

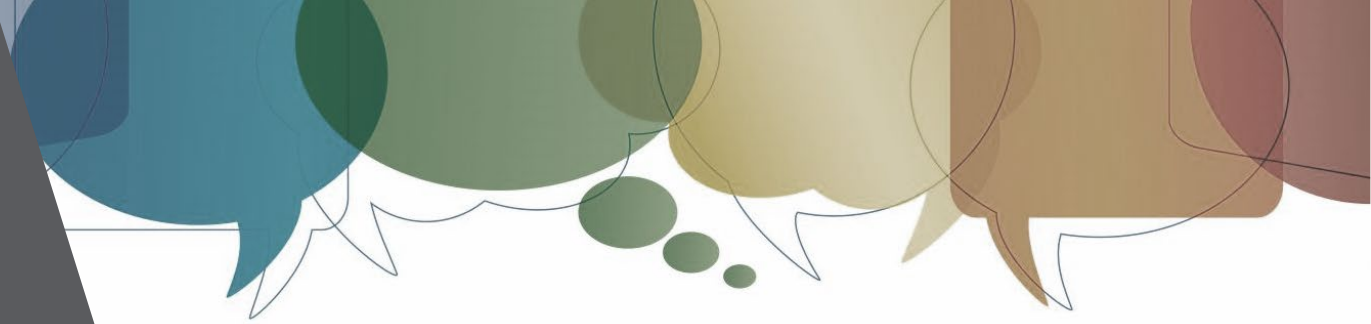


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KEY FINDINGS

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1 The government's 'right track' scores remains stable at about 75%, while 'wrong track' has inched back to 25%.

Compared to the spring, the government's 'right track' scores are only down a smidge despite the more challenging COVID-19 landscape.

2 Positive perceptions on most economic, health and education metrics regarding the government's performance have dipped over the past week.

We need to monitor to see whether further declines materialize.

3 Mirroring these downward shifts, there has a sharp increase in the number of Ontarians (26% two weeks ago to 44% this past week) who think the government is 'not doing as much as they should' on COVID-19.

4 The gap in perceptions on whether COVID-19 is under control in Ontario versus the rest of the world has narrowed to 2-points given the rising infection cases in Ontario and around the world.

For context, in the summer, this gap was 31-points.

5 Similarly, there has been some erosion in the belief that government's management of the response to the Second Wave has been 'excellent/good' and a corresponding rise in the proportion who think this management has been 'poor/very poor'.

Paralleling these results, Ontarians are slightly more inclined to think the government 'could have acted differently'

6 Still, Ontarians' trust in the government remains generally strong, particularly related to the COVID-19 messaging and that the government's restrictions will be measured and appropriate.

Key Findings

1 The early results suggest most Ontarians (71%) do not support the protests over mask wearing. However, there appears to be sizeable portion (21%) who 'strongly' agree with the idea of these protests against face coverings.

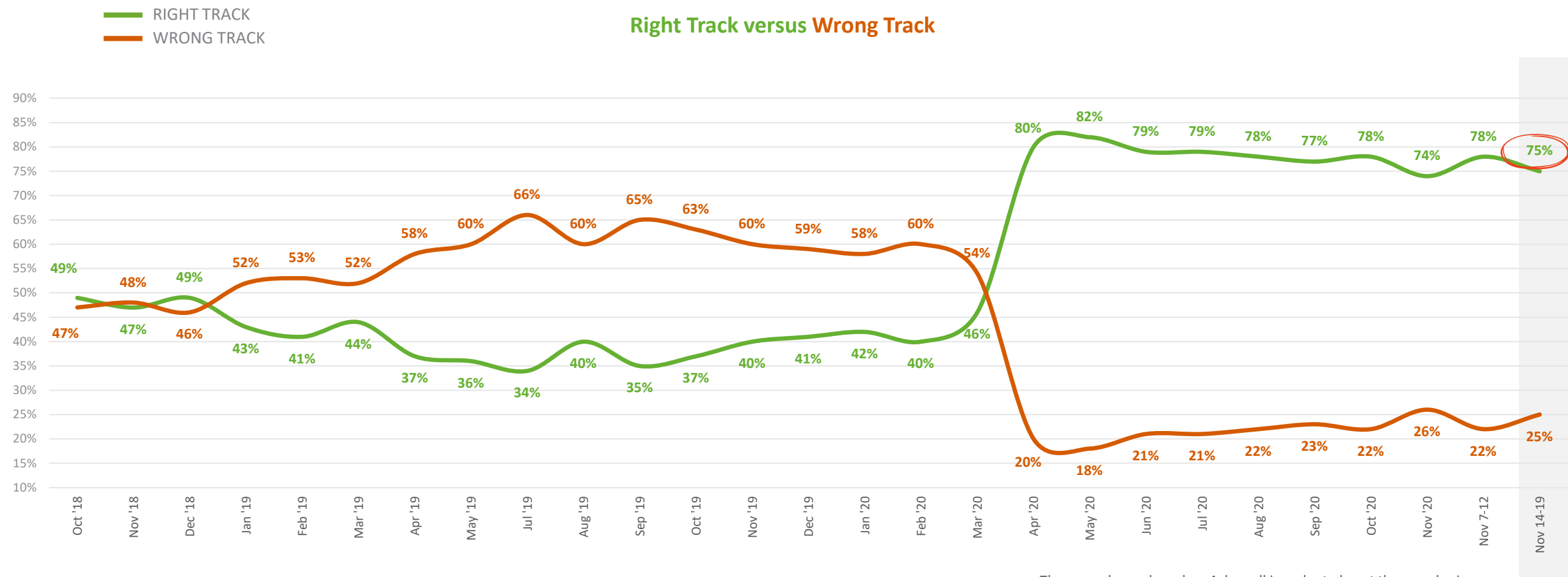
2 The preliminary results suggest that most Ontarians do not plan to gather with friends and family (those outside their bubble) to celebrate the Holiday season. There is a relatively small, but significant, group (15% to 21%) who plan to celebrate the Holiday season with people outside their bubble.

3 The preliminary results suggest that Ontarians would think the government should put more focus on the issues women face in the province because of COVID-19. The early findings also indicate that most Ontarians think that women have faced increased domestic violence over the past eight months.

RIGHT TRACK
WRONG TRACK



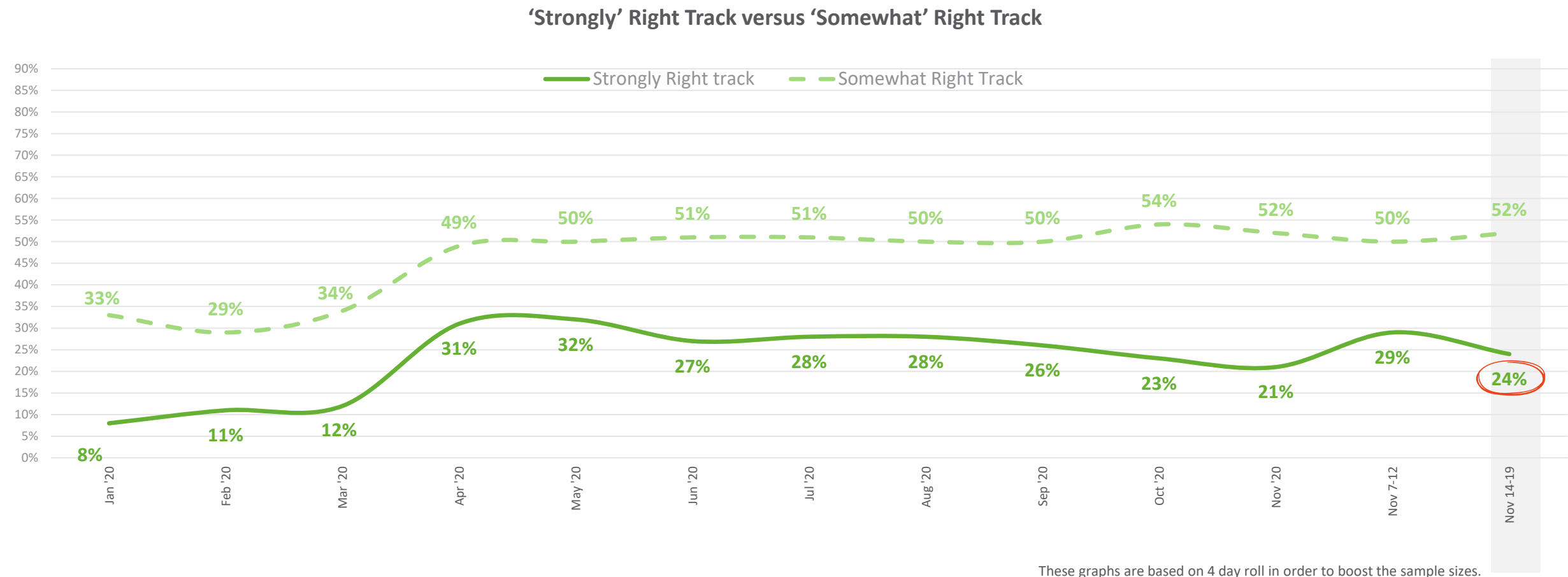
The government’s ‘right track’ scores remains largely stable at 75%, while ‘wrong track’ has inched back to 25%.



