

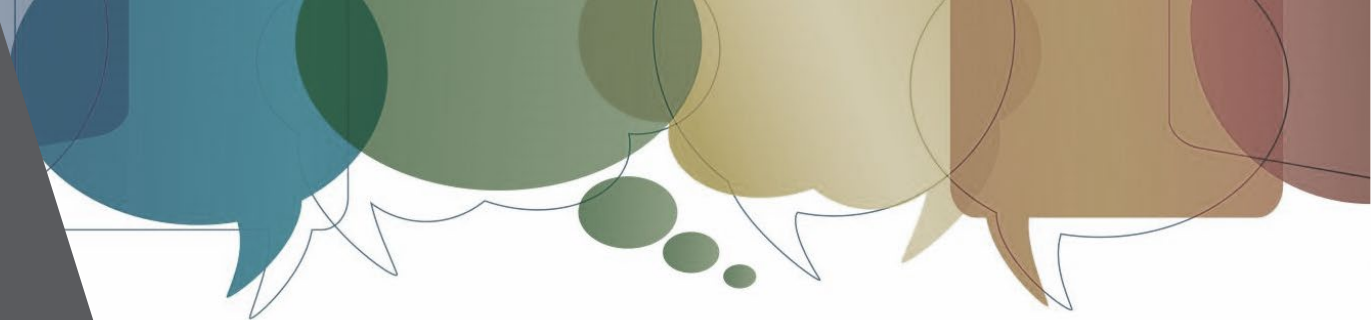


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PULSE REPORT ON COVID-19 – REPORT #59

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KEY FINDINGS

Key Findings

1 The government's 'right track' scores have moved downward 7-points from 79% to 72%. This drop follows the release of the Auditor General report last week.

'Strongly right track' dropped to its lowest point since March.

Staying focused on protecting Ontarians' health is the best way to reverse this decline.

4 There has been steady increase in recent weeks in the percentage of Ontarians who say they have lost faith in the decisions about COVID-19 by public health leaders.

There has also been a gradual erosion (early November, 51% said 'excellent/good'; now only 35% express this view) in the belief that the government's management of the Second Wave has been 'excellent/good' and a corresponding rise in the proportion who think this management has been 'poor/very poor'.

2 This 'right track' drop is evident in most demographic groups, particularly the following:

- Most age groups except those aged 45-54
- Urban/suburban residents
- Toronto suburban residents
- Both men and women
- Those born in Canada

5 Ontarians express a reasonably high degree of trust that the government's restrictions due to COVID-19 will be measured and appropriate and messaging related to the 'COVID-19 situation' and 'managing the provincial economy'.

However, these trust levels are lower today compared to earlier in the pandemic.

3 Perceptions of the government's performance have dropped on most 'economic', 'health', and 'education' performance metrics over the past week.

There has been downward movement in the 'economic' and 'health' metrics since the early days of the Second Wave in September.

6 Most Ontarians are closely following the news on the progress of the vaccine.

However, about 1-in-2 are skeptical that the end of COVID-19 is near given that vaccines are nearly ready, although there is a significant minority who say they are confident about end of the pandemic. Those who see the government on the 'right track' are more confident that the vaccine will bring an end to the pandemic.

Key Findings

7 These findings suggest frontline health workers (89%) should be first in line to receive the vaccine followed by people over 70 years old (59%) and those with underlying health issues (53%).

Probably due to the strong desire to get life back to normal, Ontarians are likely to take the COVID-19 vaccine (71%) and that they think the vaccine will be safe (72%).

8 About 7-in-10 will not celebrate the Holiday season with people outside their bubble, although a sizeable minority (just under one-quarter) say they will celebrate in-person with people they do not live with.

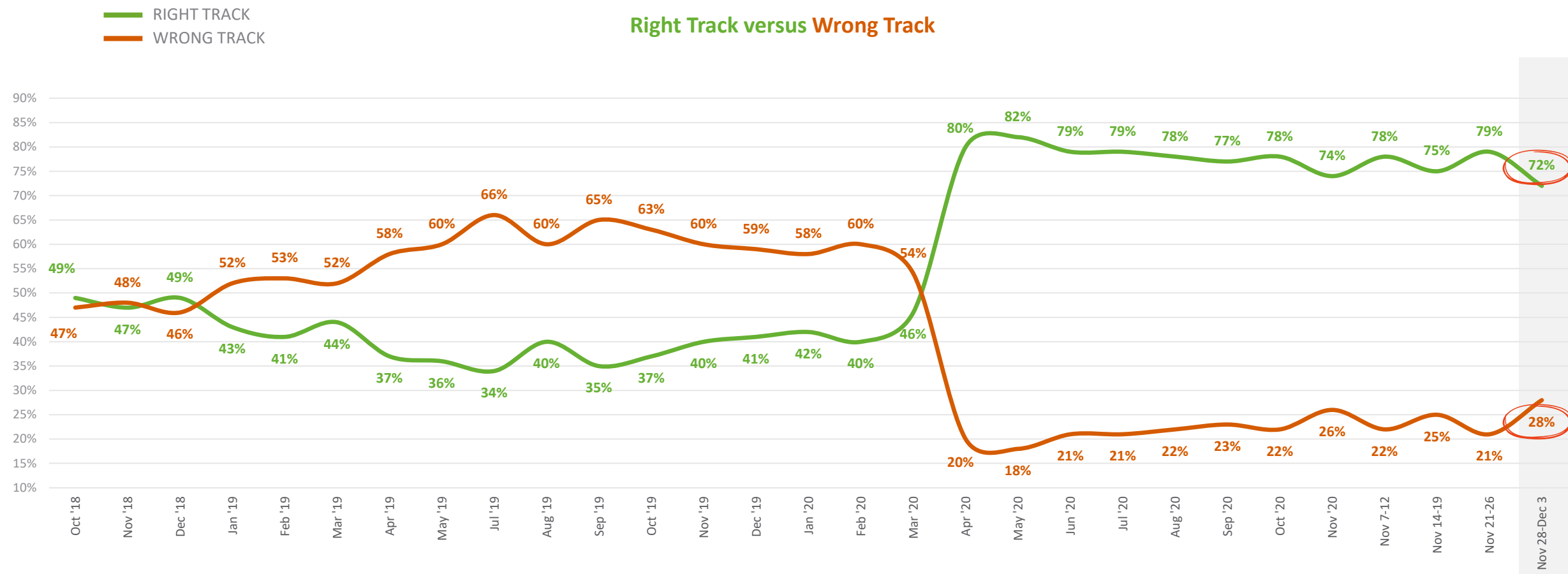
9 Ontarians think the government should put more focus on the issues women face in the province because of COVID-19.

Most Ontarians think that women have faced increased domestic violence over the past eight months.

RIGHT TRACK
WRONG TRACK



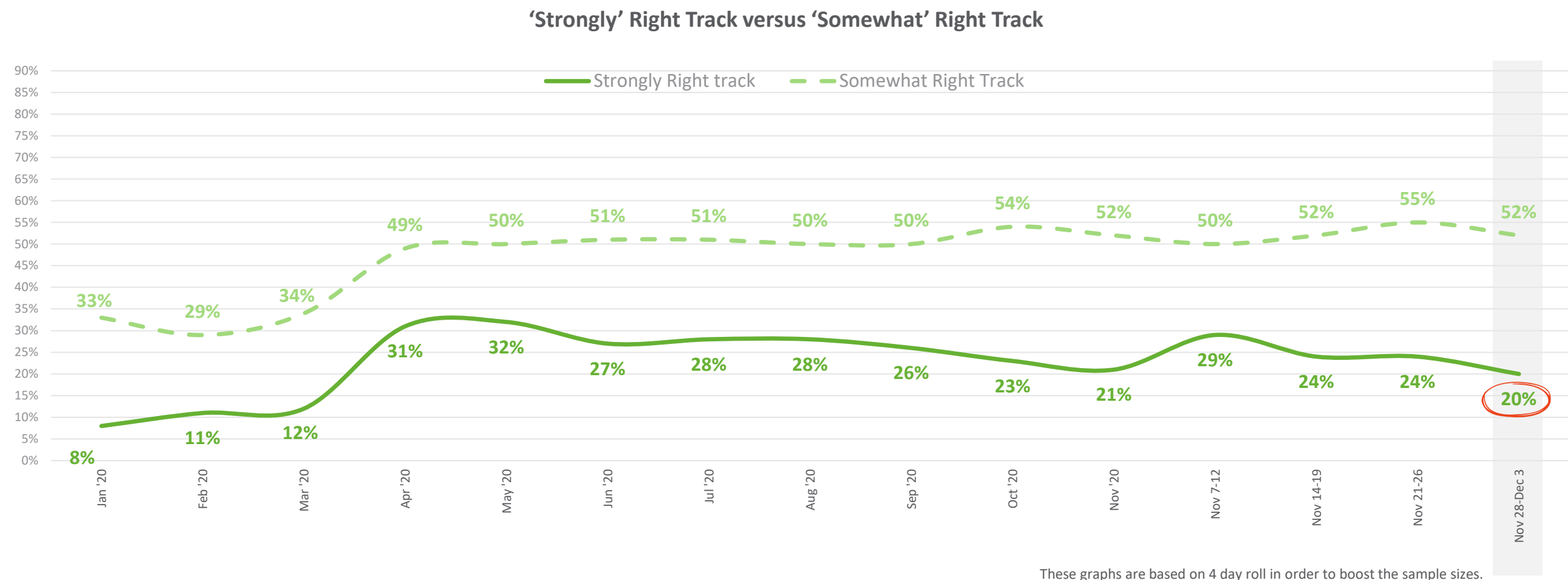
The government’s ‘right track’ scores declined significantly from 79% and 72% after the release of the AG report. At the same time, ‘wrong track’ scores have increased to 28%.



