

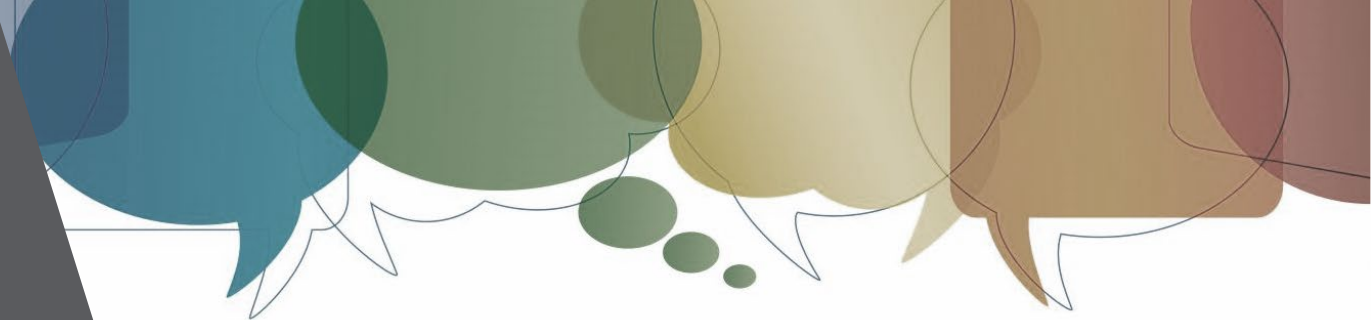


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## PULSE REPORT ON COVID-19 – REPORT #83

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# KEY FINDINGS

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1 'Right track' scores increased this week to 60%.

This improvement occurred among both those who see the government as 'somewhat on the right track' and 'strongly on the right track'.

By demographics, there were increases measured among all age segments (with 65+ remaining unchanged); all regions; in both suburban and rural areas (with urban areas remaining unchanged); among those making >\$40k; and among men.

3 While remaining the issue that Ontarians feel should receive the greatest attention from the Ontario provincial government, COVID-19 as a top priority for the province has continued to trend down for the fifth straight week.

Fully half (50%) of Ontarians think the government's focus in the coming months should be on health-related issues surrounding COVID-19, while 36% think the focus should be on economic issues. One-in-ten (11%) think both are equally important.

2 Ontarians are becoming more confident the end of the pandemic is nearer. Ratings of the government's performance for 'effectively managing vaccinations' has increased 29-points over the past four weeks while 'keeping people safe during COVID-19' has increased 22-points over three weeks. (Of note, this week, there were improvements in the rating of the government's performance for all of the health metrics including long-term care).

And, they are becoming less fearful of the virus with seven-in-ten (69%) Ontarians now believing the threat of contracting COVID-19 is much less now compared to a month ago – the highest result measured since tracking began.

4 Additionally, Ontarians want to hear more about the government's plans for economic recovery (with 84% agreeing with this), while seven-in-ten (72%) agree that it's time for the government to start focusing more attention on economic recovery – double the results a year ago.

That said, half (49%) of Ontarians don't think the Ontario government has a plan for the economic recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 shutdowns.

Connected to this, preliminary results on the rating of the government's performance regarding 'managing the re-opening of the economy' is in negative territory and is well below results measured in 2020.

# Key Findings

5 Preliminary results indicate support (78%) for the government's plan for a gradual 3-stage approach to reopening the Ontario economy.

And, six-in-ten (59%) Ontarians support the re-opening of schools after June 2<sup>nd</sup> to the end of the school year if the province-wide stay at home order is revoked, while 38% oppose the action.

6 Overall, Ontarians appear optimistic about the future: 56% anticipate their financial situation will be 'excellent/good' over the next year, while only 10% think it will be 'poor/very poor'.

Importantly, only those earning <\$40k think their financial situation will be poor over the next year.

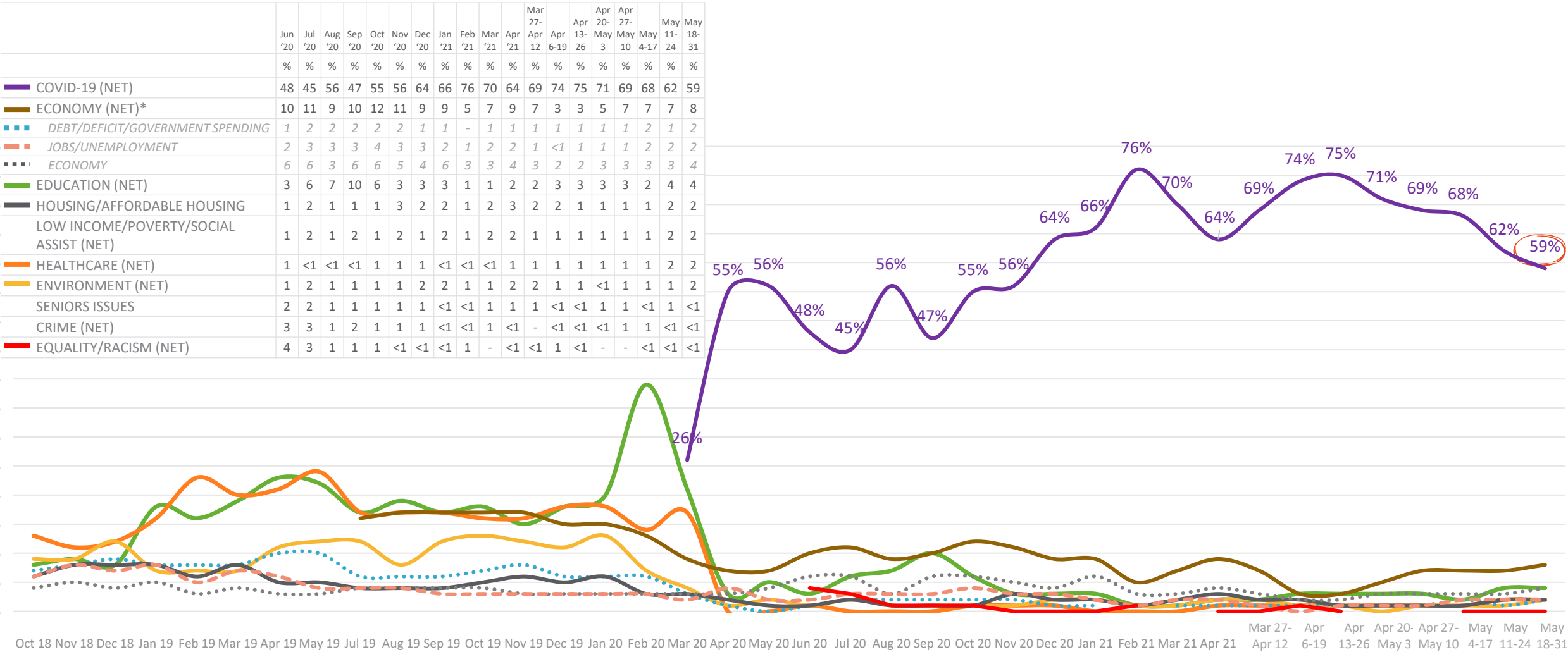
And, those who see the government on the 'right track' are the most optimistic about the future.

# TOP ONTARIO GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES



ONTARIANS' TOP PRIORITIES REQUIRING ATTENTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT

While remaining the issue that Ontarians feel should receive the greatest attention from the Ontario provincial government, COVID-19 as a top priority for the province has continued to trend down for the fifth straight week.



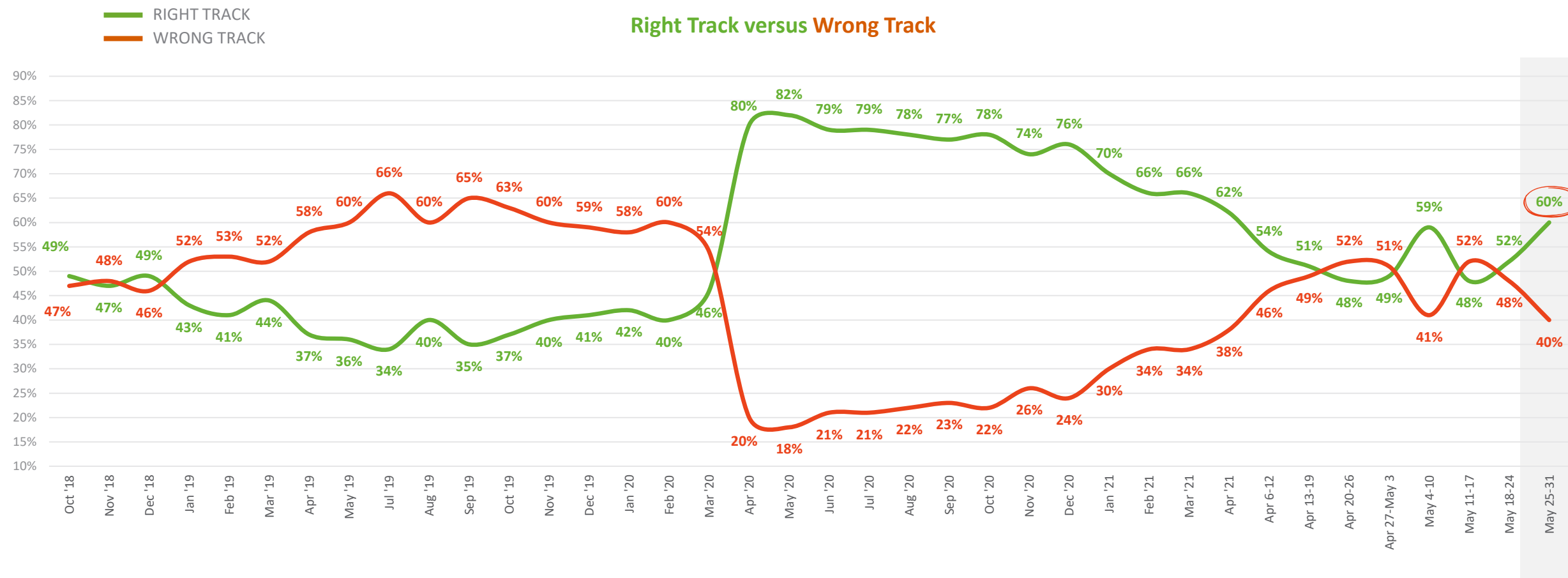
\*ECONOMIC (NET) includes: Debt/Deficit/Government spending/Balance budget, Jobs/unemployment, Economy, Taxes

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

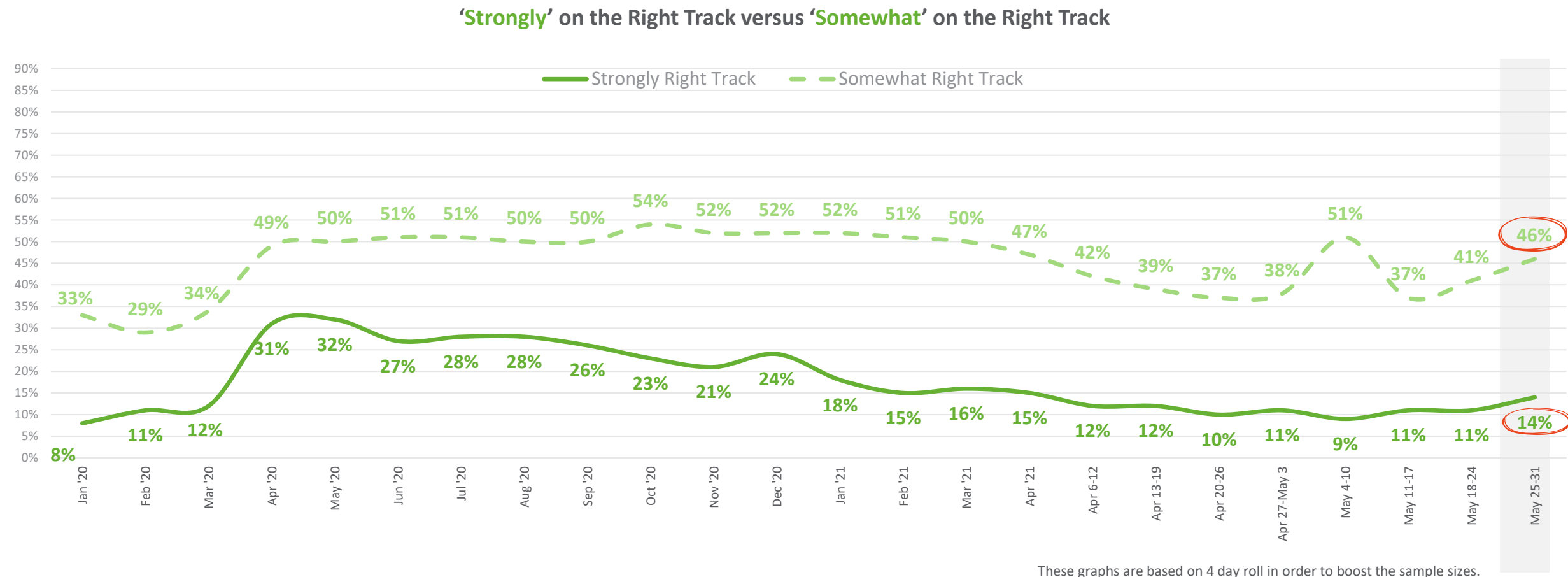


‘Right track’ scores increased this week to 60%. We need to await next weeks’ results to confirm that this is a trend.