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

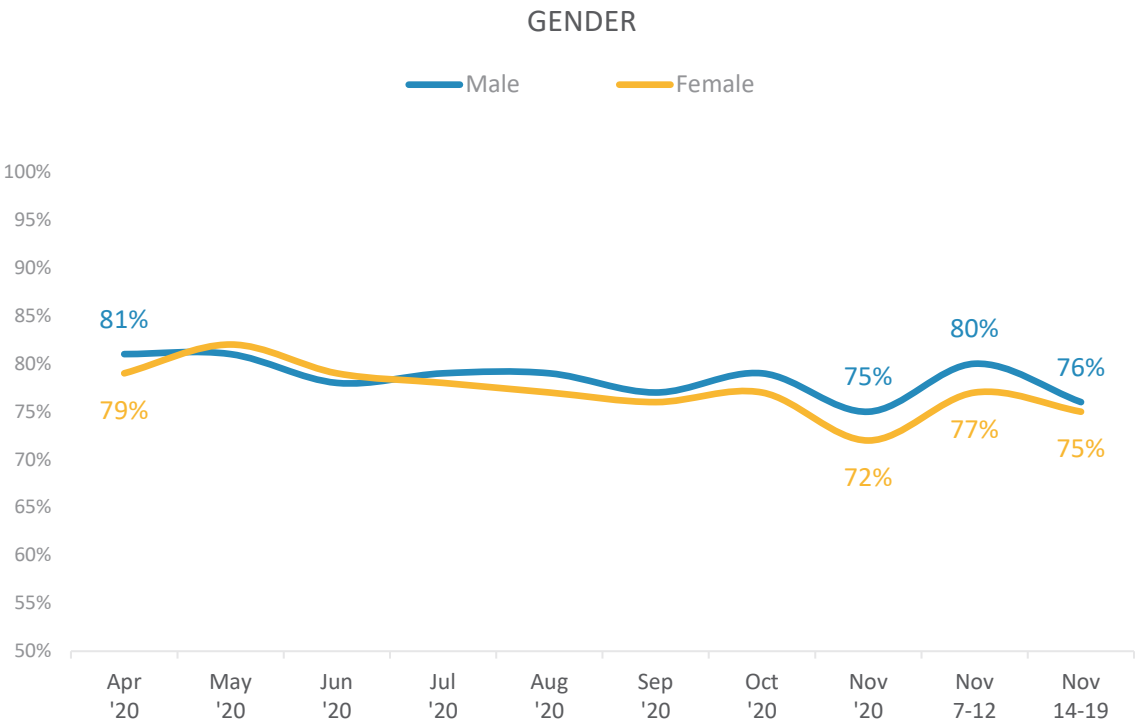
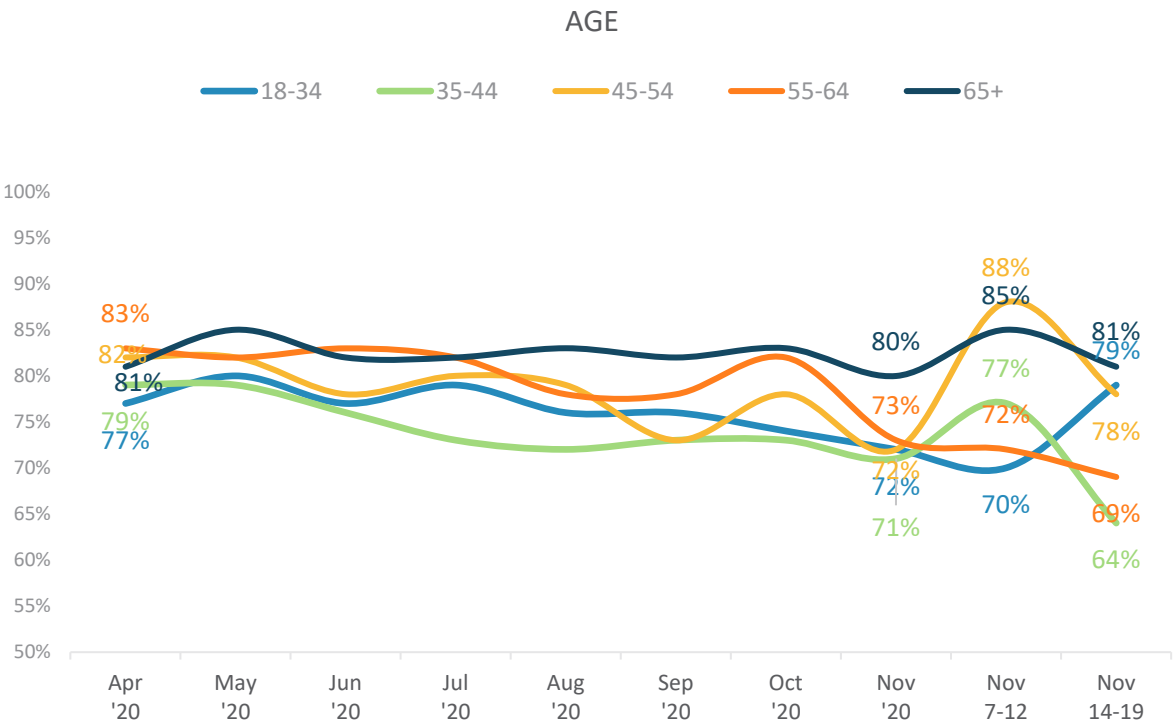
The government’s ‘strongly right track’ scores declined slightly to 24% over the past week.



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 moved slightly downward among both men and women and most age groups.

Right Track Scores – 6-Day Roll

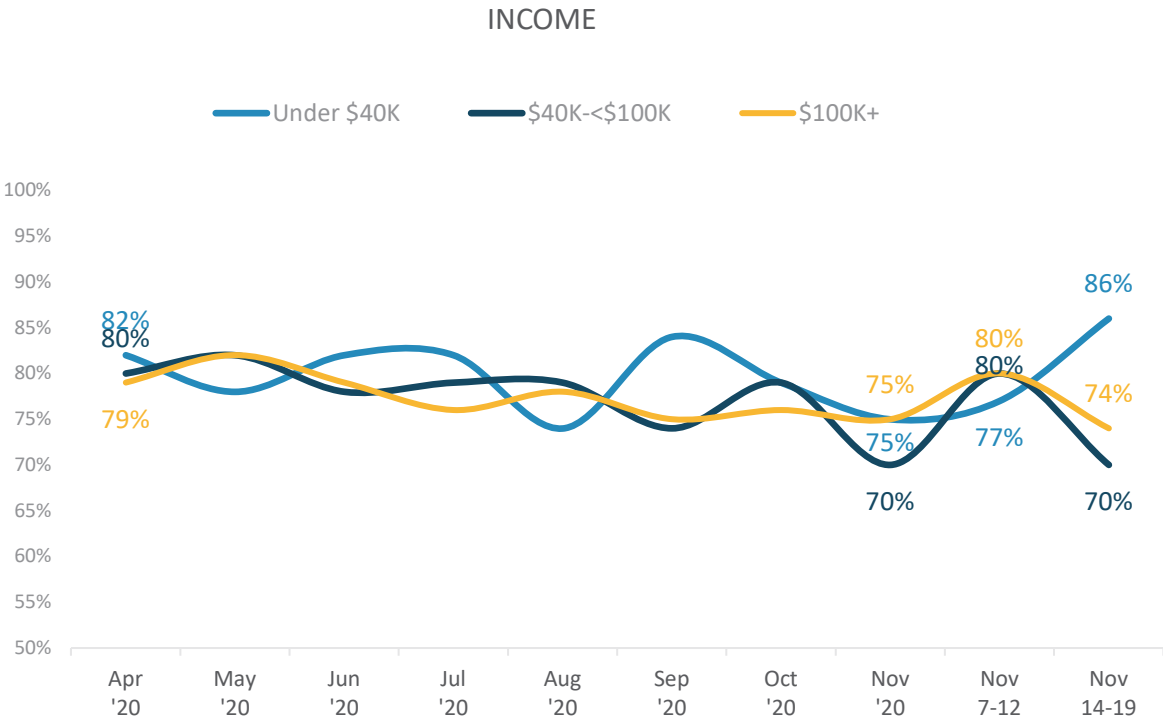
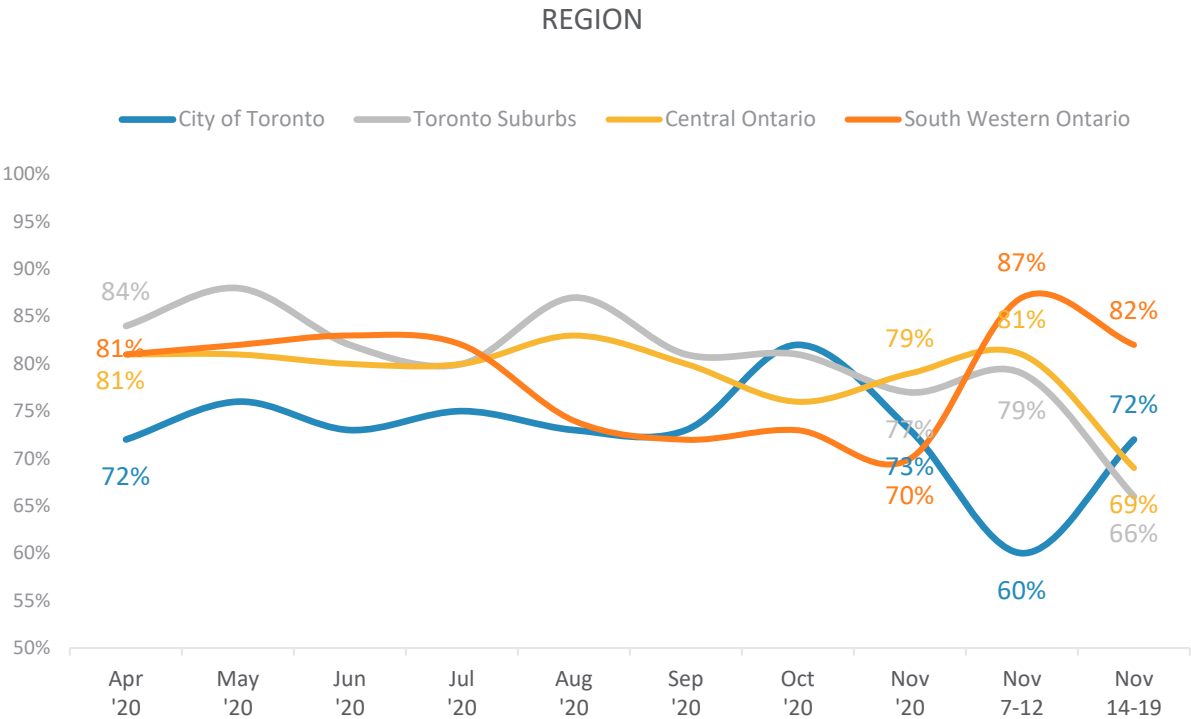


