

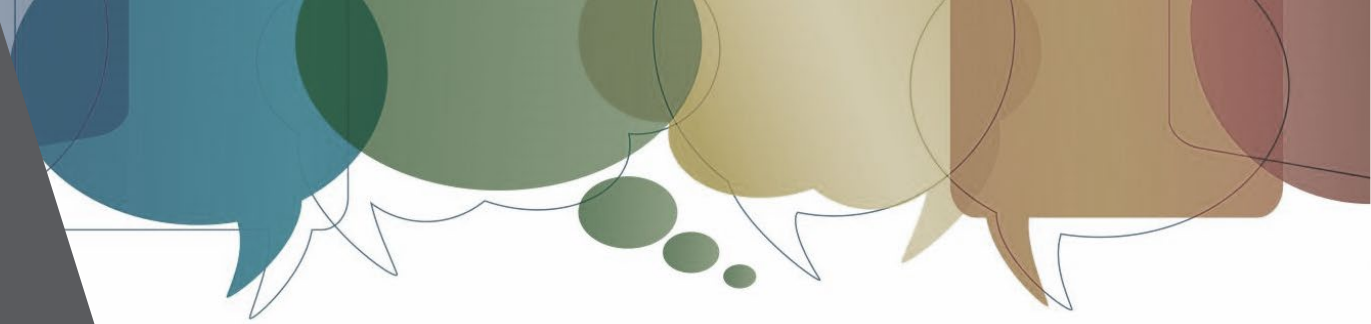


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KEY FINDINGS

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1 Over the past week, the government's 'right track' scores remain highly positive but they have dropped slightly to 75% from 80%.

The government's 'strongly right track' scores have declined from the low 30s in April/May to the low 20s over the past several weeks.

4 Ontarians are paying close attention to the province-wide reporting on COVID-19 infection cases.

They appear to be making judgements about the government's performance based on these infection cases.

2 Reflecting the sharp rise in infections, concern about the 'COVID-19' issue has increased sharply to its highest point over the past week.

While 'the 'economy' remains far behind as a secondary issue, Ontarians see the virus and economy as intertwined.

'Education' has dropped as an issue to a new low.

5 There is some mounting fear about the COVID-19 virus. Over the past two months, there has been a sharp drop (from 71% to 16%, the lowest point) in the proportion of Ontarians who believe the threat of contracting COVID-19 is much less now.

3 Over the past week, there has been a sharp increase in the proportion of Ontarians who think the government is 'not doing as much as they should'.

This metric should be neither ignored nor overlooked. It may be revealing a potential vulnerability.

6 Ontarians continue to lean against another severe lockdown and prefer a more focussed approach in dealing with outbreaks in affected regions, even if this means a higher level of infections.

There is much more support for the regional approach among those who see the government on the 'right track'.

Key Findings

7 Over the past week after the introduction of new restrictions, Ontarians are more likely to believe that the restrictions are being re-introduced at the right pace.

Those who see the government on the 'right track' are much more likely to believe that the re-introduction of these restrictions is occurring at the right pace. And, they are less likely to think the government is moving too slowly.

10 In contrast, there is significantly greater support for shifting Remembrance Day events from in-person to a virtual platform due to rising virus infections.

8 The preliminary results indicate there is very strong support for the imposition of increased restrictions in Toronto, Peel region, and Ottawa. The intensity of support is very high.

Support for increasing restrictions is highest for indoor bars, casinos, and working out gyms, while lowest for restaurant patios

9 Ontarians are much more divided on the Halloween celebrations. They are divided whether these celebrations should be cancelled and whether they can undertaken safely.

Preliminary results indicate that about 4-in-10 believe that Halloween should be cancelled due to rising infections, while 50% disagree with this view.

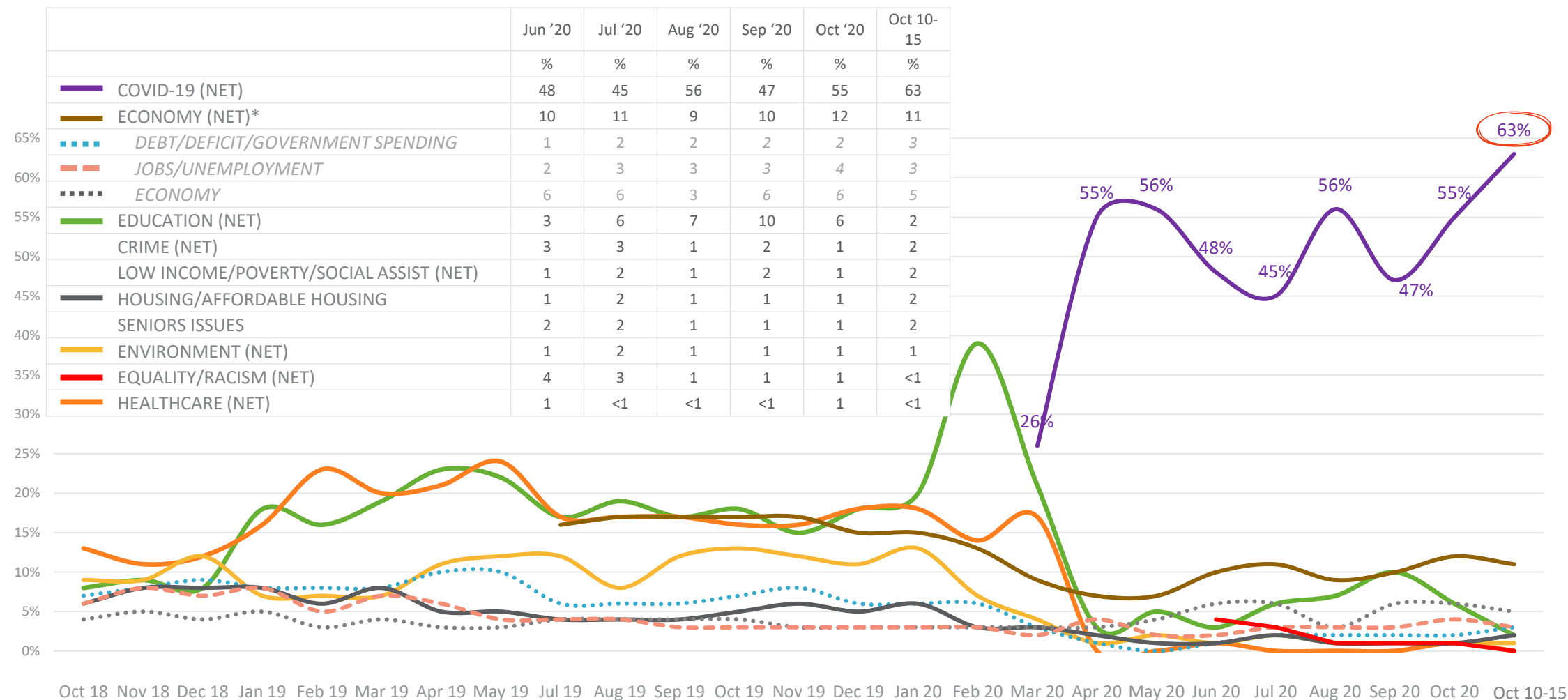
There is far greater consensus that Halloween is really a municipal issue, not a provincial matter.

TOP ONTARIO GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES



TOP ISSUES REQUIRING ATTENTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT

The ‘COVID-19’ issue has sharply increased over the past week to its highest point. The ‘economy’ remains as a secondary issue. ‘Education’ has dropped to a new low as an issue.



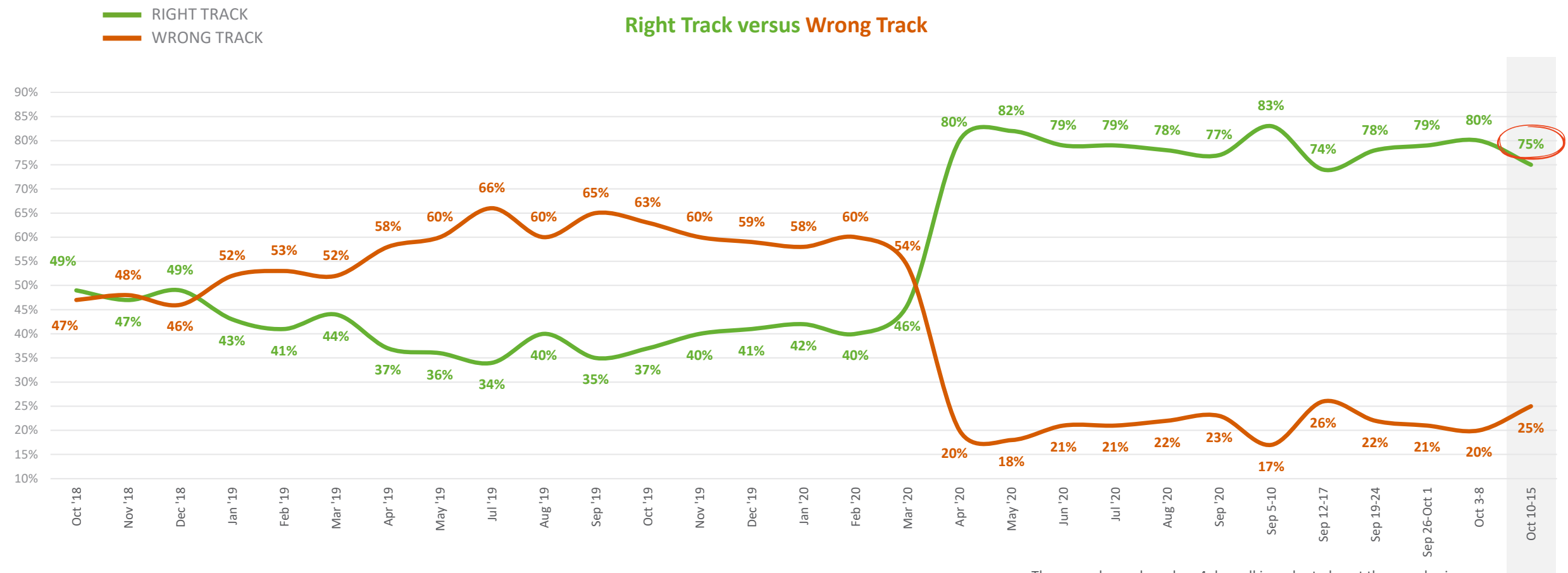
*ECONOMIC (NET) includes: Debt/Deficit/Government spending/Balance budget, Jobs/unemployment, Economy, Taxes

