

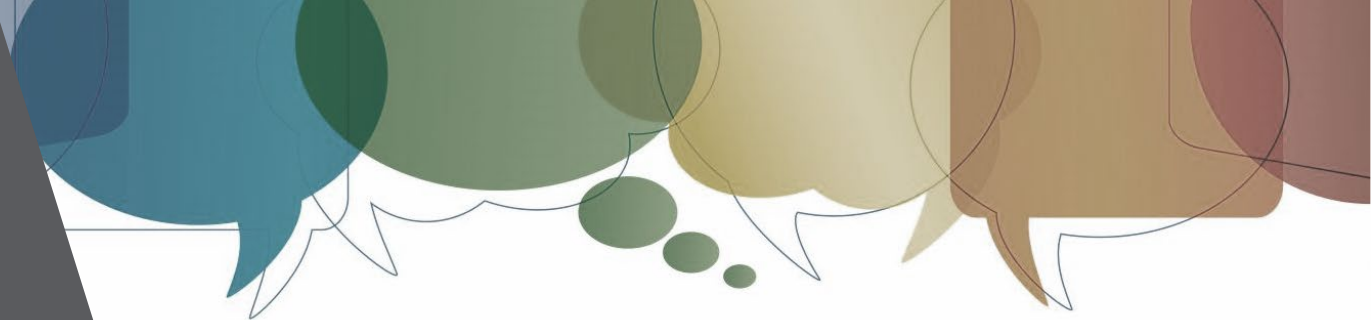


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KEY FINDINGS

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1 Over the past week, the government's 'right track' scores remained stable and highly positive at 79%.

Despite these strong 'right track' scores, there are a number of emerging vulnerabilities being revealed in this COVID-19 Pulse report.

The sharp rise in infections is changing the opinion landscape.

4 The rising rate of infections in Ontario continues to cause a decline in the proportion of Ontarians who believe that COVID-19 is under control in the province.

There has been a sharp drop over the past two months (from 71% to 28%) in the proportion of Ontarians who believe the threat of contracting COVID-19 is much less now.

2 However, there has been some softening of the positive perceptions toward the government's performance for the following areas: 'school re-opening'; 'protecting/creating jobs'; 'economy re-opening'; 'Ontario finances'; 'providing business support'; 'protection from COVID-19'; and 'quality healthcare'.

A question arises from this softness: is it foreshadowing a future decline in the 'right track' scores?

5 Most Ontarians believe that the recent increase in infections is the start of the COVID-19 second wave.

Compared to last April/May, early results suggest that Ontarians are much more likely to think they will catch COVID-19 virus. The intensity of this view has also increased since the spring.

3 Now, almost 38% feel the government is 'not doing as much as they should' with respect to COVID-19. Last spring, this percentage was 8%. Moreover, there continues to be a steady drop in the proportion of Ontarians who think the government is 'doing what is required'.

6 Given the increases in infections, early findings suggest that Ontarians are a bit divided over whether the government did all it could reasonably be expected to do or if it could have acted differently.

Importantly, those who think the government is on the 'right track' believe the province did all it could reasonably be expected to do, although a substantial proportion think it could have acted differently.

Key Findings

7 The initial results reveal that Ontarians are divided over whether the restrictions are being re-introduced at the right pace or too slowly. Very few believe the re-introduction has been happening too quickly.

Those who see the government is on the 'right track' are much more likely to believe that the re-introduction of these restrictions is occurring at the right pace, although there is also a sizable number who think it has been moving too slowly.

10 In light of the rising infections, there is heightened appetite for COVID-19 information. Ontarians are much more likely to indicate that they are paying attention to news or information related to COVID-19 now compared to mid-July. Moreover, fewer Ontarians are saying they don't need to hear any more news about COVID-19.

8 The early results suggest that Ontarians provide overwhelming support for the new restrictions of 10 people for in-person events and 25 for outdoor events. Some 70% say they are 'very' supportive of this action.

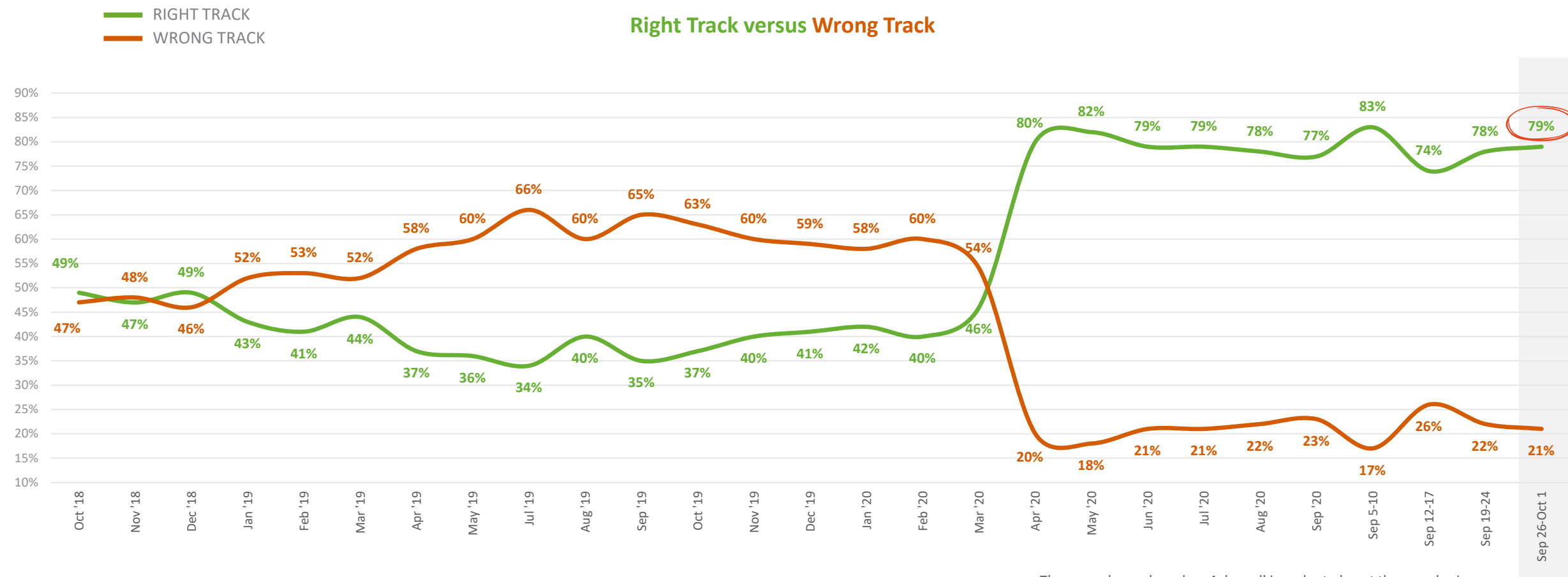
A key conclusion: Ontarians do like strong action to protect the health of their fellow citizens.

9 Despite this, Ontarians are less keen on a severe lockdown as they prefer a regional approach focusing on regions where outbreaks are occurring even if it means higher level of infections.

RIGHT TRACK
WRONG TRACK



Over the past week, the government’s ‘right track’ scores remain highly positive, stable at 79%.