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

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Base: Total sample

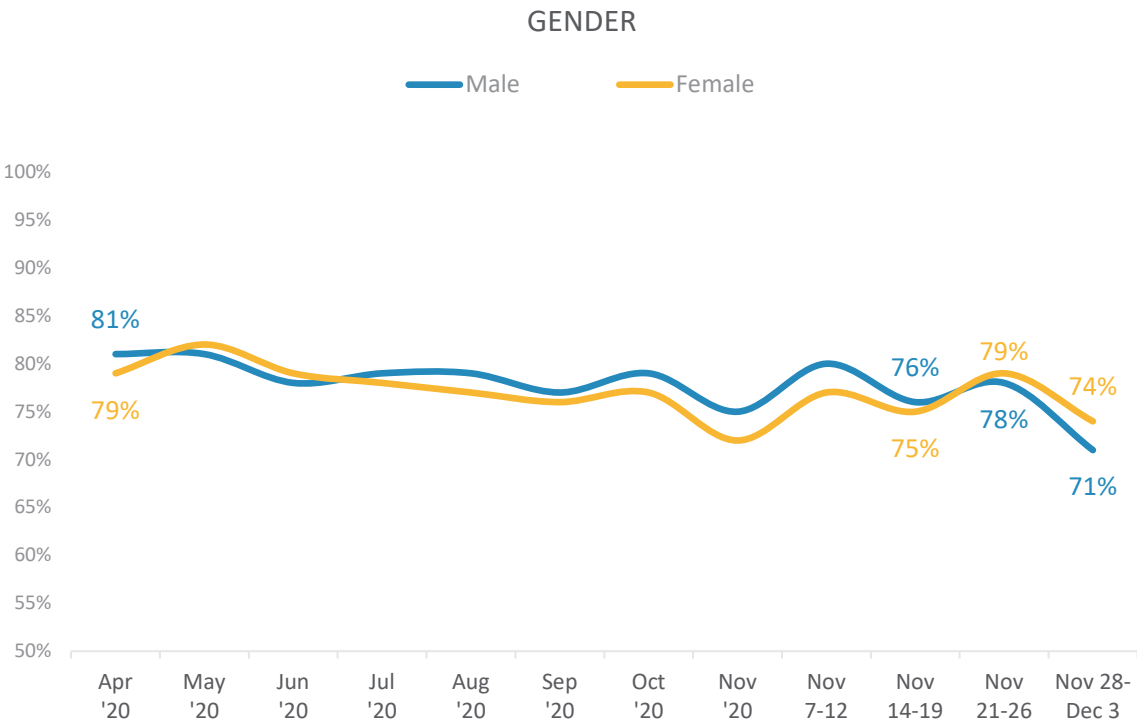
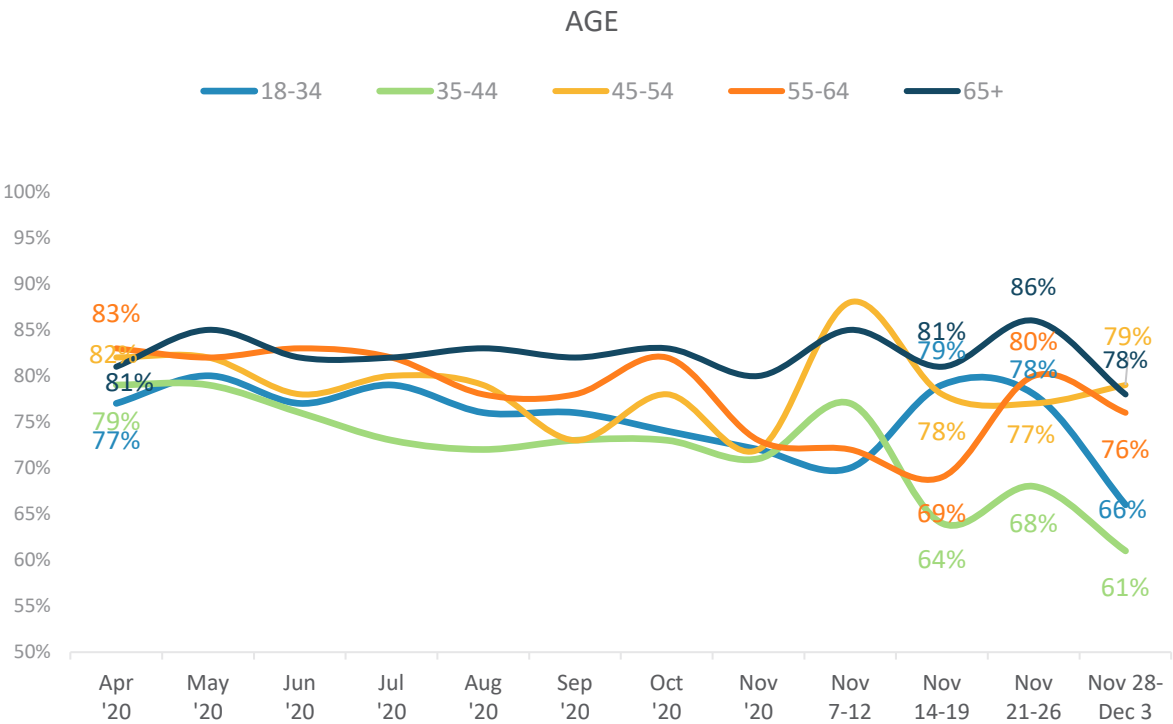
The government’s ‘strongly right track’ scores have slipped over the past three weeks and is at its lowest point since March.



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The ‘right track’ scores dropped for most age groups (except for those aged 45-54) and among both men and women.