These graphs are based on 5 day roll in order to boost the sample sizes.

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Base: Total sample

The ‘right track’ scores have increased among those earning <\$40k, while declining among those earning >\$40k.

Right Track Scores – 6-Day Roll



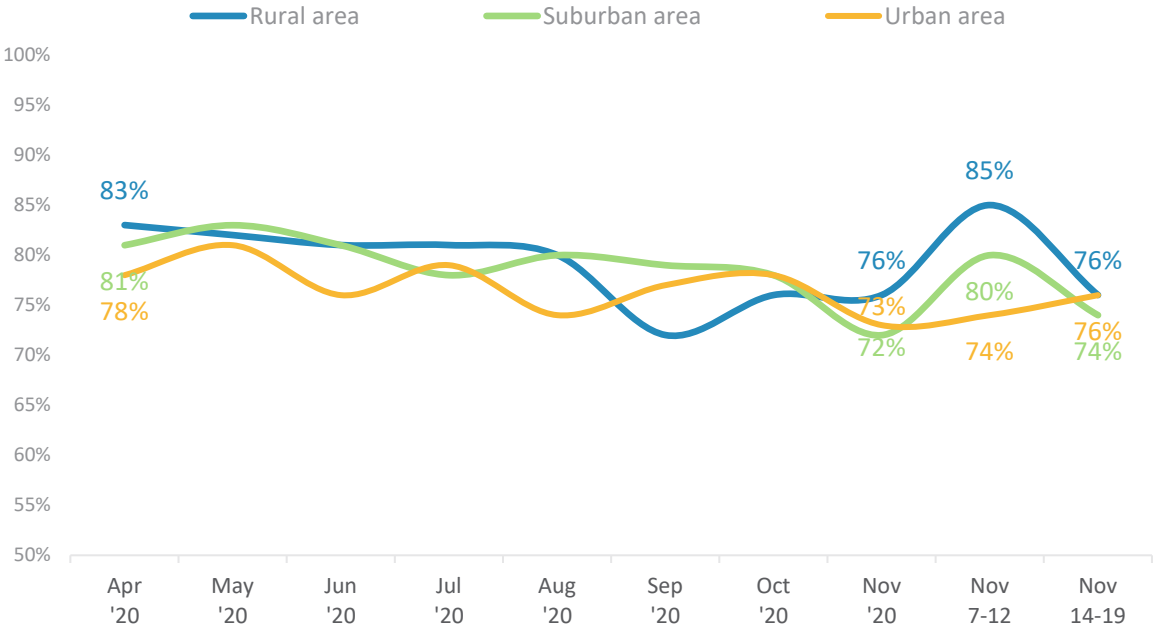
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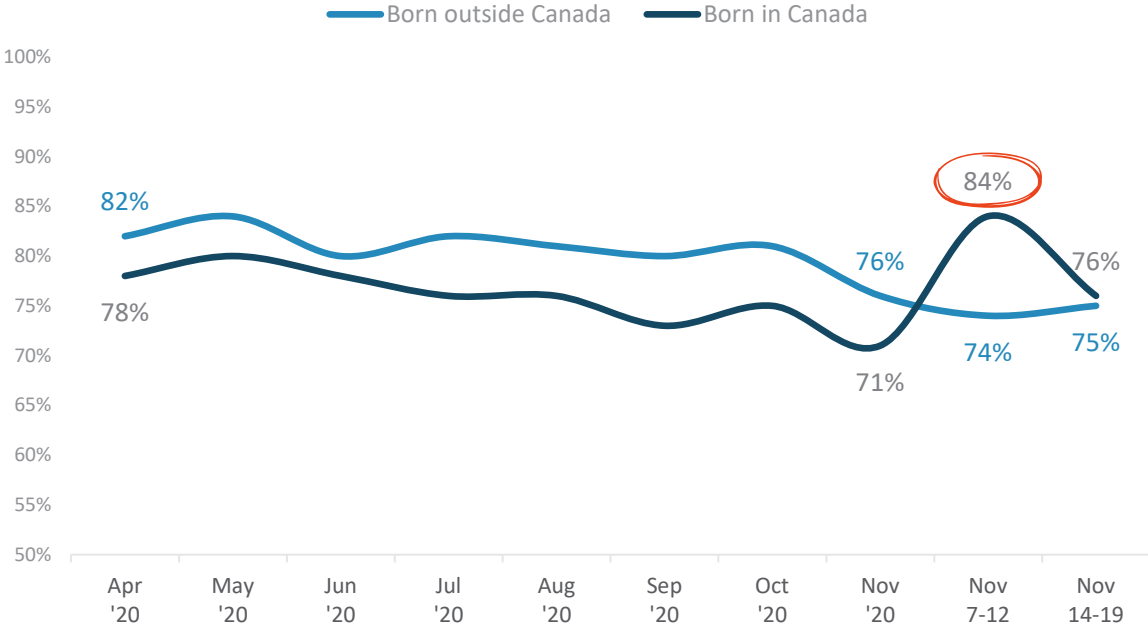
Over the past week, there are no differences in the ‘right track’ scores based on size of community or location of birthplace.