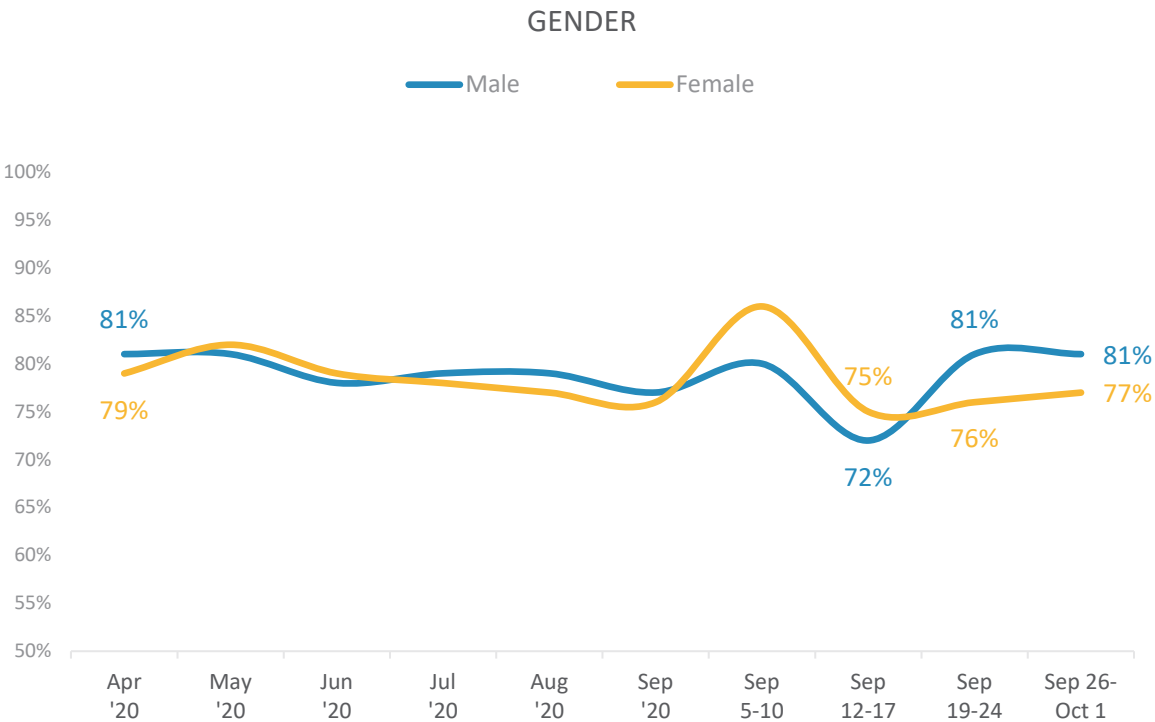
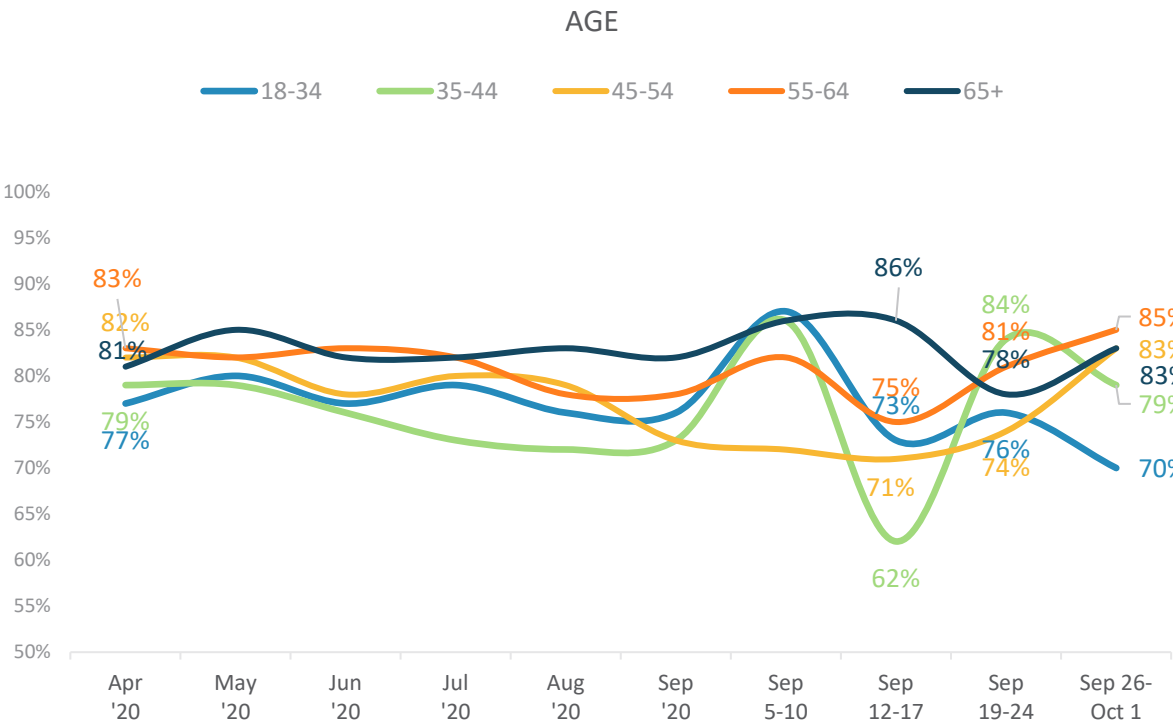


These graphs are based on 4 day roll in order to boost the sample sizes.

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

The ‘right track’ scores remain stable among both men and women.

Right Track Scores – 6-Day Roll

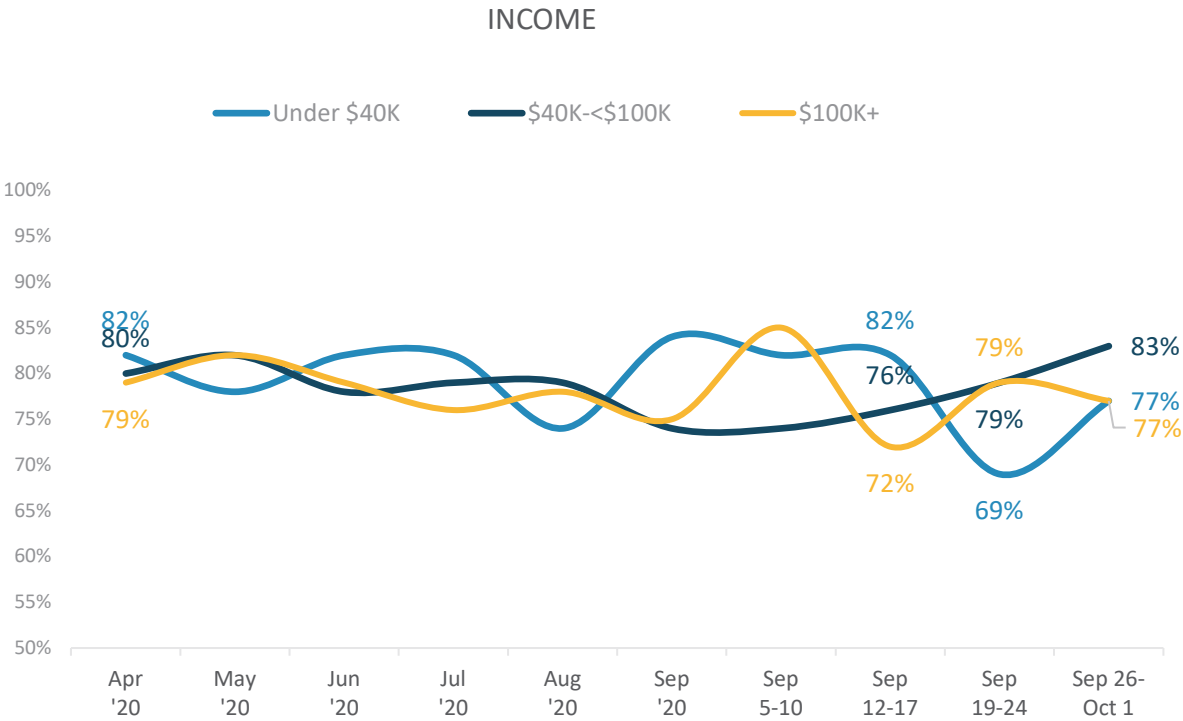
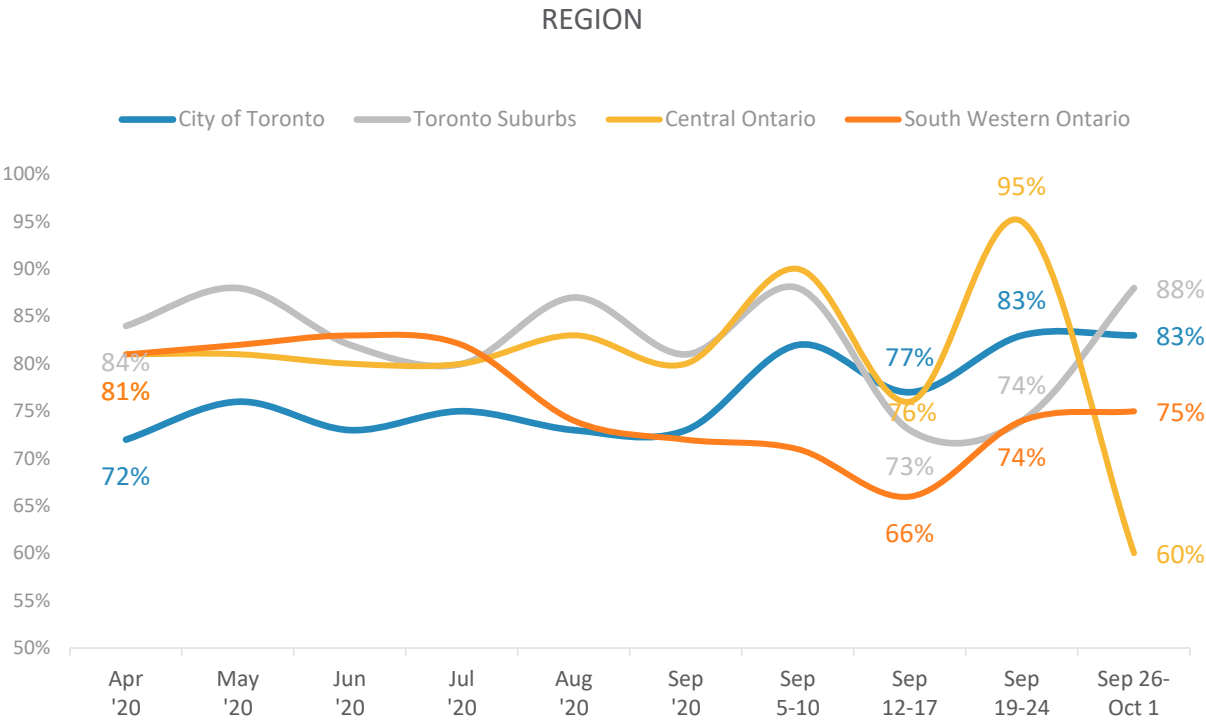


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The ‘right track’ scores are strongest in the Toronto suburbs.

