

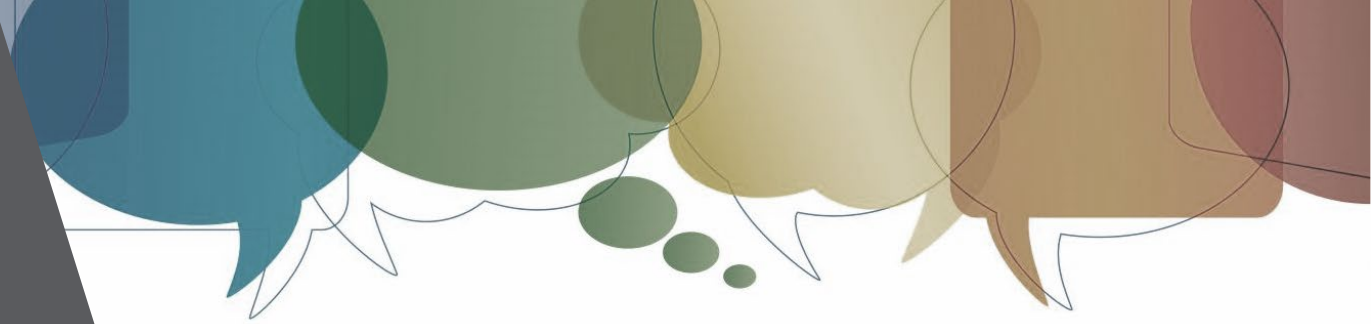


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PULSE REPORT ON COVID-19 – REPORT #19

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KEY FINDINGS

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1 Government's 'right track' scores have climbed back to 84% after dipping to 79% on Tuesday. The government continues to be perceived as providing sufficient support for business during the COVID-19 situation.

On the eve of the Friday announcement on the 690,000 job loss in Ontario, the government's performance dipped to its lowest point (+23) for creating/protecting jobs since mid-April.

4 As the anxiety eases, Ontarians are increasingly comfortable with the government reducing restrictions on hospitals to allow for elective and non-urgent procedures.

2 The anxiety of Ontarians regarding their own health and that of their immediate family members continues to gradually decrease.

Concerns about Ontarians' own employment increased in the last two waves prior to Friday's announcement of 690,000 jobs lost in March and April.

5 Concerns have changed about people going to their cottage. There is less concern today compared to last weekend. This may be related to the increasing perception the COVID-19 is getting under control in Ontario.

Plus, the sharp demographic differences have largely disappeared as the concern has decreased.

3 In the meantime, Ontarians are increasingly thinking that COVID-19 is getting under control both in Ontario and in most parts of the world.

In a similar vein, Ontarians are much more likely to disagree with the idea that the government is taking too long to get this outbreak under control.

6 About 75% (up from 59% in mid-April) now believe most of the people dying from COVID-19 live in long-term care homes. As a result, a significant proportion of Ontarians think that not enough has been done to protect the residents of these homes.

On a more positive note, Ontarians are less likely to believe that not enough has been done to protect the front-line health workers.

Key Findings

7 There has been a modest shift in the perceptions of Ontarians: now about 22% (from up from 12%) think that they would prefer for a set target date for schools to open.

Still, most Ontario residents continue to prefer the government's approach in monitoring infection rates before opening public schools.

8 There continues to be a significant plurality (44%) supporting a law requiring the wearing of a mask when people cannot engage in physical distancing.

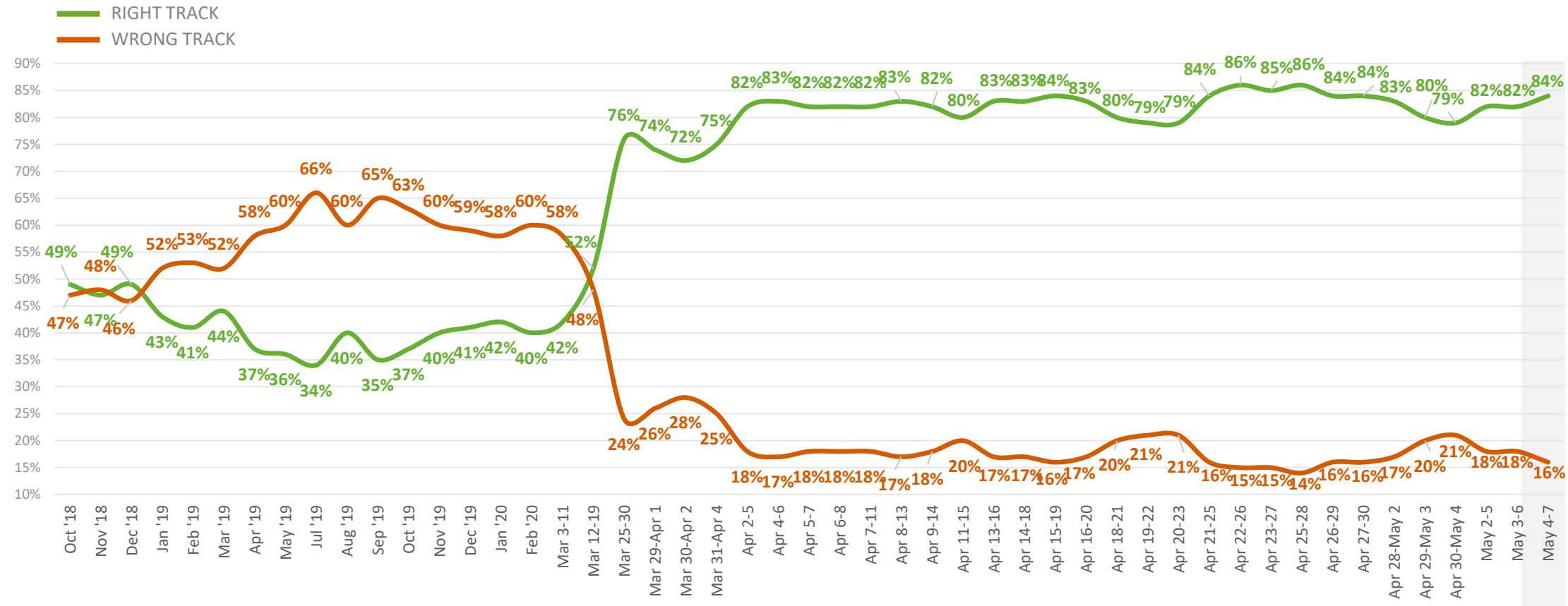
Over the past two weeks, about 6-in-10 have consistently expressed support for some legal mandate requiring people to wear masks.