Right Track Scores – 6-Day Roll

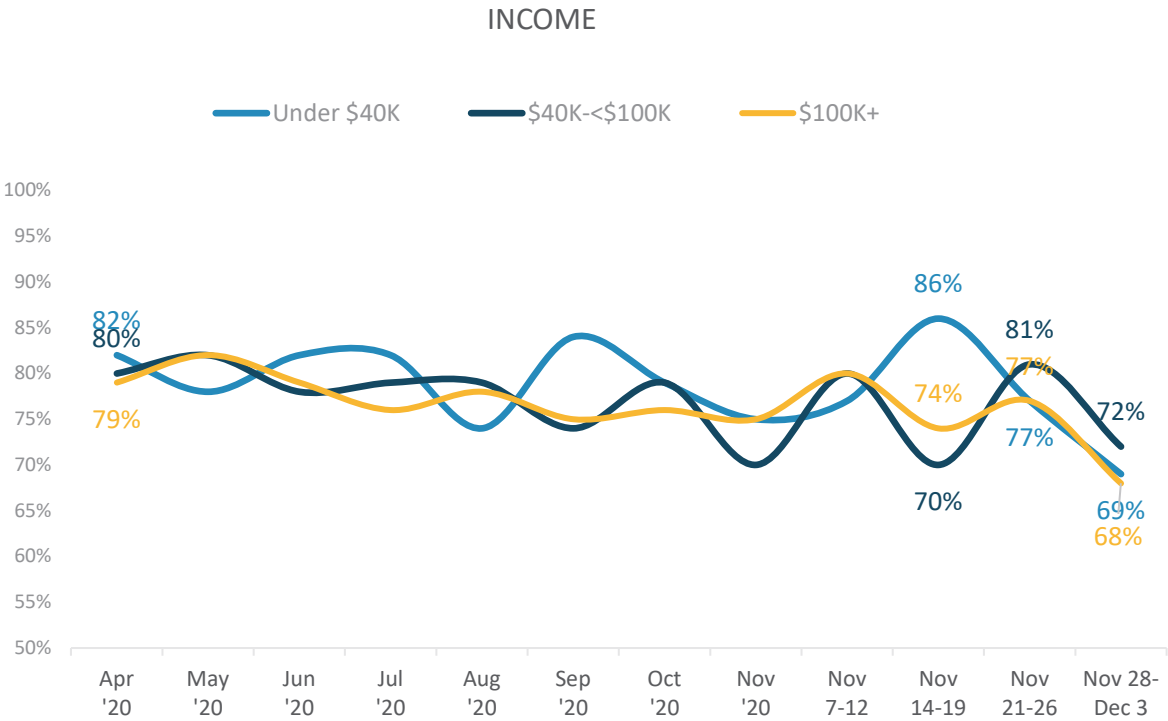
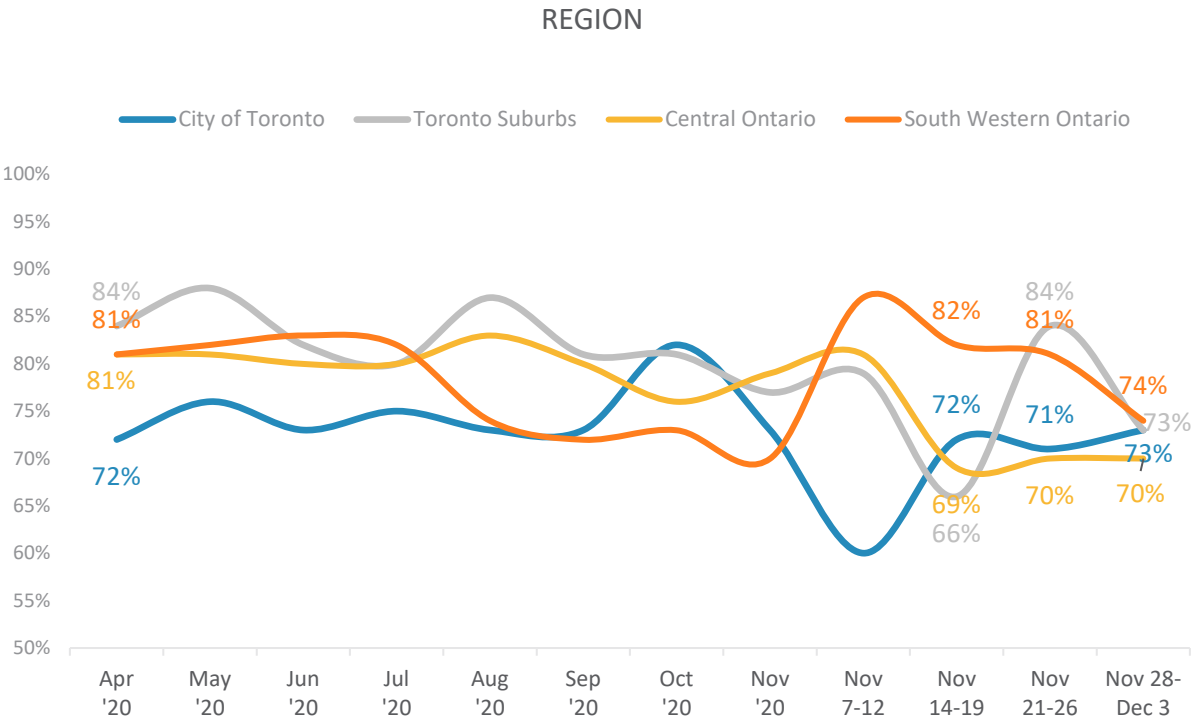


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Base: Total sample

The ‘right track’ scores have declined across all income levels and among Suburban Ontario and Southwest Ontario.

Right Track Scores – 6-Day Roll



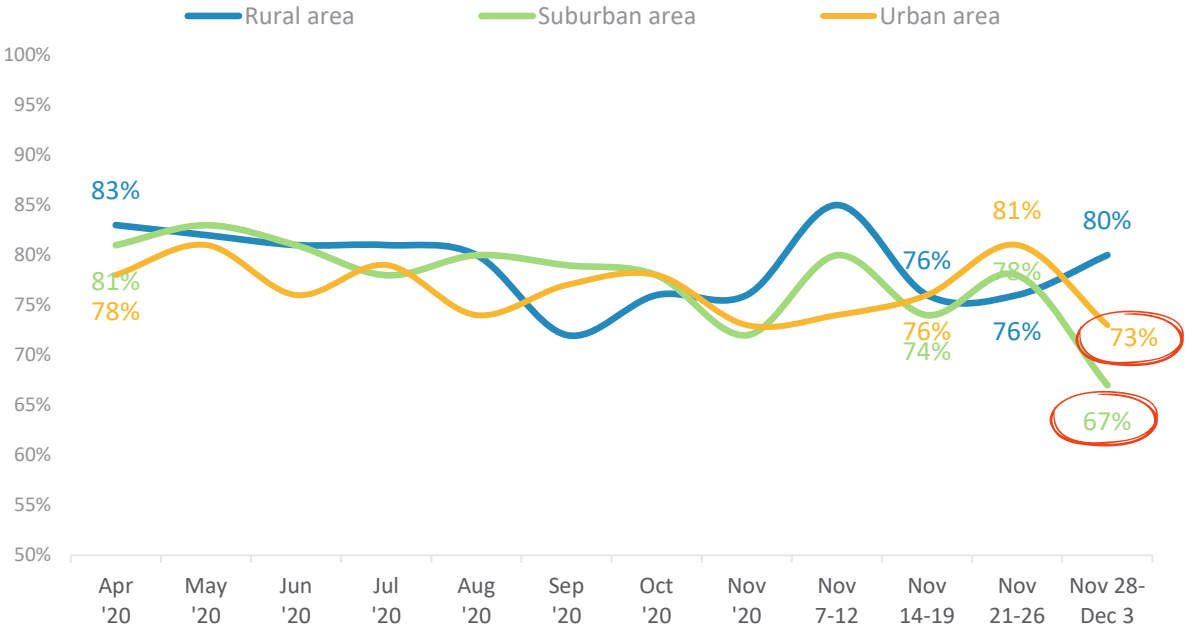
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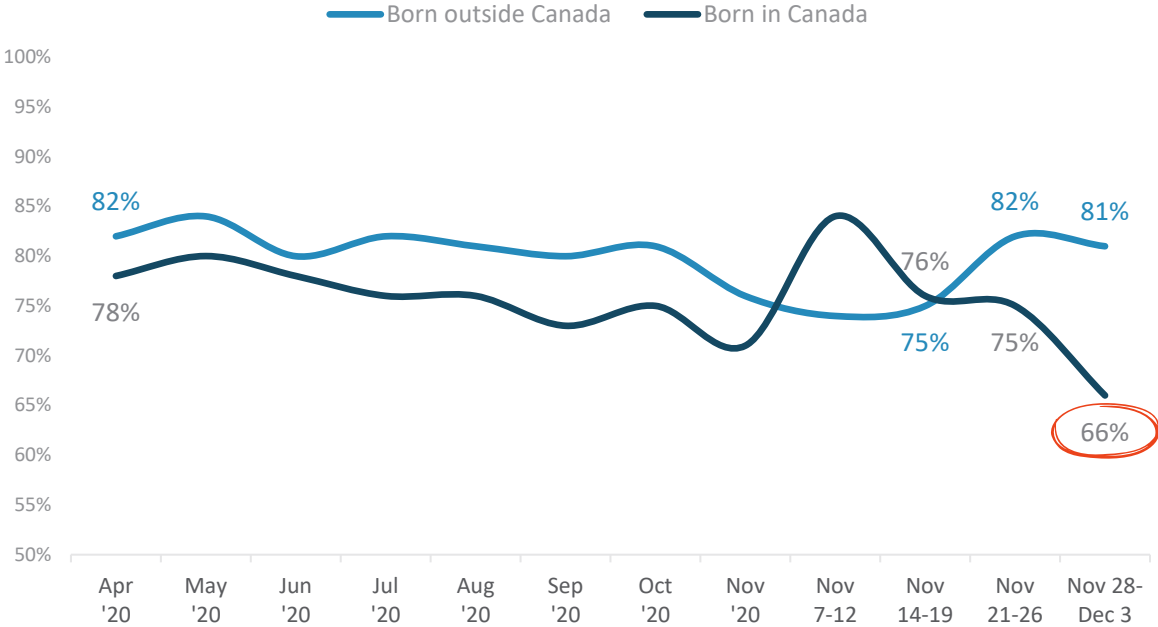
Over the past week, the ‘right track’ scores have declined among those living in urban and suburban areas of Ontario and among those born in Canada.

