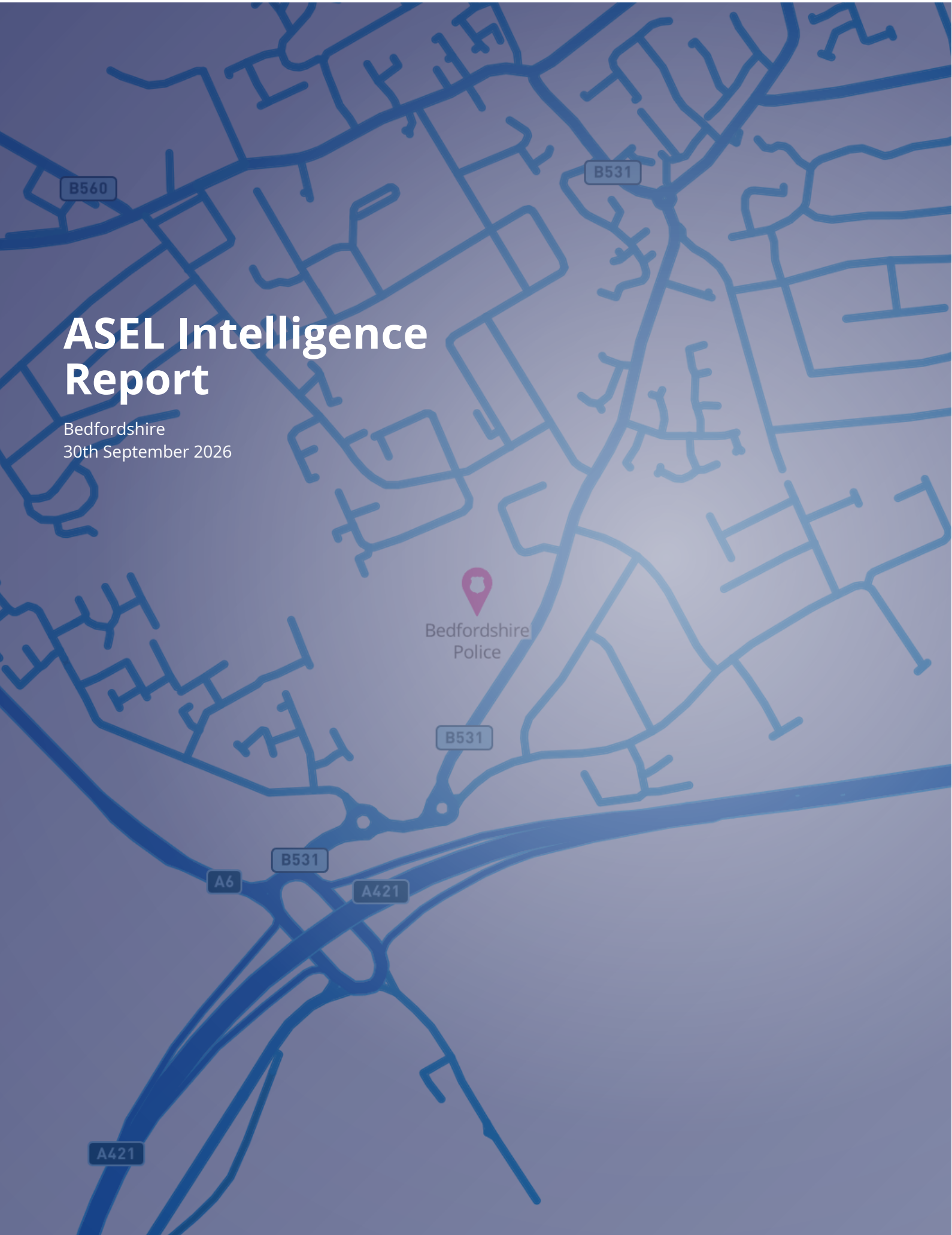
ASEL Intelligence Report

Bedfordshire
30th September 2026

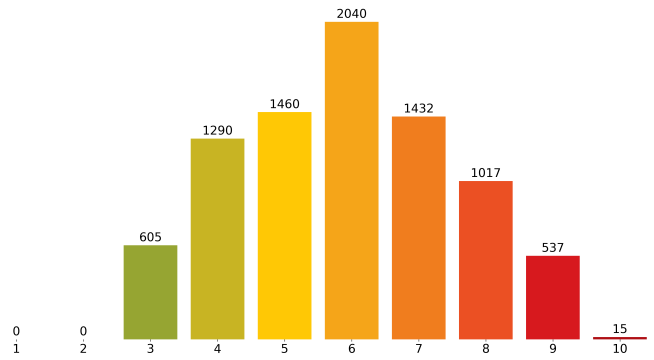


England & Wales Overview

HIGHEST RISK

FORCE	Metropolitan Police
WARD	Abbey (Metropolitan Police)