Q1. Thinking about the issues presently facing Ontario, which ONE do you feel should receive the GREATEST attention from the Ontario provincial government? That is, what should be the top priority?

RIGHT TRACK
WRONG TRACK



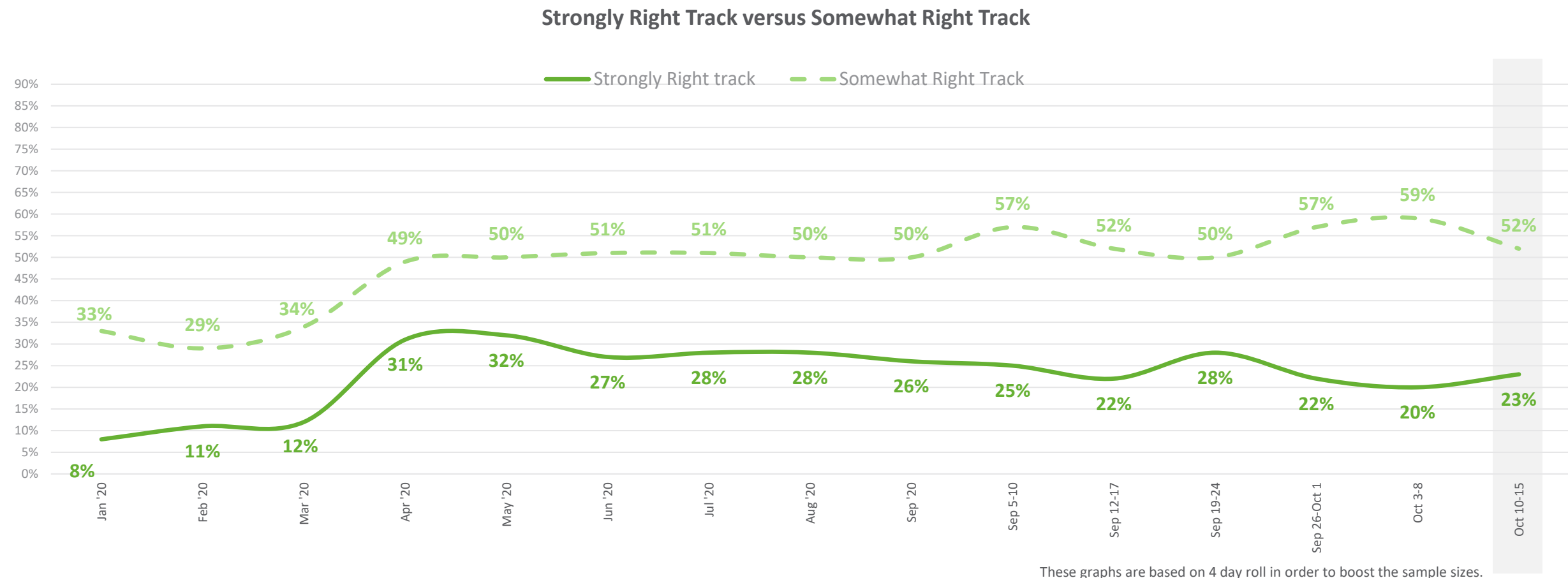
Over the past week, the government’s ‘right track’ scores remain highly positive but dropped to 75%.



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

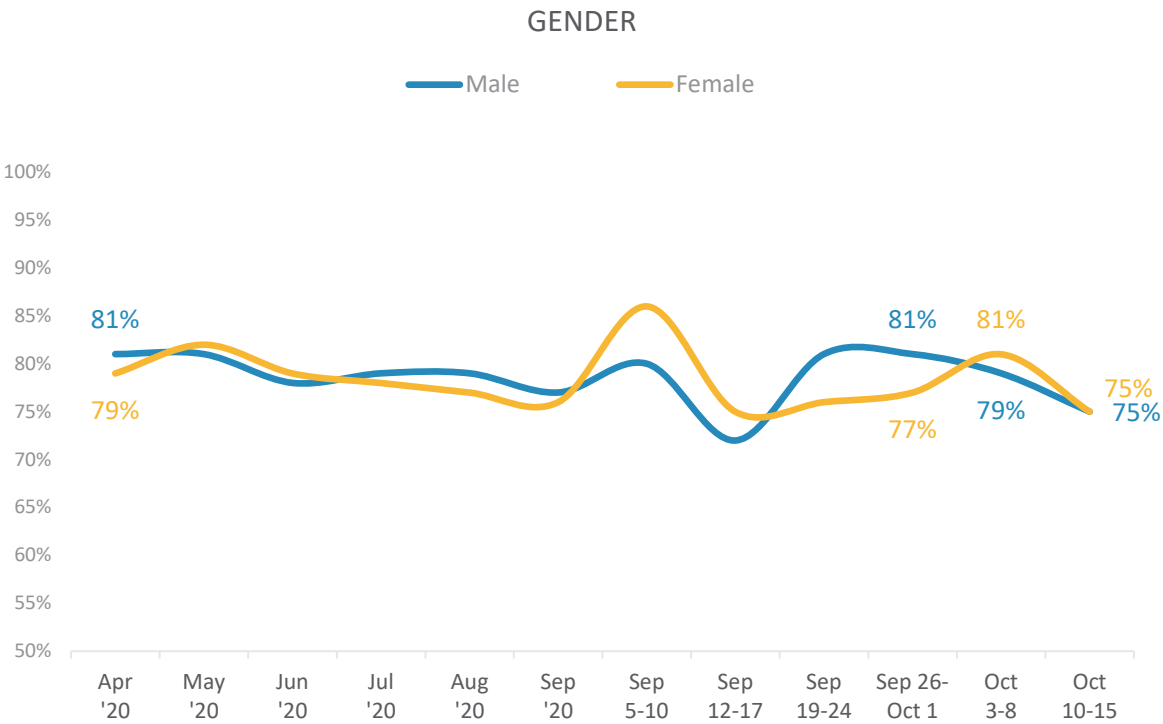
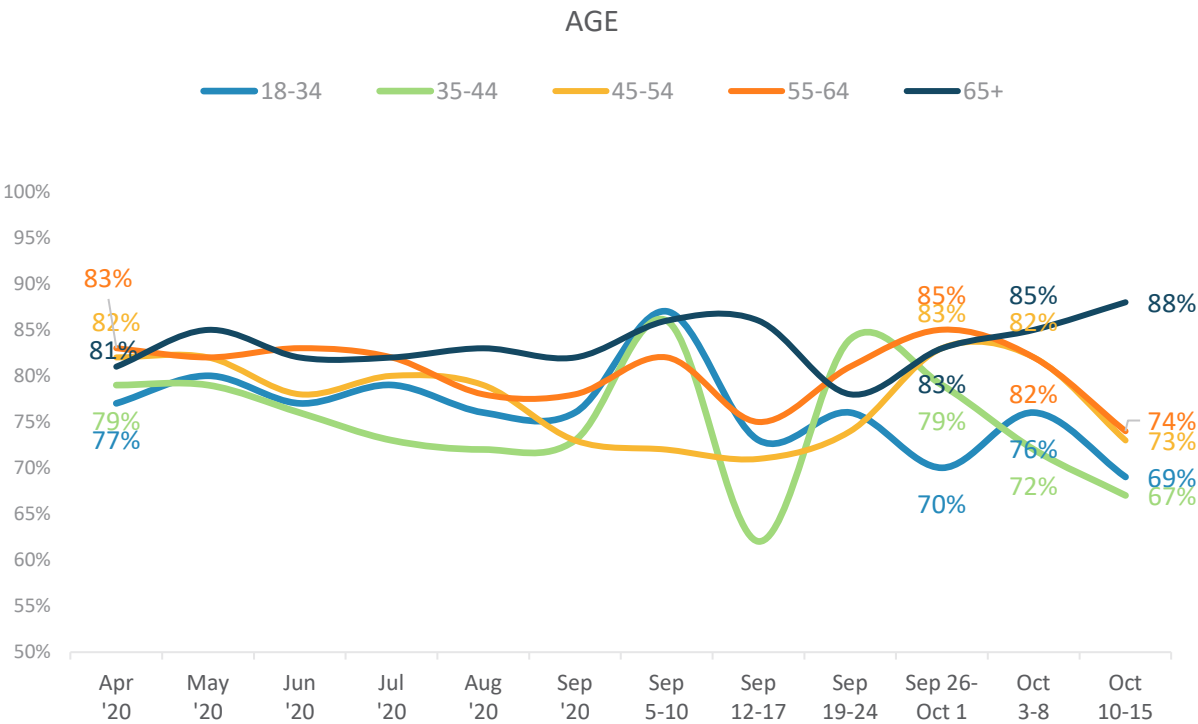
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The ‘right track’ scores have increased among those aged 65 and over and declined for other age groups.