RIGHT TRACK
WRONG TRACK



Government’s ‘right track’ scores have climbed back to 84% in the latest wave after slipping to 79% on Tuesday.

Right Track versus Wrong Track– 5-Day Roll

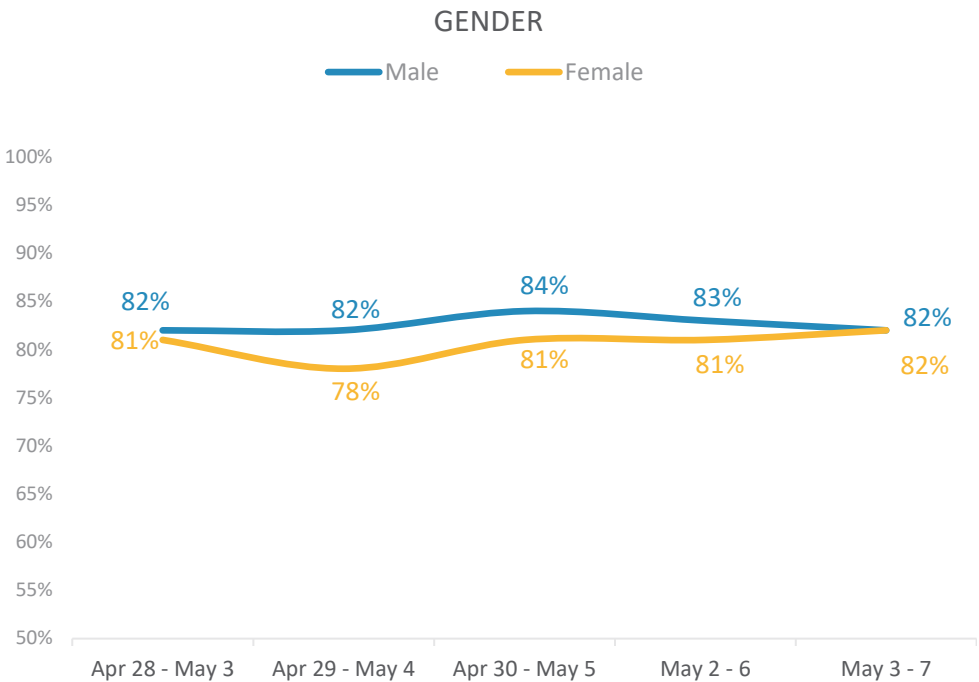
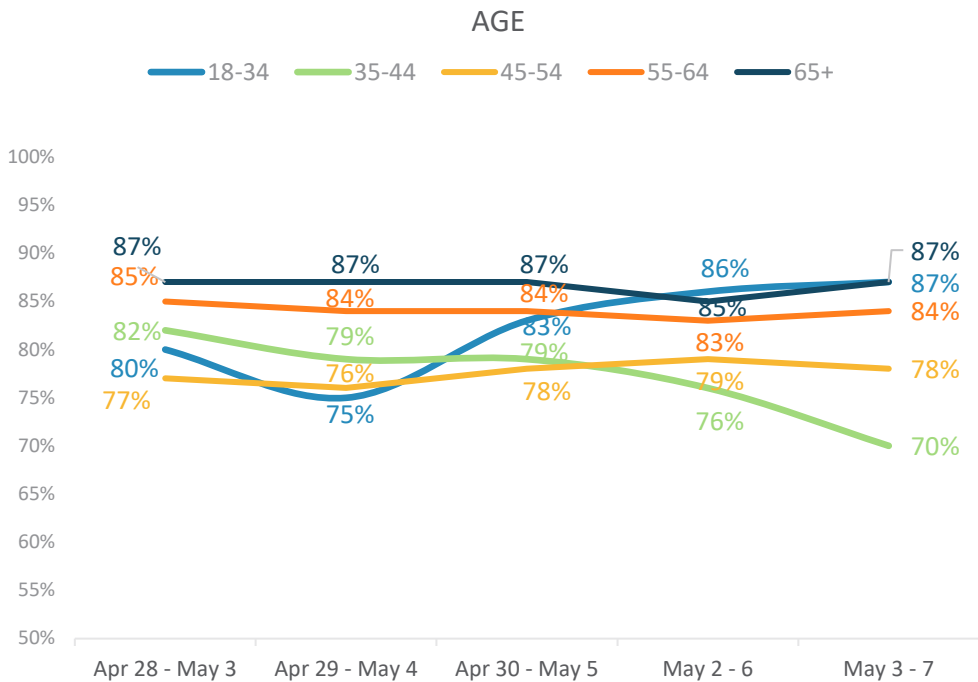


These graphs are based on 4 day roll in order to boost the sample sizes.