Ward Count by Risk Score



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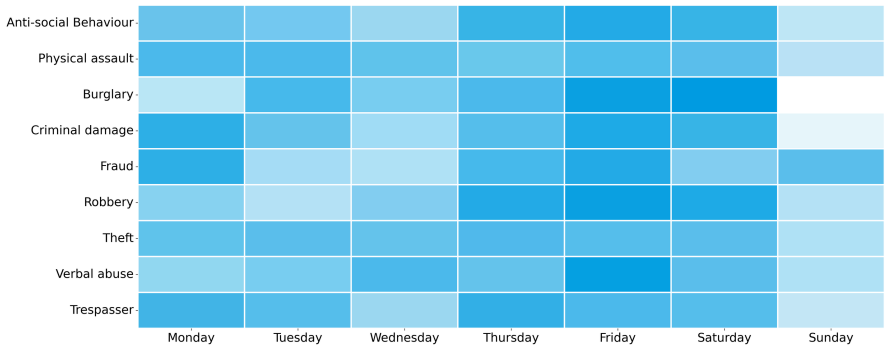

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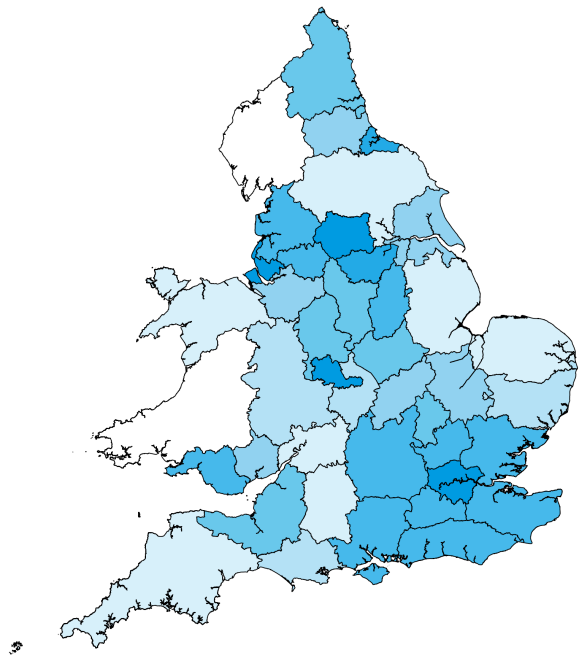


RANK	FORCE	HIGHEST RISK WARD
1	Metropolitan Police	Abbey
2	West Midlands	Abbey
3	West Yorkshire	Town
4	Merseyside	Park
5	South Yorkshire	Central
6	Cleveland	Central
7	Essex	Trinity
8	Kent	Park
9	Hampshire	Nelson
10	Nottinghamshire	Abbey
11	Hertfordshire	Park
12	South Wales	Castle
13	Lancashire	Trinity
14	Sussex	Castle
15	Thames Valley	Abbey
16	Greater Manchester	St Mary's
17	Surrey	Castle
18	Staffordshire	Castle
19	Northumbria	Castle
20	Avon and Somerset	Central
21	Leicestershire	Abbey
22	Bedfordshire	Central
23	Derbyshire	Abbey
24	London, City of	Bridge
25	Cheshire	Highfield
26	Humberside	Park
27	Gwent	Park
28	Cambridgeshire	Central
29	Durham	Northgate
30	Northamptonshire	Castle
31	West Mercia	Abbey
32	Dorset	Bournemouth Central
33	Warwickshire	St Mary's
34	Suffolk	St Peter's
35	Norfolk	Nelson
36	North Wales	Abbey
37	Devon & Cornwall	Stoke
38	Lincolnshire	Castle
39	Wiltshire	Central
40	North Yorkshire	Castle
41	Gloucestershire	Abbey
42	Cumbria	Castle
43	Dyfed-Powys	Tyisha