Right Track Scores – 6-Day Roll

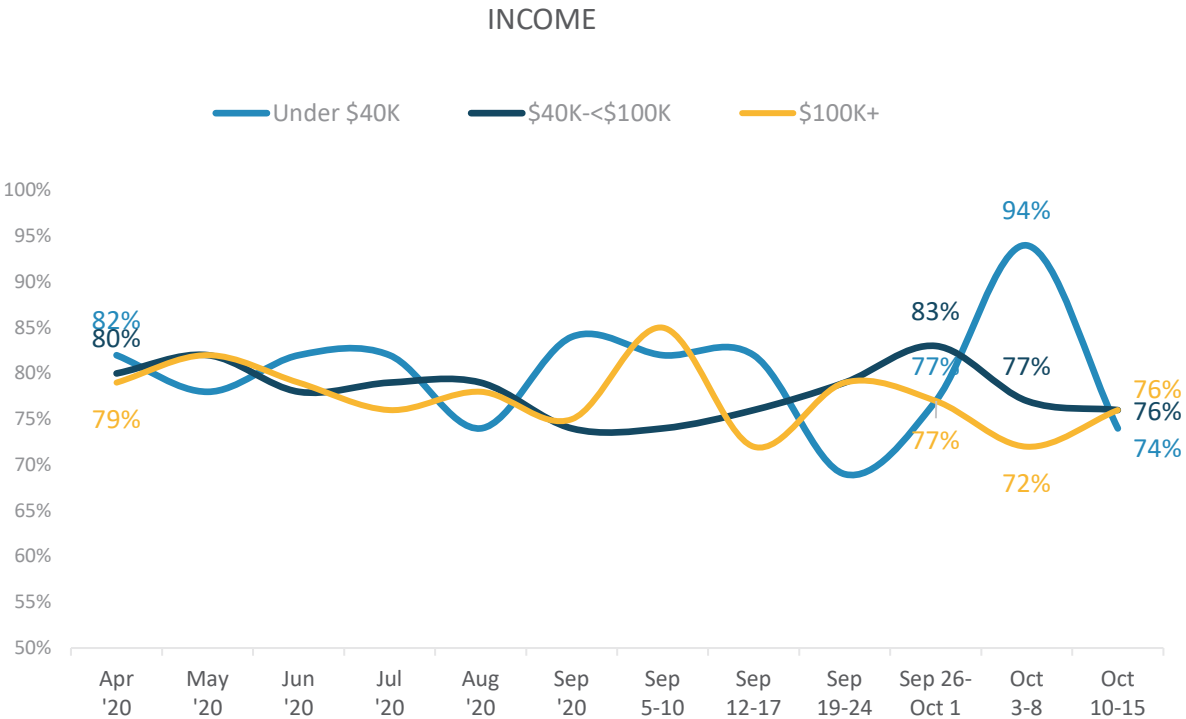
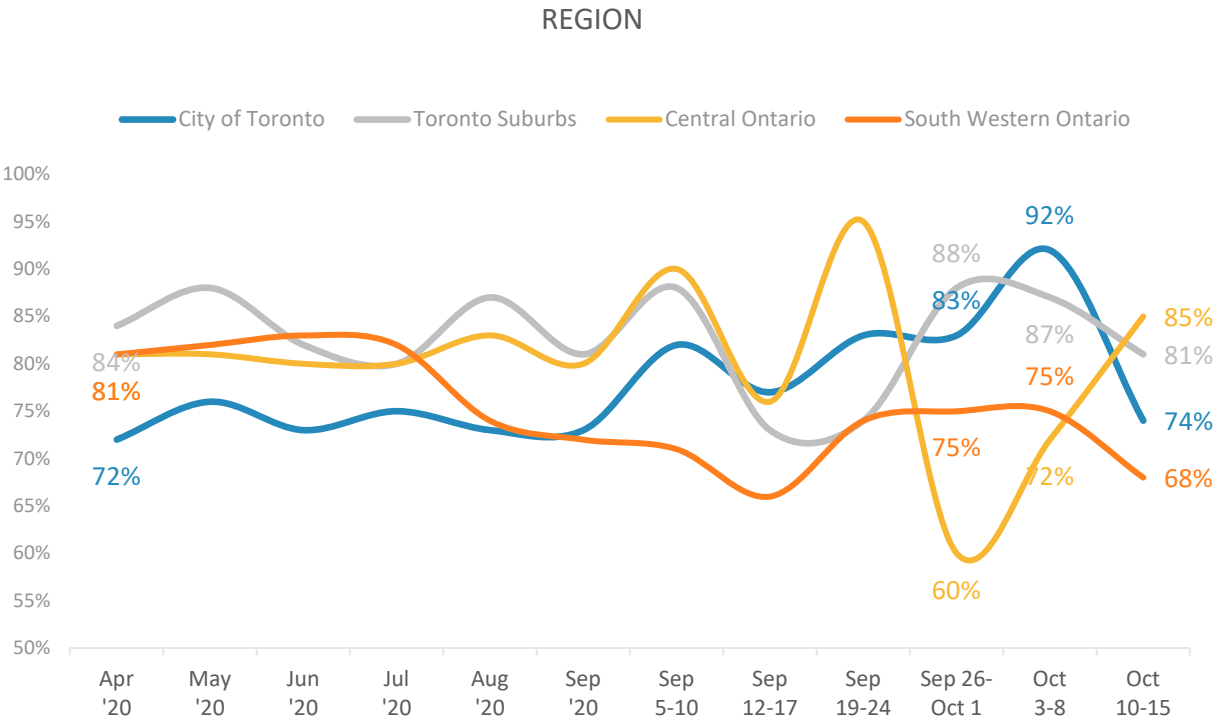


These graphs are based on 5 day roll in order to boost the sample sizes.

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The ‘right track’ scores declined in the City of Toronto after the imposition of tougher restrictions.