Right Track Scores – 6-Day Roll

RURAL/URBAN/SUBURBAN



BORN OUTSIDE/WITHIN CANADA



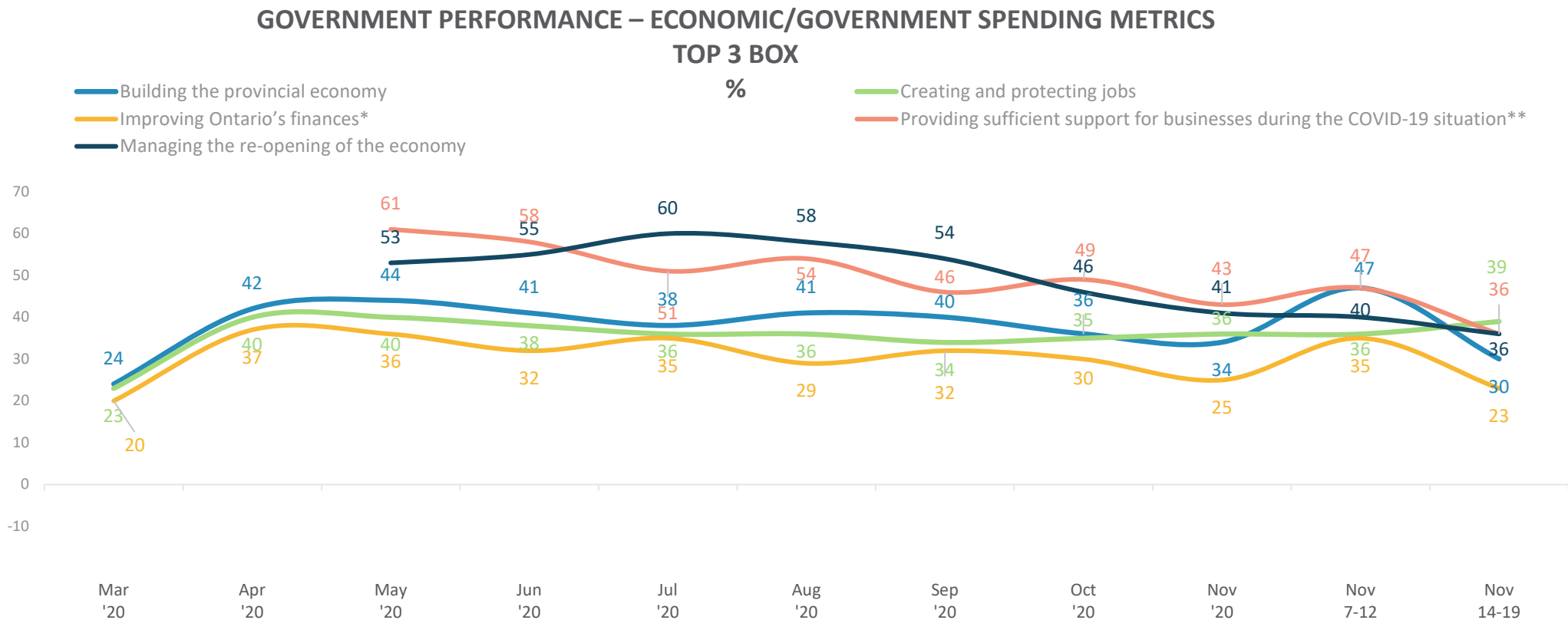
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PERCEPTIONS OF GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Positive perceptions on most economic metrics have dipped over the past week after enjoying a short boost immediately after the delivery of the provincial budget.

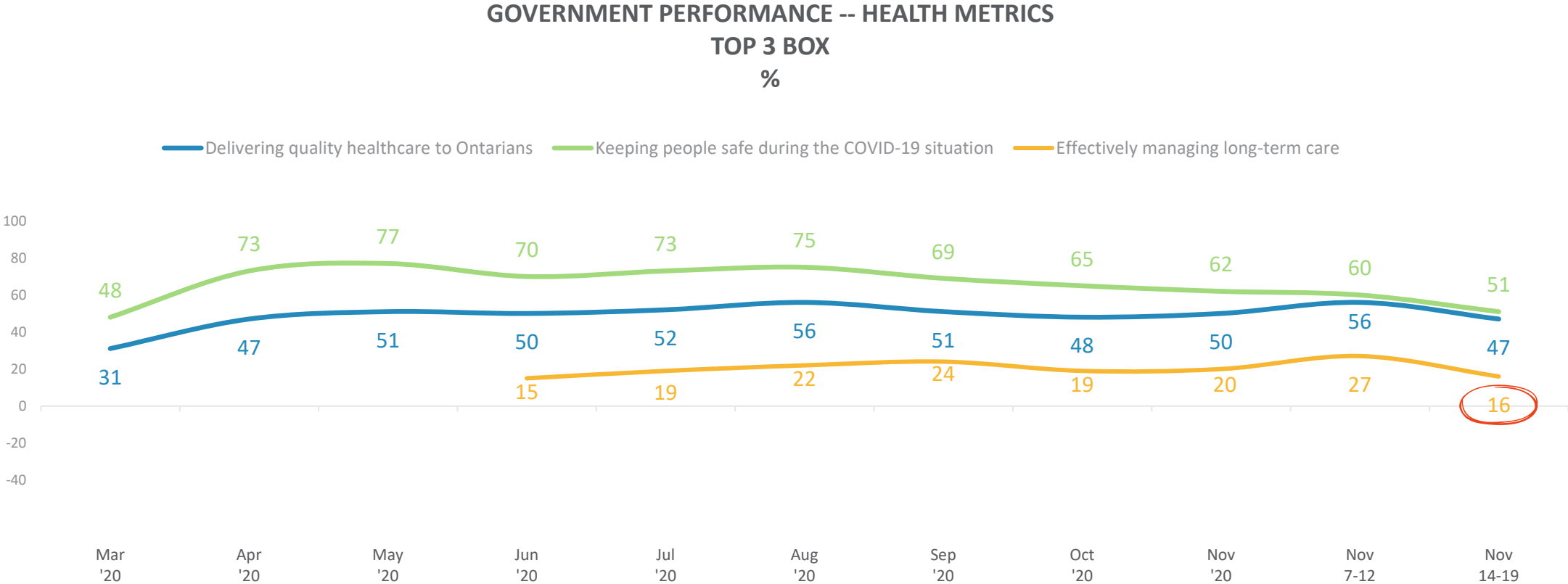


Q5. Using a scale where, where 1 means “poor” and nine is “excellent”, how would you rate the performance of Ontario government at managing each of the following?

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

Bases vary

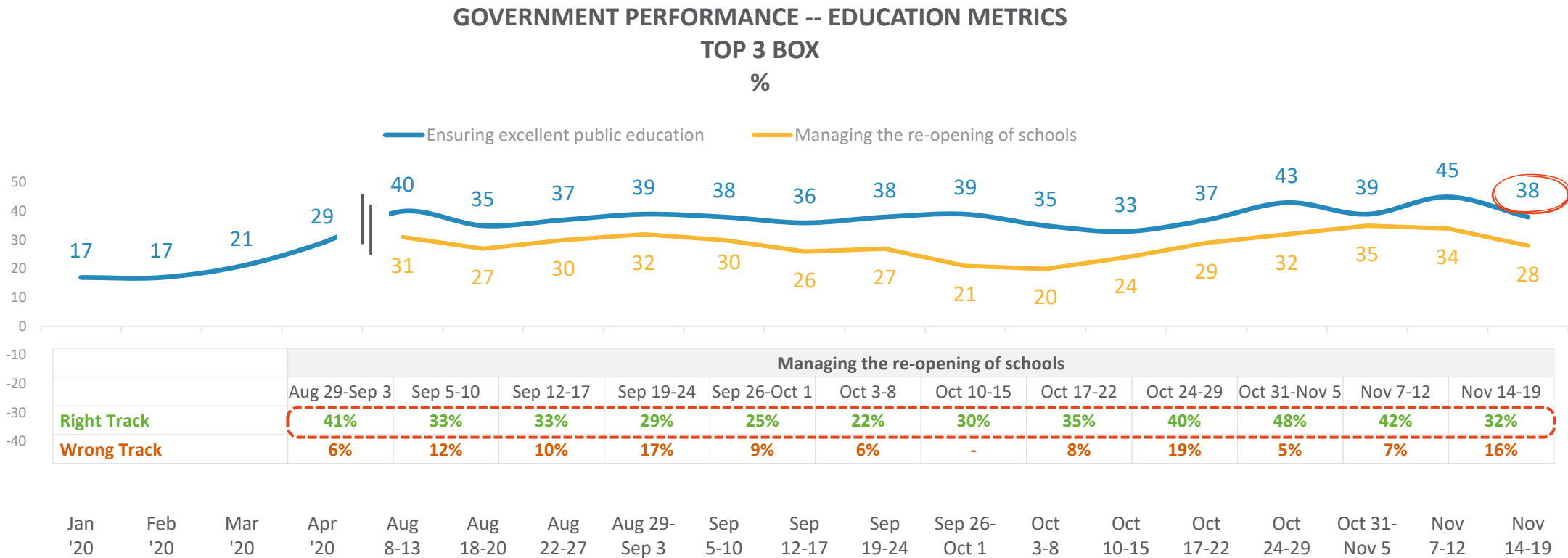
Positive perceptions of the government’s performance on ‘keeping people safe during the COVID-19 situation’ declined over the past week. At the same time, ‘delivering quality healthcare to Ontarians’ and ‘effectively managing long-term care’ also declined.



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 toward ‘ensuring excellent public education’ and ‘managing the reopening of schools’ have dropped.

- Positive perceptions have dropped on ‘managing the reopening of schools’ among those who see the government on the ‘right track’ over the past week.