Q2. Overall, do you feel that the Ontario provincial government is on the right track or the wrong track, in terms of how it is governing the province? Base: Total sample

Those 18-24 years of age have increased in terms of their ‘right track’ scores.

Right Track Scores – 5-Day Roll

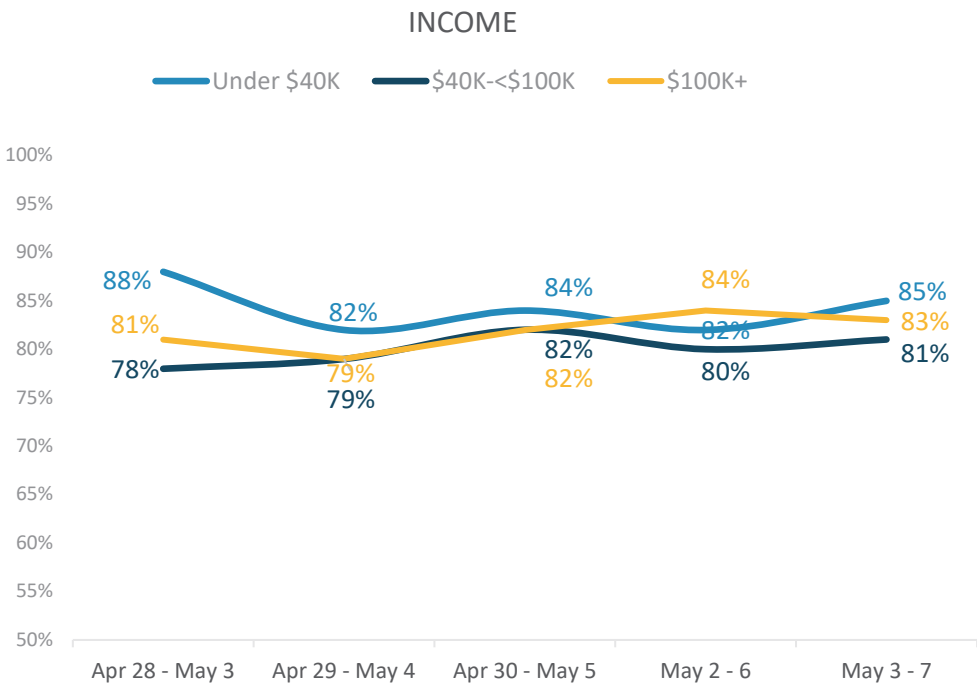
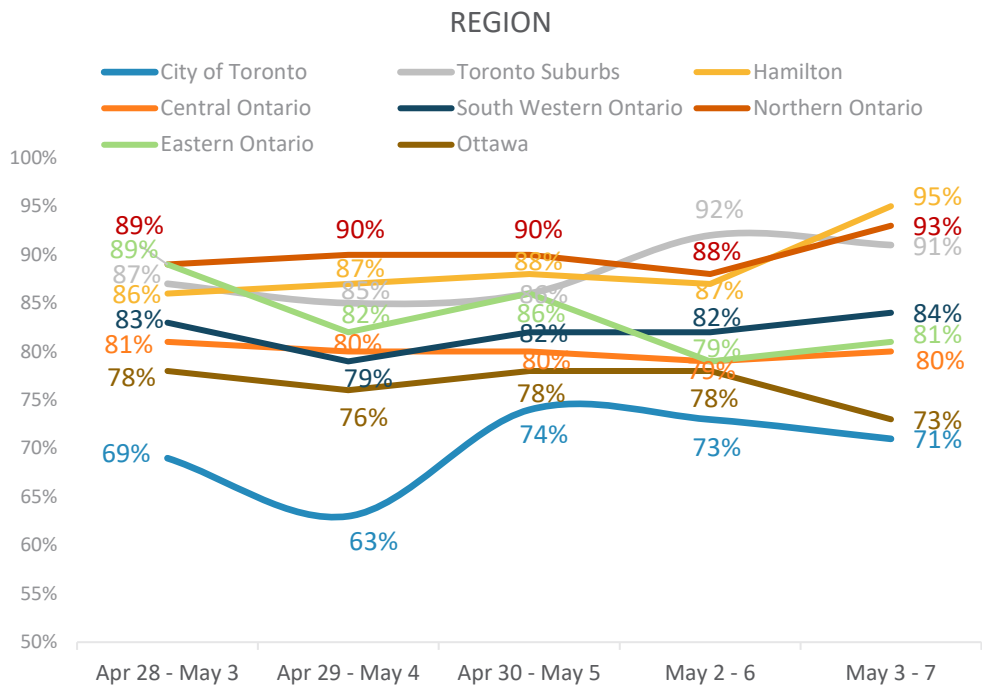


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Q2. Overall, do you feel that the Ontario provincial government is on the right track or the wrong track, in terms of how it is governing the province? Base: Total sample

‘Right track’ scores have increased in Hamilton and Northern Ontario in the latest wave.