Force: Bedfordshire

HIGHEST RISK LOCATION

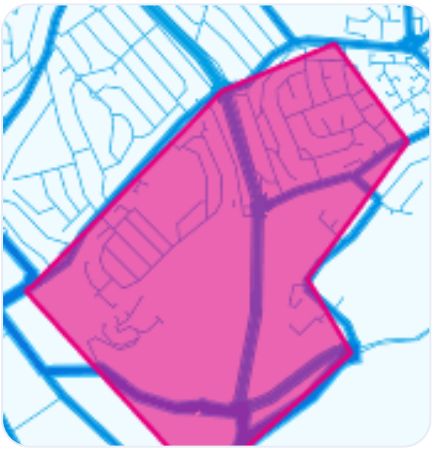
Central | 7 | Moderate

Ranked 1st in Bedfordshire, this ward exhibits extremely high risk levels across multiple factors including 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Shoplifting', 'Drugs', 'Public order', and 'Nightime economy' with scores at 10. The risk of 'Homelessness' and 'Population density' remain notably high. Policing here demands focus on a breadth of serious offences alongside managing a dense daytime and nighttime population.

OTHER HIGH RISK LOCATIONS

Vauxhall

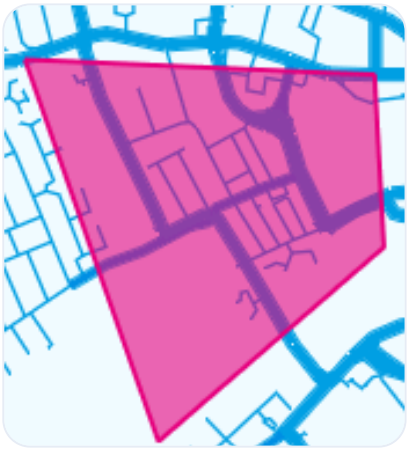
7 | Moderate



As 2nd highest risk ward in Bedfordshire, it faces extreme likelihood of 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Shoplifting', and 'Public order' with persistent concerns for 'Homelessness' and 'Population density'. Though retail centres are absent, key focus is needed on policing 'Robbery' and managing risks from 'Night-time economy' influences to maintain community safety.

Greyfriars

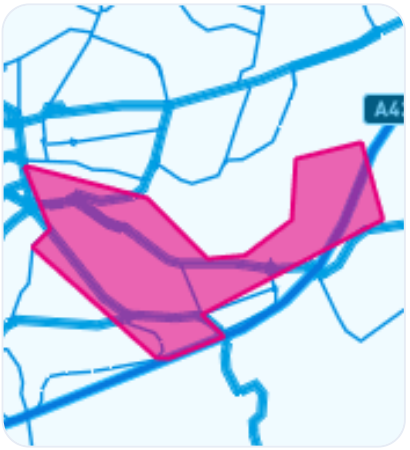
7 | Moderate



Positioned 3rd in Bedfordshire, this compact area shows a very high risk of 'Violence and sexual offences' and 'Shoplifting', both with maximum monthly scores. 'Criminal damage', 'Public order', and 'Anti-social behaviour' are high risk factors too. Retail parks and schools contribute to dynamic risk factors requiring concentrated police presence and protective measures.

Kingsbrook

7 | Moderate



Ranking 4th in Bedfordshire, this ward bears high risk scores for 'Shoplifting' and 'Nightime economy', with moderate to high risks for other offences like 'Criminal damage' and 'Public order'. Lower retail outlet density but presence of major junction increases complexity. Policing must focus on diverse urban challenges, balancing community and commercial security.

Top and Trending Risks

RISK	SCORE	TREND
Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime	7	
Burglary & Robbery - Armed Robbery	7	
Burglary & Robbery - Unarmed Robbery	7	
Burglary & Robbery - Ram Raid	7	
Burglary & Robbery - Burglary	7	
Burglary & Robbery - Walk in Burglary	6	
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	6	
Theft - Self Service Theft	6	
Violence & Abuse - Physical Assault	6	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment	6	