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

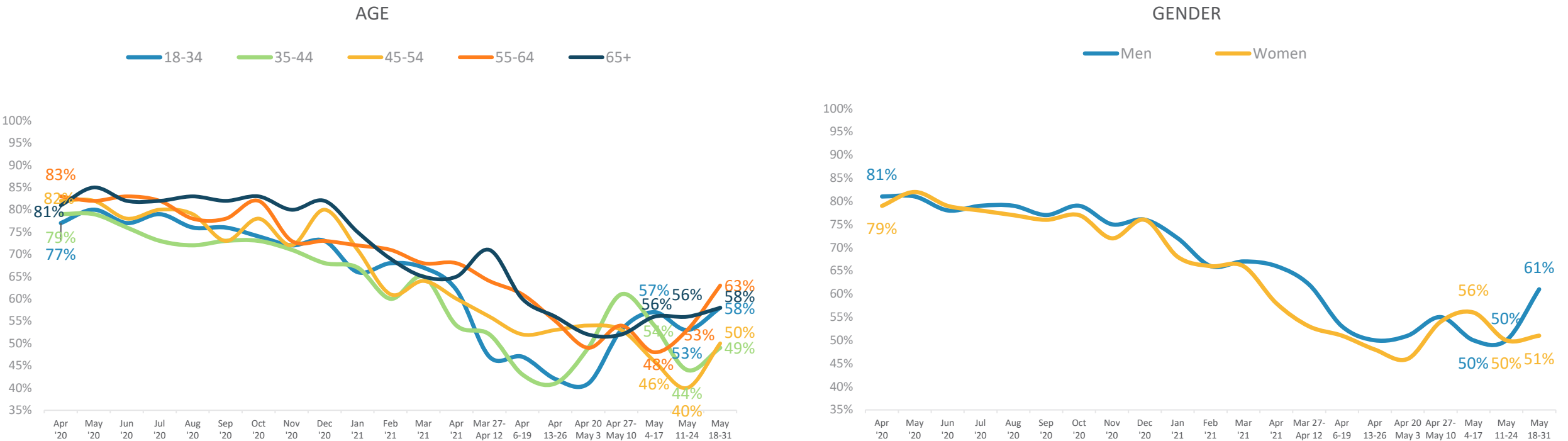
The increase in ‘right track’ scores occurred among both those who see the government as ‘somewhat on the right track’ and ‘strongly on the right track’.



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

Increases in 'right track' scores were measured among all age groups - with the exception of those aged 65+ which remained unchanged – and among men. Women's 'right track' scores remained stable.

Right Track Scores – 12-Day Roll

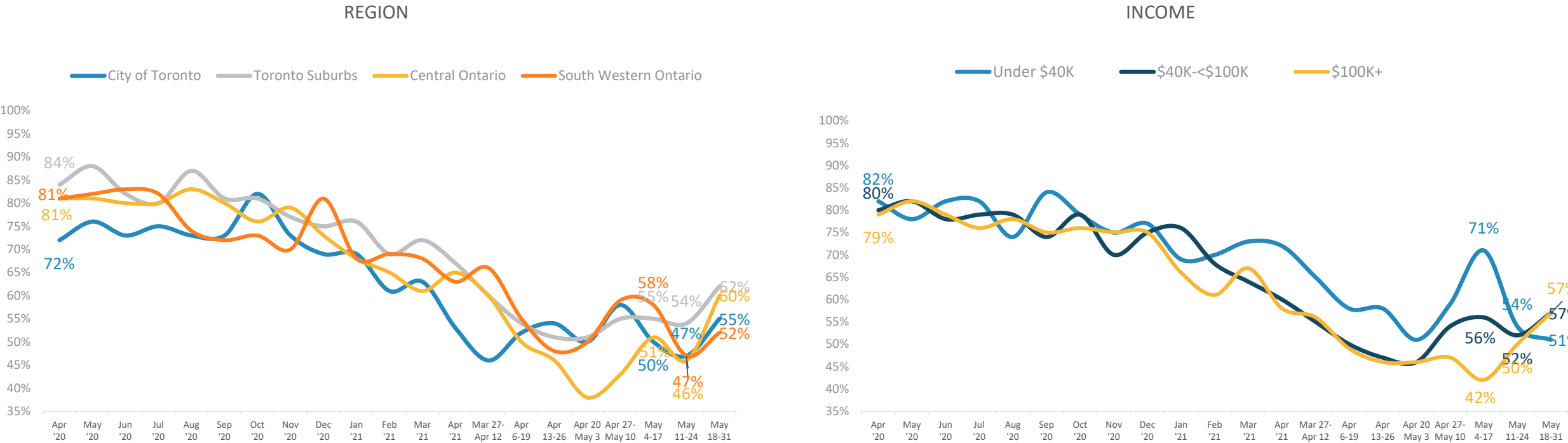


These graphs are based on 5 day roll in order to boost the sample sizes.

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

‘Right track’ scores increased in all regions this week. And, while scores continue to decline among those making <\$40k there were increases in the higher income segments (with those making \$40k-100k and >\$100k now on par).

Right Track Scores – 12-Day Roll



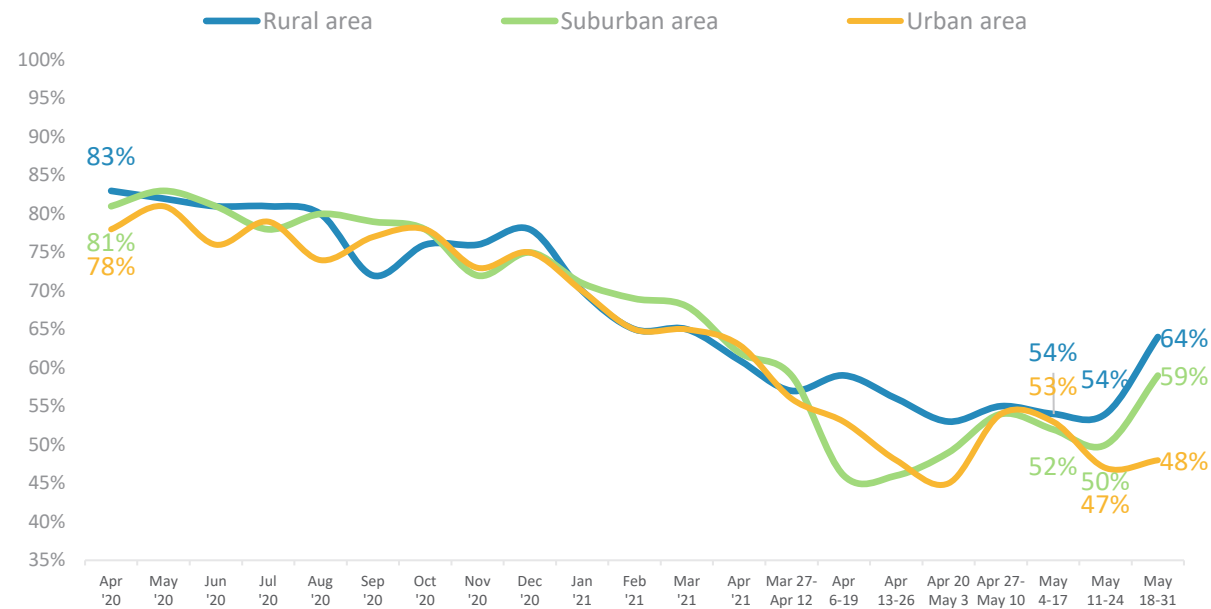
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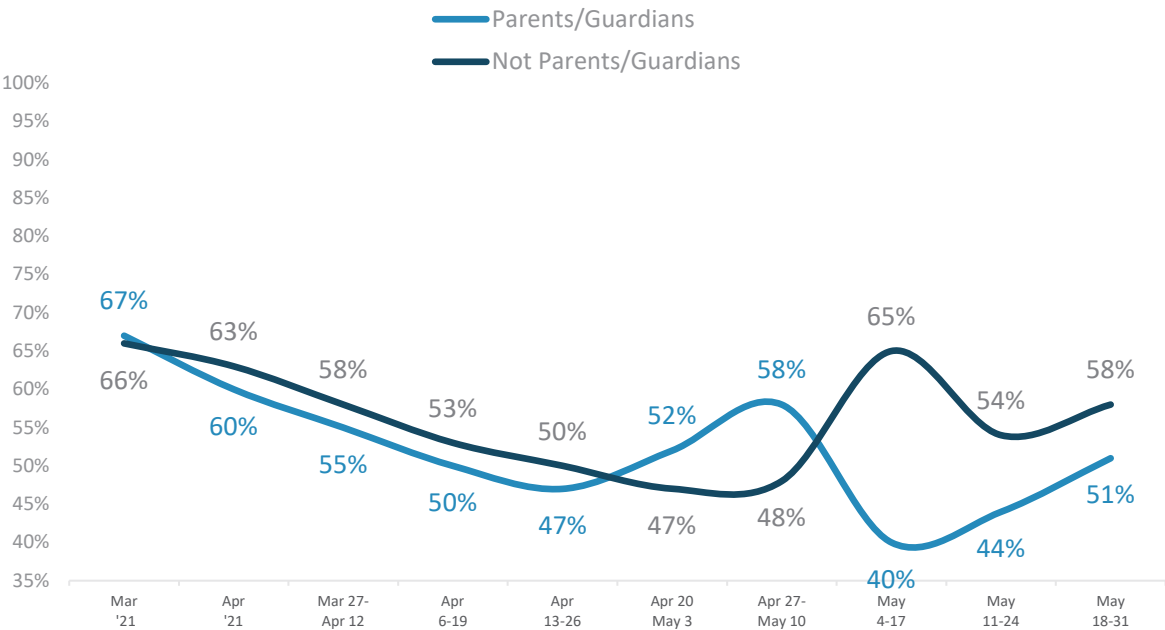
While remaining unchanged in urban areas, ‘right track’ scores increased in both suburban and rural areas this week.

Right Track Scores – 12-Day Roll

RURAL/URBAN/SUBURBAN



PARENTS/GUARDIAN JK-G12 VS NOT PARENTS/GUARDIANS



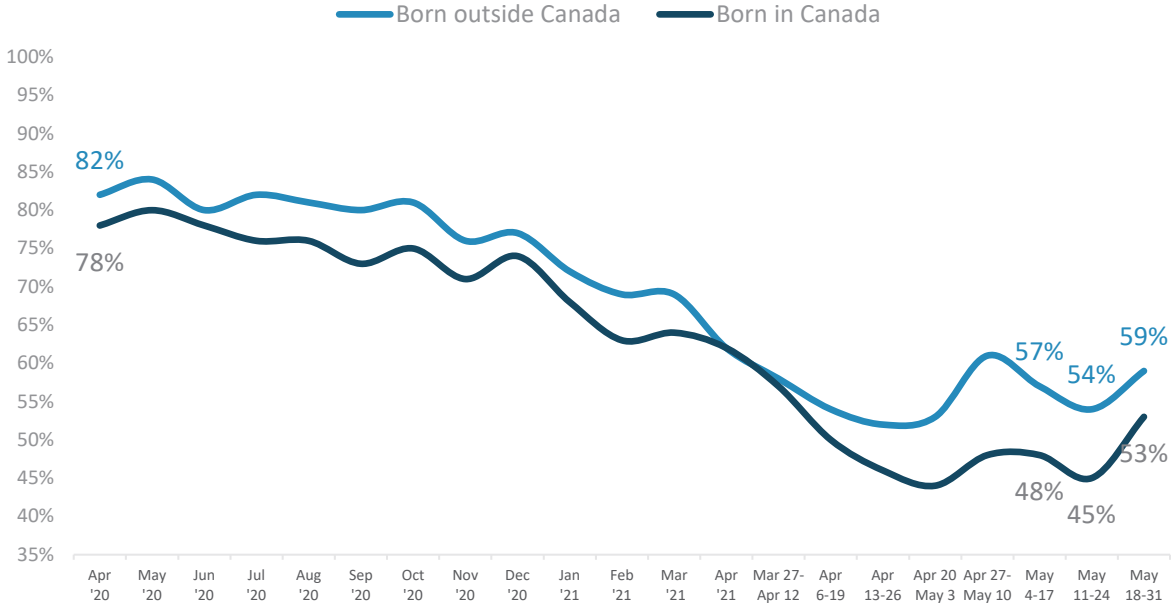
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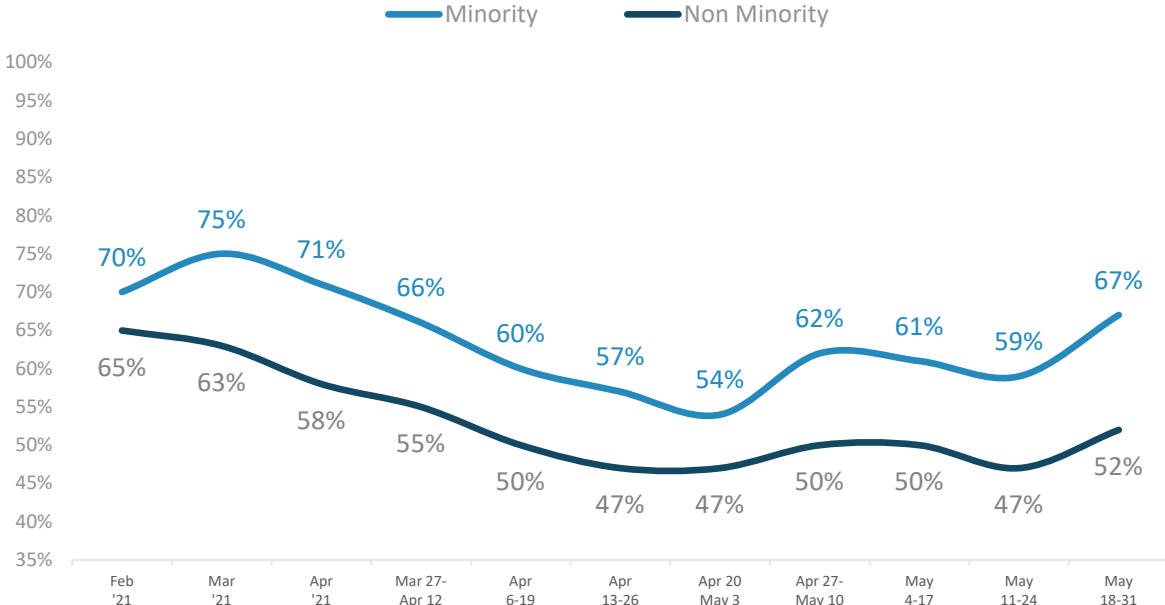
There was also an uptick in ‘right track’ scores among those born both in and outside of Canada, and among minorities than non-minorities.