Right Track Scores – 5-Day Roll

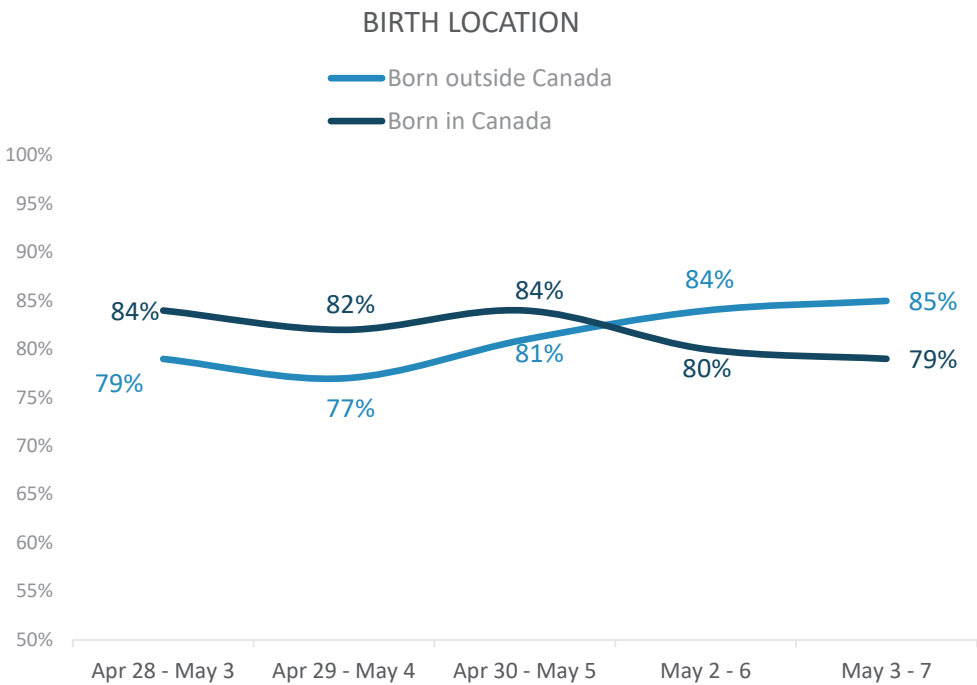
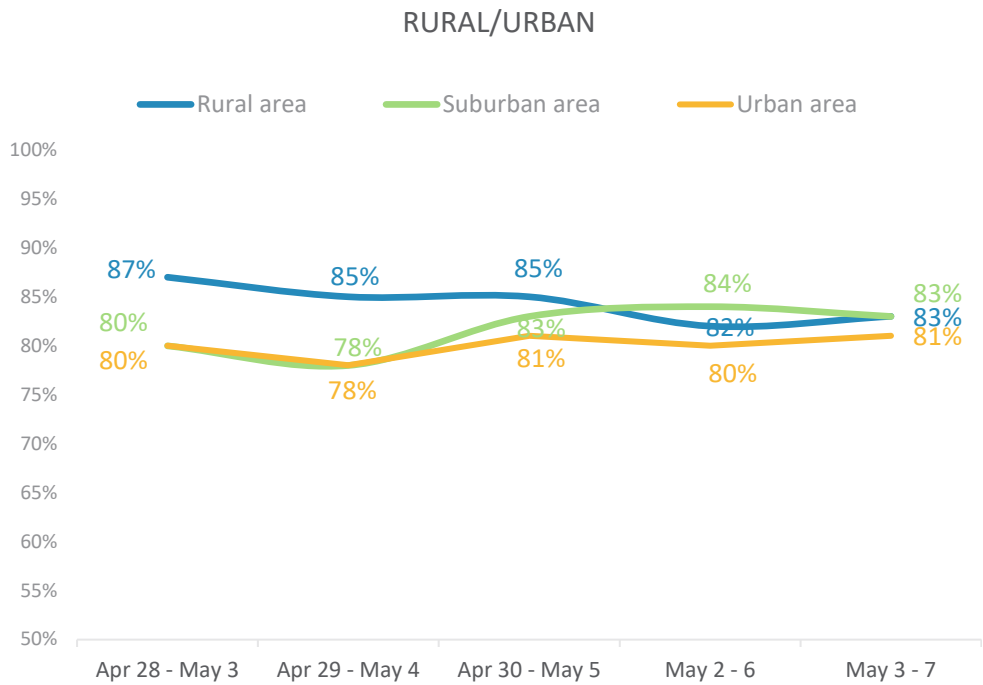


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The ‘right track’ scores for those born outside of Canada have climbed, while these scores have slipped among those born in Canada.

Right Track Scores – 5-Day Roll



These graphs are based on 5 day roll in order to boost the sample sizes.

Q2. Overall, do you feel that the Ontario provincial government is on the right track or the wrong track, in terms of how it is governing the province? Base: Total sample

The government continues to be perceived as providing sufficient support for business during the COVID-19 situation.

- On the eve of the Friday announcement on the 690,000 job loss, the government's performance dipped to its lowest point (+23) for creating/protecting jobs since mid-April.