Right Track Scores – 6-Day Roll

RURAL/URBAN/SUBURBAN



BORN OUTSIDE/WITHIN CANADA



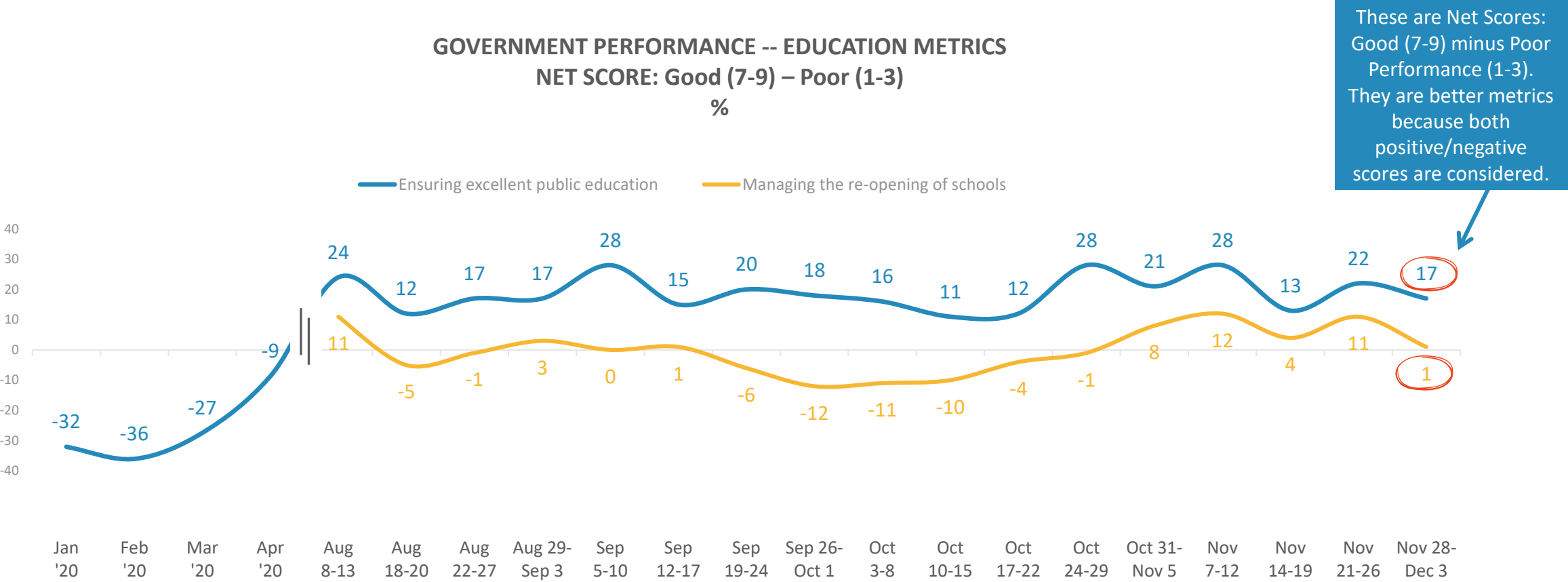
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PERCEPTIONS OF GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

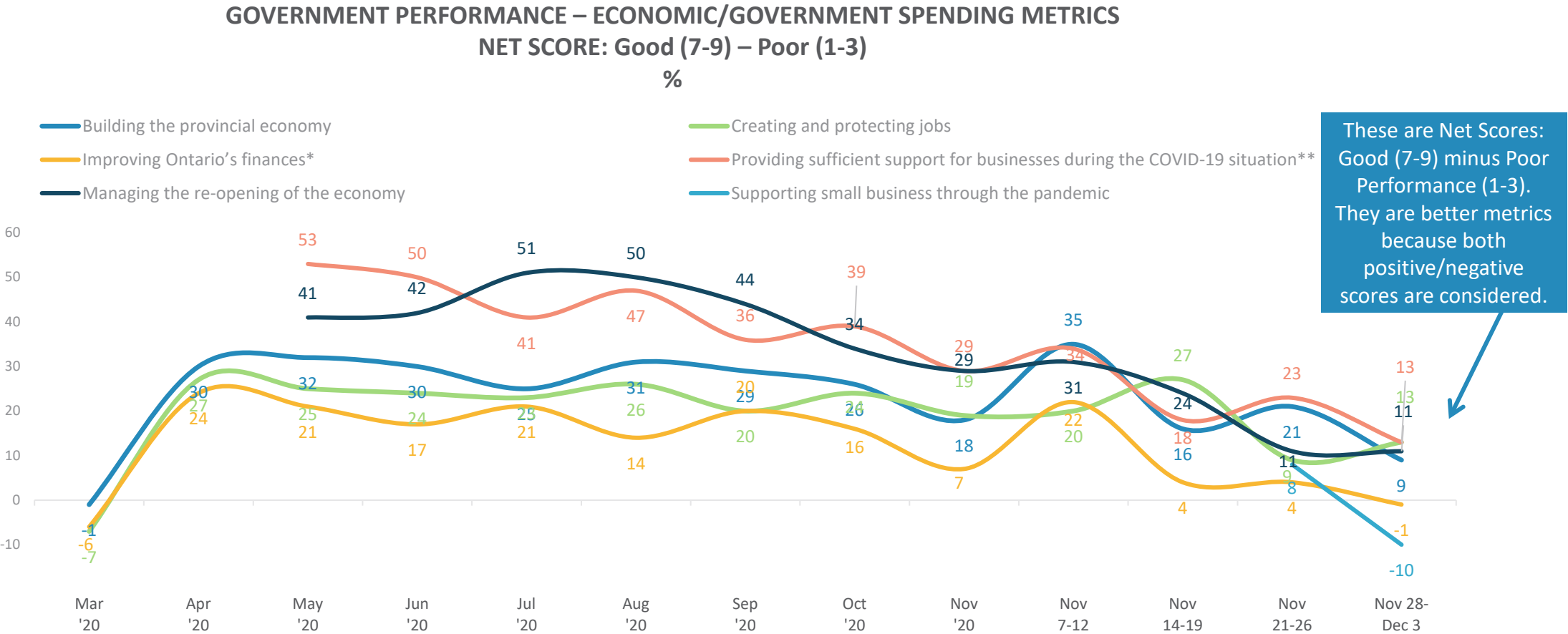


Considering both positive/negative ratings, perceptions toward the government’s performance on ‘managing the re-opening of schools’ and ‘ensuring excellent public education’ have declined.



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

When considering both positive/negative ratings, perceptions of the government’s performance have dropped on most economic metrics. There has been downward movement in these economic metrics starting in September after the early days of the Second Wave.



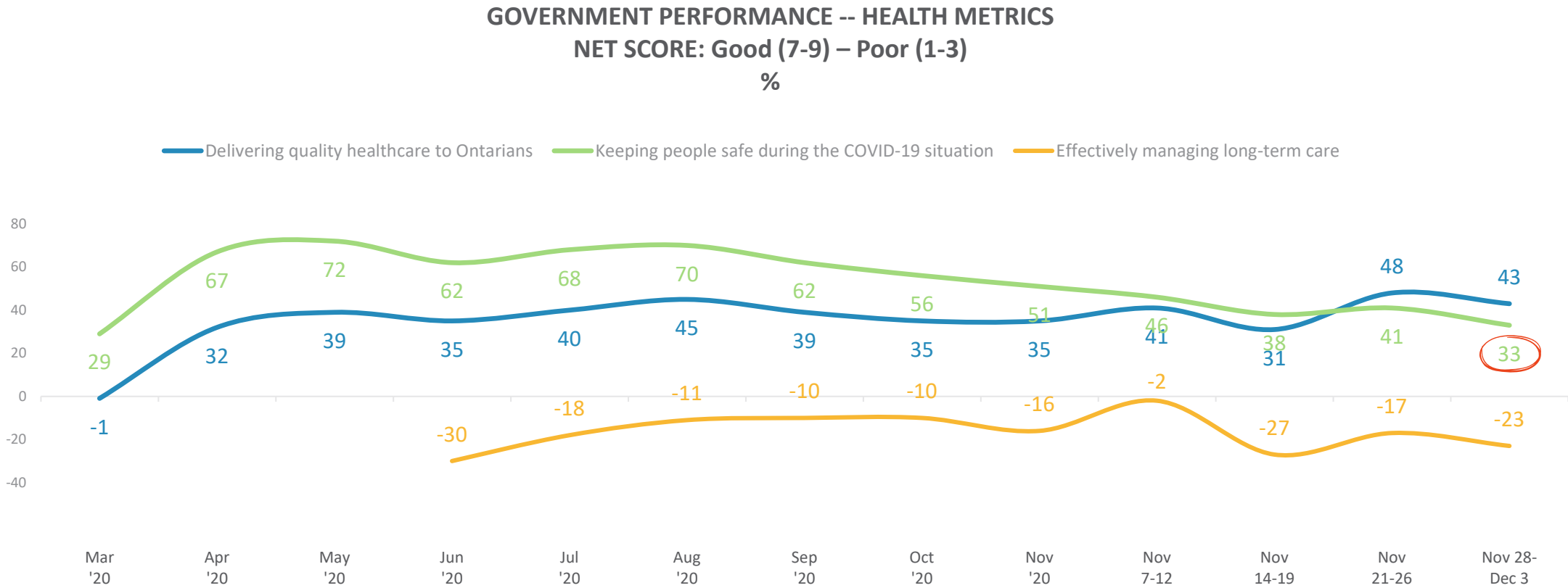
Q5. Using a scale where, where 1 means “poor” and nine is “excellent”, how would you rate the performance of Ontario government at managing each of the following?