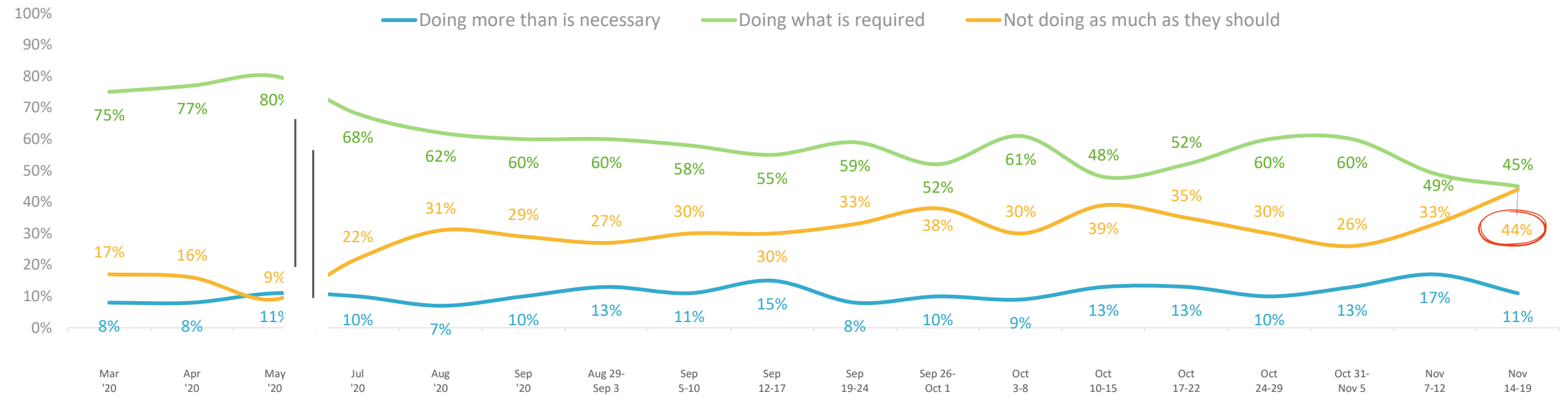
Q5. Using a scale where, where 1 means “poor” and nine is “excellent”, how would you rate the performance of Ontario government at managing each of the following?
Bases vary

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT COVID-19 MEASURES

Over the past two weeks, there has been a sharp increase in the number of Ontarians (26% two weeks ago to 44% this past week) who think the government is ‘not doing as much as they should’ on COVID-19.

- This sharp rise can be attributed to those who see the government on the ‘right track’.

	Doing what is required																			Not doing as much as they should																		
	Mar '20	Apr '20	May '20	June '20	Jul '20	Aug '20	Sep '20	Aug 29- Sep 3	Sep 5-10	Sep 12-17	Sep 19-24	Sep 26- Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31- Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Mar '20	Apr '20	May '20	June '20	Jul '20	Aug '20	Sep '20	Aug 29- Sep 3	Sep 5-10	Sep 12-17	Sep 19-24	Sep 26- Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31- Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
Right Track	76%	79%	82%	n/a	75%	70%	68%	67%	66%	67%	70%	59%	69%	60%	65%	73%	67%	60%	55%	15%	13%	8%	n/a	15%	23%	21%	20%	21%	16%	23%	33%	25%	29%	26%	16%	18%	25%	34%
Wrong Track	73%	66%	66%	n/a	42%	33%	35%	35%	30%	23%	27%	29%	22%	16%	19%	26%	39%	10%	18%	21%	26%	19%	n/a	48%	57%	56%	53%	63%	66%	62%	56%	55%	67%	58%	67%	52%	65%	68%



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

Perception that the government is ‘not doing as much as they should’ has increased for ‘taking the necessary actions to prevent the spread of the virus’. At the same time, the proportion who think that the government is ‘doing what is required’ on this issue had declined significantly since August.

- Similarly, there is increased perceptions that the Province is not doing enough to advise the public/businesses about the measures they should take to prevent the spread of the virus.

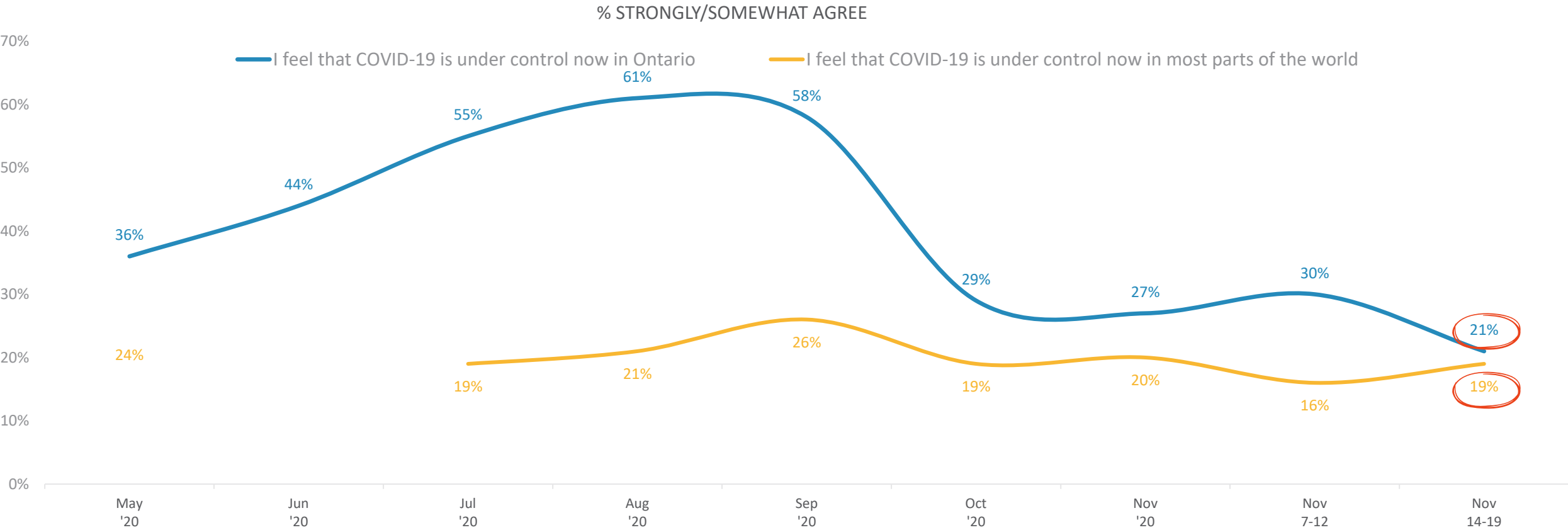
% DOING MORE THAN IS NECESSARY													% DOING WHAT IS REQUIRED												% NOT DOING AS MUCH AS THEY SHOULD												
	Aug '20	Sep '20	Sep 12-17	Sep 19-24	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Aug '20	Sep '20	Sep 12-17	Sep 19-24	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Aug '20	Sep '20	Sep 12-17	Sep 19-24	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Advising the public and businesses about the measures they should take to prevent the spread of the virus	15	16	13	16	10	14	12	17	10	20	17	19	70	70	70	72	65	65	72	62	67	68	65	56	13	12	14	10	23	19	15	18	21	11	16	23	
Taking the necessary actions to prevent the spread of the virus	11	13	11	15	7	11	13	15	13	12	14	14	71	68	63	59	54	46	54	56	51	52	52	54	17	17	22	26	37	40	32	29	35	34	32	32	
Managing the safe operation of schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	10	9	14	7	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	37	39	48	46	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	47	48	36	42	42	
Ensuring the safe operation of long-term care homes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	36	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62	52	57	

COVID-19 INFECTIONS



PERCEPTIONS ABOUT WHETHER COVID-19 IS UNDER CONTROL

The gap in perceptions on whether COVID-19 is under control in Ontario versus the rest of the world has narrowed to 2-points given the rising infection cases in Ontario and around 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 since August (from 64% to 20%) in the proportion of Ontarians who believe the threat of contracting COVID-19 is much less now. Fewer people are saying they see people not following the social distancing guidelines.

% STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT AGREE	Jun '20	Jul '20	Aug '20	Sep '20	Oct '20	Nov '20	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
n=	varies							
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I think the threat of contracting COVID-19 is much less now than it was a month ago	58	61	64	54	25	21	20	20
I am doing my best to get <u>back</u> to living a normal pre-COVID-19 life	71	72	76	77	67	64	62	67
I see people everyday not following public health guidelines, like physical distancing and mask-wearing*	76	79	74	69	71	69	66	64

QCV-14. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
*Original phrasing: I see people everyday not following the social distancing guidelines
Base: Total sample

About 7-in-10 believe they could catch the 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	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
n=	varies									
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	25	22	16	11	17	17	20	17	20	25
Strongly agree	8	8	6	5	7	6	6	8	12	16
Somewhat agree	16	15	9	6	10	12	15	9	9	8
Neither agree nor disagree	13	10	8	9	9	8	11	8	8	5
Somewhat disagree	22	25	19	25	28	21	21	24	15	13
Strongly disagree	38	40	56	55	45	52	46	50	55	55
TOTAL DISAGREE	60	64	74	81	73	73	67	74	70	68
Not applicable	-	-	-	-	<1	-	-	-	-	1
Don't know	-	-	-	-	<1	2	2	1	2	2

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

AGE:	I don't think someone like me will get COVID-19																																		
	18-34							35-44							45-54							55-64							65+						
	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
% AGREE	8%	19%	11%	19%	16%	27%	27%	11%	13%	30%	20%	-	24%	22%	14%	18%	14%	16%	16%	7%	33%	9%	16%	10%	27%	19%	29%	29%	15%	15%	24%	19%	23%	12%	12%
% DISAGREE	83%	72%	75%	66%	77%	64%	73%	83%	81%	65%	64%	93%	67%	56%	76%	67%	82%	72%	65%	93%	67%	83%	68%	73%	62%	70%	52%	63%	79%	81%	69%	72%	73%	78%	72%

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

Base: Total sample

Most Ontarians reject the idea that public health authorities are still trying to scare people unnecessarily into compliance. The intensity of the rejection is strong.