NET SCORE: Good (7-9) – Poor (1-3)

	Mar 3-11	Mar 12-19	Mar 25-30	Mar 29-Apr 1	Mar 30-Apr 2	Mar 31-Apr 4	Apr 2-5	Apr 4-6	Apr 5-7	Apr 6-8	Apr 7-11	Apr 8-13	Apr 9-14	Apr 11-15	Apr 13-16	Apr 14-18	Apr 15-19	Apr 16-20	Apr 18-21	Apr 19-22	Apr 20-23	Apr 21-25	Apr 22-26	Apr 23-27	Apr 25-28	Apr 26-29	Apr 27-30	Apr 28-May 2	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
HEALTH METRICS																																	
Delivering quality healthcare to Ontarians	-5	+3	+21	+17	+21	+21	+29	+33	+35	+39	+35	+37	+35	+36	+37	+34	+31	+34	+29	+34	+37	+36	+40	+33	+41	+43	+41	+47	+40	+36	+47	+40	+40
Reducing overcrowding in hospitals	-32	-32	-13	-13	-11	-2	+7	+7	+4	+4	+5	+8	+9	+10	+11	+8	+6	+5	+2	+2	+3	+2	+5	+4	+7	+10	+17	+19	+20	+22	+20	+13	+23
Keeping people safe during the COVID-19 situation	-	+29	+53	+63	+57	+63	+60	+67	+66	+70	+70	+69	+71	+70	+69	+70	+68	+71	+68	+70	+75	+74	+77	+77	+76	+73	+72	+71	+65	+65	+67	+70	+75
ECONOMIC/GOVERNMENT SPENDING METRICS																																	
Building the provincial economy	0	-3	+24	+22	+29	+31	+32	+35	+32	+31	+31	+32	+33	+32	+33	+31	+35	+28	+24	+27	+26	+34	+35	+33	+35	+33	+35	+31	+34	+41	+41	+38	+30
Creating and protecting jobs	-7	-7	+21	+22	+28	+21	+24	+31	+36	+32	+27	+24	+28	+23	+27	+25	+29	+28	+25	+31	+24	+30	+33	+27	+32	+25	+27	+28	+24	+32	+27	+27	+23
Improve Ontario's finances	-5	-8	+14	+10	+18	+17	+21	+22	+24	+25	+25	+28	+28	+29	+32	+28	+31	+25	+21	+26	+23	+30	+31	+26	+29	+24	+23	+22	+17	+17	+17	+23	+27
Providing sufficient support for business during the COVID-19 situation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+51	+55	+57	+55	+57

Q5. Using a scale where, where 1 means “poor” and nine is “excellent”, how would you rate the performance of Ontario government at managing each of the following? Bases vary

COVID-19



The anxiety of Ontarians regarding their own health and that of immediate family members continues to gradually decrease.

- Concerns about Ontarians’ own employment increased in the last two waves prior to the announcement of 690,000 jobs lost in March and April.

	% VERY/SOMEWHAT CONCERNED	Mar 16-19	Mar 25-30	Mar 29-Apr 1	Mar 30-Apr 2	Mar 31-Apr 4	Apr 2-5	Apr 4-6	Apr 5-7	Apr 6-8	Apr 7-11	Apr 8-13	Apr 9-14	Apr 11-15	Apr 13-16	Apr 14-18	Apr 15-19	Apr 16-20	Apr 18-21	Apr 19-22	Apr 20-23	Apr 21-25	Apr 22-26	Apr 23-27	Apr 25-28	Apr 26-29	Apr 27-30	Apr 28-May 2	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7			
	n=	Varies																																		
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%			
Health	The health of an immediate family member	78	87	86	84	86	86	88	86	86	87	85	84	81	79	80	80	81	82	84	83	82	80	79	79	79	80	81	79	81	80	78	75			
	Your own health	61	74	73	74	75	75	76	75	76	74	73	72	69	67	64	62	64	64	67	65	65	64	63	65	66	63	65	64	60	63	63	62			
Economic/ Financial	Employment of an immediate family member	64	77	72	74	76	80	76	71	69	70	70	68	66	66	67	68	69	67	65	63	63	59	61	64	63	65	68	65	70	72	70	64			
	The financial security of your household	67	67	68	69	70	74	74	67	66	65	68	65	62	59	58	63	63	63	58	59	57	57	57	59	63	63	61	54	50	51	55	54			
	Your employment	39	53	50	52	52	61	62	56	54	51	55	52	49	51	47	46	47	44	42	43	43	42	44	46	48	50	47	45	40	47↑	52	51			

↑↓ indicates a significant change since previous wave

QCV-1. How concerned are you that the coronavirus or COVID-19 will impact you personally in each of the following ways? (Wave 1 phrasing) How concerned are you that the coronavirus or COVID-19 will affect you personally in each of the following ways?

Base: Total sample

Ontarians are increasingly thinking that COVID-19 is getting under control both in Ontario and in most parts of the world.

- This shift in perceptions has occurred among both those who see the government on the 'right' and 'wrong track', but the largest increase has occurred among those who see the government on the 'wrong track'.

	Apr 25-28	Apr 26-29	Apr 27-30	Apr 28-May 2	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7
n=	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I feel that COVID-19 is under control now in Ontario.	35	31	32	33	32	35	34	35	41
I feel that COVID-19 is under control now in most parts of the world.	20	16	19	20	21	26	31	31	34

% Agree																		
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	Apr 25-28	Apr 26-29	Apr 27-30	Apr 28-May 2	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7	Apr 25-28	Apr 26-29	Apr 27-30	Apr 28-May 2	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7
Right Track	37	34	36	37	37	41	37	38	42	22	17	21	23	26	33	35	32	32
Wrong Track	20	15	12	12	8	14	26	21	36	10	9	10	5	0	3	13	27	44

QCV-8B. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the effects of COVID-19. The first is ...
Base: Total sample

KEY ATTITUDINAL STATEMENTS – GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS

Most Ontarians continue to think that public schools should remain closed even if businesses are beginning to re-open.