Right Track Scores – 6-Day Roll



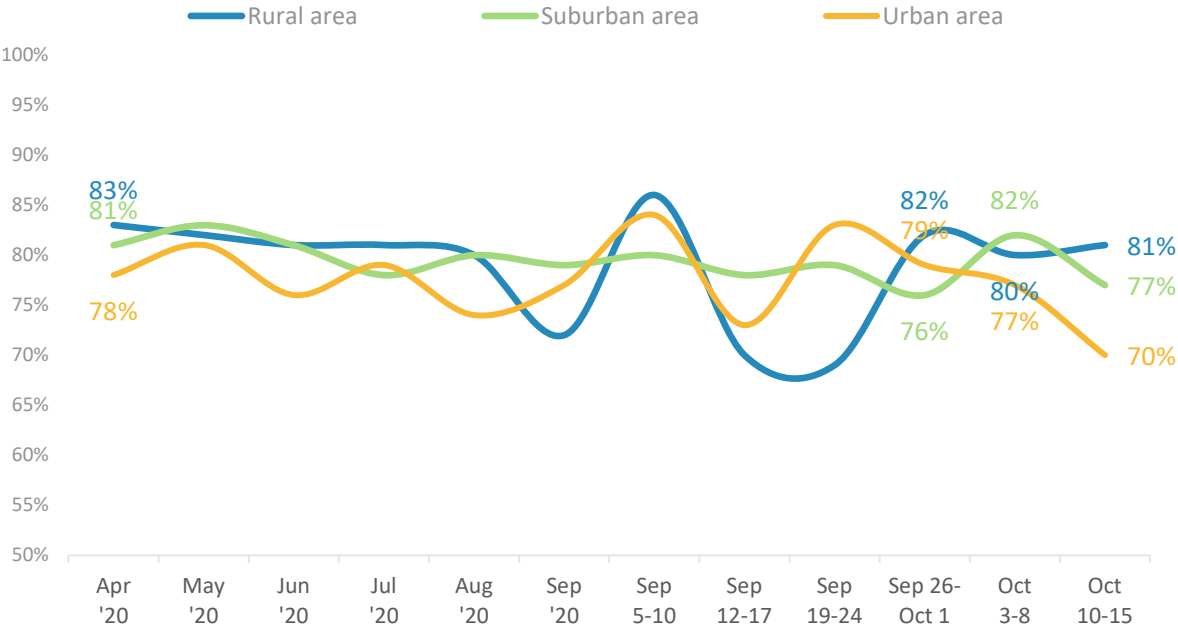
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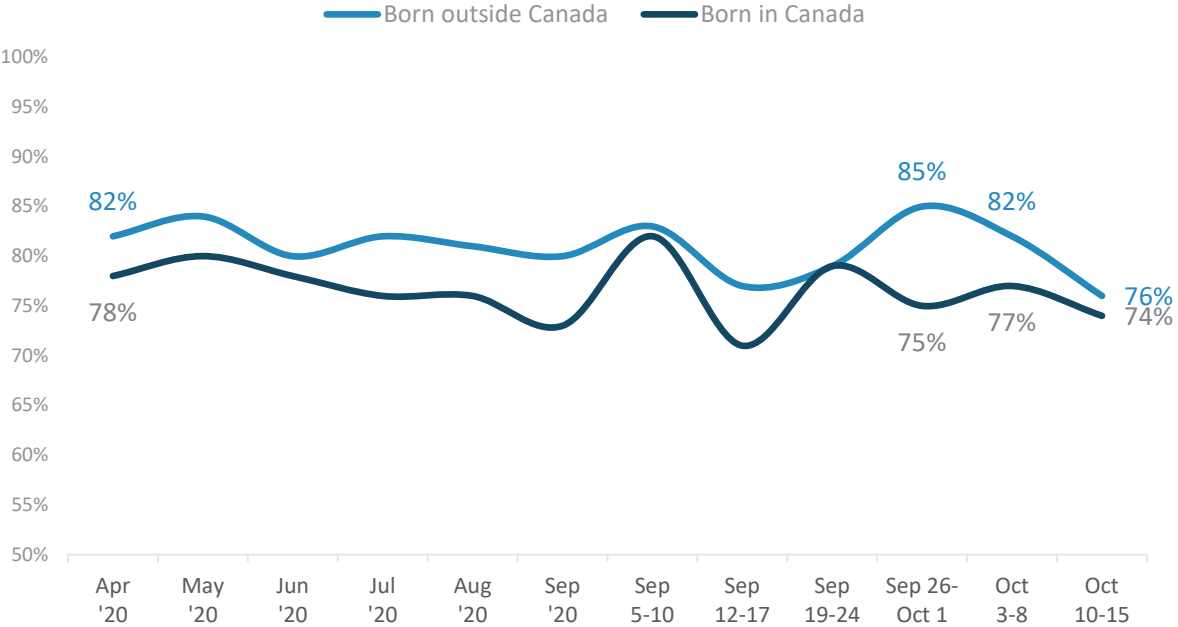
The ‘right track’ scores continue to be stronger among rural and suburban residents compared to urban residents.

Right Track Scores – 6-Day Roll

RURAL/URBAN/SUBURBAN



BORN OUTSIDE/WITHIN CANADA



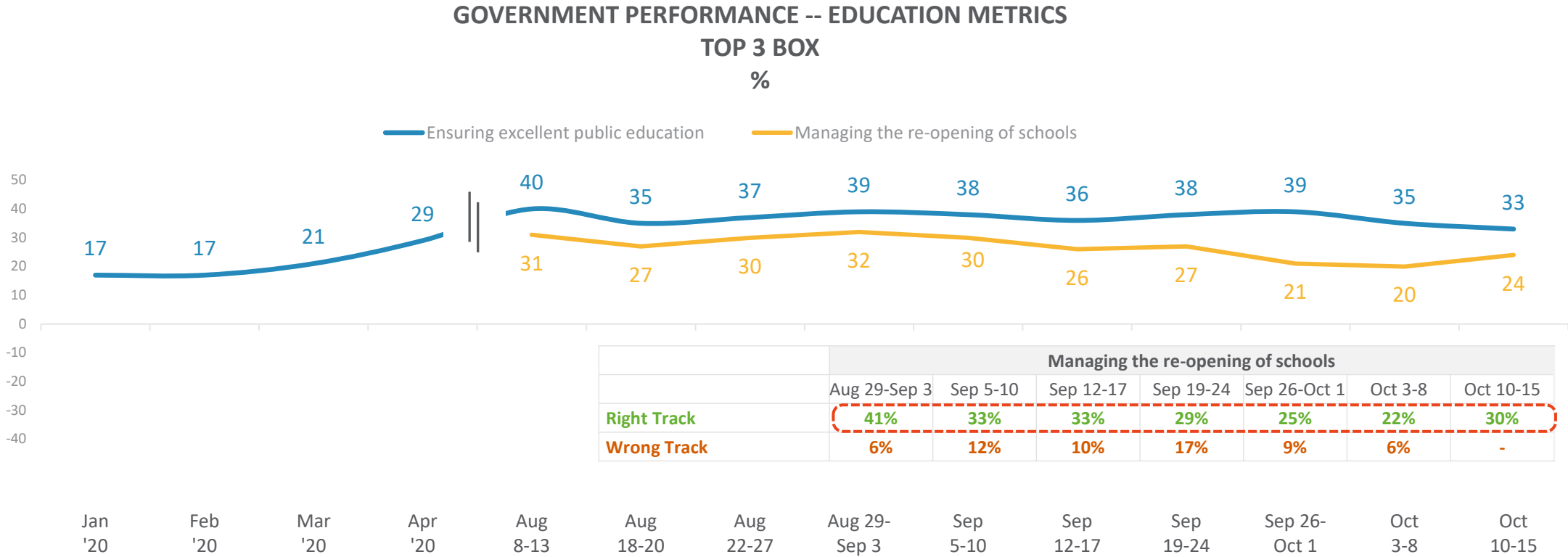
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PERCEPTIONS OF GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

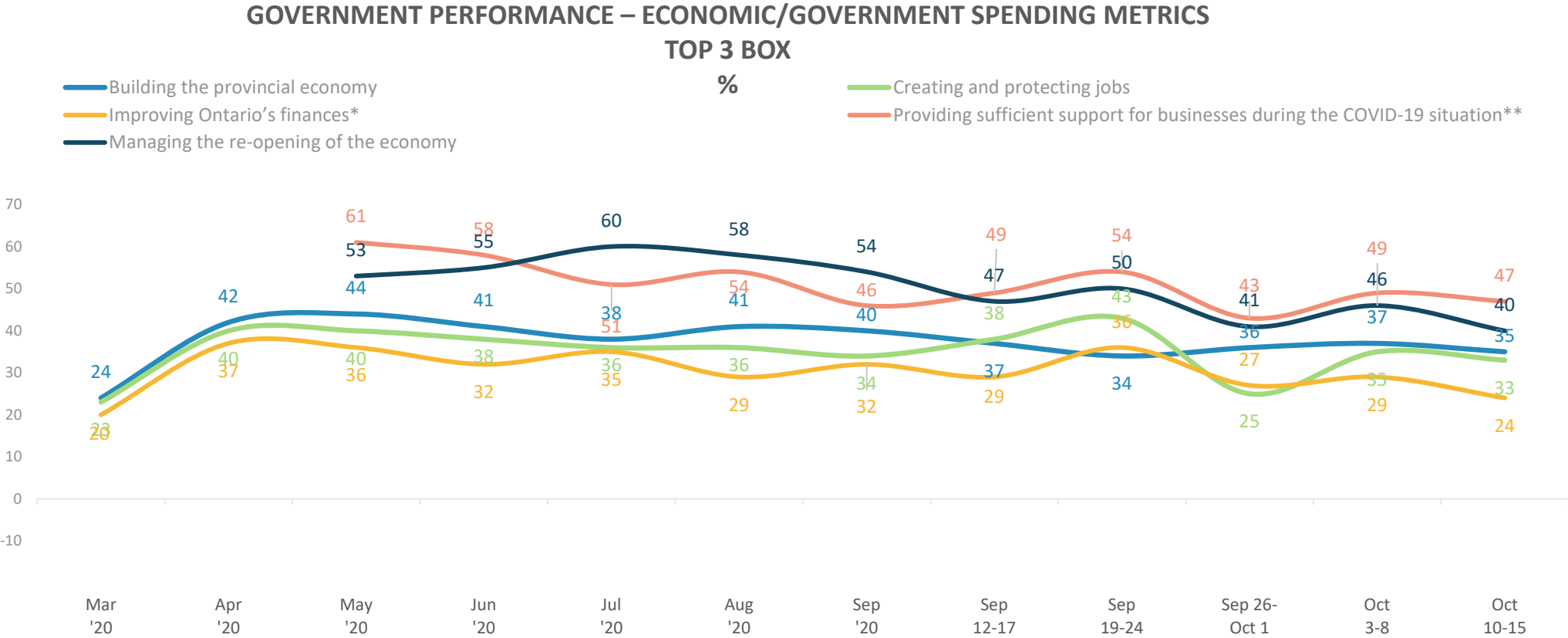


Positive perceptions on ‘ensuring excellent public education’ and ‘managing the re-opening the schools’ remain stable.