Right Track Scores – 12-Day Roll

BORN OUTSIDE/WITHIN CANADA



MINORITY VS NON MINORITY

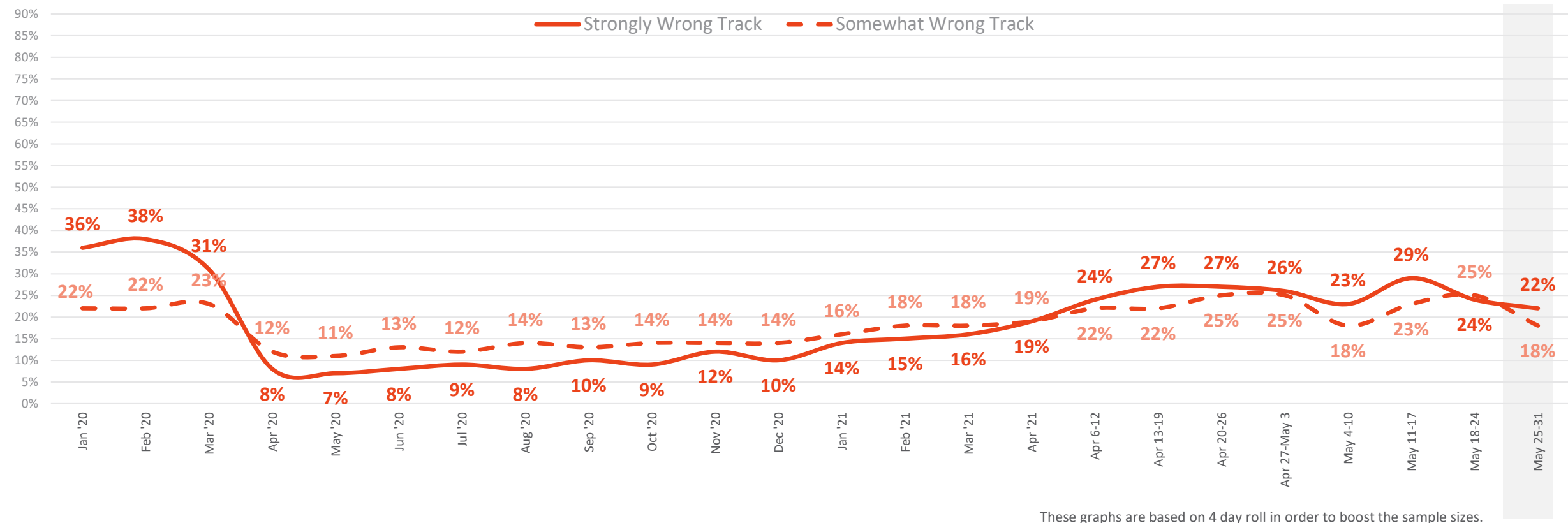


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Q2. Overall, do you feel that the Ontario provincial government is on the right track or the wrong track, in terms of how it is governing the province?  
Base: Total sample

Declines in ‘wrong track’ scores tended to occur among those who believe the government is ‘somewhat on the wrong track’.

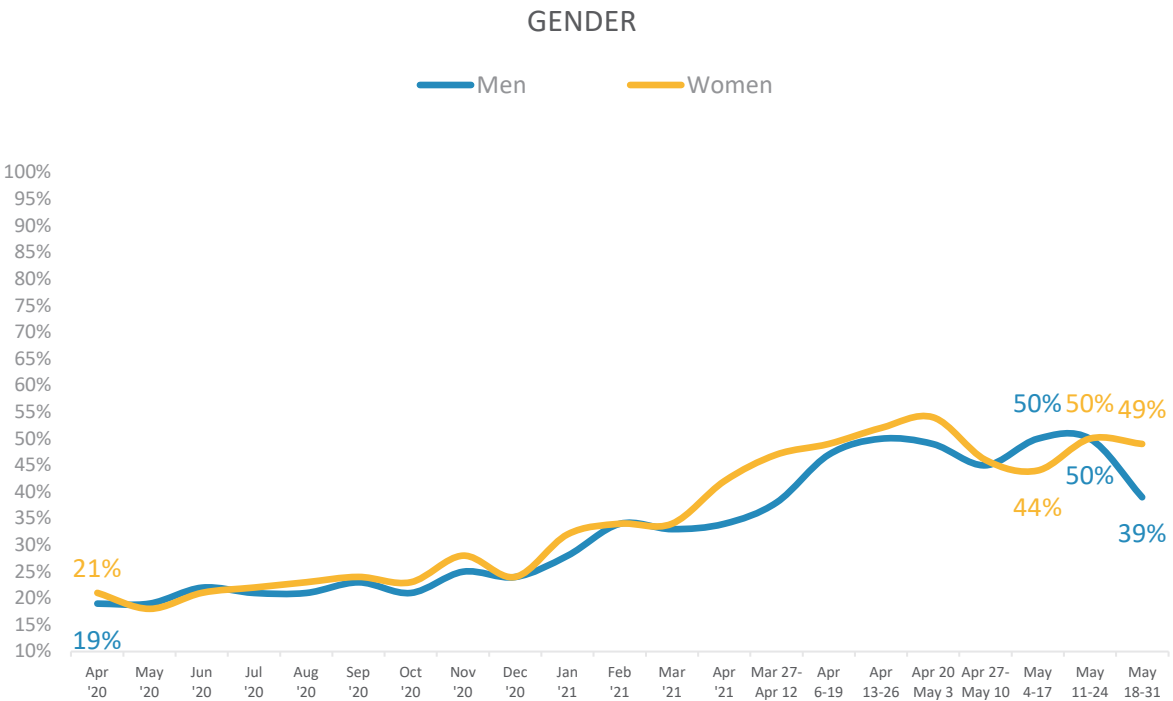
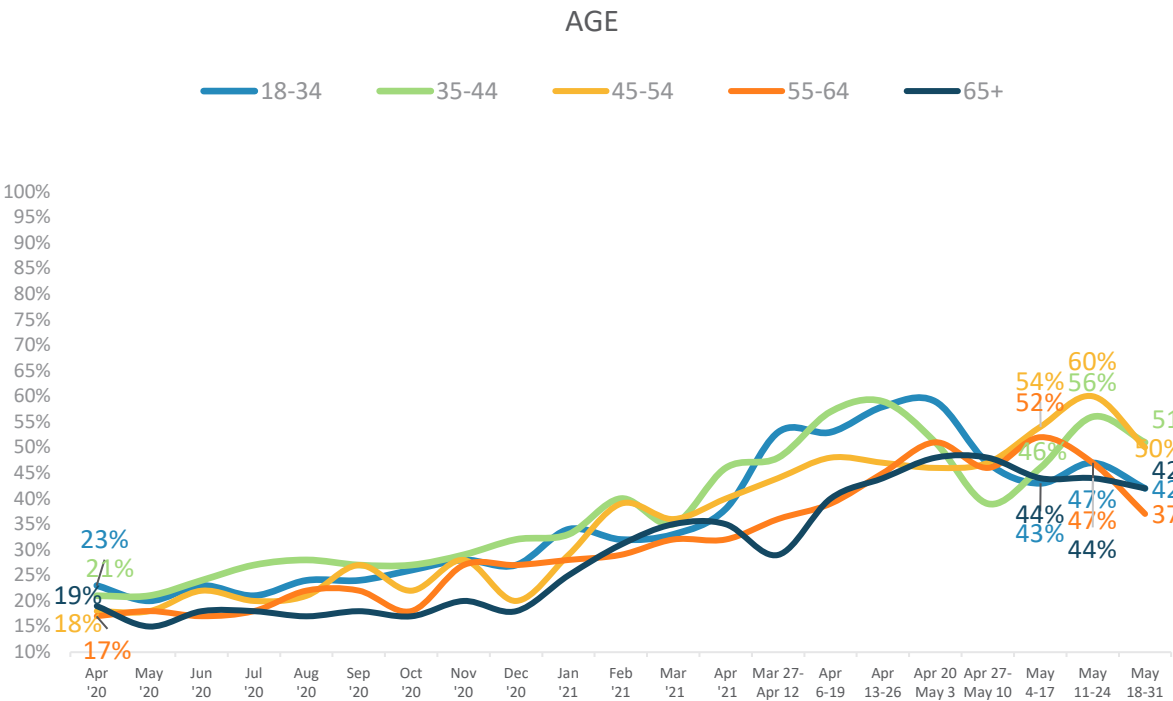
‘Strongly’ on the Wrong Track versus ‘Somewhat’ on the Wrong Track



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

Mirroring ‘right track’ trends, ‘wrong track’ scores declined this week among all age segments with the exception of those aged 65+ (which remained stable). And, these declines occurred among men.