- Moreover, Ontarians are much more likely to disagree with the idea that the government is taking too long to get this outbreak under control.

GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS

% STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT AGREE	Apr 4-6	Apr 5-7	Apr 6-8	Apr 7-11	Apr 8-13	Apr 9-14	Apr 11-15	Apr 13-16	Apr 14-18	Apr 15-19	Apr 16-20	Apr 18-21	Apr 19-22	Apr 20-23	Apr 21-25	Apr 22-26	Apr 23-27	Apr 25-28	Apr 26-29	Apr 27-30	Apr 28-May 2	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7
n=	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I don't believe as many people will become ill with COVID-19 as the government projections say	20	19	19	26	30	32	31	28	25	27	27	28	32	31	35	35	35	38	38	40	38	41	35	33	34	32
The provincial government has not moved as quickly as it could to try to stop the spread of COVID-19	40	39	42	49	51	51	48	44	43	38	39	41	38	38	38	38	37	39	39	36	39	42	38	42	42	37
It's taking the Government of Ontario too long to get this outbreak under control	-	-	-	-	-	43	42	40	38	38	38	37	37	34	30	34	33	35	39	34	35	37	19↓	31↑	30	28
All primary and secondary schools in Ontario should remain closed even if businesses are beginning to re-open.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75	73	73	72	73

↑↓ indicates a significant change since previous wave

QCV-14. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about COVID-19:

Base: Total sample

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Overall, over one-third think that it is safe enough for people go to the beach, park, or up to the cottage.

- Moreover, there was a sharp increase in this view: ‘I am starting to feel that I would rather take a chance on getting COVID 19 than continue staying at home.’ we will want to monitor this in future waves.

EMOTIONALS ABOUT PHYSICAL DISTANCING

	Apr 23-27	Apr 25-28	Apr 26-29	Apr 27-30	Apr 28-May 2	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7
n=	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I am starting to feel that I would rather take a chance on getting COVID 19 than continue staying at home	13	12	16	14	14	15	10	11	17	24
I think it’s safe now for more people to leave their homes and go to the beach, the park or up to the cottage, especially as the weather warms up.	-	-	-	-	-	33	33	33	35	36

QCV-8B. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the effects of COVID-19. The first is ...

Base: Total sample

Ontarians are increasingly comfortable (from 67% to 80%) with the government easing restrictions on hospitals to allow for elective and non-urgent procedures. Now, just under 7-in-10 are also comfortable going into hospital for surgery.

- Support for easing restrictions on elective/non-urgent procedures is highest among older populations and those people who see the government on the 'right track'.

MEDICAL PROCEDURES

	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7
n=	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies
	%	%	%	%	%
The Ontario Government should be easing restrictions on hospitals now to allow more elective or non-urgent procedures, including cancer screenings, to resume.	67	68	72	75	80
I would be comfortable going into hospital for surgery or another procedure if I needed to.	62	65	64	65	68

QCV-8B. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the effects of COVID-19. The first is ...

Base: Total sample

Three-quarters (up from 59% in mid-April) now believe most of the people dying from COVID-19 live in long-term care homes.

ATTITUDES TOWARD RETIREMENT HOMES AND TESTING

	% STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT AGREE	Apr 9-14	Apr 11-15	Apr 13-16	Apr 14-18	Apr 15-19	Apr 16-20	Apr 18-21	Apr 19-22	Apr 20-23	Apr 21-25	Apr 22-26	Apr 23-27	Apr 25-28	Apr 26-29	Apr 27-30	Apr 28-May 2	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7
	n=	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Retirement Homes	Retirement and nursing homes need to be more effectively isolated	91	90	89	88	86	83	82	78	79	79	79	83	85	85	87	86	89	88	86	88	88
	Most of the people dying from COVID-19 live in retirement or nursing homes	59	60	66	67	69	68	65	65	65	65	67	63	63	67	65	68	71	67	70	70	75
Testing	The province has been far too slow in the amount of testing undertaken	69	67	67	67	64	64	62	55	54	60	63	66	72	69	64	66	63	62	67	66	62

QCV-8B. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the effects of COVID-19. The first is ...

Base: Total sample

A significant proportion(48%)of Ontarians continue to think that not enough has been done to protect the residents of long-term care homes. On a more positive note, Ontarians are less likely to believe that not enough has been done to protect the front-line health care workers.