Right Track Scores – 6-Day Roll

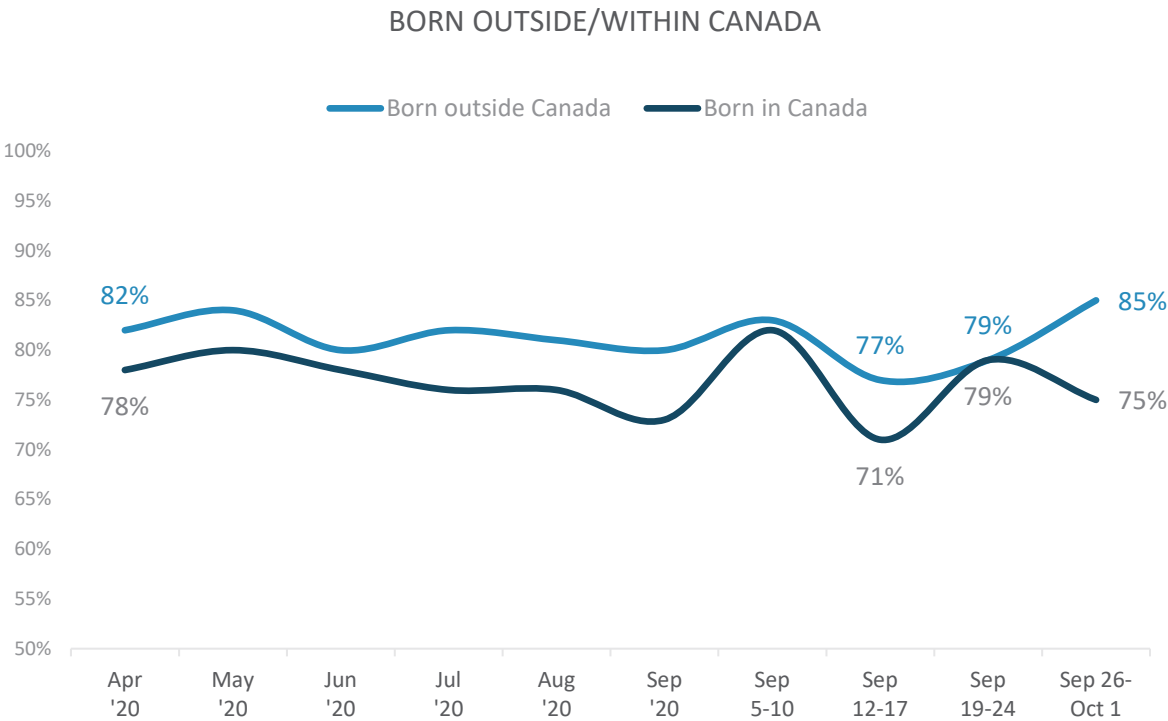
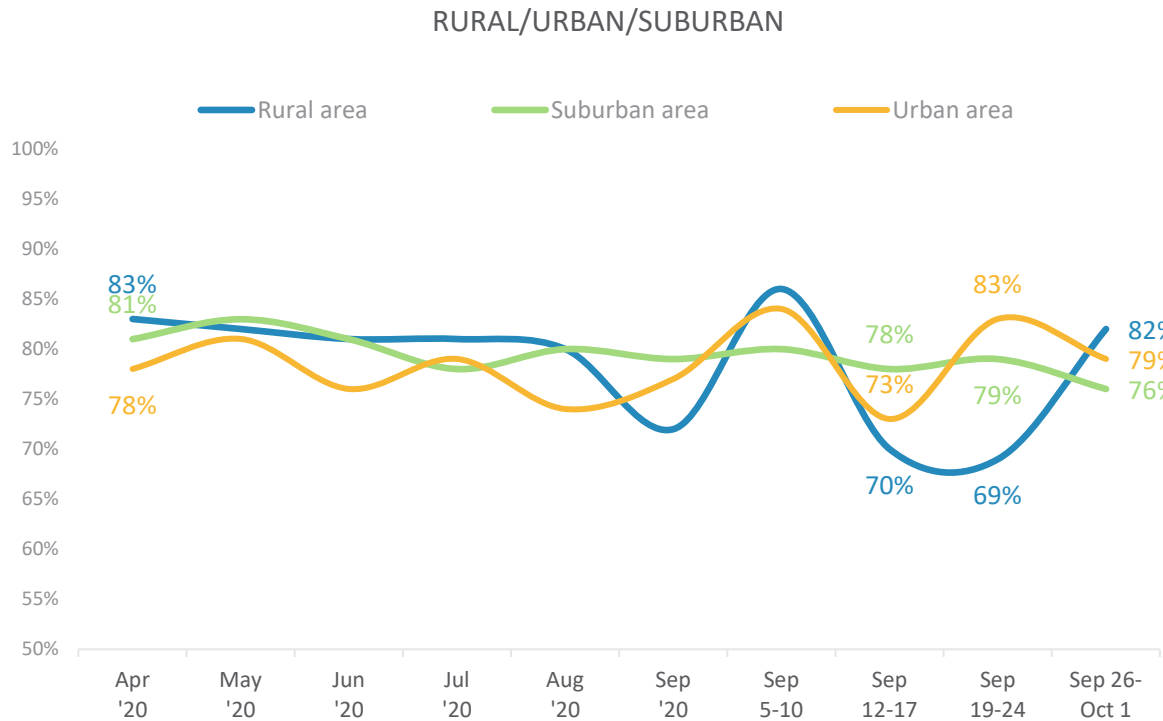


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The ‘right track’ scores tend to be stronger among those born outside Canada compared to those born in Canada.

Right Track Scores – 6-Day Roll



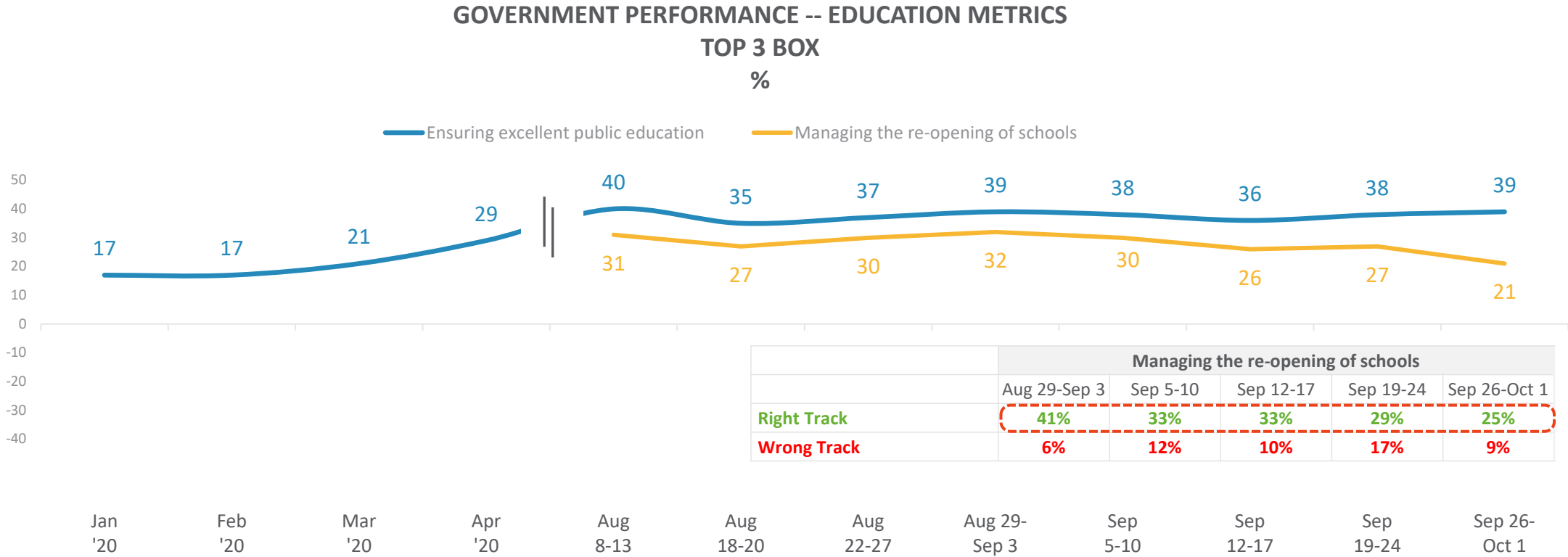
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PERCEPTIONS OF GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