Wrong Track Scores – 12-Day Roll

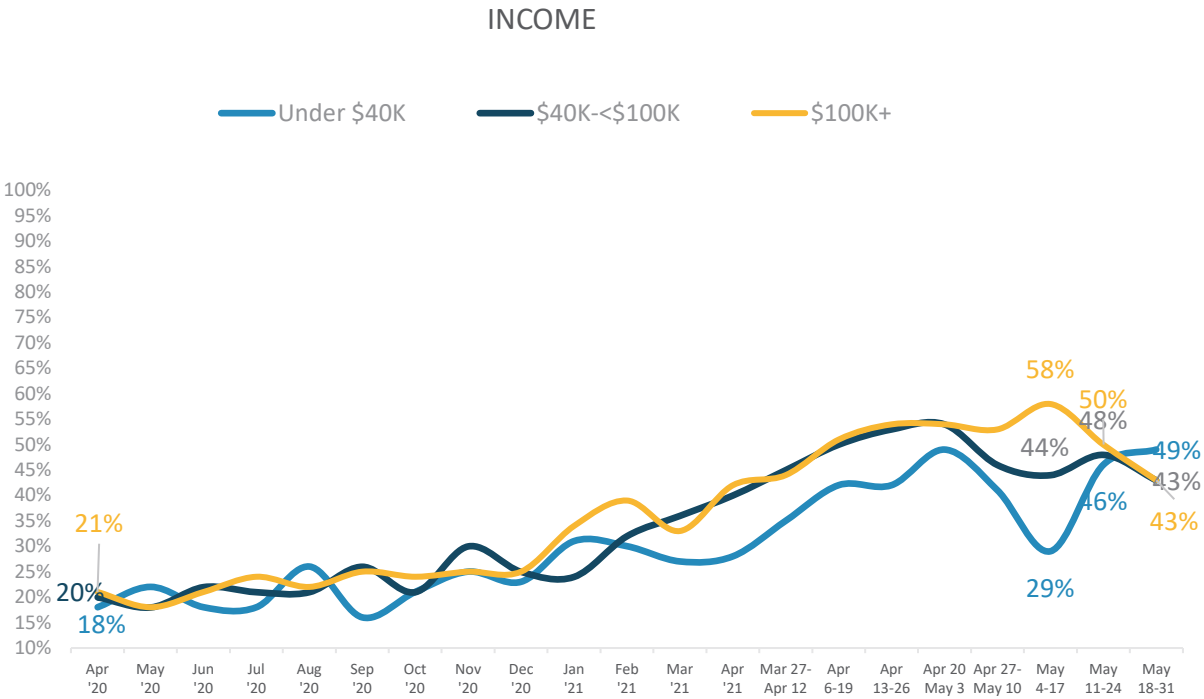
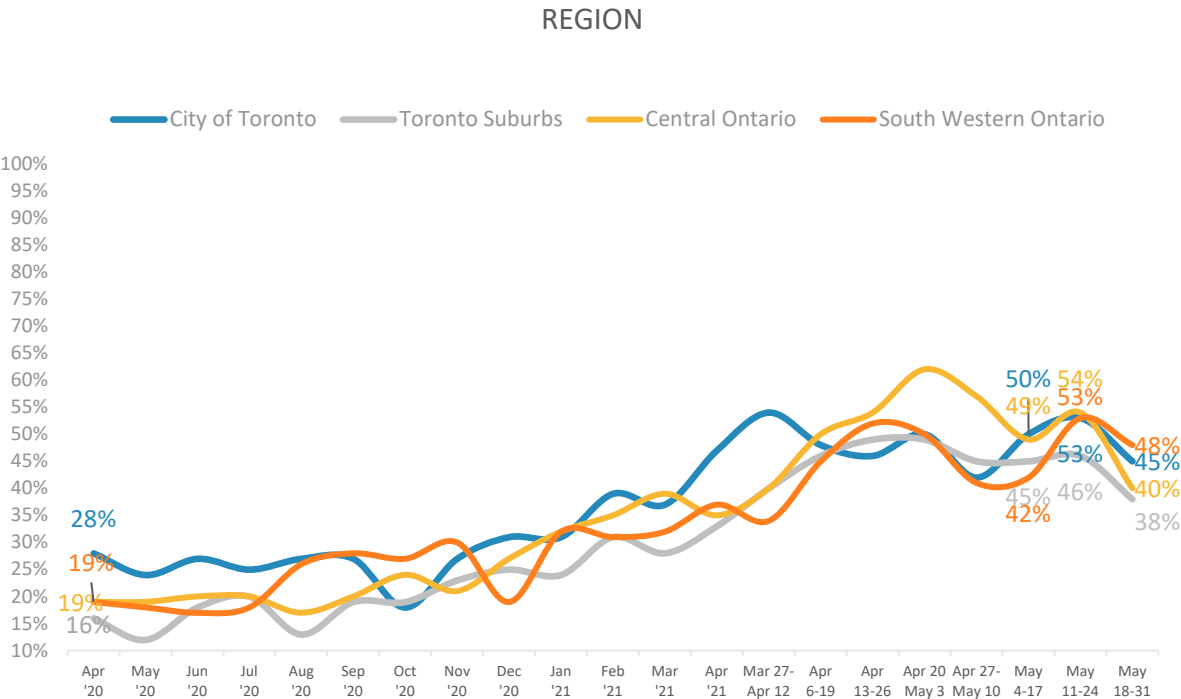


These graphs are based on 5 day roll in order to boost the sample sizes.

Q2. Overall, do you feel that the Ontario provincial government is on the right track or the wrong track, in terms of how it is governing the province?  
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**Wrong track'** scores declined in all regions. Scores have also continued to decline among those making >\$100k and are now on par with those making between \$40k-\$100k.

Wrong Track Scores – 12-Day Roll



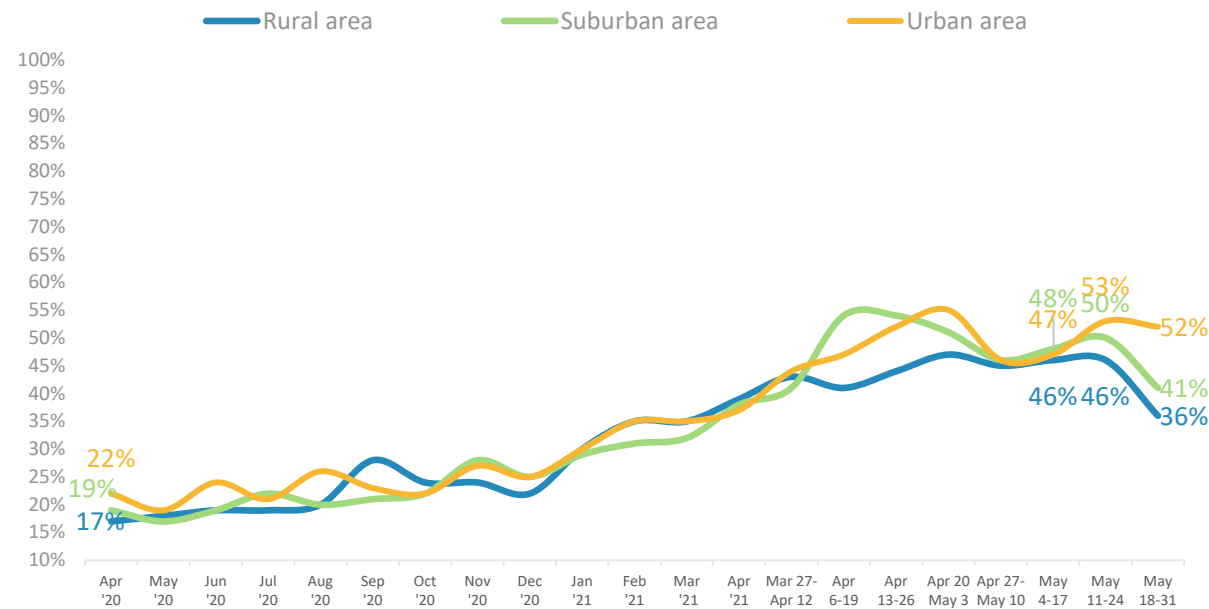
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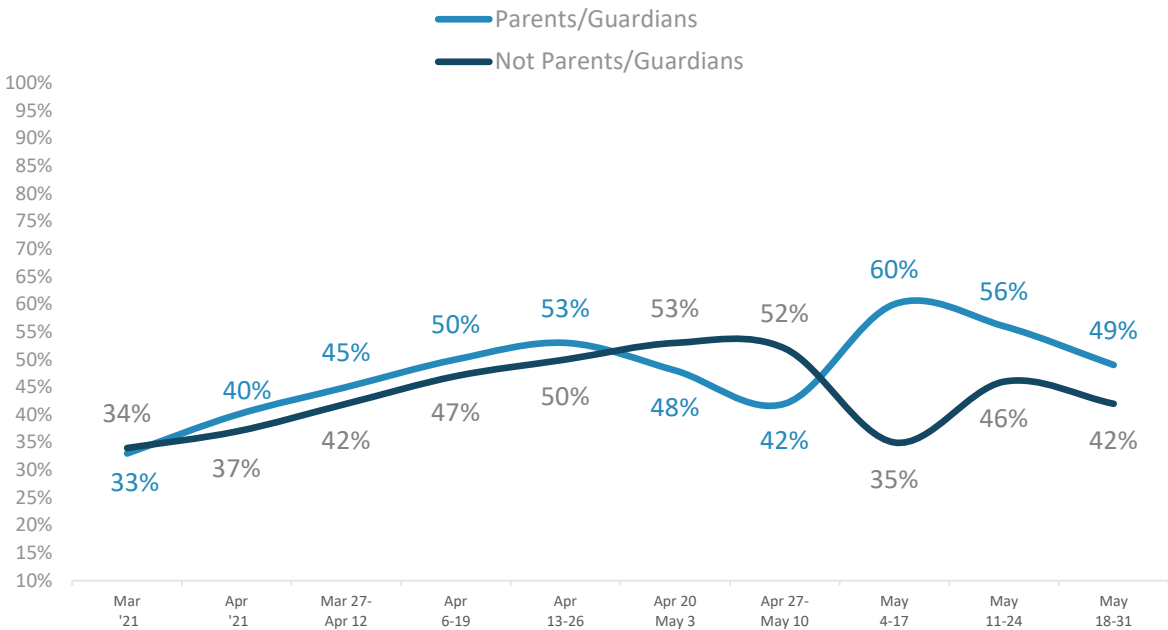
‘Wrong track’ scores remained unchanged in urban areas, while there was a decline in both suburban and rural areas this week.

Wrong Track Scores – 12-Day Roll

RURAL/URBAN/SUBURBAN



PARENTS/GUARDIAN JK-G12 VS NOT PARENTS/GUARDIANS

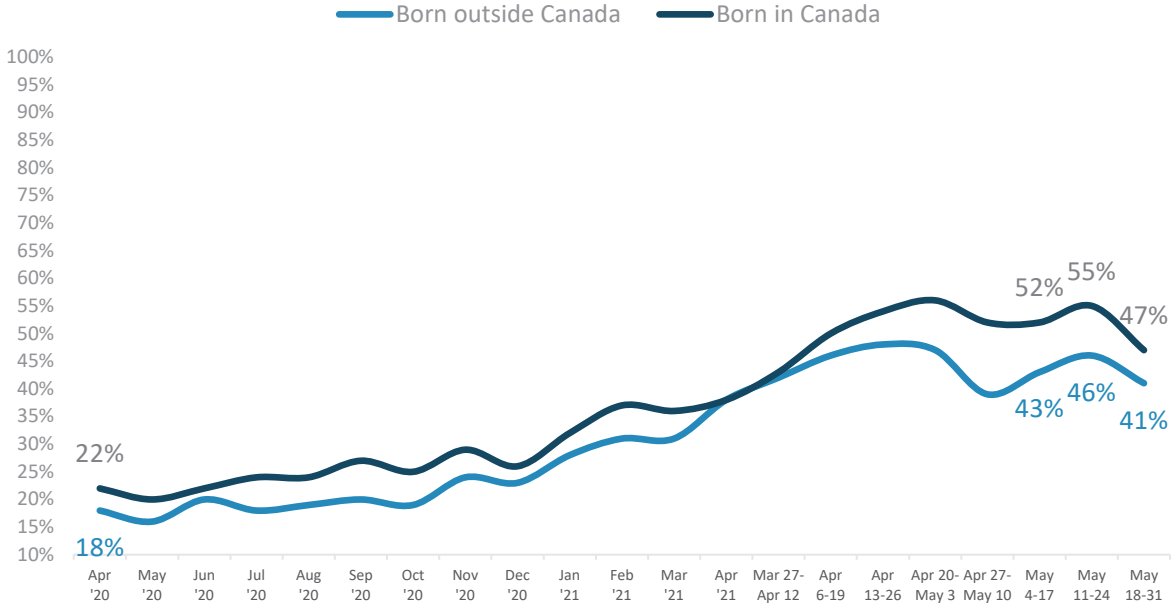


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Base: Total sample

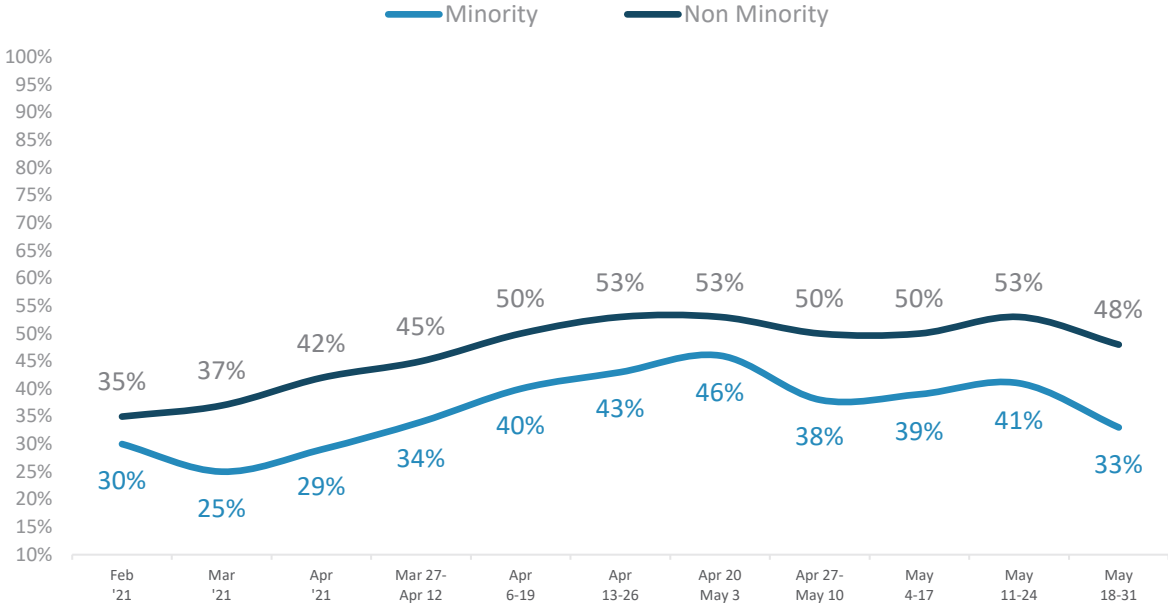
‘Wrong track’ scores declined among those born in and outside of Canada as well as among minorities and non-minorities.