*Former phrasing: “Improve Ontario’s finances”

**Former phrasing: “Sufficient business support during the COVID-19 situation”

Bases vary

Moreover, when considering both positive/negative scores, there continues to be a steady decline in the government’s performance on ‘keeping people safe during the COVID-19 situation’. Similarly, there have been drops in the last week on ‘effectively managing long-term care’ and ‘delivering quality healthcare to Ontarians’.



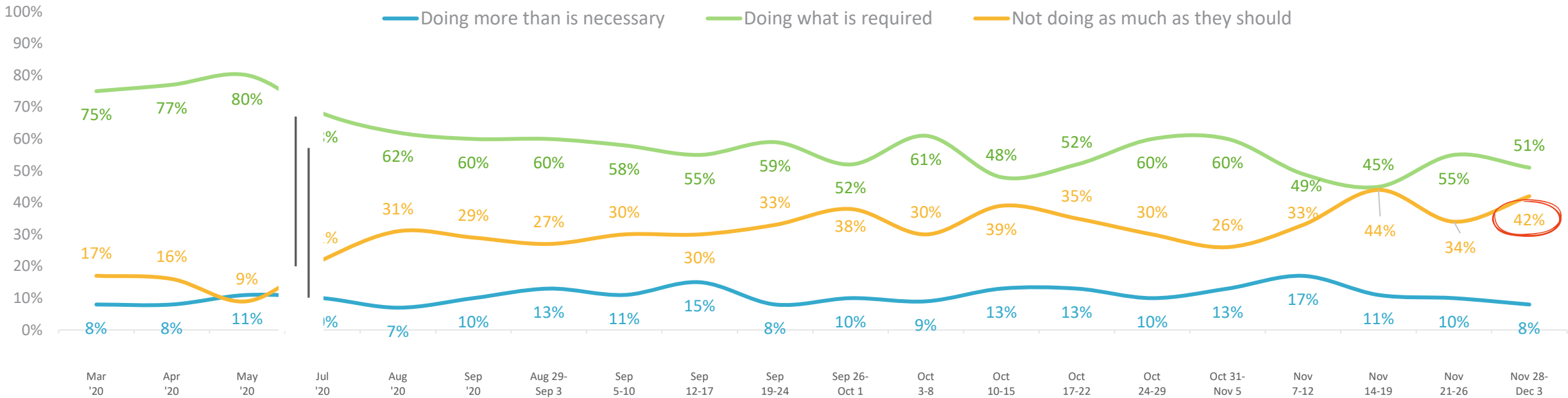
Q5. Using a scale where, where 1 means “poor” and nine is “excellent”, how would you rate the performance of Ontario government at managing each of the following?
Bases vary

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT COVID-19 MEASURES

This past week, there was an increase in the number of Ontarians (34% a week ago to 42% this past week) who think the government is ‘not doing as much as they should’ on COVID-19.

- This increase can mainly be attributed to those who see the government on the ‘wrong 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	Nov 21-26	Nov 28- Dec 3	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	Nov 21-26	Nov 28- Dec 3
Right Track	76%	79%	82%	n/a	75%	70%	68%	67%	66%	67%	70%	59%	69%	60%	65%	73%	67%	60%	55%	65%	61%	15%	13%	8%	n/a	15%	23%	21%	20%	21%	16%	23%	33%	25%	29%	26%	16%	18%	25%	34%	28%	32%
Wrong Track	73%	66%	66%	n/a	42%	33%	35%	35%	30%	23%	27%	29%	22%	16%	19%	26%	39%	10%	18%	20%	24%	21%	26%	19%	n/a	48%	57%	56%	53%	63%	66%	62%	56%	55%	67%	58%	67%	52%	65%	68%	57%	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 ...

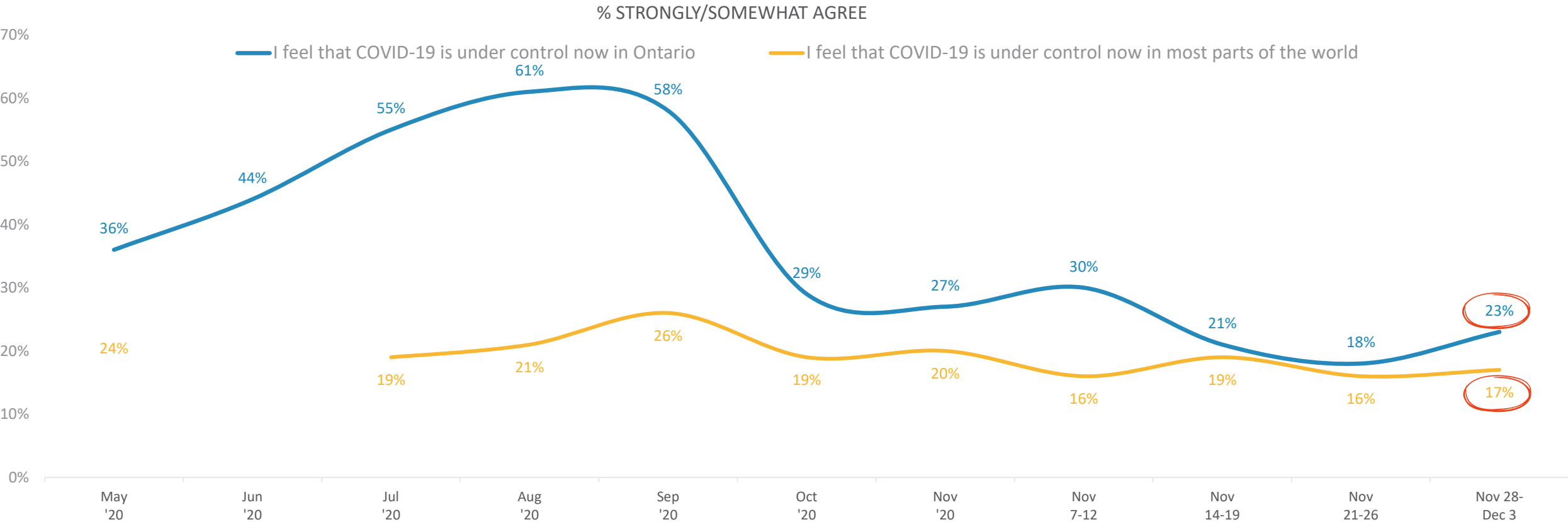
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COVID-19 INFECTIONS



PERCEPTIONS ABOUT WHETHER COVID-19 IS UNDER CONTROL

The proportion of Ontarians who believe that COVID-19 is under control in Ontario has increased slightly. Consequently, the gap in perceptions on whether COVID-19 is under control in Ontario versus the rest of the world has increased to 6 points.



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 continues to be a decline (from 64% in August to 8% this past week) in the proportion of Ontarians who believe the threat of contracting COVID-19 is much less now.

% STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT AGREE	Jun '20	Jul '20	Aug '20	Sep '20	Oct '20	Nov '20	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
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	11	8

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

Most Ontarian continue to believe they could catch the COVID-19 virus, although this view has weakened slightly over the past week.

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	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	varies											
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	25	22	16	11	17	17	20	17	20	25	12	11
Strongly agree	8	8	6	5	7	6	6	8	12	16	-	4
Somewhat agree	16	15	9	6	10	12	15	9	9	8	12	7
Neither agree nor disagree	13	10	8	9	9	8	11	8	8	5	9	19
Somewhat disagree	22	25	19	25	28	21	21	24	15	13	17	26
Strongly disagree	38	40	56	55	45	52	46	50	55	55	57	34
TOTAL DISAGREE	60	64	74	81	73	73	67	74	70	68	74	59
Not applicable	-	-	-	-	<1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Don't know	-	-	-	-	<1	2	2	1	2	2	5	11

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

Base: Total sample

Just under 3-in-10 Ontarians don't think they will 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	Nov 21-26	Nov 28- Dec 3																																
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	Somewhat agree	25	23	16	15	19	17	21	21	15	12	15	21																																
	Neither agree nor disagree	10	9	6	12	8	13	11	10	9	10	8	7																																
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	Strongly disagree	27	31	44	36	33	41	31	32	36	49	41	42																																
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	Not applicable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-																																
	Don't know	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	6	6	6	8	10																																
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	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31- Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28- Dec 3	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31- Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28- Dec 3	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31- Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28- Dec 3	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31- Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28- Dec 3	Oct 3-8	Oct 10-15	Oct 17-22	Oct 24-29	Oct 31- Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28- Dec 3
% AGREE	39%	40%	41%	47%	47%	32%	31%	40%	37%	41%	53%	33%	38%	28%	42%	29%	39%	-	27%	25%	29%	31%	36%	32%	29%	25%	20%	21%	21%	19%	42%	29%	28%	17%	40%	-	18%	11%	16%	21%	23%	15%	13%	20%	40%
% DISAGREE	42%	51%	44%	43%	47%	51%	45%	40%	62%	36%	40%	42%	45%	48%	33%	53%	50%	-	55%	59%	54%	49%	36%	56%	62%	44%	60%	71%	64%	73%	42%	56%	59%	50%	60%	100%	75%	78%	76%	66%	60%	69%	79%	70%	50%

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

Base: Total sample

Ontarians 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	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	varies				
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	21	19	22	15	17
Strongly agree	12	11	12	8	9
Somewhat agree	9	8	10	8	8
Neither agree nor disagree	3	4	2	4	4
Somewhat disagree	12	12	7	9	12
Strongly disagree	63	63	69	69	64
TOTAL DISAGREE	75	74	76	78	77
Don't know	1	2	-	2	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

And, there has been steady increase in recent weeks in the percentage of Ontarians who say they have lost faith in the decisions about COVID by public health leaders.