The number of deaths and serious illnesses from COVID 19 in Ontario is quite low, but the public health authorities are still trying to scare people unnecessarily into compliance.

	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
n=	varies		
	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	26	25	21
Strongly agree	14	15	13
Somewhat agree	12	9	8
Neither agree nor disagree	3	4	7
Somewhat disagree	16	18	19
Strongly disagree	55	52	53
TOTAL DISAGREE	71	70	72
Don't know	1	1	1

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

Over the past three weeks, there appears to be a decline in the proportion of Ontarians who think they will not become seriously ill if they contract the virus.

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	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
n=	varies									
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	39	36	28	30	30	29	37	34	29	26
Strongly agree	14	14	12	14	11	12	16	13	14	14
Somewhat agree	25	23	16	15	19	17	21	21	15	12
Neither agree nor disagree	10	9	6	12	8	13	11	10	9	10
Somewhat disagree	19	19	17	19	26	15	17	18	18	9
Strongly disagree	27	31	44	36	33	41	31	32	36	49
TOTAL DISAGREE	46	50	61	55	58	56	48	49	54	58
Not applicable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Don't know	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	6	6	6

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 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
% AGREE	39%	40%	41%	47%	47%	32%	31%	41%	53%	33%	38%	28%	42%	29%	27%	25%	29%	31%	36%	32%	29%	21%	21%	19%	42%	29%	28%	17%	18%	11%	16%	21%	23%	15%	13%
% DISAGREE	42%	51%	44%	43%	47%	51%	45%	36%	40%	42%	45%	48%	33%	53%	55%	59%	54%	49%	36%	56%	62%	71%	64%	73%	42%	56%	59%	50%	75%	78%	76%	66%	60%	69%	79%

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

Base: Total sample

Ontarians strongly disagree with the idea that COVID-19 is not a serious public health issue. The intensity of the rejection is also strong.

I don't believe COVID 19 is as serious a pandemic as it has been made out to be

	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
n=	varies		
	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	21	19	22
Strongly agree	12	11	12
Somewhat agree	9	8	10
Neither agree nor disagree	3	4	2
Somewhat disagree	12	12	7
Strongly disagree	63	63	69
TOTAL DISAGREE	75	74	76
Don't know	1	2	-

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

Again, Ontarians reject the idea they have lost faith in the decisions made about COVID-19 by public health leaders. The intensity of the rejection is strong.

I have lost faith in the decisions made about COVID by public health leaders

	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
n=	varies		
	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	27	26	30
Strongly agree	12	17	15
Somewhat agree	15	9	15
Neither agree nor disagree	3	5	2
Somewhat disagree	27	23	22
Strongly disagree	41	44	43
TOTAL DISAGREE	68	66	66
Not applicable	1	1	-
Don't know	2	2	2

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

Base: Total sample

IS ONTARIO READY
FOR THE SECOND
WAVE?



However, there has been some erosion in the belief that government’s management of the response to the Second Wave has been ‘excellent/good’ and a corresponding rise in the proportion who think this management has been ‘poor/very poor’.

	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
n=	varies		
	%	%	%
TOTAL EXCELLENT/GOOD	51	44	36
Excellent	4	7	8
Good	47	36	28
Fair	33	33	37
Poor	12	13	13
Very poor	5	9	12
TOTAL POOR/VERY POOR	16	22	25
Prefer not to answer/Don’t know	-	1	2

QCV-127B. Overall how has the Ontario Government done in handling the second wave of COVID 19? Has it done an excellent, good, fair, poor or very poor job? (Previous phrasing) Overall how good or poor a job has the Ontario Government done in handling the second wave of COVID 19? Has it done an excellent, good, fair, poor or very poor job?

Base: Total sample

DID ALL IT COULD OR COULD HAVE ACTED DIFFERENTLY

Similarly, Ontarians are slightly more inclined to think the government ‘could have acted differently’

	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
n=	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
All it could reasonably be expected to do	44	52	47	44	43	45	47	39
Could have acted differently	55	47	53	55	56	52	49	56
Don't know/Not sure	1	1	<1	2	1	2	3	5

	All it could reasonably be expected to do								Could have acted differently							
	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
Right Track	52%	61%	55%	49%	56%	54%	58%	46%	46%	37%	44%	49%	44%	43%	39%	47%
Wrong Track	12%	14%	22%	27%	17%	19%	10%	15%	88%	86%	78%	72%	81%	80%	86%	84%

QCV-130. 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 continue to 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	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
n=	varies							
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	16	21	21	24	24	22	17	23
Strongly agree	5	8	7	12	12	11	5	13
Somewhat agree	11	14	13	12	12	12	12	10
Neither agree nor disagree	4	7	5	5	6	4	2	5
Somewhat disagree	21	24	24	20	21	21	16	13
Strongly disagree	58	47	50	49	47	52	64	57
TOTAL DISAGREE	79	71	73	70	68	72	80	70
Don't know	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2

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

IMPOSE SEVERE LOCKDOWN OR REGIONAL LOCKDOWNS

Ontarians continue to lean against another severe lockdown. However, there has been a sharp rise in the proportion of Ontarians who would like to see a severe lockdown even if that means damage to the economy.

- Those who think the government is on the 'right track' are more likely to prefer a regional approach, but there has also been a substantial increase who believe a lockdown might be needed among this group.

	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
n=	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Some people say that Ontario will have to go back to a severe lockdown in all regions, even if this significantly damages the economy/Some people say that Ontario will have to go back to a severe lockdown, even if this significantly damages the economy.	33	29	29	32	34	24	30	40
Other people say, we should deal with it by outbreak on a community by community basis, and not province wide so the economic recovery can continue, even if there is a risk of more infections. /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	63	63	71	68	54
Don't know/Not sure	2	1	<1	5	3	5	3	5

	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	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Sep 26-Oct 1	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
Right Track	32%	28%	24%	31%	30%	21%	27%	39%	66%	70%	75%	66%	68%	74%	71%	55%
Wrong Track	36%	36%	42%	35%	41%	31%	40%	43%	57%	64%	58%	56%	54%	61%	56%	51%

QCV-132. If the increase in COVID 19 infections continues, thinking of these two points of view, which one best reflects your own?

Base: Total sample

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS



Ontarians increasingly understand that the overall public health approach may create more negative mental health/job impacts.

*The overall public health approach taken to COVID-19 has led to jobs lost, companies going out of business and a mental-health impact due to stress.
This is worse than the number of deaths and serious illness caused by COVID-19.*

	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
n=	varies		
	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	40	46	51
Strongly agree	20	28	36
Somewhat agree	20	18	14
Neither agree nor disagree	10	6	5
Somewhat disagree	26	18	13
Strongly disagree	23	26	26
TOTAL DISAGREE	49	44	39
Not applicable	1	1	2
Don't know	1	3	4

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

Base: Total sample

Ontarians continue to reject the idea that the government acted too quickly to restrict indoor dining in restaurants and bars.

I believe the government acted too quickly to restrict indoor dining in restaurants and bars

	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
n=	varies		
	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	21	31	26
Strongly agree	10	20	12
Somewhat agree	11	12	14
Neither agree nor disagree	5	3	3
Somewhat disagree	27	22	15
Strongly disagree	46	42	54
TOTAL DISAGREE	72	64	69
Don't know	3	1	2

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

There is very strong support for increasing enforcement and having more inspections.

	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 14-19
n=	300	180	300
	%	%	%
TOTAL SUPPORT	85	81	87
Strongly support	57	56	60
Somewhat support	28	25	26
Somewhat oppose	7	11	4
Strongly oppose	7	8	6
TOTAL OPPOSE	14	19	10
Don't know/not sure	1	<1	3

Q149. With COVID cases increasing, to what extent do you support or oppose the government increasing enforcement and having more inspection blitz’s to ensure individuals and businesses follow the public health guidelines?

Base: Total sample

The preliminary results indicate that there is considerable support for regions adding their own restrictions on top of the ones imposed by the Province.

	Nov 14-19
n=	300
	%
TOTAL SUPPORTIVE	83
Very supportive	52
Somewhat supportive	31
Not too supportive	7
Not at all supportive	8
TOTAL NOT SUPPORTIVE	15
Don't know/Not sure	2

QCV-155. As you may know, the Ontario government has developed a framework for activities that are allowed or restricted based on the rate of infections in an area. It has also allowed some regions to add their own restrictions on top of the restrictions in the Ontario government framework, due to their specific circumstances. Overall how supportive or not are you of the government allowing regions to impose their own restrictions on top of those set by the province?

Base: Total sample

The early finding suggest that Ontarians think these increased regional restrictions will be effective in controlling the spread of COVID-19.