	Apr 9-14	Apr 11-15	Apr 13-16	Apr 14-18	Apr 15-19	Apr 16-20	Apr 18-21	Apr 19-22	Apr 20-23	Apr 21-25	Apr 22-26	Apr 23-27	Apr 25-28	April 26-29	April 27-30	Apr 28-May 2	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7
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Protecting residents of long-term care homes and retirement homes																					
Doing more than is necessary	4	5	6	5	4	3	2	3	3	4	5	5	5	4	4	2	2	3	2	3	4
Doing what is required	46	44	43	44	41	42	42	42	43	44	44	41	40	42	42	43	46	46	41	46	45
Not doing as much as they should	42	45	45	46	49	48	49	50	46	45	45	48	50	50	49	49	48	47	52	48	48
Don't know	7	7	6	5	5	6	6	6	8	7	6	6	5	4	5	5	4	4	5	3	3
Protecting front-line health care workers such as those working in hospitals, long term care homes and retirement homes																					
Doing more than is necessary	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	6	5	6	7
Doing what is required	52	51	48	49	49	47	48	42	46	49	49	48	49	46	48	50	51	56	55	56	57
Not doing as much as they should	38	40	43	43	44	44	44	50	47	44	44	45	43	46	44	41	40	35	37	35	33
Don't know	6	5	5	4	4	6	5	5	4	3	2	2	3	4	5	5	5	3	3	3	3

QCV-20. Thinking about the actions that the Government of Ontario has taken since the onset of COVID-19, at this time would you say they are doing more than is necessary, doing what is required or not doing as much as they should with respect to:

Base: Total sample

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MAKING THE WEARING OF A MASK A LEGAL REQUIREMENT

There continues to be a significant plurality (44%) supporting a law requiring the wearing of a mask when people cannot engage in physical distancing. Over the past two weeks, about 6-in-10 wants some legal mandate requiring people to wear masks.

- Toronto suburban residents, those with incomes over \$100k, urban residents (across Ontario), and those aged 46 to 54 are the most likely to think there should be a law requiring the wearing of a mask when people cannot engage in physical distancing.
- Men and rural residents are the most likely to think there should not be a law requiring a mask to be worn.

	Apr 18-21	Apr 19-22	Apr 20-23	Apr 21-25	Apr 22-26	Apr 23-27	Apr 25-28	Apr 26-29	Apr 27-30	Apr 28-May 2	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7
n=	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
A law requiring everyone to wear a mask when they are outside their homes	23	25	22	22	21	22	21	21	20	19	16	13	14	14	16
A law requiring everyone to wear a mask when they are outside their homes and can't maintain physical distancing	34	31	32	32	34	36	38	39	40	41	41	47	45	45	44
I don't think there should be a law requiring masks to be worn.	41	41	44	45	44	42	40	40	39	39	41	38	38	39	39
Don't know	3	2	2	1	<1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	2	1

QCV-30. Which of these two approaches do you prefer:

Base: Total sample

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SUFFICIENT MONEY FOR FOOD/OTHER ITEMS OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

Compared 12 days ago, a significant proportion of those with incomes under \$40k continue to be concerned about having sufficient money for the next two months. This is aligned with their higher level of concern about the finances of their household.

	Apr 5-7	Apr 6-8	Apr 7-11	Apr 8-13	Apr 9-14	Apr 11-15	Apr 13-16	Apr 14-18	Apr 15-19	Apr 16-20	Apr 18-21	Apr 19-22	Apr 20-23	Apr 21-25	Apr 22-26	Apr 23-27	Apr 25-28	Apr 26-29	Apr 27-30	Apr 28-May 2	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7
n=	204	310	410	410	410	420	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410
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Yes	87	85	84	84	84	87	86	86	88	90	92	93	91	90	90	88	88	87	86	86	88	90	88	89	87
No	11	12	13	14	14	11	13	12	10	8	6	4	6	7	9	11	10	12	12	12	11	9	12	10	12
Don't know/Not sure	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	3	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1

	Under \$40K																								
	Apr 5-7	Apr 6-8	Apr 7-11	Apr 8-13	Apr 9-14	Apr 11-15	Apr 13-16	Apr 14-18	Apr 15-19	Apr 16-20	Apr 18-21	Apr 19-22	Apr 20-23	Apr 21-25	Apr 22-26	Apr 23-27	Apr 25-28	Apr 26-29	Apr 27-30	Apr 28-May 2	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7
Yes	75%	62%	60%	57%	57%	66%	63%	65%	76%	85%	86%	88%	84%	83%	81%	72%	73%	70%	67%	74%	71%	76%	71%	73%	70%
No	21%	34%	37%	38%	38%	28%	31%	32%	22%	14%	11%	12%	15%	16%	18%	27%	25%	29%	31%	25%	28%	24%	29%	24%	27%
Don't know/Not sure	4%	4%	3%	5%	5%	6%	5%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	-	3%	3%

QCV-19d. Do you have enough money to buy the food and other items that your household will need over the next 2 months?

Base: Total sample

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Most Ontarians continue to show patience in wanting to see what happens with the coronavirus before opening up the economy (65%).

	Apr 18-21	Apr 19-22	Apr 20-23	Apr 21-25	Apr 22-26	Apr 23-27	Apr 25-28	Apr 26-29	Apr 27-30	Apr 28-May 2	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7
n=	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Immediately	12	14	17	16	18	16	16	16	16	13	15	15	14	16	17
Wait to see what happens with the coronavirus before resuming	67	64	61	60	58	61	63	64	62	63	62	64	67	66	65
Continue to limit your contact with other people and daily activities indefinitely	19	19	22	23	23	22	21	20	21	22	22	21	19	17	18
Don't know	1	2	1	1	1	<1	1	1	1	1	1	1	<1	1	<1

QCV-31. Once government restrictions on physical/social distancing are removed and businesses and school start to re-open, how quickly do you think you would return to your normal activities with people in public?