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

	Oct 31-Nov 5	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	varies				
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	27	26	30	39	38
Strongly agree	12	17	15	20	17
Somewhat agree	15	9	15	19	21
Neither agree nor disagree	3	5	2	10	11
Somewhat disagree	27	23	22	21	10
Strongly disagree	41	44	43	31	38
TOTAL DISAGREE	68	66	66	52	48
Not applicable	1	1	-	-	-
Don't know	2	2	2	-	3

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

Base: Total sample

IS ONTARIO READY
FOR THE SECOND
WAVE?



There has also been a gradual erosion (early November, 51% said ‘excellent/good’; now only 35% express this view) in the belief that the government’s management of 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	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	varies				
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL EXCELLENT/GOOD	51	44	36	38	35
Excellent	4	7	8	5	5
Good	47	36	28	33	30
Fair	33	33	37	34	38
Poor	12	13	13	18	18
Very poor	5	9	12	9	8
TOTAL POOR/VERY POOR	16	22	25	27	26
Prefer not to answer/Don't know	-	1	2	1	1

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, about 6-in-10 think the government ‘could have acted differently’ in dealing with the pandemic.

	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	Nov 21-26	Nov 28- Dec 3
n=	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
All it could reasonably be expected to do	44	52	47	44	43	45	47	39	33	34
Could have acted differently	55	47	53	55	56	52	49	56	63	59
Don't know/Not sure	1	1	<1	2	1	2	3	5	4	6

	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	Nov 21-26	Nov 28- Dec 3	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	Nov 21-26	Nov 28- Dec 3
Right Track	52%	61%	55%	49%	56%	54%	58%	46%	39%	44%	46%	37%	44%	49%	44%	43%	39%	47%	57%	50%
Wrong Track	12%	14%	22%	27%	17%	19%	10%	15%	10%	9%	88%	86%	78%	72%	81%	80%	86%	84%	87%	83%

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	Nov 21-26	Nov 28- Dec 3
n=	varies									
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	16	21	21	24	24	22	17	23	17	24
Strongly agree	5	8	7	12	12	11	5	13	10	10
Somewhat agree	11	14	13	12	12	12	12	10	8	14
Neither agree nor disagree	4	7	5	5	6	4	2	5	6	2
Somewhat disagree	21	24	24	20	21	21	16	13	17	19
Strongly disagree	58	47	50	49	47	52	64	57	54	52
TOTAL DISAGREE	79	71	73	70	68	72	80	70	71	72
Don't know	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	5	3

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 continues to be a large proportion of Ontarians who would like to see a severe lockdown even if that means damage to the economy.

	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	Nov 21-26	Nov 28- Dec 3
n=	300	300	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	39	35
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	56	58
Don't know/Not sure	2	1	<1	5	3	5	3	5	4	7

	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	Nov 21-26	Nov 28- Dec 3	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	Nov 21-26	Nov 28- Dec 3
Right Track	32%	28%	24%	31%	30%	21%	27%	39%	40%	34%	66%	70%	75%	66%	68%	74%	71%	55%	57%	62%
Wrong Track	36%	36%	42%	35%	41%	31%	40%	43%	39%	39%	57%	64%	58%	56%	54%	61%	56%	51%	54%	46%

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 believe 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	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	varies				
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	40	46	51	52	55
Strongly agree	20	28	36	32	38
Somewhat agree	20	18	14	20	17
Neither agree nor disagree	10	6	5	13	15
Somewhat disagree	26	18	13	9	16
Strongly disagree	23	26	26	25	11
TOTAL DISAGREE	49	44	39	33	27
Not applicable	1	1	2	-	-
Don't know	1	3	4	1	3

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

Base: Total sample

MASK WEARING PERCEPTIONS



FREQUENCY OF FACE MASK WEARING

Reflecting the increasing concerns about rising infections cases, wearing masks or face coverings ‘all of the time’(71%) and ‘all/most of the time’ (91%) remains high.

	Jul '20	Aug '20	Sep '20	Oct '20	Nov '20	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	1752	1200	1200	1200	1200	300	300	300	300
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL ALL/MOST OF THE TIME	60	77	83	87	88	90	89	90	91
All of the time	29	49	55	63	67	68	71	72	71
Most of the time	30	28	28	24	21	22	18	18	20
Some of the time	23	16	12	9	9	6	6	7	7
Rarely	14	7	4	3	3	2	4	3	2
Never	3	1	1	1	1	1	<1	1	1
RARELY/NEVER	17	8	5	4	3	4	5	3	3

REGIONS	City of Toronto				Toronto Suburbs				Hamilton				Central Ontario				South Western Ontario				Northern Ontario				Eastern Ontario				Ottawa			
	Nov '20	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3	Nov '20	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3	Nov '20	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3	Nov '20	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3	Nov '20	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3	Nov '20	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3	Nov '20	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3	Nov '20	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
TOTAL ALL/MOST OF THE TIME	91%	94%	96%	89%	89%	89%	91%	93%	86%	75%	95%	92%	83%	89%	85%	97%	86%	86%	86%	91%	89%	93%	88%	95%	92%	91%	91%	78%	87%	90%	87%	73%

	RIGHT TRACK				WRONG TRACK			
	Nov '20	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3	Nov '20	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
TOTAL ALL/MOST OF THE TIME	90%	90%	93%	93%	82%	87%	79%	85%

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

Most Ontarians continue to not support the protests over mask wearing. However, there appears to be a sizeable portion (about 1-in-4) who ‘strongly’ agree with the idea of these protests.

Those protesting mask wearing and other pandemic restrictions have my support

	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	varies		
	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	28	30	29
Strongly agree	21	25	23
Somewhat agree	7	6	5
Neither agree nor disagree	2	2	2
Somewhat disagree	4	4	7
Strongly disagree	66	64	60
TOTAL DISAGREE	70	67	67
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

VACCINE



About 1-in-2 are skeptical that the end of COVID-19 is near given that vaccines are nearly ready, although there is a significant minority who say they are confident about of end of the pandemic.

- Those who think the government is on the ‘right track’ are more likely to be confident that the COVID-19 vaccine will bring an end to the pandemic compared to those who think the government is on the ‘wrong track’.

I am confident the end of COVID-19 is near now that it appears a vaccine is nearly ready

	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	varies	
	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	35	38
Strongly agree	12	15
Somewhat agree	23	24
Neither agree nor disagree	10	10
Somewhat disagree	18	20
Strongly disagree	32	30
TOTAL DISAGREE	50	50
Don't know	5	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

Ontarians are closely following the announcements on vaccines against COVID-19.

	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	150	300
	%	%
TOTAL CLOSELY	78	77
Very closely	46	42
Somewhat closely	33	35
Not very closely	13	15
Not at all	7	8
TOTAL NOT VERY CLOSELY/NOT AT ALL	20	23
Don't know/not sure	2	<1

QCV-160. As you may know, there has been a series of announcements on vaccines against the COVID-19 virus. How closely are you following the news about these new vaccines?

Base: Total sample

Most Ontarians believe that frontline health workers should be first in line to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The next two groups should be people over 70 years old and those with underlying health issues.

All Mentions

	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	150	300
	%	%
Frontline health workers	87	89
People over 70 years old	65	59
People with underlying health issues	49	53
People living in long-term care homes	33	40
Essential retail workers such as those working in grocery and drug stores	33	25
All Ontarians over the age of 18	17	20
Teachers	10	12
Restaurant and bar workers	3	1
Non-essential retail workers such as those working in clothing and electronic stores, among others	3	2

QCV-161. Once the vaccine for COVID-19 is available, the Ontario government will be responsible for distributing the vaccine. In your opinion, which group of people should be prioritized to get the vaccine first? Who should be given second priority? Third priority?

Base: Total sample

Many Ontarians are likely to take the COVID-19 vaccine if given the opportunity to take it. Just under 1-in-2 say they would ‘very’ likely take it.

	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	150	300
	%	%
TOTAL LIKELY	70	71
Very likely	50	44
Somewhat likely	20	27
Somewhat unlikely	13	9
Very unlikely	12	15
TOTAL UNLIKELY	24	24
Don't know/not sure	6	5

QCV-162. If you are given an opportunity to take the COVID-19 vaccine, would you be very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or not very likely take it?