Wrong Track Scores – 12-Day Roll

BORN OUTSIDE/WITHIN CANADA



MINORITY VS NON MINORITY



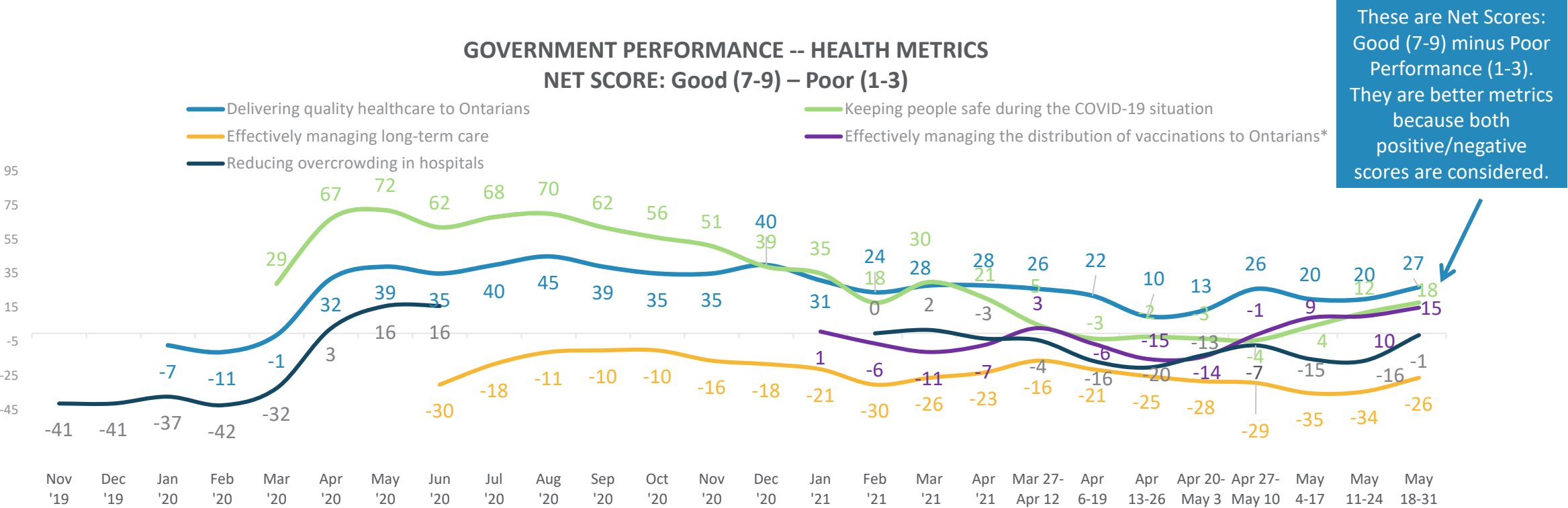
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# PERCEPTIONS OF GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC



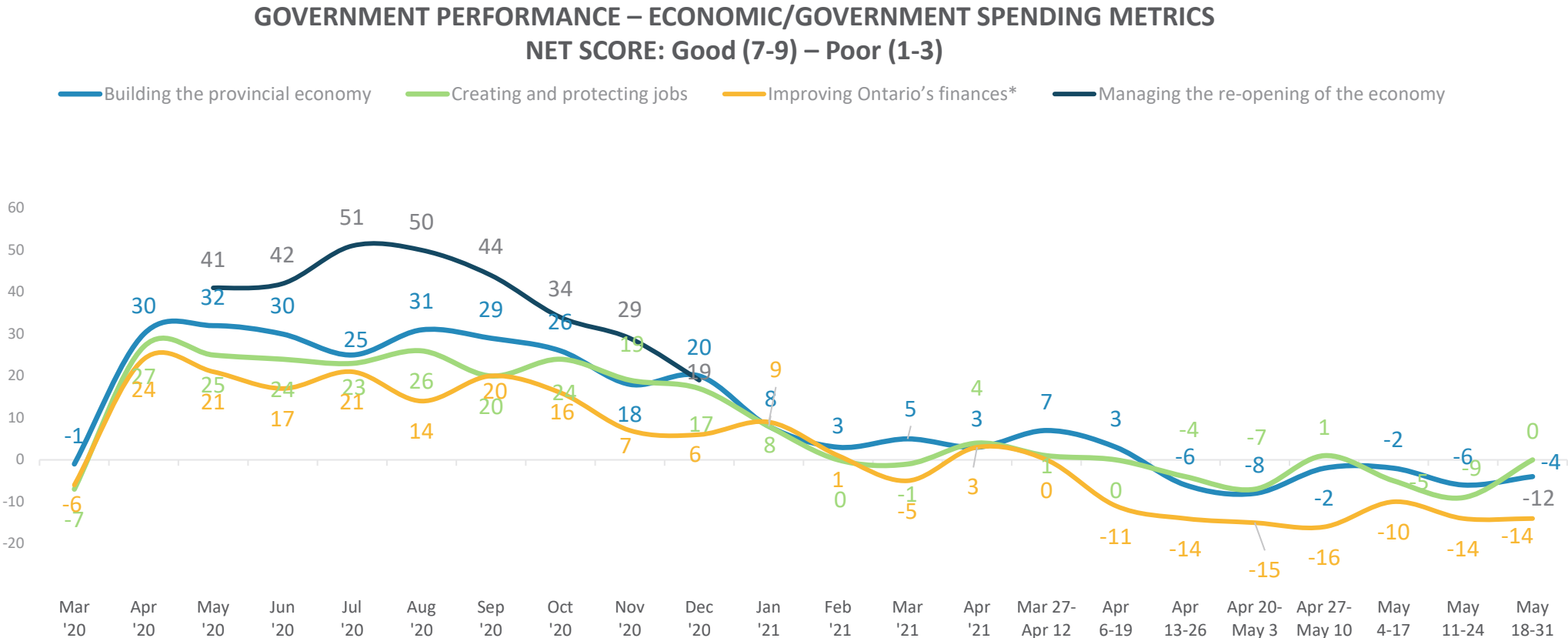
Improving government performance scores are evident on all health metrics. Positive ratings on ‘effectively managing vaccinations’ has increased 29-points over the past four weeks, while ‘keeping people safe during COVID-19’ has increased 22-points over three weeks.

- Of note, after declining for several weeks there was an 8-point improvement in the rating for ‘effectively managing long-term care’.



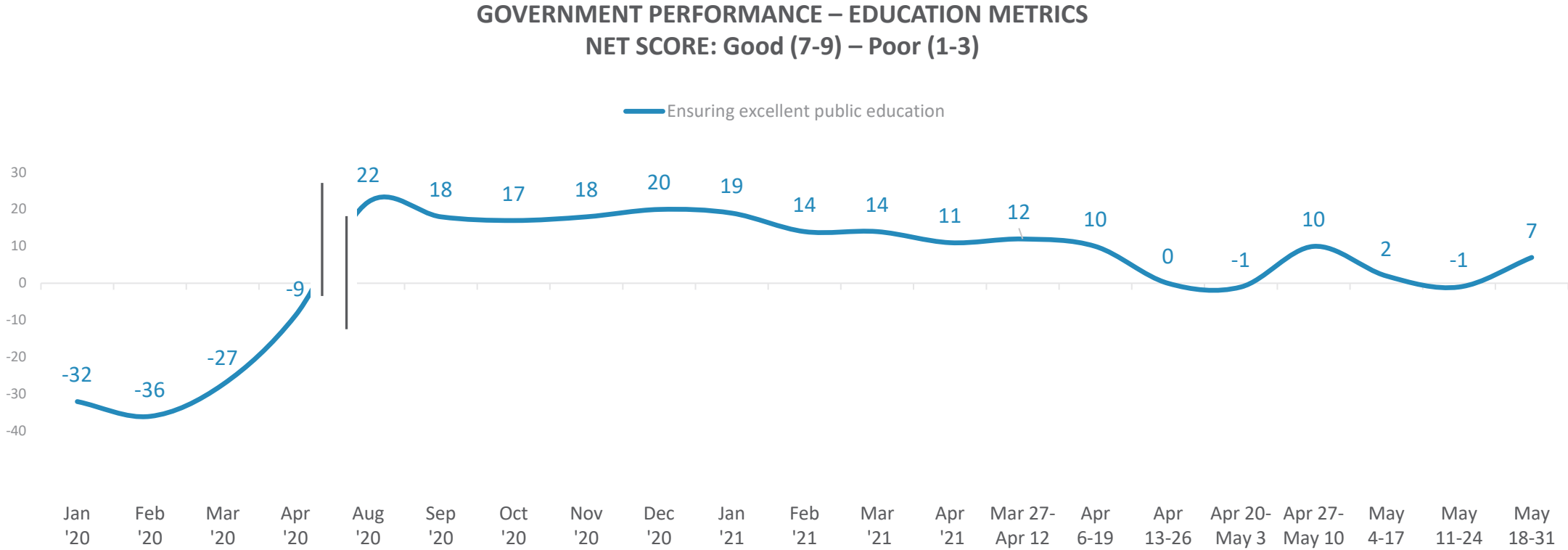
Q5. Using a scale where 1 means “poor” and nine is “excellent”, how would you rate the performance of Ontario government at managing each of the following?  
\*Former phrasing: “Effectively managing the vaccinations of Ontarians”  
Bases vary

There was an improvement this week in the rating of the government’s performance for ‘creating and protecting jobs’. However, preliminary results for ‘managing the re-opening of the economy’ is in negative territory and is well below results measured in 2020 suggesting that more work needs to occur on this front.



Q5. Using a scale 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”  
Bases vary

‘Ensuring excellent public education’ moved back into the positive scores this week.



Q5. Using a scale 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

# SUPPORT FOR THE GRADUAL RE-OPENING OF THE ECONOMY



The preliminary results suggest there is support for the government’s plan for a gradual 3-stage approach to reopening the Ontario economy.

- However, the level of support is slightly less than a year ago.

|                  | May '20 |
|------------------|---------|
| n=               | 1259    |
|                  | %       |
| TOTAL SUPPORT    | 87      |
| Strongly support | 42      |
| Somewhat support | 45      |
| Somewhat oppose  | 5       |
| Strongly oppose  | 4       |
| TOTAL OPPOSE     | 9       |
| Don't know       | 4       |

|                     | May 25-31 |
|---------------------|-----------|
| n=                  | 300       |
|                     | %         |
| TOTAL SUPPORT       | 78        |
| Very supportive     | 25        |
| Somewhat supportive | 53        |
| Somewhat opposed    | 11        |
| Strongly opposed    | 10        |
| TOTAL OPPOSE        | 21        |
| Don't know/not sure | 1         |

QCV-47b. The provincial government announced a gradual re-opening plan which involves a 3-stage approach, each lasting 2 to 4 weeks long and the length of each stage being determined by health indicators such as vaccine rollout, hospitalization incidences and severity of COVID 19 in the province. Overall do you support or oppose this overall approach?

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

Base: Total sample

Early results indicate that three-quarters (74%) of Ontarians agree the government’s gradual and careful reopening has been the right approach compared to the process in the United States – lower than results from the summer of 2020.

*Ontario’s gradual and careful re-opening has been the right approach compared to the more rapid opening process in the United States.*

*Ontario’s gradual and careful re-opening has been the right approach compared to the more rapid opening process in many US states*

|                            | Jul '20 | Aug '20 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| n=                         | varies  |         |
|                            | %       | %       |
| TOTAL AGREE                | 92      | 90      |
| Strongly agree             | 74      | 71      |
| Somewhat agree             | 18      | 19      |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 2       | 3       |
| Somewhat disagree          | 3       | 2       |
| Strongly disagree          | 3       | 3       |
| TOTAL DISAGREE             | 5       | 5       |
| Don't know                 | 1       | 1       |

| May 25-31 |
|-----------|
| varies    |
| %         |
| 74        |
| 33        |
| 40        |
| 5         |
| 9         |
| 11        |
| 20        |
| 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, bases vary

Preliminary results indicate that Ontarians agree that the government should continue to be cautious and not open sports facilities to spectators.

|                                                                                                                              | May 25-31 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| n=                                                                                                                           | 300       |
|                                                                                                                              | %         |
| Some people say it is time for the Ontario government to stop being so cautious and allow spectators into sports facilities. | 25        |
| Other people say that the Ontario government should continue to be cautious and not open up sports facilities to spectators. | 71        |
| Don't know/not sure                                                                                                          | 4         |

QCV-205. (204) As you may know, in many US states, spectators are being allowed back into sports arenas and other sports facilities and this is not yet happening in Ontario. Thinking of these two points of view, which one best reflects your own

Base: Total sample, base varies

# HAVING AN ECONOMIC PLAN FOR RECOVERY



Fully half (50%) of Ontarians think the government’s focus in the coming months should be on health-related issues surrounding COVID-19, while 36% think the focus should be on economic issues. One-in-ten (11%) think both are equally important.

|                                                                                                                                                                           | May 18-24 | May 25-31 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| n=                                                                                                                                                                        | 300       | 300       |
|                                                                                                                                                                           | %         | %         |
| It should focus on health-related issues surrounding COVID-19, including minimizing increases in the number of cases and accelerating the vaccine rollout.                | 50        | 50        |
| It should focus on economic issues surrounding COVID-19, including ensuring the economy recovers as quickly as possible and helping prevent more businesses from closing. | 40        | 36        |
| Both a health and an economic focus are equally important.                                                                                                                | 9         | 11        |
| Don’t know                                                                                                                                                                | 1         | 2         |

Ontarians want to hear more about the government’s plans for economic recovery, with over 8-in-10 agreeing with this.