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

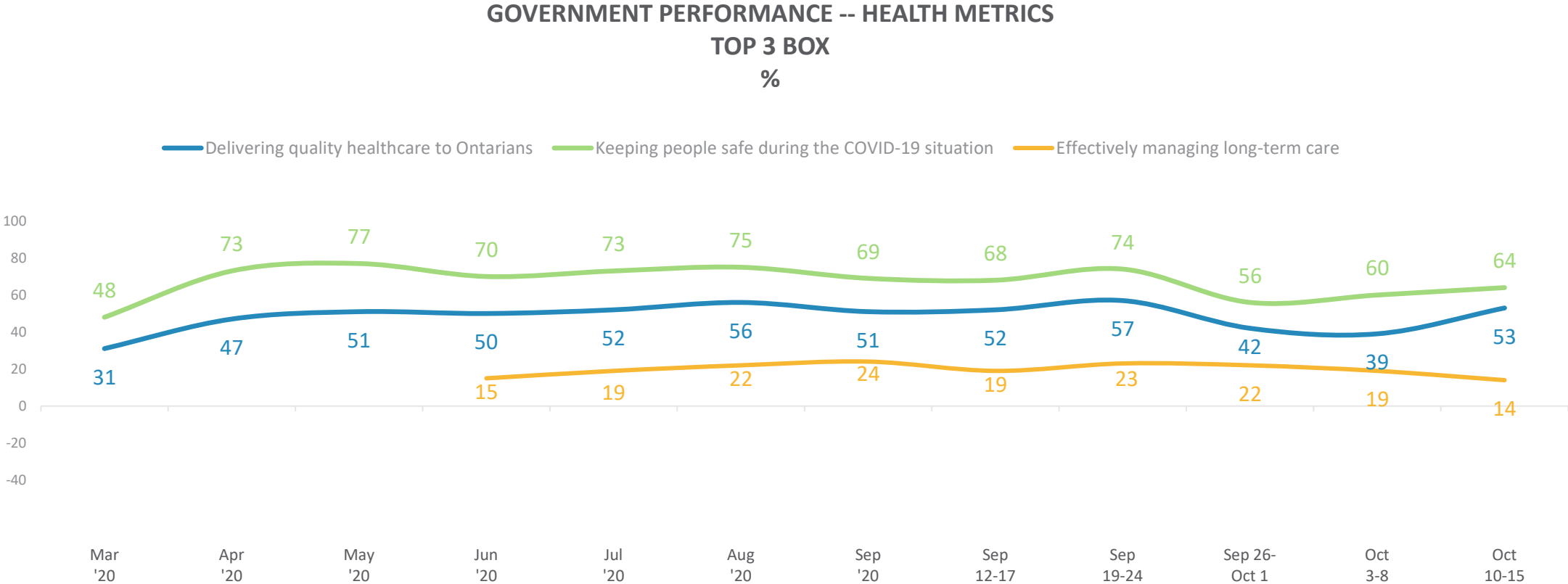
Positive perceptions of the economic metrics remain generally stable.



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”

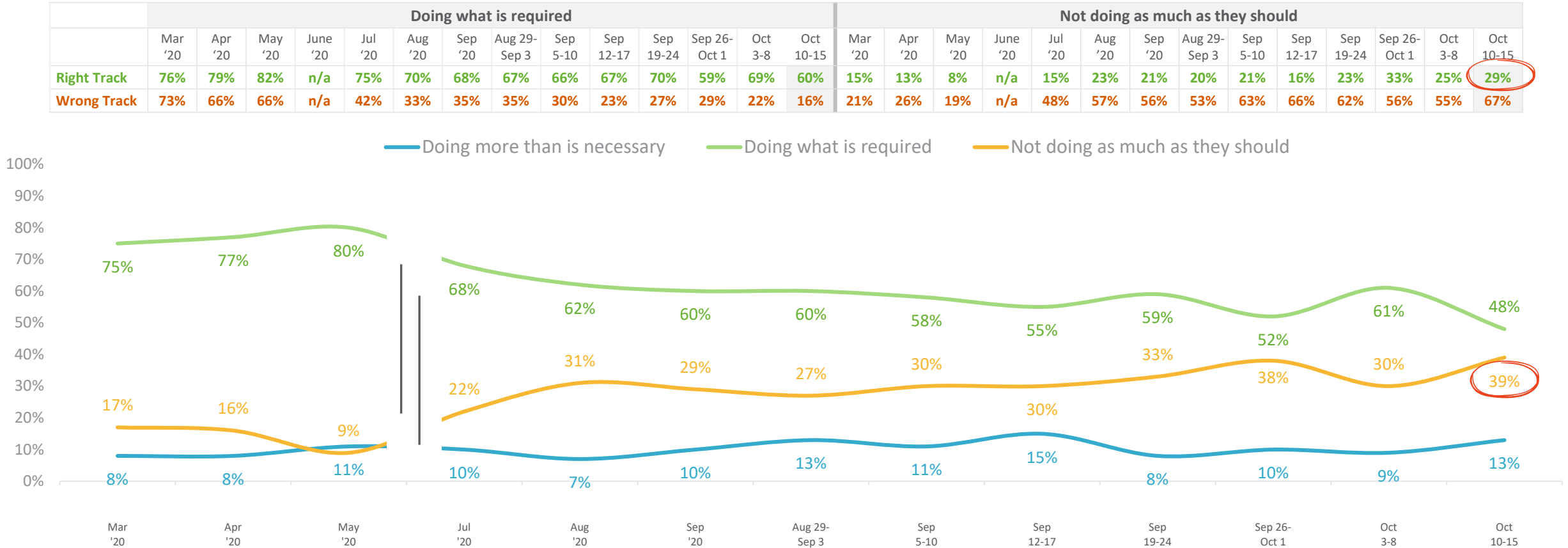
Bases vary

Over the past week, positive perceptions of the government’s performance on key health metrics remain stable.



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

There has been sharp increase in the proportion of Ontarians who think the government is ‘not doing as much as they should’ over the past week



QCV-6. Thinking about the measures that the Government of Ontario has already taken to limit the spread of the virus, including advising the public and businesses about prevention measures, gradually reopening the province, and planning for the return to school in the fall, at this time would you say they are ...
(previous phrasing) Thinking about the measures that the Government of Ontario has already taken to limit the spread of the virus, including issuing a Declaration of Emergency, ordering non-essential businesses to close, advising the public and businesses about prevention measures and closing publicly funded schools, at this time would you say they are ... (READ LIST. RANDOMIZE ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE ONLY.) (previous phrasing) Thinking about the measures that the Government of Ontario has already taken to limit the spread of the virus, including advising the public and businesses about prevention measures and closing publicly funded schools, at this time would you say they are ...

Base: Total sample, base varies

COVID-19 INFECTIONS



The preliminary results indicate that Ontarians are paying close attention to the COVID-19 daily reporting.

	Oct 10-15
n=	265
	%
TOTAL CLOSELY	87
Very closely	45
Somewhat closely	42
Not too closely	9
Not at all closely	4
TOTAL NOT CLOSELY	13
Don't know	1

QCV141. How closely are you following the reporting of COVID 19 infections, very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, not at all closely?
Base: Total sample

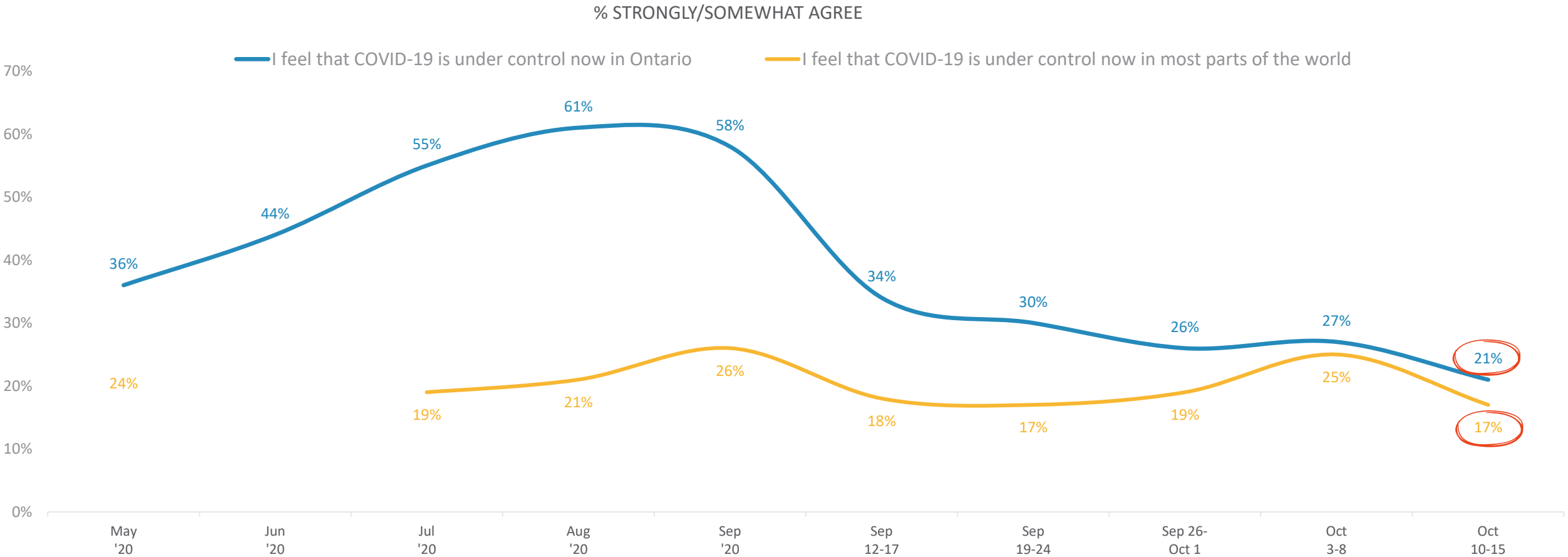
The early findings indicate a plurality of Ontarians are following province-wide reporting with one-in-five looking at international statistics.