	Nov 14-19
n=	300
	%
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	74
Very effective	24
Somewhat effective	50
Somewhat ineffective	11
Very ineffective	9
TOTAL INEFFECTIVE	21
Don't know/Not sure	5

LEVEL OF FATIGUE WITH COVID-19 MITIGATION MEASURES

Since late September, there has been an increase in the proportion of Ontarians who are getting very tired of the COVID-19 control 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	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
n=	varies											
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	37	26	30	25	18	38	24	33	38	36	33	38
Strongly agree	21	16	15	16	6	23	12	14	20	24	23	28
Somewhat agree	16	10	15	9	12	15	11	19	17	12	11	11
Neither agree nor disagree	4	3	5	5	6	4	8	7	8	4	4	2
Somewhat disagree	15	21	21	19	18	14	15	13	14	19	16	12
Strongly disagree	44	49	44	50	58	41	53	46	41	40	46	48
TOTAL DISAGREE	59	70	65	69	76	56	68	59	54	59	62	59
Don't know	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	1	1	-

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

MASK WEARING PERCEPTIONS



FREQUENCY OF FACE MASK WEARING

Wearing masks or face coverings ‘all of the time’ has risen to its highest point over the past week: 71%.

	Jul '20	Aug '20	Sep '20	Oct '20	Nov '20	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
n=	1752	1200	1200	1200	1200	300	300
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL ALL/MOST OF THE TIME	60	77	83	87	88	90	89
All of the time	29	49	55	63	67	68	71
Most of the time	30	28	28	24	21	22	18
Some of the time	23	16	12	9	9	6	6
Rarely	14	7	4	3	3	2	4
Never	3	1	1	1	1	1	<1
RARELY/NEVER	17	8	5	4	3	4	5

REGIONS	City of Toronto		Toronto Suburbs		Hamilton		Central Ontario		South Western Ontario		Northern Ontario		Eastern Ontario		Ottawa	
	Nov '20	Nov 14-19	Nov '20	Nov 14-19	Nov '20	Nov 14-19	Nov '20	Nov 14-19	Nov '20	Nov 14-19	Nov '20	Nov 14-19	Nov '20	Nov 14-19	Nov '20	Nov 14-19
TOTAL ALL/MOST OF THE TIME	91%	94%	89%	89%	86%	75%	83%	89%	86%	86%	89%	93%	92%	91%	87%	90%

	RIGHT TRACK		WRONG TRACK	
	Nov '20	Nov 14-19	Nov '20	Nov 14-19
TOTAL ALL/MOST OF THE TIME	90%	90%	82%	87%

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

The early results suggest most Ontarians do not support the protests over mask wearing. However, there appears to be sizeable portion (21%) who ‘strongly’ agree with the idea of these protests.

Those protesting mask wearing and other pandemic restrictions have my support

	Nov 14-19
n=	varies
	%
TOTAL AGREE	28
Strongly agree	21
Somewhat agree	7
Neither agree nor disagree	2
Somewhat disagree	4
Strongly disagree	66
TOTAL DISAGREE	70
Don't know	<1

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

HOLIDAY SEASON CELEBRATIONS



PLANS TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The preliminary results suggest that most Ontarians do not plan to gather with friends and family (those outside their bubble) to celebrate the Holiday season. However, there is a relatively small but significant group who plan to celebrate the Holiday season with people outside their bubble.

I plan to celebrate the Holiday season this year by forgetting about COVID-19 for a few days and gathering with family and friends I do not live with

	Nov 14-19
n=	varies
	%
TOTAL AGREE	15
Strongly agree	8
Somewhat agree	7
Neither agree nor disagree	5
Somewhat disagree	12
Strongly disagree	65
TOTAL DISAGREE	77
Don't know	2

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

Again, the early results suggest that about 7-in-10 will not celebrate the Holiday season with people outside their bubble.

	Nov 14-19
n=	300
	%
Celebrate in-person with people you do not live with	22
Celebrate in-person only with the people who live in your immediate household	72
Don't know/Not sure	5

QCV-157. The Holiday season is approaching. Which of the following are you most likely to do over the Holiday season?

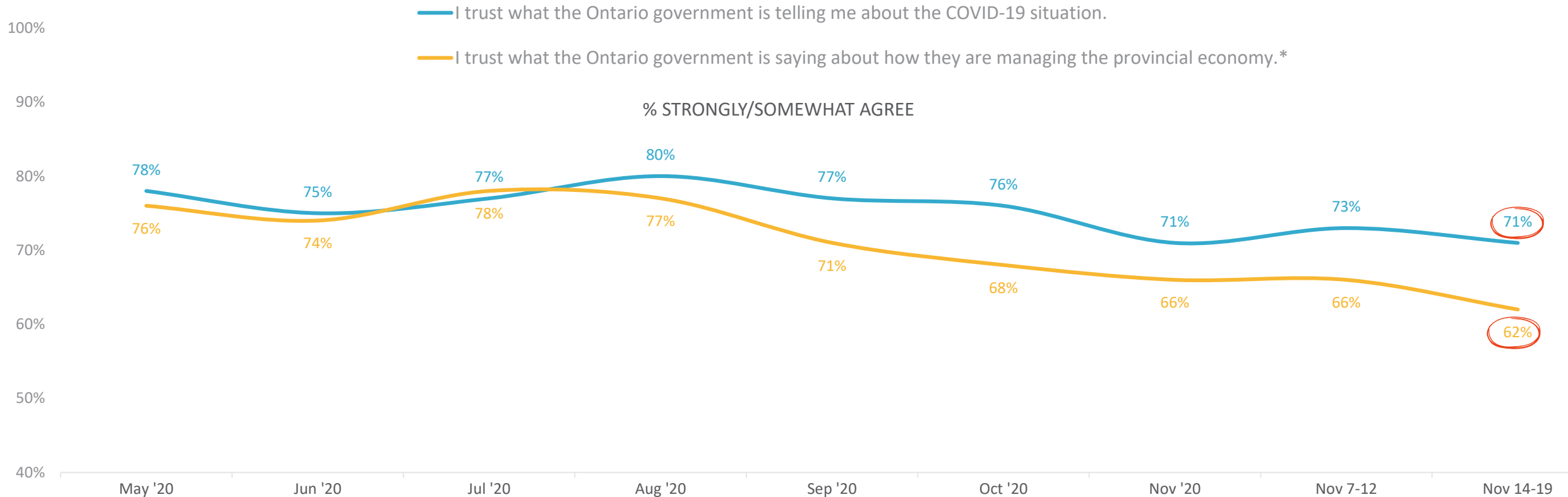
Base: Total sample

CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT COVID-19 MESSAGING



TRUST IN THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT COVID-19

Ontarians' trust in the government's communications regarding messages about the COVID-19 situation remains stable, while trust in messaging about 'managing the provincial economy' has slipped slightly.



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

* Previous phrasing: I trust what the Ontario government is saying about how they are re-opening the provincial economy. / I trust what the Ontario government is saying about how they plan to re-open the provincial economy

Base: Total sample, base varies

Moreover, there is reasonably high trust in the government being measured when it imposes restrictions.

I trust that the restrictions the government is imposing to fight COVID are measured and appropriate

	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19
n=	varies		
	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	67	70	68
Strongly agree	31	34	38
Somewhat agree	36	35	31
Neither agree nor disagree	2	3	4
Somewhat disagree	19	12	13
Strongly disagree	10	15	14
TOTAL DISAGREE	29	27	27
Don't know	3	1	1

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

IMPACT ON WOMEN FROM COVID-19



The preliminary results suggest that Ontarians think the government should put more focus on the issues women face in the province because of COVID-19.

The Ontario government should put more focus on the issues women face in the province because of COVID

	Nov 14-19
n=	varies
	%
TOTAL AGREE	69
Strongly agree	43
Somewhat agree	26
Neither agree nor disagree	7
Somewhat disagree	6
Strongly disagree	10
TOTAL DISAGREE	15
Not applicable	1
Don't know	8

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

Base: Total sample

The early results indicate that most Ontarians think that women have faced increased domestic violence over the past eight months.

*In the last 8 months, increasing domestic violence against women
has become a significant issue in Ontario*

	Nov 14-19
n=	varies
	%
TOTAL AGREE	67
Strongly agree	43
Somewhat agree	24
Neither agree nor disagree	5
Somewhat disagree	2
Strongly disagree	4
TOTAL DISAGREE	6
Not applicable	2
Don't know	21

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

Base: Total sample

The preliminary results suggest that Ontarians are concerned about human trafficking of women and girls in Ontario.

I am concerned about human trafficking of women and girls in Ontario.