*It is essential that Ontario have a jobs and recovery plan in response to COVID-19*

|                            | Jun '20 |
|----------------------------|---------|
| n=                         | varies  |
|                            | %       |
| TOTAL AGREE                | 95      |
| Strongly agree             | 73      |
| Somewhat agree             | 22      |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 2       |
| Somewhat disagree          | 2       |
| Strongly disagree          | 1       |
| TOTAL DISAGREE             | 3       |

*I want to hear more about the Ontario government’s plans for economic recovery*

| May 18-24 | May 25-31 |
|-----------|-----------|
| varies    |           |
| %         | %         |
| 80        | 84        |
| 55        | 50        |
| 25        | 34        |
| 7         | 10        |
| 5         | 3         |
| 6         | 2         |
| 11        | 5         |

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

TIME FOR THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT TO START FOCUSING ON ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Also, over 7-in-10 Ontarians agree that it’s time for the Ontario government to start focusing more attention on economic recovery – double the results a year ago.

*It is time for the government to put more focus on getting the economy moving and less on stopping the spread of COVID-19*

|                            | Jun '20 | Jul '20 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| n=                         | varies  |         |
|                            | %       | %       |
| TOTAL AGREE                | 36      | 35      |
| Strongly agree             | 14      | 15      |
| Somewhat agree             | 21      | 20      |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 7       | 7       |
| Somewhat disagree          | 24      | 25      |
| Strongly disagree          | 32      | 31      |
| TOTAL DISAGREE             | 56      | 56      |

*It’s time for the Ontario government to start focusing more attention on economic recovery*

| May 18-24 | May 25-31 |
|-----------|-----------|
| varies    |           |
| %         | %         |
| 70        | 72        |
| 39        | 32        |
| 31        | 41        |
| 4         | 6         |
| 15        | 15        |
| 10        | 5         |
| 25        | 20        |

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

However, half (49%) of Ontarians don't think the Ontario government has a plan for the economic recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 shutdowns, down from 59% last week. This suggests that some Ontarians may see the reopening plan as the economic recovery plan.

*I don't think the Ontario government has a plan for the economic recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 shutdowns*

|                            | May 18-24 | May 25-31 |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| n=                         | varies    |           |
|                            | %         | %         |
| TOTAL AGREE                | 59        | 49        |
| Strongly agree             | 28        | 19        |
| Somewhat agree             | 32        | 30        |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 10        | 12        |
| Somewhat disagree          | 19        | 19        |
| Strongly disagree          | 10        | 15        |
| TOTAL DISAGREE             | 29        | 34        |

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

Base: Total sample

Despite wanting to see an economic plan, most Ontarians think it will take quite a while for the economy to recover from the impact of COVID-19.

*I worry that the longer it takes to open up the economy the more severely will be the damage to the economy*

|                            | Jun '20 |
|----------------------------|---------|
| n=                         | varies  |
|                            | %       |
| TOTAL AGREE                | 79      |
| Strongly agree             | 46      |
| Somewhat agree             | 33      |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 5       |
| Somewhat disagree          | 11      |
| Strongly disagree          | 5       |
| TOTAL DISAGREE             | 16      |

*I think it will take quite a while for the economy to recover from the impact of COVID-19*

| May 18-24 | May 25-31 |
|-----------|-----------|
| varies    |           |
| %         | %         |
| 91        | 87        |
| 66        | 65        |
| 25        | 22        |
| 1         | 3         |
| 3         | 9         |
| 5         | -         |
| 8         | 9         |

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

FINANCIAL  
WELL-BEING OF  
ONTARIANS



Just over half (56%) of Ontarians describe the personal financial situation of their family over the last year as ‘excellent/good’, with only 14% saying it is ‘poor/very poor’

- However, those earning less than \$40k (30%) are much less likely to say ‘excellent/good’ compared to earning over \$100k (78%).
- Those who identify as non-minority and non-parents are more likely to say ‘excellent/good’, while those aged 18-34 are less likely to say ‘excellent/good’.
- And, those who see the government on the ‘right track’ tend to see their personal financial situation in a much more positive light than those who see the government on the ‘wrong track’.

|                      | May 11-17 | May 18-24 | May 25-31 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| n=                   | 300       | 300       | 300       |
|                      | %         | %         | %         |
| TOTAL EXCELLENT/GOOD | 52        | 59        | 56        |
| Excellent            | 11        | 17        | 16        |
| Good                 | 41        | 43        | 40        |
| Fair                 | 34        | 29        | 29        |
| Poor                 | 9         | 8         | 12        |
| Very poor            | 4         | 4         | 3         |
| TOTAL POOR/VERY POOR | 13        | 12        | 14        |
| Don’t know/not sure  | -         | -         | 1         |

|                | Right Track |           | Wrong Track |           |
|----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
|                | May 11-24   | May 18-31 | May 11-24   | May 18-31 |
| Excellent/Good | 63%         | 66%       | 49%         | 48%       |

QFP-1. How would you describe the personal financial situation of your family over the last year?  
Base: Total sample

CHANGE IN FAMILY’S FINANCIAL SITUATION OVER THE PAST YEAR

Just over half (54%) report their family’s financial situation stayed the same over the past year, while about one-third (35%) indicate their financial situation worsened.

- Women, those earning <\$40k, and parents are more likely to say that their financial situation has gotten worse.

|                      | May 11-17 | May 18-24 | May 25-31 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| n=                   | 300       | 300       | 300       |
|                      | %         | %         | %         |
| TOTAL IMPROVE        | 13        | 19        | 10        |
| Improve a great deal | 2         | 4         | 1         |
| Improve somewhat     | 11        | 14        | 9         |
| Stay the same        | 56        | 53        | 54        |
| Worsen somewhat      | 22        | 22        | 29        |
| Worsen a great deal  | 7         | 6         | 6         |
| TOTAL WORSEN         | 30        | 29        | 35        |

|             | Right Track |           | Wrong Track |           |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
|             | May 11-24   | May 18-31 | May 11-24   | May 18-31 |
| NET Improve | 20%         | 17%       | 12%         | 14%       |
| NET Worsen  | 23%         | 29%       | 36%         | 33%       |

QFP-2. How, if at all, did your family’s financial situation change over the past year? Did it...  
Base: Total sample

Ontarians are optimistic about the future: 56% anticipate their financial situation will be ‘excellent/good’ over the next year, while only 10% think it will be ‘poor/very poor’.

- Only those earning under \$40k think their financial situation over the next year will be poor.
- Again, those who see the government on the ‘right track’ are much more positive about the future financial situation, while those who see it on the ‘wrong track’ are much less positive.

|                      | May 11-17 | May 18-24 | May 25-31 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| n=                   | 300       | 300       | 181       |
|                      | %         | %         | %         |
| TOTAL EXCELLENT/GOOD | 50        | 60        | 56        |
| Excellent            | 12        | 14        | 10        |
| Good                 | 38        | 47        | 46        |
| Fair                 | 36        | 28        | 33        |
| Poor                 | 9         | 5         | 8         |
| Very poor            | 2         | 2         | 2         |
| TOTAL POOR/VERY POOR | 11        | 8         | 10        |

| Excellent/Good | Right Track |           | Wrong Track |           |
|----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
|                | May 11-24   | May 18-31 | May 11-24   | May 18-31 |
|                | 64%         | 65%       | 46%         | 50%       |

QFP-3. And over the next year do you anticipate that the financial situation of your household will be ...  
Base: Total sample

PERCEPTIONS OF THE  
GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE  
IN HANDLING SECOND/THIRD  
WAVE OF COVID-19



While there has been a gradual erosion in the rating of the provincial government’s handling of the second/third wave, results improved slightly this week with 29% providing an ‘excellent/good’ rating. Those rating the government as ‘poor/very poor’ has continued to trend down to 33% this week.

- There has been significant jump among those who are giving the government a ‘fair’ score in recent weeks.

|                      | Oct<br>31-<br>Nov 5 | Nov<br>7-12 | Nov<br>14-19 | Nov<br>21-26 | Nov<br>28-<br>Dec 3 | Dec<br>5-10 | Dec<br>12-17 | Dec<br>19-23 | Mar<br>27-31 | Apr<br>6-12 | Apr<br>13-19 | Apr<br>20-26 | Apr<br>27-<br>May 3 | May<br>4-10 | May<br>11-17 | May<br>18-24 | May<br>25-31 |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| n=                   | varies              |             |              |              |                     |             |              |              |              |             |              |              |                     |             |              |              |              |
|                      | %                   | %           | %            | %            | %                   | %           | %            | %            | %            | %           | %            | %            | %                   | %           | %            | %            | %            |
| TOTAL EXCELLENT/GOOD | 51                  | 44          | 36           | 38           | 35                  | 35          | 32           | 35           | 31           | 23          | 18           | 21           | 19                  | 25          | 24           | 25           | 29           |
| Excellent            | 4                   | 7           | 8            | 5            | 5                   | 5           | 5            | 4            | 3            | 3           | 2            | 3            | 4                   | 7           | 2            | 3            | 5            |
| Good                 | 47                  | 36          | 28           | 33           | 30                  | 30          | 27           | 31           | 28           | 20          | 16           | 18           | 15                  | 18          | 21           | 22           | 24           |
| Fair                 | 33                  | 33          | 37           | 34           | 38                  | 40          | 38           | 34           | 28           | 31          | 36           | 29           | 29                  | 27          | 32           | 36           | 37           |
| Poor                 | 12                  | 13          | 13           | 18           | 18                  | 14          | 21           | 19           | 21           | 24          | 22           | 26           | 27                  | 30          | 18           | 22           | 17           |
| Very poor            | 5                   | 9           | 12           | 9            | 8                   | 11          | 9            | 11           | 16           | 21          | 23           | 24           | 24                  | 18          | 25           | 18           | 16           |
| TOTAL POOR/VERY POOR | 16                  | 22          | 25           | 27           | 26                  | 25          | 29           | 30           | 38           | 45          | 45           | 50           | 51                  | 48          | 43           | 39           | 33           |

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

MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCREASE IN INFECTION CASES

Allowing air travel from possible COVID variants hotspots (28%) is the most cited reason for causing the increase in infection cases leading to a wave 3 of COVID-19. As well, 1-in-5 believe it was the emergence of a variety of COVID variants or the timing of restrictions limiting social contact.

|                                                                        | May 4-10 | May 11-17 | May 18-24 | May 25-31 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| n=                                                                     | 300      | 300       | 300       | 300       |
|                                                                        | %        | %         | %         | %         |
| Allowing air travel from possible COVID variants hotspots              | 29       | 36        | 28        | 28        |
| The timing of restrictions limiting social contact                     | 23       | 21        | 19        | 20        |
| The emergence of a variety of COVID variants                           | 16       | 11        | 20        | 18        |
| Infections introduced into Ontario by international travellers by land | 13       | 15        | 14        | 14        |
| Infections introduced into Ontario by interprovincial travelers        | 6        | 6         | 6         | 4         |
| All of these                                                           | 4        | 4         | 6         | 7         |
| Don't know/not sure                                                    | 9        | 8         | 7         | 10        |

DO ONTARIANS BELIEVE  
THE PANDEMIC IS OVER?



IS THE WORST OF THE PANDEMIC OVER IN ONTARIO?

Possibly connected to the talk of new variants and a possible wave 4, there was a decline this week in the proportion agreeing that they believe that Ontario is over the worst of the pandemic.