	Oct 10-15
n=	254
	%
Your own municipality	12
Your own region	16
Ontario overall	38
Canada overall	9
The US	4
Internationally	21
Don't know/refused	1

QCV142. And what are you following most closely, the COVID 19 statistics for your own municipality, your own region, Ontario overall, Canada overall, the US, or internationally?
Base: Total sample

PERCEPTIONS ABOUT WHETHER COVID-19 IS UNDER CONTROL

The proportion of Ontarians who feel that COVID-19 is under control in the province has declined to its lowest point: 21%. This is also true for other parts of the world.



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 16%, the lowest point) in the proportion of Ontarians who believe the threat of contracting COVID-19 is much less now.

- There has also been a drop in the proportion of Ontarians who are trying to get back to living a normal pre-COVID 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-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	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15
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	21	16
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	71	60
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	75	68

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

Base: Total sample

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

- Interestingly, perceptions on this consideration do not vary by age.

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

	Apr '20	May '20	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15
n=	varies				
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	25	22	16	11	17
Strongly agree	8	8	6	5	7
Somewhat agree	16	15	9	6	10
Neither agree nor disagree	13	10	8	9	9
Somewhat disagree	22	25	19	25	28
Strongly disagree	38	40	56	55	45
TOTAL DISAGREE	60	64	74	81	73
Not applicable	-	-	-	-	<1
Don't know	-	-	-	-	<1

<i>I don't think someone like me will get COVID-19</i>										
Age										
	18-34		35-44		45-54		55-64		65+	
	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15
% AGREE	8%	19%	11%	13%	14%	18%	9%	16%	15%	15%
% DISAGREE	83%	72%	83%	81%	76%	67%	83%	68%	79%	81%

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

Going to an inside bar and attending a wedding are viewed as more risky activities in October versus August.

% VERY RISKY	Aug '20	Oct 10-15
n=	1200	265
	%	%
Indoor bars/Going inside to an inside bar	66	75
Casinos/Going to a casino	71	65
Weddings/Going to a wedding	47	56
Working out gyms/Working out in a gym	51	53
Public transit	-	44
Schools/Sending children to school	44	41
Daycare centres/Sending children to daycare	41	39
Indoor restaurants/Eating at an indoor restaurant	40	37
Shopping malls	-	18
Offices/Returning to work at an office	18	12
Restaurant patios/Eating on a restaurant patio	8	10

% VERY/SOMEWHAT RISKY	Aug '20	Oct 10-15
n=	1200	265
	%	%
Indoor bars/Going inside to an inside bar	92	95
Casinos/Going to a casino	92	91
Weddings/Going to a wedding	88	91
Public transit	-	90
Working out gyms/Working out in a gym	88	86
Indoor restaurants/Eating at an indoor restaurant	86	85
Schools/Sending children to school	86	80
Daycare centres/Sending children to daycare	85	80
Shopping malls	-	73
Offices/Returning to work at an office	75	68
Restaurant patios/Eating on a restaurant patio	56	50

QCV135. (Previously QCV111) To what extent do you feel that the following activities present a risk for transmission of the COVID-19 virus?

Base: Total sample

IS ONTARIO READY
FOR THE SECOND
WAVE?



Ontarians continue to perceive the government is ready for a second wave. However, it is important to note the level of intensity is not particularly high.

	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15
n=	300	300	300
	%	%	%
TOTAL PREPARED	75	78	75
Very prepared	16	13	17
Somewhat prepared	59	64	58
Not too prepared	15	14	18
Not at all prepared	8	6	5
TOTAL NOT PREPARED	22	20	23
Don't know/not sure	3	2	2

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

Given the recent increases in reported cases, Ontarians continue to be 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 see the government on the ‘right track’ are more likely to think that the government has done ‘all it could reasonably be expected to do.’ In contrast, those who see the government on the ‘wrong track’ are much more likely to think the government ‘could have acted differently’.

	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15
n=	300	300	300
	%	%	%
All it could reasonably be expected to do	44	52	47
Could have acted differently	55	47	53
Don't know/Not sure	1	1	<1

	All it could reasonably be expected to do			Could have acted differently		
	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15
Right Track	52%	61%	55%	46%	37%	44%
Wrong Track	12%	14%	22%	88%	86%	78%

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

Most Ontarians strongly reject 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	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15
n=	varies		
	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	16	21	21
Strongly agree	5	8	7
Somewhat agree	11	14	13
Neither agree nor disagree	4	7	5
Somewhat disagree	21	24	24
Strongly disagree	58	47	50
TOTAL DISAGREE	79	71	73
Don't know	1	1	1

Ontarians today (compared to April/May) are more likely to think this virus will make people seriously ill. Not surprisingly, those aged 65+ are much more concerned about becoming seriously ill from the disease.

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

	Apr '20	May '20	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15
n=	varies				
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	39	36	28	30	30
Strongly agree	14	14	12	14	11
Somewhat agree	25	23	16	15	19
Neither agree nor disagree	10	9	6	12	8
Somewhat disagree	19	19	17	19	26
Strongly disagree	27	31	44	36	33
TOTAL DISAGREE	46	50	61	55	58
Not applicable	-	-	-	-	1
Don't know	-	-	-	-	2

Even if I did get COVID-19, I don't think I would be seriously ill										
	Age									
	18-34		35-44		45-54		55-64		65+	
	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15
% AGREE	39%	40%	41%	53%	27%	25%	21%	21%	18%	11%
% DISAGREE	42%	51%	36%	40%	55%	59%	71%	64%	75%	78%

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

IMPOSE SEVERE LOCKDOWN OR REGIONAL LOCKDOWNS

Ontarians continue to lean against another severe lockdown and prefer a more focussed approach in dealing with outbreaks in affected regions even if this means a higher level of infections.

- Those who think the government is on the ‘right track’ are more likely to prefer a regional approach.

	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15
n=	300	300	300
	%	%	%
Some people say that Ontario will have to go back to a severe lockdown, even if this significantly damages the economy.	33	29	29
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	69	71
Don't know/Not sure	2	1	<1

	Ontario will have to go back to a severe lockdown			Should deal with it by outbreak and by region		
	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15
Right Track	32%	28%	24%	66%	70%	75%
Wrong Track	36%	36%	42%	57%	64%	58%

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	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15
n=	varies																														
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
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	40	43
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	22	21

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

Base: Total sample

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS



Over the past week after the introduction of new restrictions, Ontarians are more likely to believe that the restrictions are being re-introduced at the right pace. Only 16% believe the re-introduction has been moving too quickly.

- Those who see the government is on the 'right track' continue to be much more likely to believe that the re-introduction of these restrictions is occurring at the right pace. And, they are less likely to think the government is moving too slowly.

	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15
n=	300	300	300
	%	%	%
Moving too quickly	12	13	16
At the right pace	43	46	50
Moving too slowly	44	39	32
Prefer not to answer/Don't know	1	3	2

	At the right pace			Moving too slowly		
	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15
Right Track	50%	53%	58%	38%	35%	26%
Wrong Track	17%	16%	26%	63%	54%	51%

QCV125B. As you may know, the number of reported cases of COVID infection has increased steadily over the past number of weeks, especially in Ottawa, Toronto and Peel Region. Because of this, the government of Ontario introduced new restrictions in those regions, including closing indoor dining, bars, gyms, casinos and movie theatres, among others. 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? (Previous phrasing) 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?

The preliminary results indicate there is very strong support for the imposition of increased restrictions in Toronto, Peel region, and Ottawa. The intensity of support is very high.

	Oct 10-15
n=	265
	%
TOTAL SUPPORTIVE	83
Very supportive	53
Somewhat supportive	31
Somewhat opposed	7
Very opposed	7
TOTAL OPPOSED	15
Don't know/not sure	2

QCV143. As you may know, the Ontario government has imposed greater restrictions in Ottawa, Peel region and the City of Toronto as a result of rising COVID 19 infections in these areas, but has not placed further restrictions in the rest of the province, as there are fewer cases outside of these areas. Overall, how supportive or opposed are you of this approach in which restrictions would only be reimposed in a region if the number of cases justify such actions. Are you...to this approach?