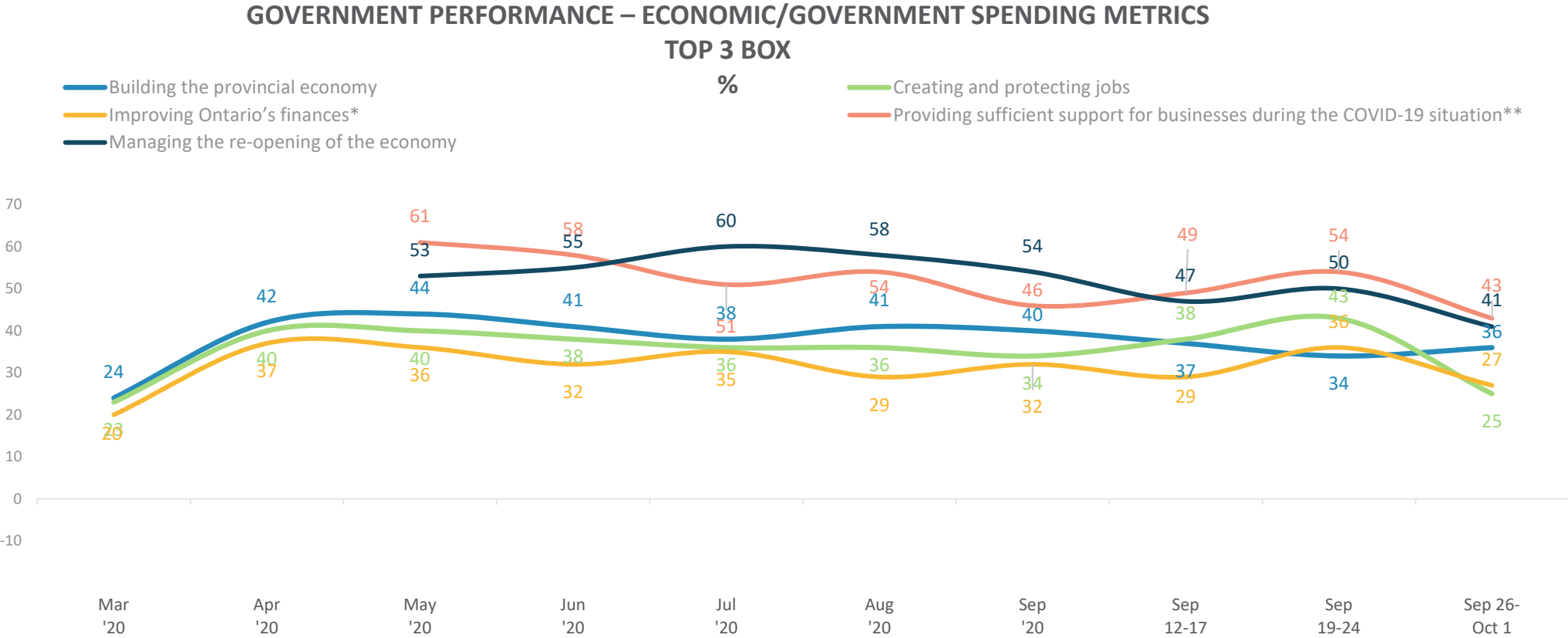


The government scores on ‘ensuring excellent public education’ remains stable and strong. However, its positive scores on ‘managing the re-opening of schools’ have slipped to its lowest level. This decline is mainly occurring among those who believe the government is on the ‘right track’.



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

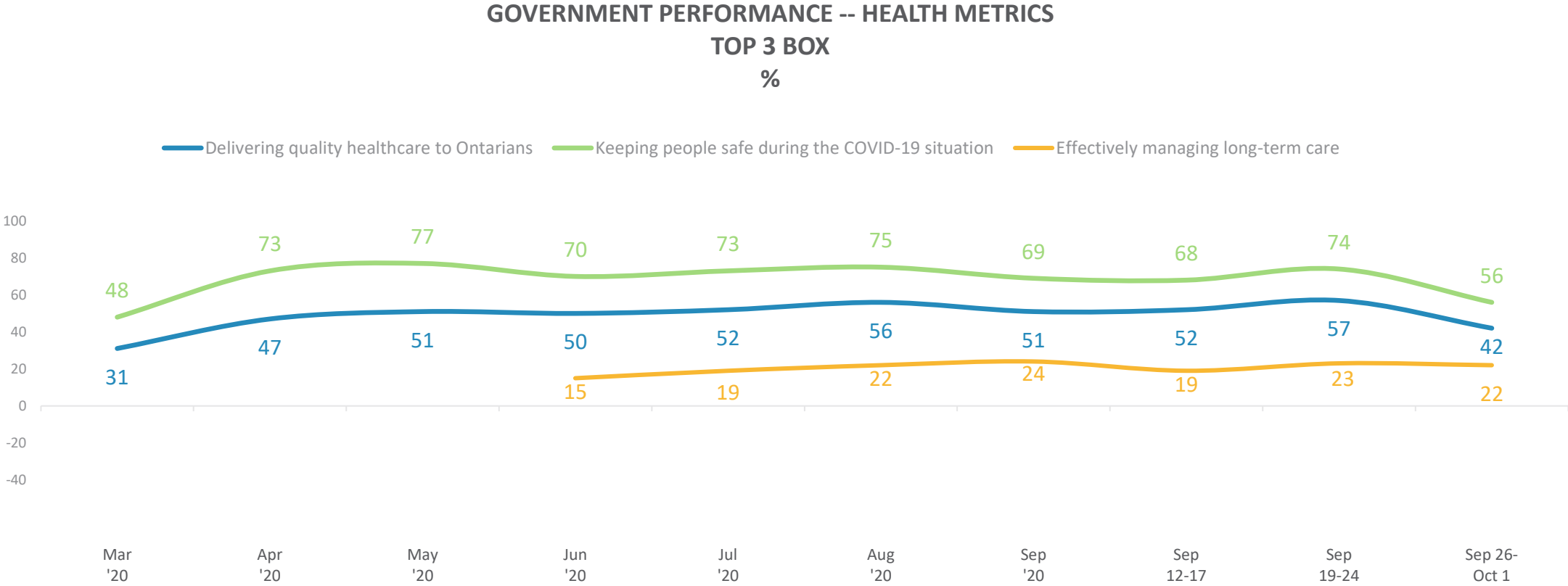
Coinciding with rising infections, there have been drops in the positive perceptions of 4 of the 5 economic metrics. The only one remaining stable is ‘building the provincial economy’.



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?
*Former phrasing: “Improve Ontario’s finances”
**Former phrasing: “Sufficient business support during the COVID-19 situation”

Bases vary

Similarly, there has been significant slippage in perception of the government’s performance on key metrics ‘keeping people safe during the COVID-19 situation’ and ‘delivering quality healthcare to Ontarians’.