Observations

The risk landscape for Bedfordshire is characterised by consistently high likelihoods across a range of serious offences, with risk scores ranging from 6.0 to 7.0 out of 10. These scores are derived from a combination of demographic, environmental, and historical data inputs, providing an objective measure of the probability of each risk occurring rather than direct crime counts. The highest risks identified include Violence & Abuse related to Hate Crime, and various forms of Burglary & Robbery such as Armed Robbery, Unarmed Robbery, Ram Raid, and Burglary, all scoring a 7.0 risk rating. This indicates a significant potential threat to community safety, particularly concerning offences that may involve direct harm or threat to life.~~Within the top 10 risks, Violence & Abuse categories dominate the upper ranks, with Hate Crime leading at number one, followed closely by Physical Assault and Sexual Harassment at ninth and tenth respectively. Burglary & Robbery risks occupy the middle ranks, suggesting a strong presence of property-related threats alongside personal violence risks. Notably, Theft of Vehicle and Self Service Theft also feature, though with slightly lower risk scores of 6.0, indicating a moderate likelihood of these asset crimes. The trend data shows stability across almost all risks compared to the previous month, with no significant increases or decreases, except for Walk in Burglary which shows a slight upward trend. This stability suggests persistent risk factors rather than emerging threats.~~Considering Bedfordshire's socio-economic and urban profile, the prominence of Hate Crime as the highest risk may reflect underlying community tensions or demographic vulnerabilities. The sustained high risk of Armed Robbery and Ram Raid could be linked to local economic conditions and the presence of commercial targets. The steady risk levels imply that these threats remain entrenched, necessitating ongoing awareness of the potential for harm. While the risk scores do not directly measure incidents, the elevated likelihoods of violent and property crimes highlight areas where the threat to life and community safety remains a critical concern.

Police Reported Incidents

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Anti social behaviour	914	1206	
Criminal damage and arson	347	402	
Vehicle crime	286	351	
Violence and sexual offences	1855	2087	
Other theft	305	378	
Public order	356	410	
Bicycle theft	41	48	
Burglary	170	158	
Drugs	169	170	
Shoplifting	444	547	
Other crime	113	132	
Robbery	74	77	
Theft from the person	33	49	
Possession of weapons	71	68	

In Bedfordshire, the most significant increases are seen in 'Anti-social behaviour', 'Shoplifting', and 'Violence and sexual offences', with notable rises in both absolute and percentage terms, indicating growing challenges in public safety and retail security. 'Anti-social behaviour' shows a sharp increase, which could impact community well-being. 'Shoplifting' also surged, highlighting increased retail vulnerability. 'Violence and sexual offences' rising is concerning due to the direct threat to human safety. Crimes like 'Burglary' and 'Possession of weapons' have slightly decreased, showing some stability or improvement. Other categories such as 'Robbery', 'Drugs', and 'Theft from the person' remain relatively stable with minor fluctuations. The overall pattern suggests rising public disorder and retail-related crimes, underscoring the need for ongoing vigilance in protecting both people and property.

ASEL Incidents

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Physical Assault	0	0	
Verbal Abuse	0	0	
Robbery	0	0	
Burglary	0	0	
Theft	0	0	
Antisocial Behaviour	0	0	
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	
Criminal Damage	0	0	
Trespass	0	0	
Fraud	0	0	

Across all incident categories, ASEL has recorded zero incidents within this Force area. This lack of reported activity suggests that ASEL does not have a sufficient operational presence or in the region to support reliable trend analysis or meaningful comparisons with other data sources. Accordingly, ASEL has been excluded from the overall risk likelihood scoring for this area, and its weighting has been redistributed across other available indicators, including crime statistics, demographic profiles, and environmental risk factors.

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Appendix A: Full Risk Catalogue

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Violence & Abuse - Physical Assault	6	6	
Violence & Abuse - Verbal Abuse	6	6	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Assault	6	6	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment	6	6	
Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime	7	7	
Burglary & Robbery - Unarmed Robbery	7	7	
Burglary & Robbery - Armed Robbery	7	7	
Burglary & Robbery - Ram Raid	7	7	
Burglary & Robbery - ATM Rip Out	6	6	
Burglary & Robbery - Burglary	7	7	
Burglary & Robbery - Walk in Burglary	7	6	
Theft - Steaming Attacks	6	6	
Theft - Trolley Pushout	6	6	
Theft - From Service Desk	6	6	
Theft - Concealment	6	6	
Theft - Self Service Theft	6	6	
Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)	5	5	
Theft - By Employee	6	6	
Asset Crime - Arson	5	5	
Asset Crime - Criminal Damage	5	5	
Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage	6	6	
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	6	6	
Public Order - Riot	6	6	
Public Order - Protest	5	5	
Public Order - Antisocial Behaviour	5	5	
Public Order - Drug Usage	6	6	
Public Order - Rough Sleepers	6	6	
Trespassing - Out of Hours	6	6	
Trespassing - Encampment	6	6	
Trespassing - In Hours	6	6	
Trespassing - Squatting	6	6	
Fraud - Voucher Fraud	6	6	
Fraud - Returns Fraud	6	6	

Credits

- Crime data sourced from Police.uk
- Demographic information obtained from the UK Census
- Prints use map data from Mapbox and OpenStreetMap and their data sources
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