Base: Total sample

Given this, it is not surprising to see that many Ontarians believe the COVID-19 vaccine will be safe. Only 14% say it won't be safe.

	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	150	300
	%	%
TOTAL SAFE	75	72
Very safe	34	26
Somewhat safe	41	46
Not very safe	5	9
Not at all safe	6	6
TOTAL NOT SAFE	11	14
Don't know/not sure	13	14

QCV-162. (163) Do you believe the COVID-19 vaccine would be very safe, somewhat safe, not very safe, or not at all safe for people to take?

Base: Total sample

HOLIDAY SEASON CELEBRATIONS



PLANS TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON

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	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	varies		
	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	15	13	19
Strongly agree	8	8	10
Somewhat agree	7	6	9
Neither agree nor disagree	5	7	5
Somewhat disagree	12	11	12
Strongly disagree	65	66	64
TOTAL DISAGREE	77	78	76
Don't know	2	2	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

Similarly, about 3-in-4 will not celebrate the Holiday season with people outside their bubble, although a sizeable minority (20%) say they will celebrate in-person with people they do not live with.

	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	300	300	300
	%	%	%
Celebrate in-person with people you do not live with	22	21	20
Celebrate in-person only with the people who live in your immediate household	72	74	74
Don't know/Not sure	5	6	6

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

Base: Total sample

Many Ontarians indicate they will not celebrate the Holiday season in the usual manner. However, there is about 22% who think otherwise.

I plan to celebrate Holiday season this year in the way I usually do

	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	varies	
	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	24	22
Strongly agree	17	11
Somewhat agree	7	11
Neither agree nor disagree	2	5
Somewhat disagree	13	15
Strongly disagree	57	55
TOTAL DISAGREE	69	71
Not applicable	-	-
Don't know	5	2

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

Base: Total sample

An even higher proportion of Ontarians envision a quieter Holiday season. Ontarians recognize that this will be a different Holiday season.

I plan a much quieter Holiday season than normal

	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	varies	
	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	89	84
Strongly agree	75	63
Somewhat agree	14	21
Neither agree nor disagree	3	4
Somewhat disagree	2	3
Strongly disagree	4	8
TOTAL DISAGREE	6	11
Not applicable	-	-
Don't know	1	1

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

Base: Total sample

Most Ontarians say they will overwhelmingly follow the government’s guidelines on celebrating this year’s Holiday season.

*I plan to follow whatever the provincial government guidelines are
for how to celebrate Holiday season*

	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	varies	
	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	90	86
Strongly agree	72	60
Somewhat agree	17	26
Neither agree nor disagree	1	5
Somewhat disagree	3	2
Strongly disagree	5	6
TOTAL DISAGREE	8	8
Not applicable	1	<1
Don’t know	1	1

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

Base: Total sample

About 7-in-10 Ontarians plan to celebrate the Holiday season virtually.

There are ways I will celebrate the Holiday season virtually this year

	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	varies	
	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	67	74
Strongly agree	43	45
Somewhat agree	24	29
Neither agree nor disagree	4	5
Somewhat disagree	7	5
Strongly disagree	18	13
TOTAL DISAGREE	26	19
Not applicable	2	2
Don't know	1	1

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

Base: Total sample

About one-third of Ontarians are willing to take advice on being creative in celebrating the Holiday season virtually.

I'd like some advice on how to be creative in celebrating Holiday season virtually

	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	varies	
	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	31	33
Strongly agree	16	19
Somewhat agree	15	14
Neither agree nor disagree	9	13
Somewhat disagree	13	10
Strongly disagree	43	37
TOTAL DISAGREE	56	47
Not applicable	1	2
Don't know	4	4

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

Base: Total sample

Among parents, about 4-in-10 say that their university/college students will be coming home for the Holiday season.

*My children who are out of town for university or college
will come home for the Holiday season*

	Nov 21-Dec 3
n=	varies
	%
TOTAL AGREE	42
Strongly agree	31
Somewhat agree	11
Neither agree nor disagree	8
Somewhat disagree	5
Strongly disagree	45
TOTAL DISAGREE	50

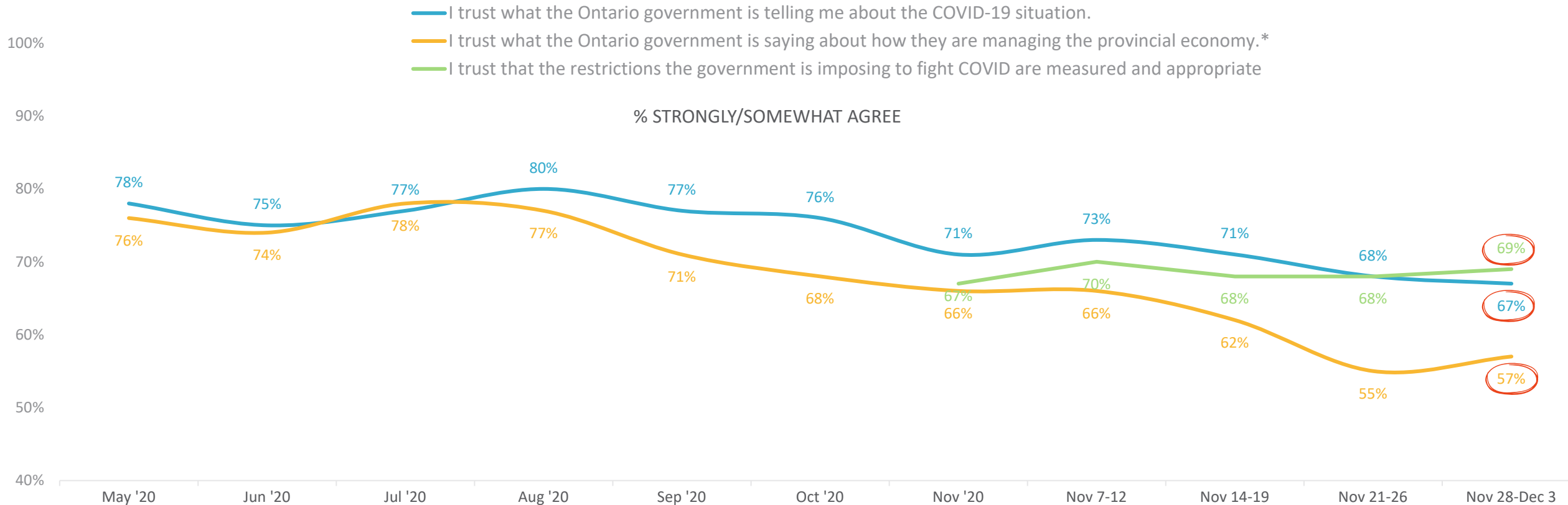
QCV-14. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Base: Parents of university and college students

CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT COVID-19 MESSAGING



Ontarians still continue to express a high degree of trust that the government's restrictions due to COVID-19 will be measured and appropriate, and messaging related to the 'COVID-19 situation' and 'managing the provincial economy'.



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

IMPACT ON WOMEN FROM COVID-19



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	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	varies		
	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	69	61	61
Strongly agree	43	33	21
Somewhat agree	26	28	40
Neither agree nor disagree	7	9	17
Somewhat disagree	6	8	3
Strongly disagree	10	12	6
TOTAL DISAGREE	15	20	8
Not applicable	1	-	7
Don't know	8	10	7

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

Base: Total sample

Many 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	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	varies		
	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	67	63	79
Strongly agree	43	46	46
Somewhat agree	24	18	33
Neither agree nor disagree	5	6	13
Somewhat disagree	2	5	-
Strongly disagree	4	4	-
TOTAL DISAGREE	6	9	-
Not applicable	2	1	3
Don't know	21	20	5

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

Base: Total sample

Ontarians are concerned about human trafficking of women and girls in Ontario. The intensity of the concern is also high.