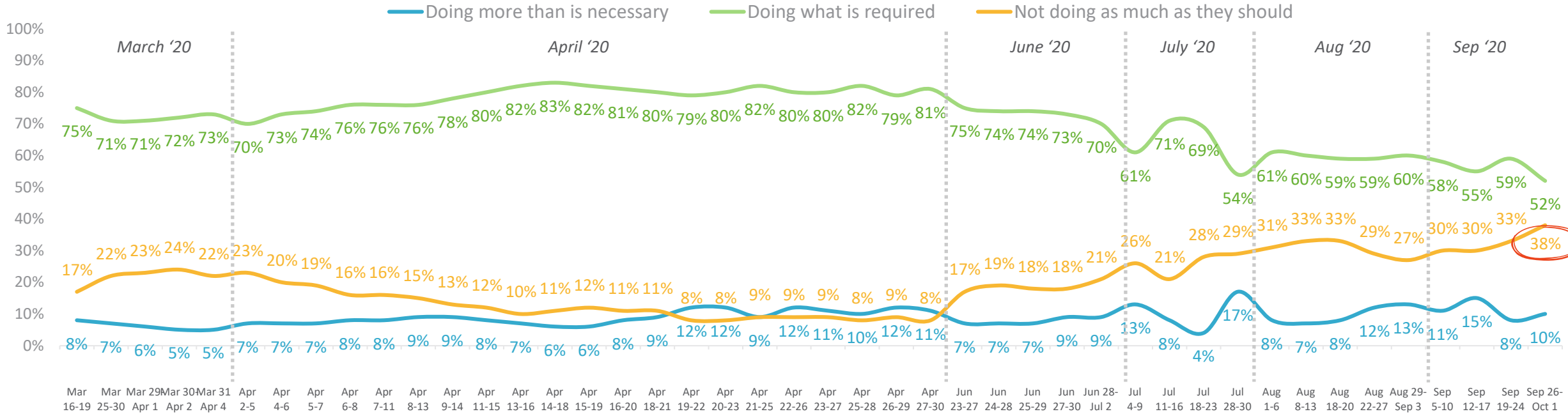


Q5. Using a scale where, where 1 means “poor” and nine is “excellent”, how would you rate the performance of Ontario government at managing each of the following? Bases vary

In April, only 8% felt the government was ‘not doing as much as they should’; now it is 38%. Plus, there continues to be a steady drop in the proportion of Ontarians who think the government is ‘doing what is required’.

- Some of this shift has occurred among those who think the government is on the ‘right track’. This is a potential vulnerability.

	Doing more than is necessary											Doing what is required											Not doing as much as they should										
	Jul 18-23	Jul 28-30	Aug 1-6	Aug 8-13	Aug 18-20	Aug 22-27	Aug 29-Sep 3	Sep 5-10	Sep 12-17	Sep 19-24	Sep 26-Oct 1	Jul 18-23	Jul 28-30	Aug 1-6	Aug 8-13	Aug 18-20	Aug 22-27	Aug 29-Sep 3	Sep 5-10	Sep 12-17	Sep 19-24	Sep 26-Oct 1	Jul 18-23	Jul 28-30	Aug 1-6	Aug 8-13	Aug 18-20	Aug 22-27	Aug 29-Sep 3	Sep 5-10	Sep 12-17	Sep 19-24	Sep 26-Oct 1
Right Track	5%	10%	7%	8%	7%	13%	13%	12%	17%	7%	8%	74%	67%	70%	68%	70%	66%	67%	66%	67%	70%	59%	21%	23%	23%	24%	23%	22%	20%	21%	16%	23%	33%
Wrong Track	-	34%	13%	3%	10%	9%	12%	7%	11%	11%	15%	50%	22%	26%	25%	34%	37%	35%	30%	23%	27%	29%	50%	44%	61%	73%	56%	55%	53%	63%	66%	62%	56%



There has been an increase in the perception (from 17% in August to 37% over the past week) that the government is ‘not enough as much as they should’ on preventing the spread of the virus.

- As reported previously, ‘managing for the return to school in the fall’ continues to be the one key area where many Ontarians feel the government is ‘not doing as much as they should’.

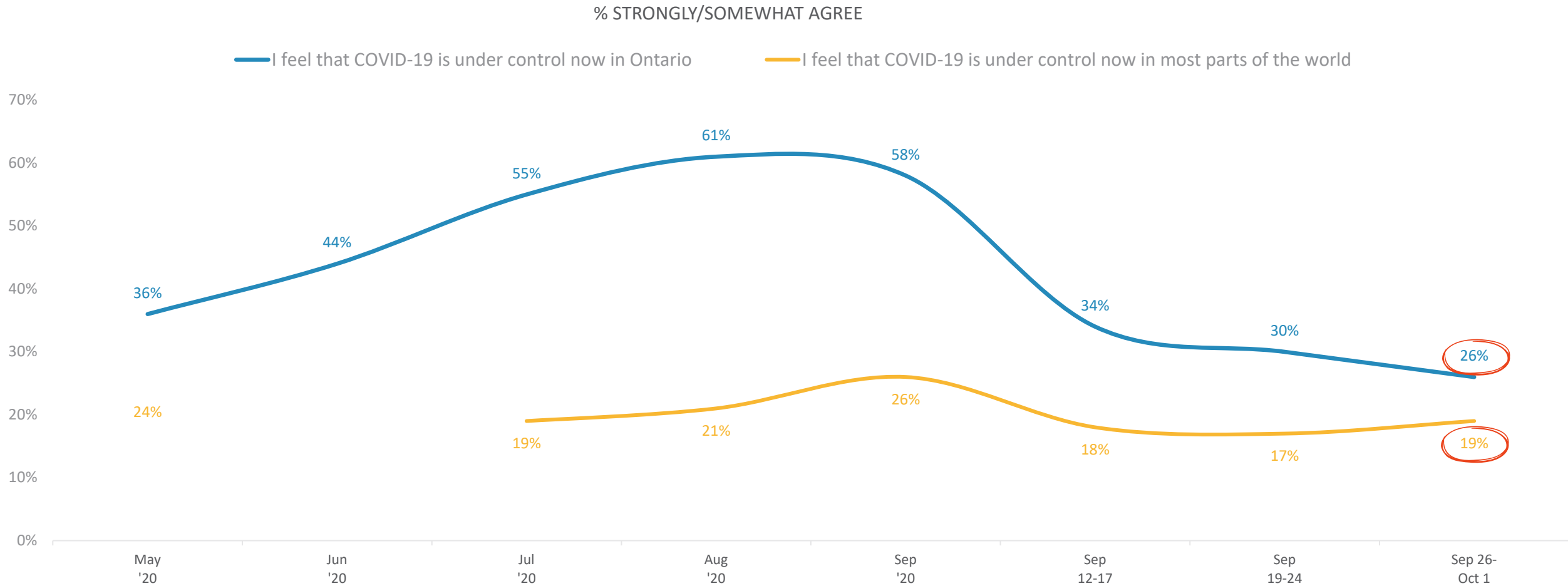
	% DOING MORE THAN IS NECESSARY					% DOING WHAT IS REQUIRED					% NOT DOING AS MUCH AS THEY SHOULD*				
	Aug '20	Sep '20	Sep 12-17	Sep 19-24	Sep 26-Oct 1	Aug '20	Sep '20	Sep 12-17	Sep 19-24	Sep 26-Oct 1	Aug '20	Sep '20	Sep 12-17	Sep 19-24	Sep 26-Oct 1
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Advising the public and businesses about the measures they should take to prevent the spread of the virus	15	16	13	16	10	70	70	70	72	65	13	12	14	10	23
Managing the process of gradually re-opening the province	10	11	9	12	9	72	70	76	66	63	16	17	13	20	27
Taking the necessary actions to prevent the spread of the virus	11	13	11	15	7	71	68	63	59	54	17	17	22	26	37
Managing the re-opening of schools (Previously: Planning for the return to school in the fall)	9	9	12	6	6	39	37	35	36	37	45	46	43	55	53

COVID-19 INFECTIONS



PERCEPTIONS ABOUT WHETHER COVID-19 IS UNDER CONTROL

The rising infections in Ontario continues to cause a decline in the proportion of Ontarians who believe that COVID-19 is under control in the province.



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, bases vary

There has been a sharp drop over the past two months (from 71% to 25%) in the proportion of Ontarians who believe the threat of contracting COVID-19 is much less now.

- Ontarians are changing their expectations about returning to pre_COVID-19 life. Over the two weeks, there was a significant drop in Ontarians saying that they are doing their best to get back to living a normal pre-COVID-19 life.

% STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT AGREE	June 10-14	June 11-15	June 13-16	June 14-17	June 15-18	June 16-20	June 17-21	June 18-22	June 20-23	June 21-24	June 22-25	June 23-27	June 24-28	June 25-29	June 27-30	June 28-Jul 2	Jul 4-9	Jul 11-16	Jul 18-23	Jul 28-30	Aug 1-6	Aug 8-13	Aug 18-20	Aug 22-27	Aug 29-Sep 3	Sep 5-10	Sep 12-17	Sep 19-24	Sep 26-Oct 1
n=	varies																												
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I think the threat of contracting COVID-19 is much less now than it was a month ago	54	54	57	60	61	65	63	62	59	60	60	61	63	59	60	58	64	64	67	56	60	71	58	57	52	43	25	28	25
I am doing my best to get <u>back</u> to living a normal pre-COVID-19 life	70	71	72	70	69	67	69	72	74	71	70	70	69	71	73	72	76	70	78	72	78	79	75	76	82	72	75	65	61
I see people everyday not following the social distancing guidelines	72	75	75	76	78	79	81	81	83	82	79	78	77	78	77	77	84	76	77	71	67	73	68	72	70	66	68	70	72

QCV-14. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Base: Total sample

Compared to last April/May, early results suggest that Ontarians are much more likely to think they will catch COVID-19 virus. The intensity of this view has also increased since the spring.