I believe Ontario is over the worst of the pandemic

|                            | Aug<br>18-20 | Aug<br>22-27 | Aug 29-<br>Sep 3 | Sep<br>5-10 | Sep<br>12-17 | Sep<br>19-24 | Mar<br>27-31 | Apr<br>6-12 | Apr<br>13-19 | Apr<br>20-26 | Apr 27-<br>May 3 | May<br>4-10 | May<br>11-17 | May<br>18-24 | May<br>25-31 |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| n=                         | varies       |              |                  |             |              |              |              |             |              |              |                  |             |              |              |              |
|                            | %            | %            | %                | %           | %            | %            | %            | %           | %            | %            | %                | %           | %            | %            | %            |
| TOTAL AGREE                | 44           | 40           | 44               | 30          | 29           | 26           | 40           | 35          | 24           | 26           | 32               | 33          | 53           | 59           | 45           |
| Strongly agree             | 14           | 21           | 27               | 14          | 8            | 10           | 12           | 14          | 12           | 14           | 9                | 9           | 22           | 24           | 5            |
| Somewhat agree             | 30           | 19           | 17               | 15          | 21           | 16           | 28           | 21          | 12           | 12           | 23               | 24          | 30           | 35           | 40           |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 5            | 7            | 9                | 3           | 9            | 5            | 8            | 7           | 9            | 6            | 7                | 10          | 11           | 6            | 13           |
| Somewhat disagree          | 19           | 21           | 16               | 30          | 29           | 28           | 23           | 39          | 27           | 23           | 29               | 29          | 16           | 21           | 31           |
| Strongly disagree          | 28           | 30           | 28               | 35          | 30           | 39           | 27           | 19          | 38           | 44           | 29               | 27          | 17           | 11           | 11           |
| TOTAL DISAGREE             | 47           | 51           | 43               | 65          | 59           | 67           | 50           | 58          | 65           | 67           | 59               | 56          | 34           | 33           | 42           |

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

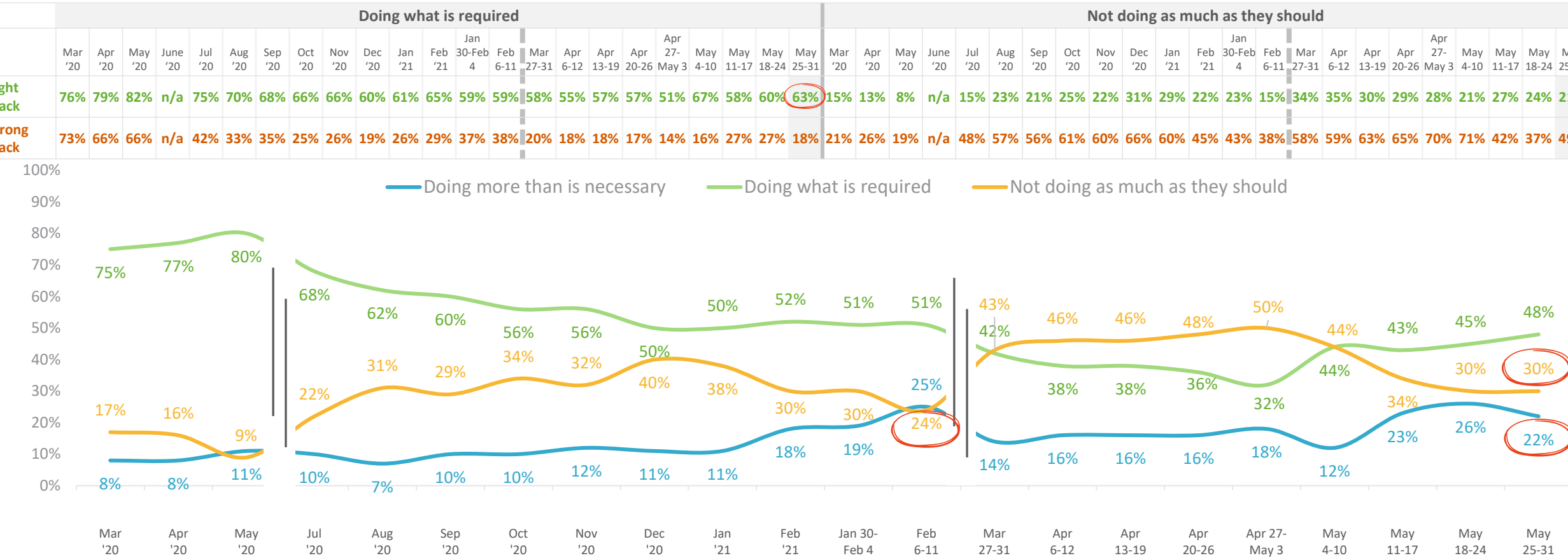
Base: Total sample, base varies

VIEWS ON THE  
PROVINCIAL SHUTDOWN  
PRIOR TO THE  
GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT



ONTARIO GOVERNMENT COVID-19 MEASURES

Results continue to slowly trend upward to 48% who believe the government is ‘doing what is required’ to reduce the spread of the virus, while 22% of Ontarians think the government is doing ‘more than is necessary’.



QCV-6. Thinking about the measures that the Government of Ontario has already taken to limit the spread of the virus 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 declaring a second state of emergency and imposing a stay at home order until the middle of February, 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 declaring a second state of emergency and a stronger stay at home order until the middle of February, 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 advising the public and businesses about prevention measures, shutting down the province for several weeks, and keeping kids out of school, 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 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 ...

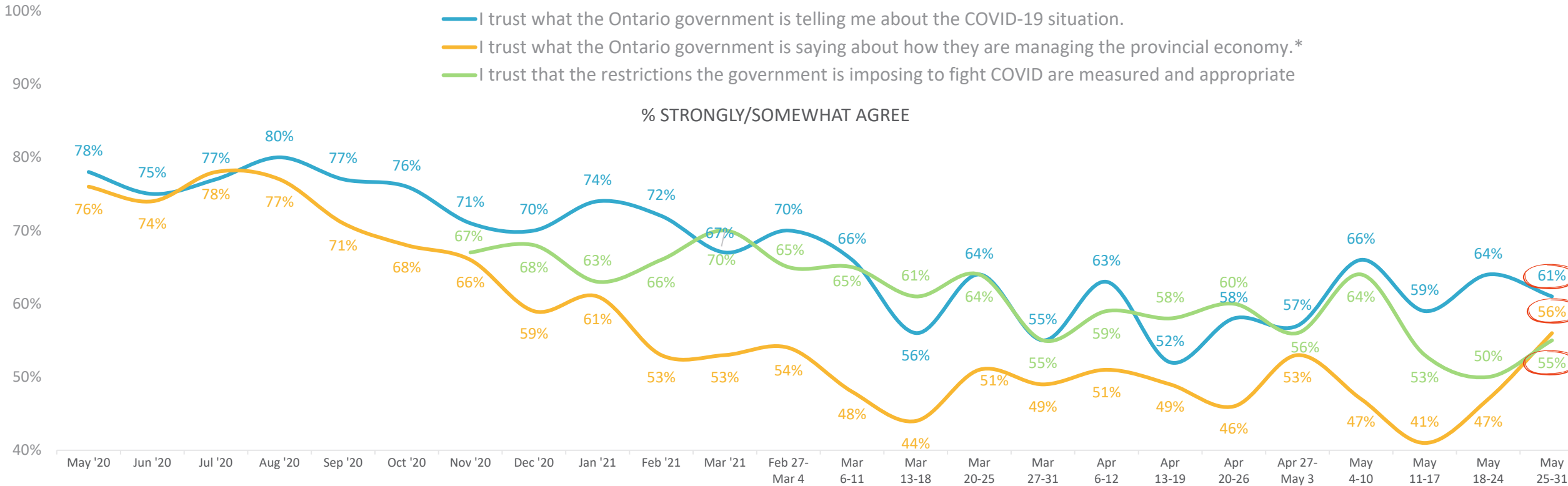
# CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT COVID-19 MESSAGING



TRUST IN THE GOVERNMENT’S COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT COVID-19

In response to the gradual reopening announcement, there were increases this week for trust in the government’s communications about COVID-19 regarding ‘how they are managing the provincial economy’.

- There was also a slight increase in trust for ‘the restrictions the government is imposing to fight COVID are measured and appropriate’.



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

# FATIGUE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES



LEVEL OF FATIGUE WITH COVID-19 MITIGATION MEASURES

Four-in-ten (41%) Ontarians continue to agree they are getting very tired of all the COVID-19 control measures such as face coverings and social distancing.

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

|                            | Aug<br>18-20 | Aug<br>22-27 | Sep<br>12-17 | Sep<br>19-24 | Sep 26-<br>Oct 1 | Oct<br>3-8 | Oct<br>10-15 | Oct<br>17-22 | Oct<br>24-29 | Oct 31-<br>Nov 5 | Nov<br>7-12 | Nov<br>14-19 | Nov<br>21-26 | Mar<br>27-31 | Apr<br>6-12 | Apr<br>13-19 | Apr<br>20-26 | Apr 27-<br>May 3 | May<br>4-10 | May<br>11-17 | May<br>18-24 | May<br>25-31 |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| n=                         | varies       |              |              |              |                  |            |              |              |              |                  |             |              |              |              |             |              |              |                  |             |              |              |              |
|                            | %            | %            | %            | %            | %                | %          | %            | %            | %            | %                | %           | %            | %            | %            | %           | %            | %            | %                | %           | %            | %            | %            |
| TOTAL AGREE                | 37           | 26           | 30           | 25           | 18               | 38         | 24           | 33           | 38           | 36               | 33          | 38           | 38           | 43           | 57          | 53           | 39           | 46               | 42          | 44           | 41           | 41           |
| Strongly agree             | 21           | 16           | 15           | 16           | 6                | 23         | 12           | 14           | 20           | 24               | 23          | 28           | 24           | 24           | 36          | 28           | 17           | 29               | 24          | 29           | 23           | 24           |
| Somewhat agree             | 16           | 10           | 15           | 9            | 12               | 15         | 11           | 19           | 17           | 12               | 11          | 11           | 15           | 19           | 22          | 24           | 22           | 17               | 18          | 16           | 18           | 17           |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 4            | 3            | 5            | 5            | 6                | 4          | 8            | 7            | 8            | 4                | 4           | 2            | 1            | 5            | 7           | 6            | 5            | 7                | 7           | 10           | 10           | 6            |
| Somewhat disagree          | 15           | 21           | 21           | 19           | 18               | 14         | 15           | 13           | 14           | 19               | 16          | 12           | 8            | 15           | 14          | 14           | 17           | 16               | 19          | 16           | 22           | 19           |
| Strongly disagree          | 44           | 49           | 44           | 50           | 58               | 41         | 53           | 46           | 41           | 40               | 46          | 48           | 52           | 36           | 22          | 26           | 38           | 30               | 30          | 29           | 27           | 31           |
| TOTAL DISAGREE             | 59           | 70           | 65           | 69           | 76               | 56         | 68           | 59           | 54           | 59               | 62          | 59           | 59           | 50           | 36          | 40           | 55           | 46               | 50          | 45           | 49           | 50           |

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

# COVID-19 INFECTIONS



This week, seven-in-ten (69%) Ontarians believe the threat of contracting COVID-19 is much less now compared to a month ago – the highest result measured since tracking began.

| %<br>STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT<br>AGREE                                                              | Jun<br>'20 | Jul<br>'20 | Aug<br>'20 | Sep<br>'20 | Oct<br>'20 | Nov<br>'20 | Dec<br>'20 | Jan<br>'21 | Jan<br>16-21 | Jan<br>23-28 | Jan<br>30-<br>Feb 4 | Feb<br>6-11 | Feb<br>13-18 | Feb<br>20-25 | Feb<br>27-<br>Mar 4 | Mar<br>6-11 | Mar<br>13-18 | Mar<br>20-25 | Mar<br>27-31 | Apr<br>6-12 | Apr<br>13-19 | Apr<br>20-26 | Apr<br>27-<br>May 3 | May<br>4-10 | May<br>11-17 | May<br>18-24 | May<br>25-31 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| n=                                                                                           | varies     |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |              |              |                     |             |              |              |                     |             |              |              |              |             |              |              |                     |             |              |              |              |
|                                                                                              | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %          | %            | %            | %                   | %           | %            | %            | %                   | %           | %            | %            | %            | %           | %            | %            | %                   | %           | %            | %            | %            |
| I think the threat of<br>contracting COVID-19 is<br>much less now than it was<br>a month ago | 58         | 61         | 64         | 54         | 25         | 21         | 17         | 18         | 22           | 22           | 35                  | 35          | 44           | 41           | 40                  | 41          | 32           | 39           | 41           | 21          | 18           | 19           | 26                  | 29          | 49           | 64           | 69           |

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

ONLY LEAVING HOME TO GO TO THE GROCERY STORE AND PHARMACY

Six-in-ten (59%) Ontarians again this week report they are only leaving their house to go to the grocery store and the pharmacy.