Base: Total sample

Support for increasing restrictions is highest for indoor bars, casinos, and working out gyms, while lowest for restaurant patios.

% Yes	Oct 10-15
n=	265
	%
Indoor bars	76
Casinos	76
Working out gyms	66
Weddings	61
Indoor restaurants	59
Schools	39
Daycare centres	39
Offices	34
Shopping malls	31
Restaurant patios	22

QCV136. Given the number of infections in your region, which types of activities, if any, should be closed for a short period of time, recognizing that there may be a risk that some will be forced out of business by any closure?

Base: Total sample

RECENT COVID-19 INITIATIVES



Enhanced testing/tracing/isolating, a system to manage outbreaks, and increasing the number of frontline health care workers are the initiatives with the highest recall.

	Oct 10-15
n=	265
	%
Enhancing and expanding efforts to test, trace and isolate new cases of COVID-19.	70
Putting in place a system to quickly identify, manage and prevent COVID-19 outbreaks	62
Increasing the number of frontline health care workers and caregivers to ensure the health care system can meet any surge in demand	61
Ensuring that the health system is prepared to respond to any waves or surges of COVID-19 without interrupting routine health services.	53
Implementing the largest flu immunization campaign in Ontario's history	48
Reducing surgery backlogs	47
None of these	5

QCV138. Which of the following Ontario government initiatives, if any, have you seen, read or heard about related to how the province is responding to COVID-19?

Base: Total sample

Most Ontarians believe that these initiatives will be effective.

	Oct 10-15
n=	265
	%
Yes	94
No	5
Don't know	1

QCV139. Overall are these the kinds of steps the Ontario Government should be taking to minimize the health impacts of COVID 19 this fall?

Base: Total sample

HALLOWEEN



SHOULD HALLOWEEN BE CANCELLED BY GOVERNMENT DUE TO RISING COVID-19 INFECTIONS?

The preliminary results indicate that about 4-in-10 believe that Halloween should be cancelled due to rising infections, while 50% disagree with this view.

*Halloween should be cancelled by government this year
because of the rising COVID-19 infections.*

	Oct 10-15
n=	varies
	%
TOTAL AGREE	40
Strongly agree	22
Somewhat agree	17
Neither agree nor disagree	8
Somewhat disagree	25
Strongly disagree	25
TOTAL DISAGREE	50

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

Base: Total sample

HALLOWEEN SHOULD BE ALLOWED THIS YEAR WITH THE PROPER CAUTIONS OF HOW TO MINIMIZE RISK

The early results indicate that Ontarians are divided on this consideration: 47% say that Halloween should be allowed this year if people are informed about the proper cautions to minimize risk; 44% disagree with this view.

*With the proper cautions notifying people of how to minimize risk,
Halloween should be allowed this year.*

	Oct 10-15
n=	varies
	%
TOTAL AGREE	47
Strongly agree	26
Somewhat agree	21
Neither agree nor disagree	7
Somewhat disagree	21
Strongly disagree	24
TOTAL DISAGREE	44

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

Base: Total sample

HANDING OUT CANDIES AT HALLOWEEN CAN BE RISKLESS IF CANDY IS APPROPRIATELY PACKAGED

The early findings suggest that a slight majority of Ontarians do not agree that handing out candy is riskless even if the candy is appropriately packaged.

*As long as candy is appropriately packaged,
I don't see a risk in handing out candies at Halloween.*

	Oct 10-15
n=	varies
	%
TOTAL AGREE	41
Strongly agree	19
Somewhat agree	22
Neither agree nor disagree	4
Somewhat disagree	22
Strongly disagree	32
TOTAL DISAGREE	54

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

Base: Total sample

IS HALLOWEEN A PROVINCIAL OR MUNICIPAL ISSUE?

The preliminary results suggest that about two-thirds of Ontarians believe Halloween should be decided by municipalities.

	Oct 10-15
n=	265
	%
Municipalities should make their own rules	66
Province should make the rules that cover the entire province	27
Don't know/not sure	7

QCV140. As you know, Halloween is at the end of this month, in light of COVID 19, who should make the decision about the rules for celebrating Halloween or whether or not to allow Halloween. Should it be municipalities who make the decisions regarding any rules for celebrating Halloween that are appropriate for their community or should the provincial government make a decision about the rules for Halloween that cover the entire province?

Base: Total sample

REMEMBRANCE DAY



The early findings suggest that 70% of Ontarians believe that Remembrance Day ceremonies should be undertaken virtually.

	Oct 10-15
n=	265
	%
Some people say that in-person Remembrance Day ceremonies are an important tradition and should continue to be held as in years past	25
Other people say that in-person Remembrance Day ceremonies are too risky, and that the provincial government should be restricted to virtual commemorations this year.	70
Don't know	4

MASK WEARING PERCEPTIONS



FREQUENCY OF FACE MASK WEARING

Most Ontarians continue to say they are wearing masks or face coverings ‘all the time’ or ‘most of the time’. Only 2% say they wear masks or face coverings rarely/never.

	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	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15
n=	313	400	400	410	410	410	410	410	410	300	300	300	300	260	310	300	310	310	300	300	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	88	86
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	66	61
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	23	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	8	11
Rarely	19	18	15	17	17	16	15	12	13	18	5	7	7	9	5	4	4	5	1	3	4	3	3	2
Never	4	3	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	<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	3	2

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

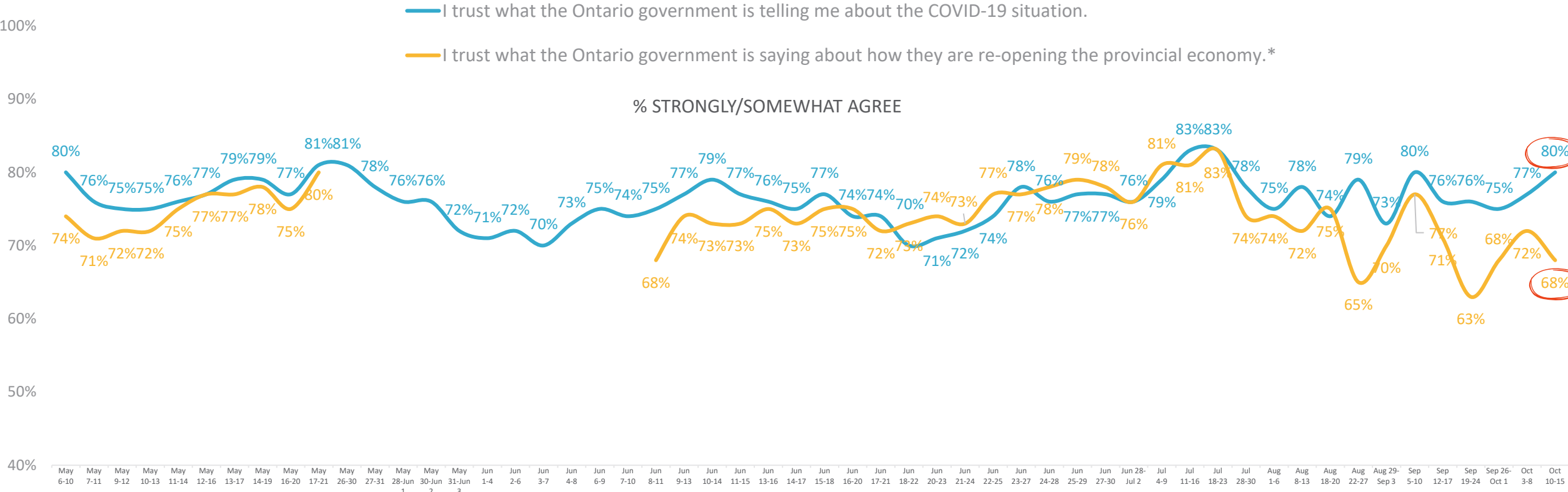
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CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT COVID-19 MESSAGING



TRUST IN THE GOVERNMENT’S COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT COVID-19

Ontarians maintain high levels of trust about the government’s messages re the COVID-19 situation. In contrast, trust in the government’s messaging about the re-opening of the provincial economy remains bouncy.