Base: Total sample

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TIMING OF THE RE-OPENING TO THE ECONOMY

A significant plurality of Ontarians (42%) think that the economy will be re-opened sometime in June, while one-quarter (28%) think it will be opened up by Victoria Day.

- Men are more likely to think the re-opening of the economy will be by Victoria Day weekend; while City of Toronto, those with children under the age of 18, and rural residents are much more likely to think it will be open in June.

	Apr 25-28	Apr 26-29	Apr 27-30	Apr 28-May 2	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7
n=	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
In one to two weeks	7	7	8	10	12	14	14	14	13
By the Victoria Day weekend (May 15th)	22	22	22	20	18	14	11	14	15
Sometime in June	43	43	44	43	41	38	41	41	42
In a few months' time	23	24	24	23	26	30	29	25	23
Don't know	5	4	3	3	3	4	4	6	7

QCV-42. The government's latest modelling indicates that Ontario has likely hit the peak of the COVID-19 outbreak. Knowing that, when do you think the government should start loosening restrictions and reopening the economy?

Base: Total sample

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OPENING PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SETTING TARGET DATE VERSUS ONLY OPEN SCHOOLS ONCE THE RATE OF INFECTIONS HAS DECLINED

There has been a modest shift in the perceptions of Ontarians: now about 22% (from up from 12%) think that they would prefer for a set target date for schools to open. Still, most Ontario residents continue to prefer the government’s approach in monitoring infection rates before opening public schools.

- Those with children under the age of 18 and those with incomes less than \$40k are more likely to prefer the set target date for schools to open compared to Ontarians in general. But, the prevailing view in both these groups is still to support the government’s approach.

	Apr 27-30	Apr 28-May 2	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7
n=	305	410	410	410	410	410	410
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Some people say the best approach is to set a target date and then do what is necessary so that students, parents and teachers feel it’s safe to return.	12	12	14	17	16	20	22
Other people say the best approach is to monitor the rate of infections and re-open schools only when the rate is at or below a certain level set by provincial public health officials.	86	85	84	79	80	76	74
Don't know	3	3	2	4	4	4	4

QCV-45. There has been some discussion about when to re-open elementary and high schools in Ontario. Which of these two points of view best reflects your own? Some people say the best approach is to set a target date and then do what is necessary so that students, parents and teachers feel it’s safe to return. Other people say the best approach is to monitor the rate of infections and re-open schools only when the rate is at or below a certain level set by provincial public health officials.

Base: Total sample

Seven-in-ten (70%) Ontarians say they are aware of the plan to re-open the provincial economy.

- Women and those over the age of 35 are the most aware of the Ontario plan to re-open the economy.

	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7
n=	200	328	410	410	410
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL GREAT DEAL/SOMETHING	66	63	68	70	70
A great deal	28	29	30	32	33
Something	39	34	38	37	37
Not too much	27	30	26	26	26
Nothing at all	6	6	5	4	4
TOTAL NOT MUCH/NOT AT ALL	33	36	31	30	30
Don't know	1	1	<1	<1	<1

There continues to be very broad and deep support for the government’s plan for a phased approach to re-opening the Ontario economy.

- Support for this approach is strongest among those with incomes over \$100k, urban residents, and those born outside Canada.

	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7
n=	200	328	410	410	410
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL SUPPORT	91	90	91	90	88
Strongly support	42	43	45	47	46
Somewhat support	49	47	46	43	42
Somewhat oppose	5	5	4	5	6
Strongly oppose	3	3	3	3	3
TOTAL OPPOSE	8	8	7	8	9
Don't know	1	2	2	2	3

QCV-47. This plan involves a 3 stage approach, each lasting 2 to 4 weeks long and the length of each stage being determined by medical indicators of the incidence and severity of COVID 19 in the province. Overall do you support or oppose this overall approach?

Base: Total sample

BUSINESS SECTORS TO BE OPENED IN FIRST PHASE

Ontarians feel that retail stores offering curbside service and construction are two top business sectors to be opened in the first phase. Home renovations received the fewest mentions as a business which should be opened in the first phase.

% YES	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7
n=	200	328	410	410	410
	%	%	%	%	%
Retail stores offering curbside service	88	86	87	89	89
Construction	86	88	86	86	86
Manufacturing	78	77	78	80	79
Nurseries/Garden centres	76	75	77	79	81
Home renovations	51	47	49	52	55

QCV-48. Which of the following types should be opened in the first phase?
Base: Total sample

Concerns have changed about people going to their cottage. There is less concern today compared to last weekend. This may be related to the increasing perception the COVID-19 is getting under control in Ontario.

- At the same time, the intensity of the concern ('very' concerned) has abated.
- Earlier in the week, there were sharp demographic differences but, as the concern has declined, these demographic differences have decreased. Still, those with incomes less than \$40k are much more concerned than those with higher incomes.

	Apr 29-May 3	Apr 30-May 4	May 2-5	May 3-6	May 4-7
n=	200	328	410	410	410
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL CONCERNED	67	65	63	59	57
Very concerned	30	27	27	22	22
Somewhat concerned	37	38	36	36	35
Not very concerned	15	18	20	24	25
Not at all concerned	18	15	16	17	18
TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	32	34	36	41	42
Don't know	1	1	1	1	1

QCV-49. How concerned are you about people heading to cottage country on the long weekends, and possibly overwhelming both local health services and food supply in those smaller communities?

Base: Total sample