I don't think someone like me will get COVID-19

	Apr '20	May '20	Sep 26-Oct 1
n=	varies		
	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	25	22	16
Strongly agree	8	8	6
Somewhat agree	16	15	9
Neither agree nor disagree	13	10	8
Somewhat disagree	22	25	19
Strongly disagree	38	40	56
TOTAL DISAGREE	60	64	74
Not applicable	-	<1	-
Don't know	2	2	2

QCV-14. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Base: Total sample

Not surprisingly, the early results reveal that most Ontarians (51%) focus on reported cases. Only 25% indicate they focus on the number of deaths as a result of COVID-19.

	Sep 26-Oct 1
n=	300
	%
The number of reported cases	51
The number of people in hospital	11
The number of people in Intensive care units	9
The number of deaths as a result of COVID 19	25
Don't know/Not sure	5

IS ONTARIO READY
FOR THE SECOND
WAVE?



Similarly, the preliminary findings suggest that Ontarians are highly concerned about the Second Wave of this virus. The intensity of the concern is also high, with 61% saying they are ‘very’ concerned.

	Sep 26-Oct 1
n=	300
	%
TOTAL CONCERNED	86
Very concerned	61
Somewhat concerned	25
Not too concerned	8
Not at all concerned	5
TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	13
Don't know/not sure	<1

Q126. With the recent increase in infections in certain regions of the province, how concerned or not are you about a Second Wave of the virus in Ontario this fall? Are you
Base: Total sample

The preliminary findings indicate that Ontarians perceive that the government is ready for the second wave. However, it is important to note the level of intensity is not particularly high.

	Sep 26-Oct 1
n=	300
	%
TOTAL PREPARED	75
Very prepared	16
Somewhat prepared	59
Not too prepared	15
Not at all prepared	8
TOTAL NOT PREPARED	22
Don't know/not sure	3

Q127. Considering the increasing rate of infection, how prepared or not do you feel the government of Ontario is to handle a second wave of infections this fall? Would you say the Ontario government is . . .
Base: Total sample

DID ALL IT COULD OR COULD HAVE ACTED DIFFERENTLY

The early findings suggest that Ontarians are a bit divided over whether the government did all it could reasonably be expected to do or if it could have acted differently.

- There is a significant proportion of Ontarians who think the government is on the ‘right track’ that believe the government could have acted differently. This could be a potential vulnerability.

	Sep 26-Oct 1
n=	300
	%
All it could reasonably be expected to do	44
Could have acted differently	55
Don't know/Not sure	1

	All it could reasonably be expected to do	Could have acted differently
	Sep 26-Oct 1	Sep 26-Oct 1
Right Track	52%	46%
Wrong Track	12%	88%

Q130 Overall, given the recent increases in reported cases, do you believe the Ontario Government has done all it can reasonably be expected to do or could it have acted differently?
Base: Total sample

There are initial indications that most Ontarians do not agree with the idea that recent ‘increases in COVID-19 infections are not serious illnesses and the Ontario Government is overreacting to the problem.’

*Most of the reported increases in COVID-19 infections are not serious illnesses
and the Ontario Government is overreacting to the problem*

	Sep 26-Oct 1
n=	varies
	%
TOTAL AGREE	16
Strongly agree	5
Somewhat agree	11
Neither agree nor disagree	4
Somewhat disagree	21
Strongly disagree	58
TOTAL DISAGREE	79
Don't know	1

The early findings suggest that Ontarians today (compared to April/May) are much more likely to think this virus will make people more seriously ill.

Even if I did get COVID-19, I don't think I would be seriously ill

	Apr '20	May '20	Sep 26-Oct 1
n=	varies		
	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	39	36	28
Strongly agree	14	14	12
Somewhat agree	25	23	16
Neither agree nor disagree	10	9	6
Somewhat disagree	19	19	17
Strongly disagree	27	31	44
TOTAL DISAGREE	46	50	61
Not applicable	1	<1	-
Don't know	5	4	4

QCV-14. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
Base: Total sample

IMPOSE SEVERE LOCKDOWN OR REGIONAL LOCKDOWNS

The early results suggest that Ontarians lean against another severe lockdown and prefer a more focused approach in dealing with outbreaks in affected regions even if mean a higher level of infections.

- Interestingly, there is very little difference between those who think the government on the ‘right’ or ‘wrong’ track on this question.

	Sep 26-Oct 1
n=	300
	%
Some people say that Ontario will have to go back to a severe lockdown, even if this significantly damages the economy.	33
Other people say, we should deal with it by outbreak and by region, and not province wide so the economic recovery can continue, even if there is a risk of more infections.	64
Don't know/Not sure	2

	Ontario will have to go back to a severe lockdown	Should deal with it by outbreak and by region
	Sep 26-Oct 1	Sep 26-Oct 1
Right Track	32%	66%
Wrong Track	36%	57%

Q132 If the increase in COVID 19 infections continues, thinking of these two points of view, which one best reflects your own?
Base: Total sample

Given the recent rise of infections, Ontarians are much more likely to indicate that they paying attention to news or information related to COVID-19 now compared to mid-July. Moreover, fewer Ontarians are saying they don’t need to hear any more news about COVID-19.

% STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT AGREE	June 10-14	June 11-15	June 13-16	June 14-17	June 15-18	June 16-20	June 17-21	June 18-22	June 20-23	June 21-24	June 22-25	June 23-27	June 24-28	June 25-29	June 27-30	June 28-July 2	Jul 4-9	Jul 11-16	Jul 18-23	Jul 28-30	Aug 1-6	Aug 8-13	Aug 18-20	Aug 22-27	Aug 29-Sep 3	Sep 5-10	Sep 12-17	Sep 19-24	Sep 26-Oct 1
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I'm paying less attention to news or information about COVID-19	50	53	51	51	50	47	47	52	53	51	53	51	50	52	48	49	52	39	60	38	44	47	47	50	50	49	45	49	34
I feel that I don't <u>need</u> to hear any more news about COVID-19	24	26	24	22	23	20	22	23	21	23	20	20	21	19	22	20	22	20	24	21	22	27	30	21	28	29	21	20	16

QCV-14. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Base: Total sample

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS



LOSING CONTROL OF COVID-19 OR SOME INCREASE IS TO BE EXPECTED AND NOT A SIGN OF LOSING CONTROL

Importantly, Ontarians think that the recent increase in infections is expected as a result of the loosening of restrictions and that this is acceptable and not a sign of losing control.

	Sep 12-17	Sep 19-24	Sep 26-Oct 1
n=	varies		
	%	%	%
Some people say they are worried about this and it is a sign that Ontario is losing control of the situation and more increases can be expected.	34	31	34
Other people say that some increase is to be expected as a result of the loosening of restrictions and that this is acceptable and not a sign of losing control	61	64	62
Don't know	5	5	3

QCV125. (Q124b) As you may know there has been a steady increase in the number of reported COVID 19 cases in Ontario over the past two weeks. (Previous phrasing: As you may know, there has been a slight uptick in the number of reported COVID-19 cases in Ontario in the last few days.) Thinking of these two points of view, which one closest to your own?

Base: Total sample

The initial results reveal that Ontarians are divided over whether the restrictions are being re-introduced at the right pace or too slowly. Very few believe the re-introduction has been moving too quickly.

- Those who see the government is on the ‘right track’ are much more likely to believe that the re-introduction of these restrictions is occurring at the right pace, although there is also a sizable number who think it has been moving too slowly.

	Sep 26-Oct 1
n=	300
	%
Moving too quickly	12
At the right pace	43
Moving too slowly	44
Prefer not to answer/Don’t know	1

	At the right pace	Moving too slowly
	Sep 26-Oct 1	Sep 26-Oct 1
Right Track	50%	38%
Wrong Track	17%	63%

QCV125B. As you may know, the number of reported cases of COVID infection has increased steadily over the past two weeks. Because of this, the government of Ontario introduced new regulations such as limiting the number of people at an indoor and outdoor gathering at a private residence. Do you believe the government is moving too quickly, at the right pace, or moving too slowly in reintroducing changes to control the spread of COVID in Ontario this fall?

Base: Total sample

LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR RESTRICTING IN-PERSON EVENTS TO 10 PEOPLE AND OUTDOOR EVENTS TO 25

The early results suggest that Ontarians provide overwhelming support for the new restrictions of 10 people for in-person events and 25 for outdoor events. Some 70% say they are ‘very’ supportive of this action.