	Nov 14-19
n=	varies
	%
TOTAL AGREE	80
Strongly agree	68
Somewhat agree	12
Neither agree nor disagree	4
Somewhat disagree	2
Strongly disagree	4
TOTAL DISAGREE	6
Not applicable	1
Don't know	8

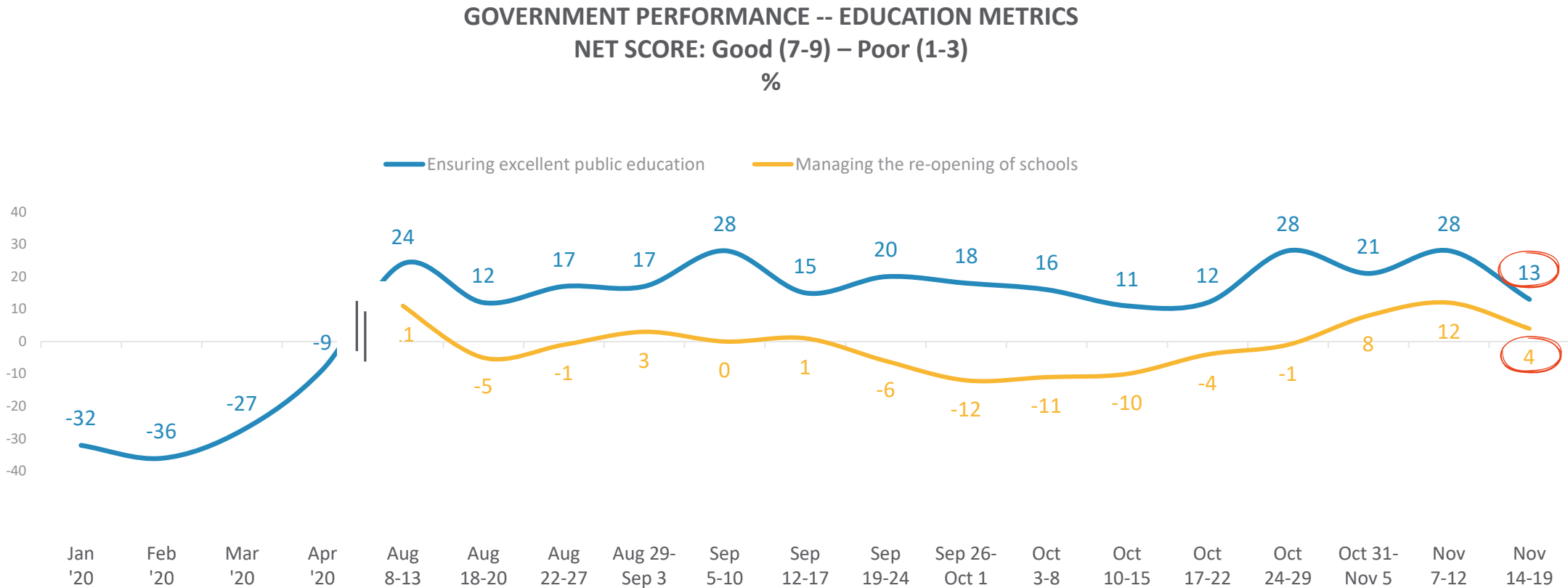
QCV-14. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Base: Total sample

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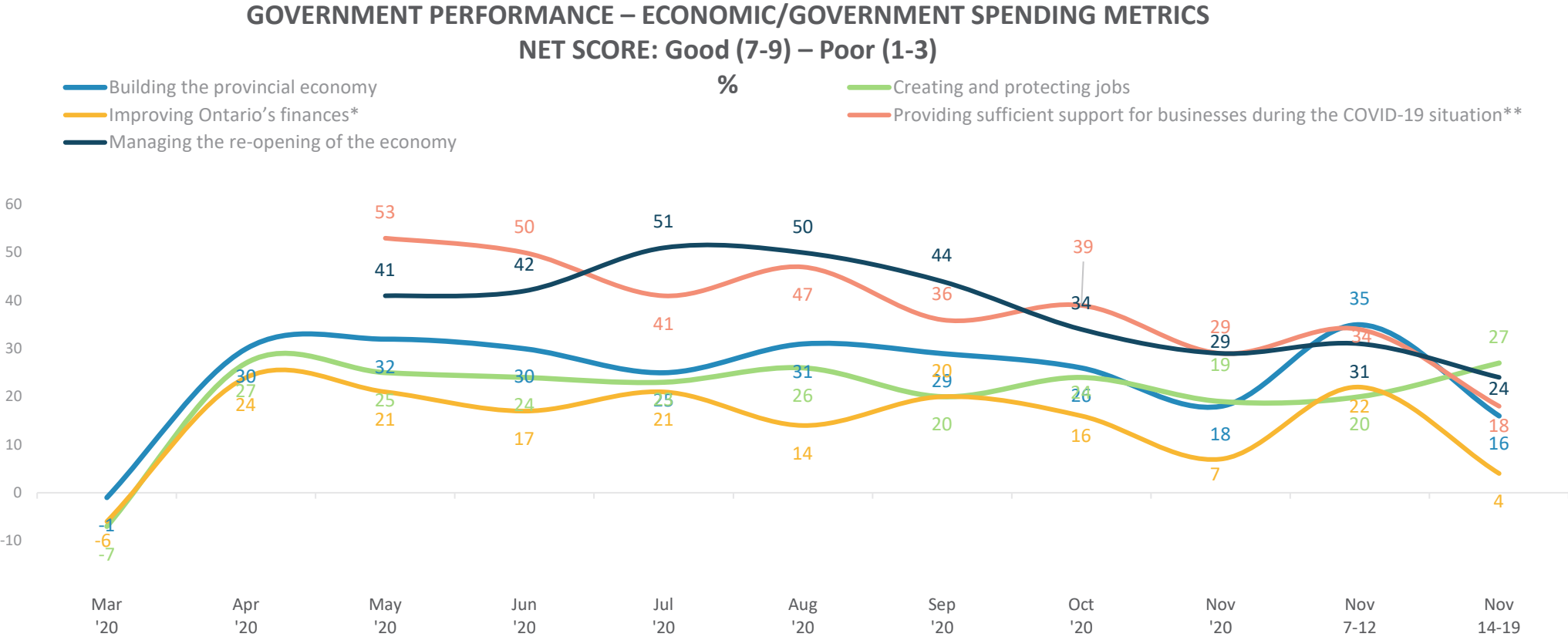


Considering both positive/negative ratings, perceptions toward the government’s performance on ‘managing the re-opening of schools’ and ‘ensuring excellent public education’ have dropped.



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 economic metrics except for ‘creating and protecting jobs’.



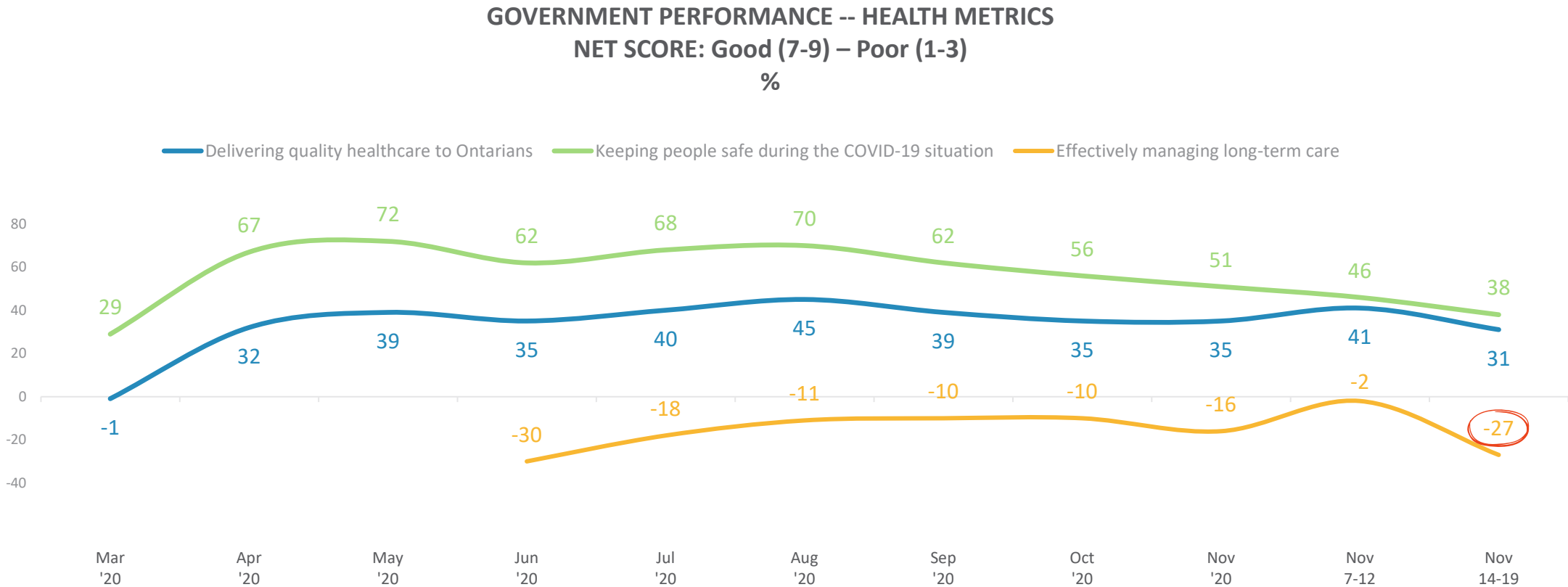
Q5. Using a scale where, where 1 means “poor” and nine is “excellent”, how would you rate the performance of Ontario government at managing each of the following?

*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, there continues to be steady erosion in perceptions of the government’s performance on ‘keeping people safe during the COVID-19 situation’. Plus, there has been a significant drop in ‘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