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

	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Nov 28-Dec 3
n=	varies		
	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	80	78	65
Strongly agree	68	59	45
Somewhat agree	12	19	20
Neither agree nor disagree	4	2	26
Somewhat disagree	2	3	3
Strongly disagree	4	5	-
TOTAL DISAGREE	6	8	3
Not applicable	1	-	3
Don't know	8	12	4

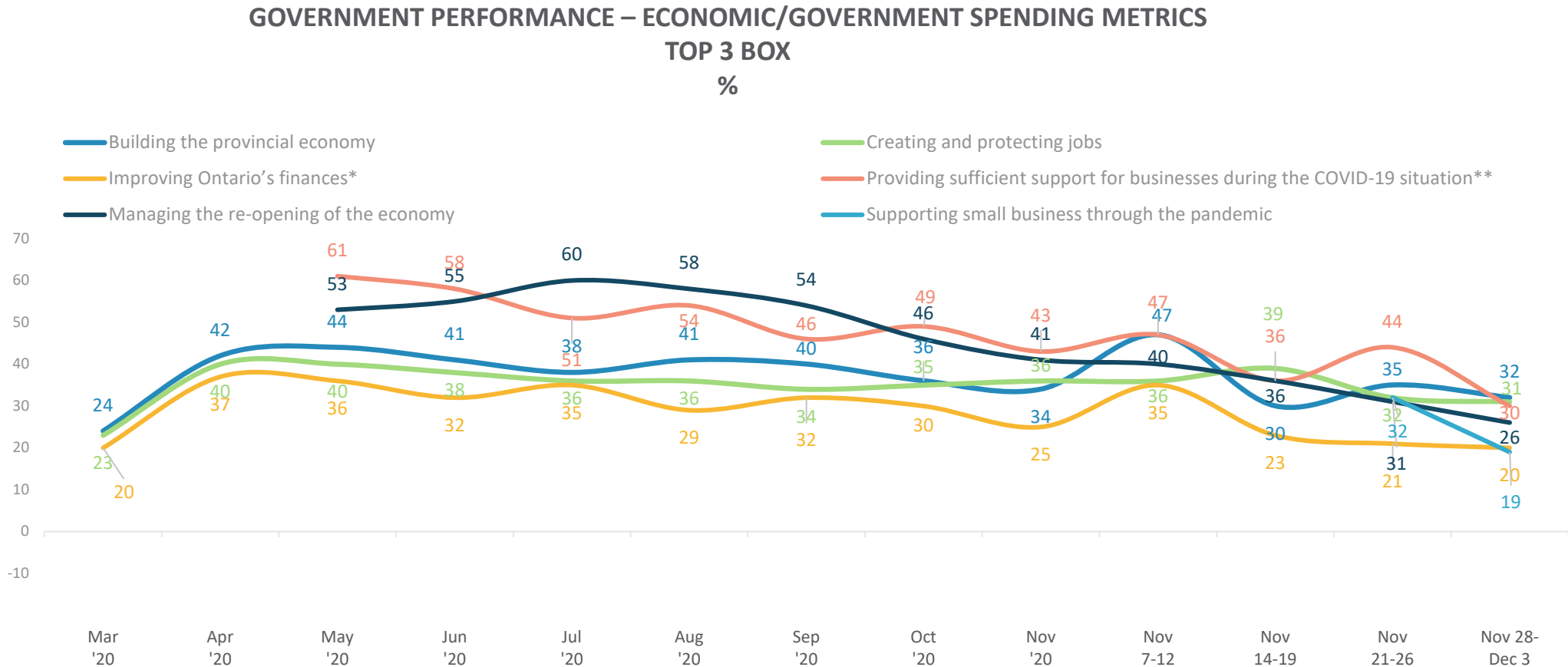
QCV-14. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Base: Total sample

APPENDIX



Positive perceptions on ‘providing sufficient support for businesses during the COVID-19 situation’ and ‘supporting small business through the pandemic’ have dropped over the past week.



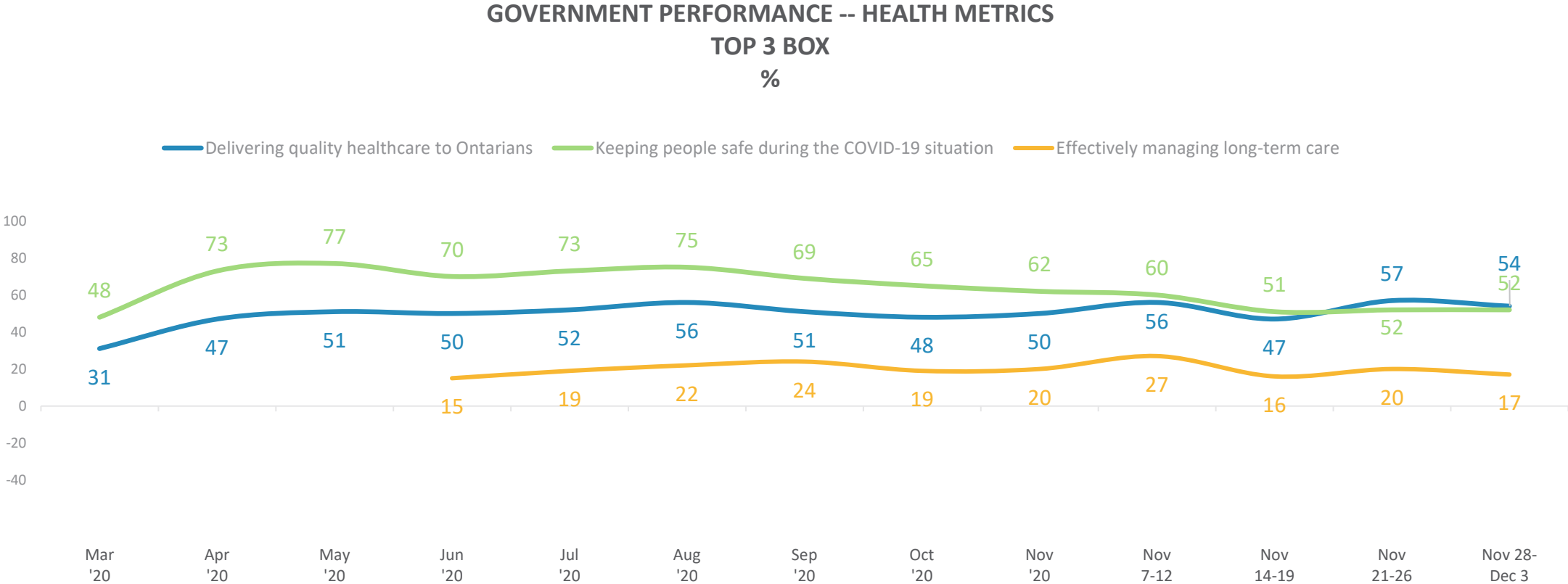
Q5. Using a scale where, where 1 means “poor” and nine is “excellent”, how would you rate the performance of Ontario government at managing each of the following?

*Former phrasing: “Improve Ontario’s finances”

**Former phrasing: “Sufficient business support during the COVID-19 situation”

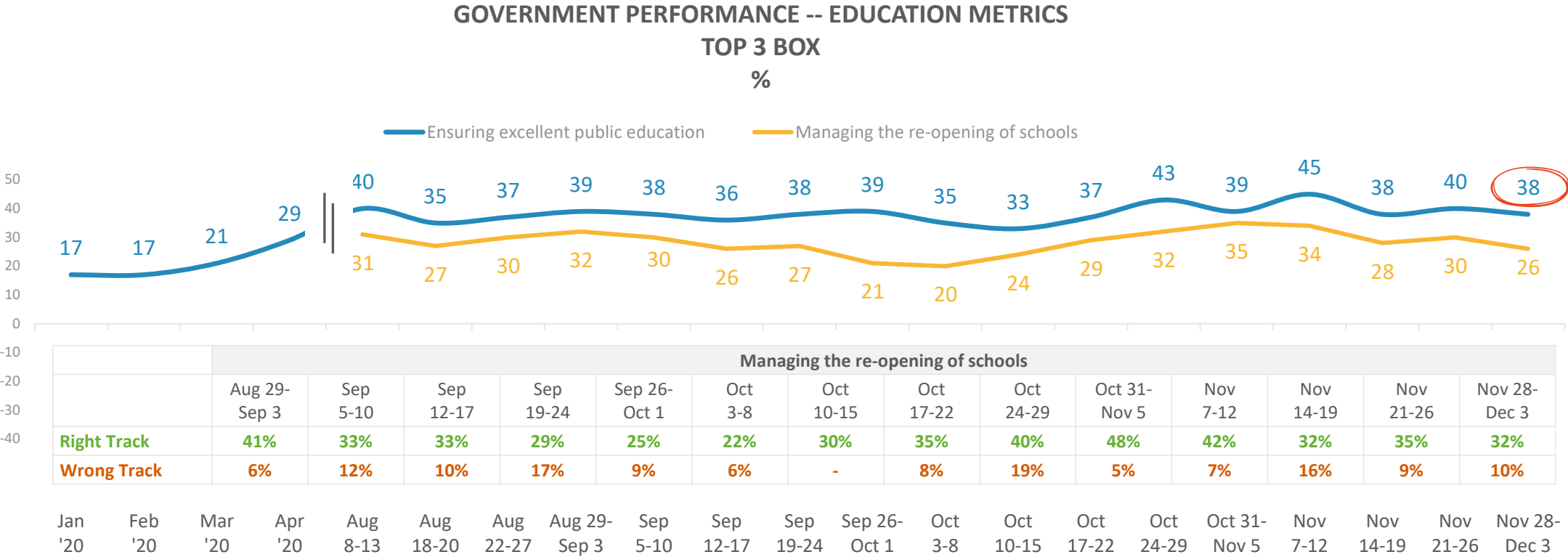
Bases vary

Positive perceptions of the government’s performance remain stable for ‘keeping people safe during the COVID-19 situation’, ‘delivering quality healthcare to Ontarians’, 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

Positive perceptions toward ‘ensuring excellent public education’ and ‘managing the re-opening of schools’ continue to be 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