	Sep 26-Oct 1
n=	300
	%
TOTAL SUPPORTIVE	91
Very supportive	70
Somewhat supportive	22
Not too supportive	3
Not at all supportive	5
TOTAL NOT SUPPORTIVE	8
Don't know/not sure	<1

Q128. Public-health data indicates that the increases in infections over the past two weeks are tied in many cases to private parties at homes and in backyards. As a result, the government of Ontario recently introduced new regulations limiting indoor, in-person events to 10 people, and outdoor events to 25 people anywhere in the province. Thinking about these changes how supportive are you of their introduction. Would you say that you are ...

Base: Total sample

The preliminary findings suggest that Ontarians believe that these new restrictions on indoor/outdoor events will be effective, although the level of intensity is not high.

	Sep 26-Oct 1
n=	300
	%
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	74
Very effective	16
Somewhat effective	58
Not too effective	17
Not at all effective	7
TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE	24
Don't know/not sure	2

Q129 And, still thinking about these new regulations, please indicate how effective or not you think they will be in slowing the rate of COVID infections. Do you believe they will be ...
Base: Total sample

SUPPORT FOR LIMITING
ACCESS TO
GOVERNMENT TESTING
SITES



Early findings suggest that Ontarians are highly supportive of the idea of restricting access to government testing centres to specific segments of people - such as showing symptoms or that have been exposed to those who have contracted the virus - given that there are other channels to obtain tests.

	Sep 26-Oct 1
n=	300
	%
TOTAL SUPPORTIVE	75
Very supportive	45
Somewhat supportive	29
Not too supportive	12
Not at all supportive	12
TOTAL NOT SUPPORTIVE	24
Don't know/not sure	1

Q133. (Q134) Ontarians can get tested for COVID 19 at government testing centres, pharmacies, hospitals, doctors' offices. Recently, the wait times at the Ontario government COVID testing centres have increased. To reduce the line-ups, only those people who: Show symptoms of COVID 19, Have been in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID 19, Are frontline healthcare workers, Are residents in long-term care homes, or who Are located in areas where there has been an outbreak will be able to be tested at these centres. All others who would like a COVID test will be asked to get a test at other locations. To what extent are you supportive or not supportive of limiting testing at Ontario government test centres?

MASK WEARING PERCEPTIONS



FREQUENCY OF FACE MASK WEARING

Again, reflecting the rising infection rate, the proportion of Ontarians wearing masks ‘all the time/most of the time’ has reached its highest point (88%) since we started to track this behaviour. Only 4% now rarely or never wear a mask.

	June 18-22	June 20-23	June 21-24	June 22-25	June 23-27	June 24-28	June 25-29	June 27-30	June 28-July 2	Jul 4-9	Jul 11-16	Jul 18-23	Jul 28-30	Aug 1-6	Aug 8-13	Aug 18-20	Aug 22-27	Aug 29-Sep 3	Sep 5-10	Sep 12-17	Sep 19-24	Sep 26-Oct 1
n=	313	400	400	410	410	410	410	410	410	300	300	300	300	260	310	300	310	310	300	300	300	300
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL ALL/MOST OF THE TIME	52	52	52	52	54	55	58	58	60	60	72	76	77	73	81	80	84	81	87	87	86	88
All of the time	26	27	27	23	25	25	25	29	29	22	45	42	47	48	56	49	55	54	61	61	64	63
Most of the time	26	25	26	29	29	31	33	29	32	38	27	34	29	24	25	30	29	28	26	26	22	25
Some of the time	26	26	28	28	26	25	24	26	24	20	20	17	15	17	13	14	11	12	12	9	10	8
Rarely	19	18	15	17	17	16	15	12	13	18	5	7	7	9	5	4	4	5	1	3	4	3
Never	4	3	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	<1	1	1	1
RARELY/NEVER	23	21	20	20	20	20	18	15	16	21	7	8	8	10	6	6	5	6	1	4	5	4

QD1B. As a result of COVID-19 and thinking about your daily activities when you are away from home, how often do you wear a face mask or covering?

Base: Total sample

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An increasing number of Ontarians (76%) are not tired of the COVID-19 mitigation measures, with 58% ‘strongly’ disagreeing with the idea that they are tiring of these measures.

I am getting very tired of all the COVID-19 control measures, such as mask wearing and social distancing

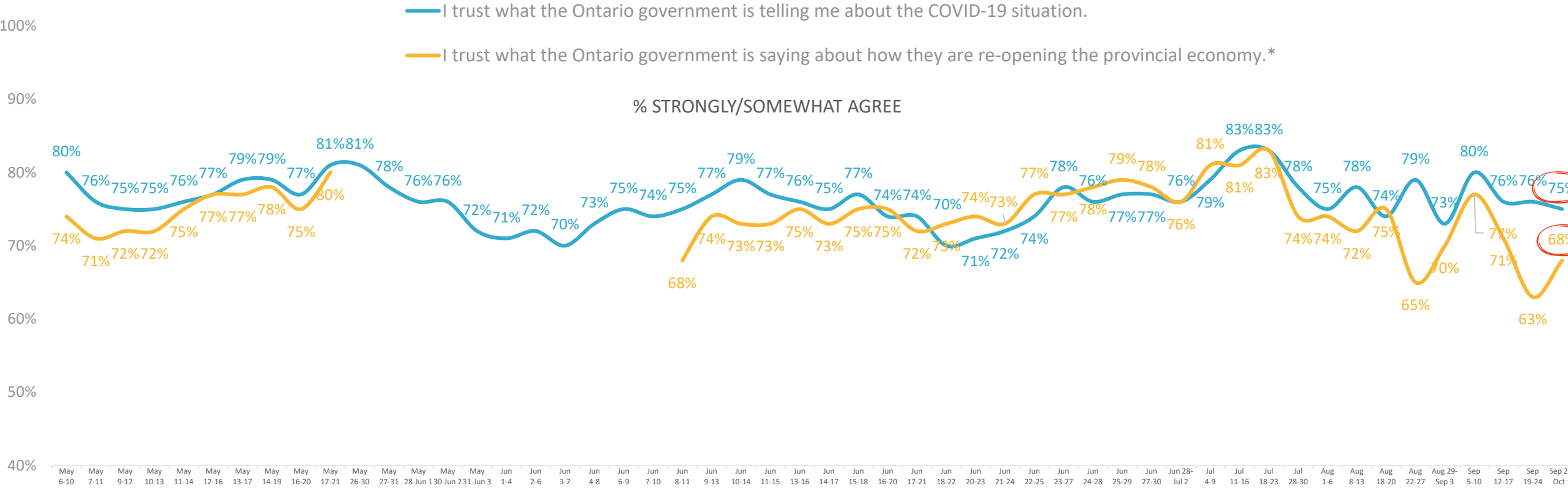
	Aug 18-20	Aug 22-27	Sep 12-17	Sep 19-24	Sep 26-Oct 1
n=	varies				
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	37	26	30	25	18
Strongly agree	21	16	15	16	6
Somewhat agree	16	10	15	9	12
Neither agree nor disagree	4	3	5	5	6
Somewhat disagree	15	21	21	19	18
Strongly disagree	44	49	44	50	58
TOTAL DISAGREE	59	70	65	69	76
Don't know	-	1	-	1	-

CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT COVID-19 MESSAGING



TRUST IN THE GOVERNMENT’S COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT COVID-19

As the COVID-19 landscape has changed quickly, there has been a general downward movement in Ontarians’ trust in the government’s messaging about the re-opening of the provincial economy. In contrast, the government maintains high levels of trust about its messages re the COVID-19 situation.