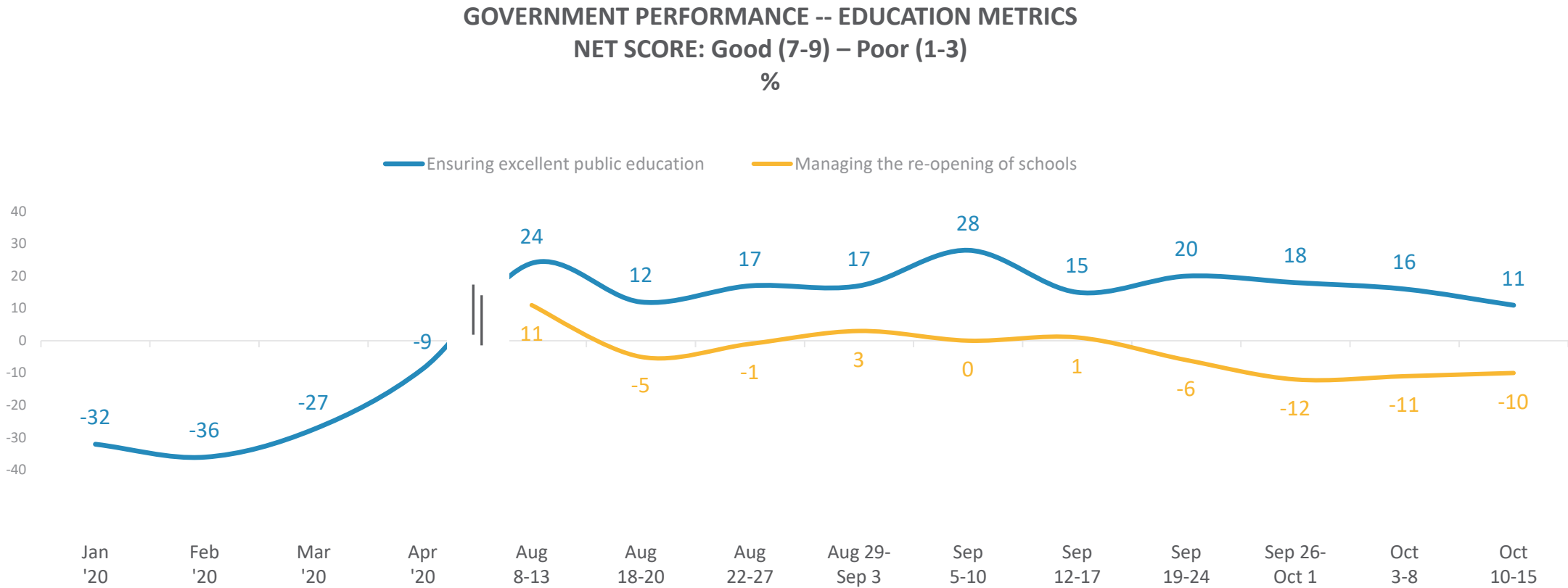


QCV-8B. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the effects of COVID-19. The first is ...
Base: Total sample, base varies * Previous phrasing: I trust what the Ontario government is saying about how they plan to re-open the provincial economy

APPENDIX

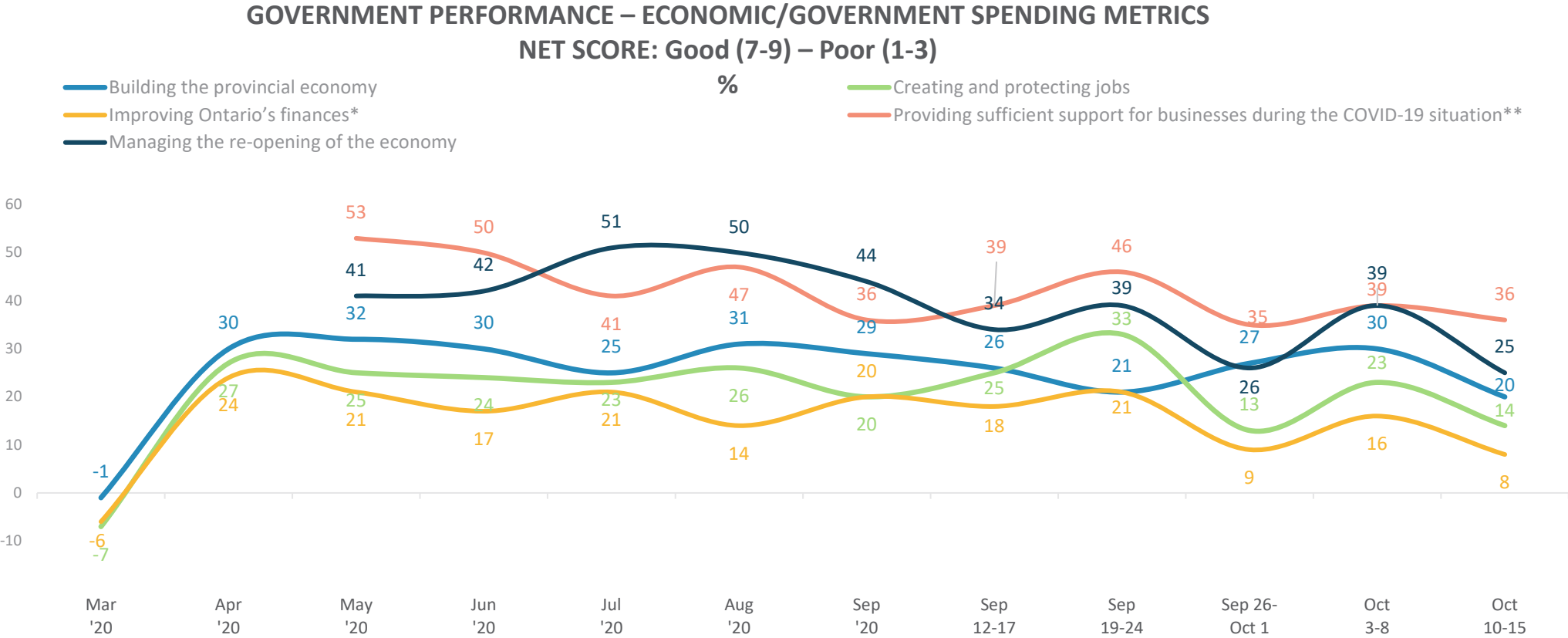


Considering both positive/negative ratings, perceptions toward the government’s performance on ‘ensuring excellent public education’ has been gradually declining. In contrast, ‘managing the re-opening of schools’ scores remain stable.



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

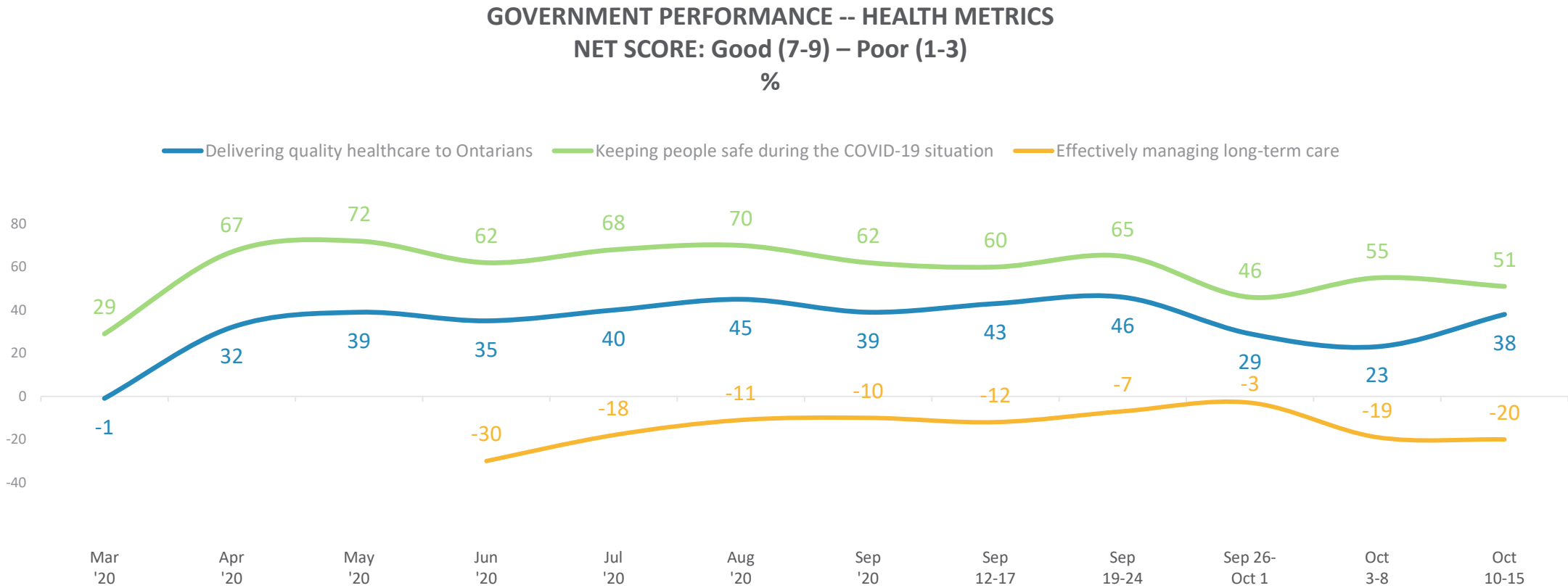
When considering both positive/negative ratings, perceptions of the government’s performance have dropped on most of the economic metrics.



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

Again, when considering both positive/negative scores, perceptions toward the government’s performance have improved on ‘delivering quality healthcare’, while remaining stable on ‘keeping people safe during the COVID-19 situation’ and ‘effectively managing long-term care.’



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