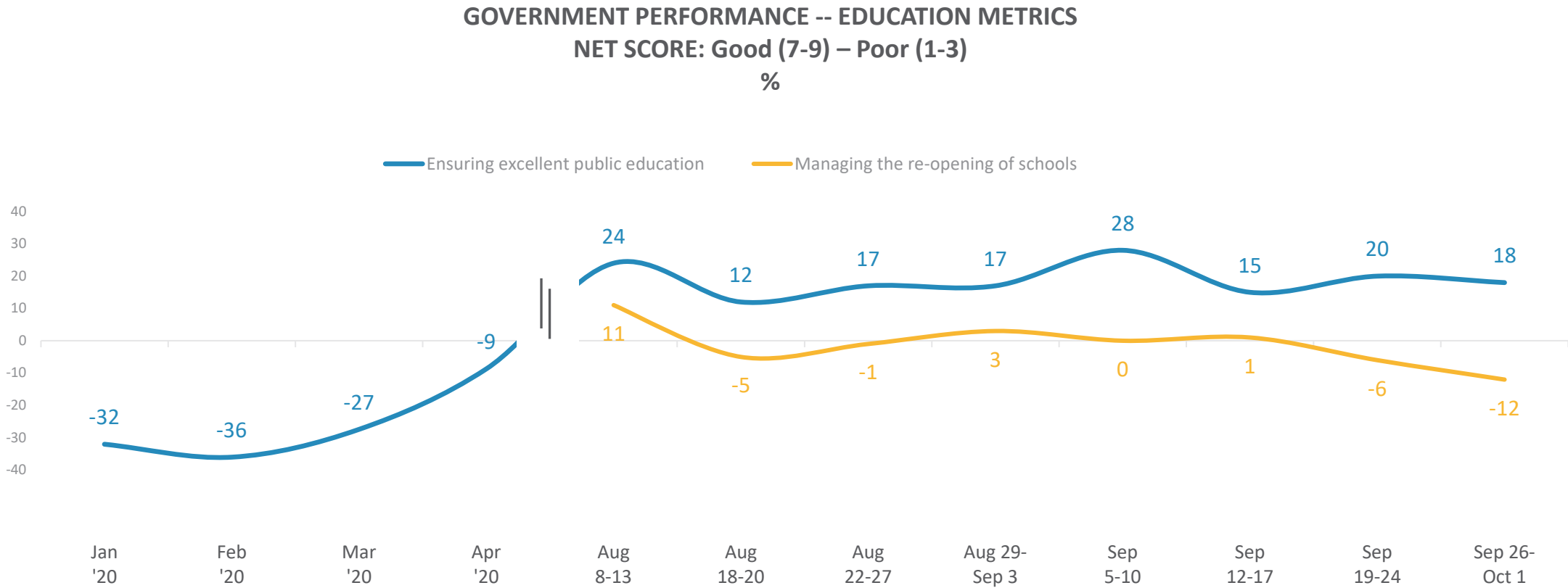


QCV-8B. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the effects of COVID-19. The first is ...
Base: Total sample, base varies * Previous phrasing: I trust what the Ontario government is saying about how they plan to re-open the provincial economy

APPENDIX

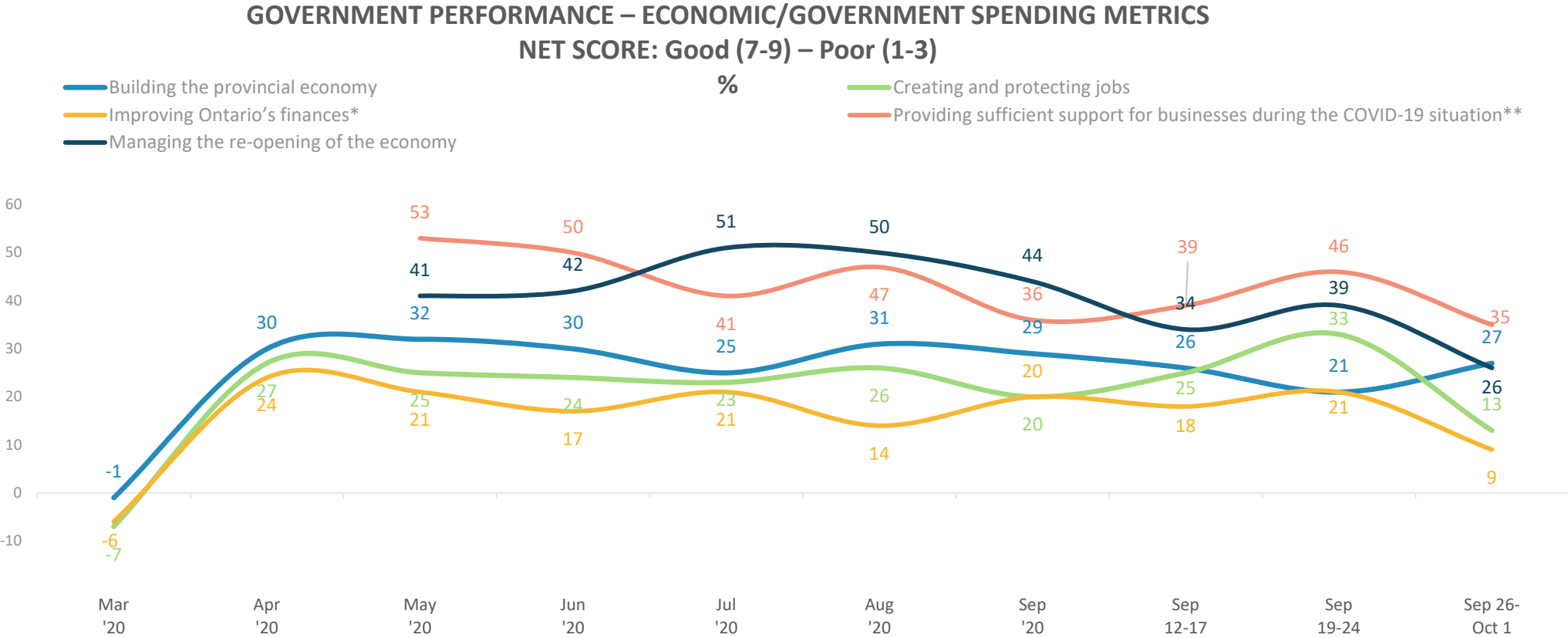


Perceptions toward the government’s performance on ‘managing the re-opening of schools’ has declined over the past two weeks.



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

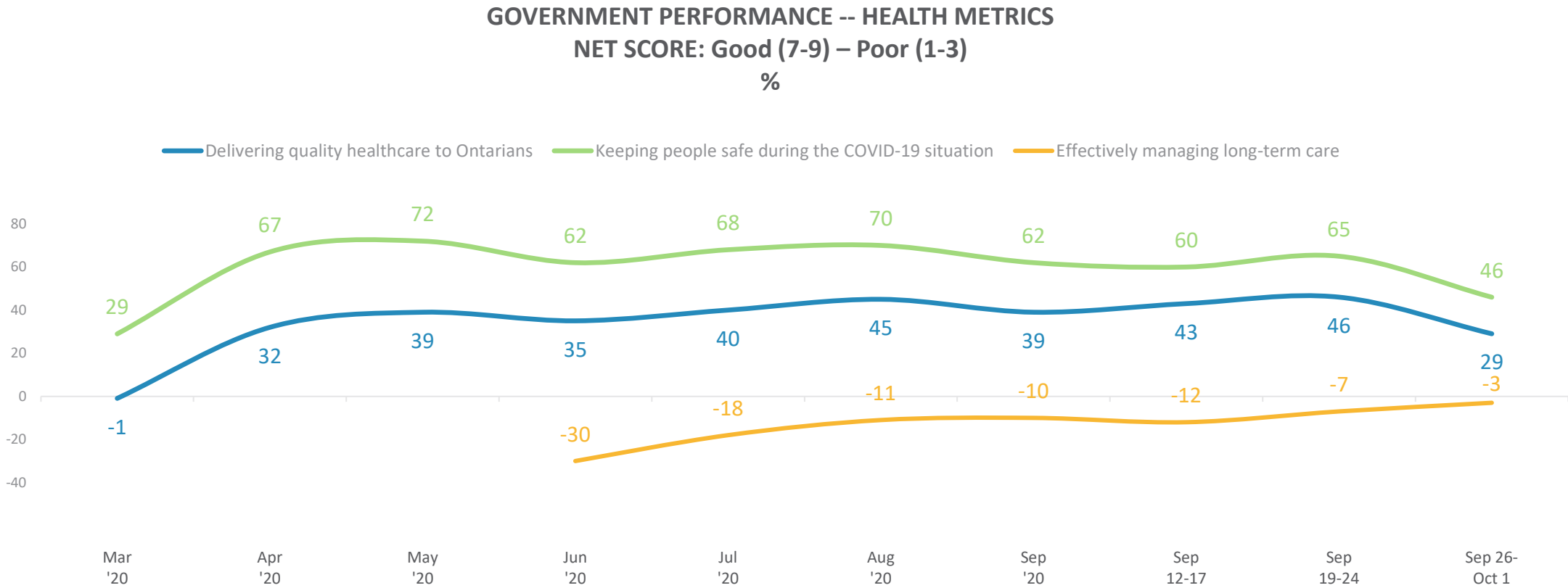
Perceptions of the government’s performance have declined for most economic metrics, except for ‘building the provincial economy’.



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?
*Former phrasing: “Improve Ontario’s finances”
**Former phrasing: “Sufficient business support during the COVID-19 situation”

Bases vary

Moreover, perceptions toward the government’s performance on keeping people safe during COVID-19 situation and ‘delivering quality healthcare’ have dropped significantly, whereas its performance on ‘managing long-term care’ has improved.



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