*I am only leaving my house to go to the grocery store and the pharmacy*

|                            | Apr '20 | May '20 | Dec 29-Jan 7 | Jan 9-14 | Jan 16-21 | Jan 23-28 | Jan 30-Feb 4 | Feb 6-11 | Feb 13-18 | Feb 20-25 | Feb 27-Mar 4 | Mar 6-11 | Mar 13-18 | Mar 20-25 | Mar 27-31 | Apr 6-12 | Apr 13-19 | Apr 20-26 | Apr 27-May 3 | May 4-10 | May 11-17 | May 18-24 | May 25-31 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| n=                         | varies  |         |              |          |           |           |              |          |           |           |              |          |           |           |           |          |           |           |              |          |           |           |           |
|                            | %       | %       | %            | %        | %         | %         | %            | %        | %         | %         | %            | %        | %         | %         | %         | %        | %         | %         | %            | %        | %         | %         | %         |
| TOTAL AGREE                | 79      | 77      | 76           | 72       | 64        | 65        | 67           | 75       | 76        | 70        | 67           | 59       | 63        | 76        | 54        | 66       | 65        | 68        | 61           | 71       | 65        | 57        | 59        |
| Strongly agree             | 62      | 57      | 56           | 52       | 51        | 51        | 54           | 59       | 63        | 52        | 47           | 48       | 36        | 56        | 40        | 48       | 50        | 55        | 47           | 58       | 46        | 32        | 38        |
| Somewhat agree             | 16      | 20      | 20           | 20       | 13        | 14        | 14           | 16       | 13        | 18        | 20           | 10       | 26        | 21        | 14        | 18       | 15        | 13        | 13           | 13       | 19        | 25        | 22        |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 2       | 2       | 3            | 3        | 2         | 3         | 2            | 2        | 3         | 10        | 5            | 6        | 3         | 5         | 2         | 4        | 3         | 3         | 4            | 4        | 4         | -         | 8         |
| Somewhat disagree          | 8       | 10      | 11           | 6        | 6         | 7         | 11           | 4        | 7         | 10        | 9            | 20       | 12        | 5         | 19        | 13       | 8         | 12        | 13           | 11       | 18        | 11        | 17        |
| Strongly disagree          | 8       | 9       | 7            | 17       | 17        | 22        | 12           | 10       | 10        | 6         | 16           | 13       | 18        | 10        | 23        | 13       | 20        | 15        | 20           | 11       | 11        | 32        | 13        |
| TOTAL DISAGREE             | 16      | 19      | 18           | 24       | 23        | 29        | 23           | 14       | 17        | 17        | 25           | 32       | 30        | 15        | 42        | 26       | 28        | 27        | 33           | 22       | 29        | 43        | 30        |

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

Base: Total sample

Six-in-ten (62%) also ‘strongly’ agree they are only leaving their home for essential purposes.

*I am only leaving my home for essential purposes*

|                            | Mar 6-11 | Mar 13-18 | Mar 20-25 | Mar 27-31 | Apr 6-12 | Apr 13-19 | Apr 20-26 | Apr 27-May 3 | May 4-10 | May 11-17 | May 18-24 | May 25-31 |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| n=                         | varies   |           |           |           |          |           |           |              |          |           |           |           |
|                            | %        | %         | %         | %         | %        | %         | %         | %            | %        | %         | %         | %         |
| TOTAL AGREE                | 82       | 87        | 86        | 82        | 86       | 85        | 92        | 87           | 92       | 85        | 61        | 86        |
| Strongly agree             | 72       | 65        | 68        | 64        | 70       | 70        | 81        | 73           | 79       | 68        | 43        | 62        |
| Somewhat agree             | 11       | 21        | 18        | 19        | 16       | 15        | 11        | 15           | 13       | 17        | 19        | 23        |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 2        | 2         | 3         | -         | 2        | 4         | 1         | 3            | -        | 2         | 13        | 2         |
| Somewhat disagree          | 4        | 4         | 7         | 2         | 4        | 6         | 2         | 4            | 5        | 6         | 9         | 6         |
| Strongly disagree          | 10       | 7         | 4         | 13        | 7        | 4         | 3         | 6            | 3        | 6         | 9         | 5         |
| TOTAL DISAGREE             | 13       | 11        | 11        | 15        | 11       | 10        | 6         | 9            | 7        | 12        | 17        | 11        |

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

Base: Total sample

VACCINE



CONFIDENCE THE END OF COVID-19 IS NEAR WITH THE VACCINE READY

This week, confidence levels increased that the end of COVID-19 is nearer now that vaccines are being administered, with 79% agreeing with this. This is this highest score since this question was first asked in December.

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

|                            | Nov<br>21-26 | Nov<br>28-Dec 3 | Dec<br>5-10 |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| n=                         | varies       |                 |             |
|                            | %            | %               | %           |
| TOTAL AGREE                | 35           | 38              | 38          |
| Strongly agree             | 12           | 15              | 14          |
| Somewhat agree             | 23           | 24              | 24          |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 10           | 10              | 12          |
| Somewhat disagree          | 18           | 20              | 22          |
| Strongly disagree          | 32           | 30              | 25          |
| TOTAL DISAGREE             | 50           | 50              | 47          |

*I am confident the end of COVID-19 is nearer now that vaccines are being administered\**

| Dec<br>12-17 | Dec<br>19-23 | Dec<br>29-Jan 7 | Jan<br>9-14 | Jan<br>16-21 | Jan<br>23-28 | Jan 30-Feb 4 | Feb<br>6-11 | Feb<br>13-18 | Feb<br>20-25 | Feb<br>27-Mar 4 | Mar<br>6-11 | Mar<br>13-18 | Mar<br>20-25 | Mar<br>27-31 | Apr<br>6-12 | Apr<br>13-19 | Apr<br>20-26 | Apr<br>27-May 3 | May<br>4-10 | May<br>11-17 | May<br>18-24 | May<br>25-31 |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| varies       |              |                 |             |              |              |              |             |              |              |                 |             |              |              |              |             |              |              |                 |             |              |              |              |
| %            | %            | %               | %           | %            | %            | %            | %           | %            | %            | %               | %           | %            | %            | %            | %           | %            | %            | %               | %           | %            | %            | %            |
| 53           | 51           | 48              | 52          | 53           | 41           | 48           | 55          | 48           | 42           | 52              | 63          | 54           | 58           | 62           | 68          | 55           | 52           | 48              | 66          | 77           | 70           | 79           |
| 19           | 10           | 17              | 19          | 24           | 14           | 14           | 17          | 14           | 15           | 22              | 24          | 24           | 20           | 8            | 45          | 10           | 19           | 20              | 25          | 32           | 35           | 36           |
| 34           | 41           | 30              | 33          | 29           | 27           | 34           | 38          | 34           | 27           | 30              | 38          | 30           | 37           | 54           | 22          | 45           | 34           | 28              | 41          | 46           | 35           | 43           |
| 5            | 9            | 6               | 4           | 7            | 10           | 8            | 4           | 9            | 5            | 6               | 8           | 7            | 7            | 4            | 11          | 5            | 10           | 6               | 10          | 5            | 4            | 3            |
| 19           | 20           | 20              | 22          | 20           | 21           | 19           | 18          | 14           | 19           | 20              | 15          | 17           | 16           | 26           | 17          | 12           | 22           | 22              | 7           | 9            | 13           | 10           |
| 21           | 20           | 26              | 21          | 20           | 27           | 24           | 19          | 28           | 32           | 19              | 12          | 20           | 19           | 8            | 5           | 26           | 16           | 22              | 16          | 8            | 10           | 8            |
| 40           | 40           | 45              | 44          | 39           | 48           | 42           | 38          | 41           | 51           | 39              | 27          | 37           | 36           | 34           | 22          | 38           | 37           | 44              | 22          | 17           | 22           | 18           |

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 am confident the end of COVID-19 is nearer now that vaccines are now being administered*  
\*Previous phrasing: *I am confident the end of COVID-19 is nearer now that a vaccine is ready and now being administered*  
\*Previous phrasing: *I am confident the end of COVID-19 is nearer now that a vaccine is ready and being used*

Base: Total sample, base varies

# SUPPORT FOR MOVING BACK TO ONLINE EDUCATION



Support for the requirement that all elementary and secondary schools offer only online learning has remained unchanged at 50% this week.

- It is worth noting that parents are the least likely (42%) to support this action.

|                            | Apr 27-May 3 | May 4-10 | May 11-17 | May 18-24 | May 25-31 |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| n=                         | 300          | 300      | 300       | 300       | 300       |
|                            | %            | %        | %         | %         | %         |
| Support this action        | 64           | 64       | 60        | 49        | 50        |
| Do not support this action | 32           | 32       | 34        | 44        | 41        |
| Not applicable             | 1            | 1        | <1        | 2         | <1        |
| Not sure/Don't know        | 3            | 4        | 5         | 5         | 9         |

QCV-199B. As you may know there has been an increasing number of COVID 19 cases in the province. One part of the reaction to the increase cases was that the provincial Government is requiring all elementary and secondary schools to only offer online learning. Some people say they support this action as it will help limit the spread of COVID 19. Other people say they do not support this action as it will stress parents who have to care for children at home and make it more difficult for students to learn. Thinking of these two points of view, which one best reflects your own?  
(previous phrasing) As you may know, there has been an increasing number of COVID 19 cases in the province. After the Spring Break, the provincial government is requiring all elementary and secondary schools to only offer online learning. Thinking of these two points of view, which one best reflects your own?

Base: Total sample

Six-in-ten (59%) Ontarians support the re-opening of schools after June 2<sup>nd</sup> to the end of the school year if the province-wide stay at home order is revoked, while 38% oppose the action.

- Just over 6-in-10 parents support this action to re-open schools have June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

|                     | May 18-24 | May 25-31 |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| n=                  | 300       | 300       |
|                     | %         | %         |
| TOTAL SUPPORT       | 56        | 59        |
| Strongly support    | 29        | 31        |
| Somewhat support    | 27        | 28        |
| Somewhat oppose     | 17        | 14        |
| Strongly oppose     | 24        | 24        |
| TOTAL OPPOSE        | 41        | 38        |
| Don't know/not sure | 3         | 3         |

LIKELIHOOD OF SENDING CHILD BACK TO SCHOOL IF THEY RE-OPEN IN JUNE

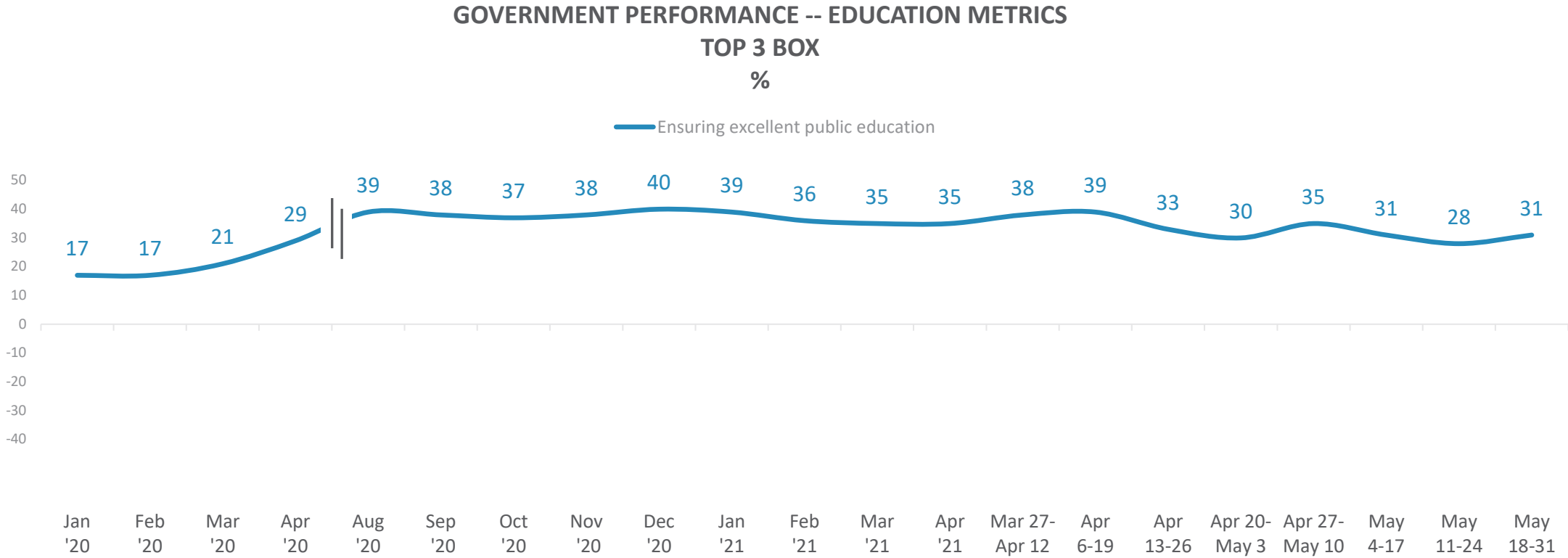
About two-thirds (64%) of parents/guardians with children in junior kindergarten to grade 12 are likely to send their child back to school if they re-open in June.

|                     | May 18-24 | May 25-31 |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| n=                  | 81        | 92        |
|                     | %         | %         |
| TOTAL LIKELY        | 64        | 64        |
| Very likely         | 51        | 58        |
| Somewhat likely     | 13        | 6         |
| Not very likely     | 15        | 10        |
| Not at all likely   | 20        | 26        |
| TOTAL NOT LIKELY    | 35        | 36        |
| Don't know/not sure | 1         | -         |

# APPENDIX – PERCEPTIONS OF GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

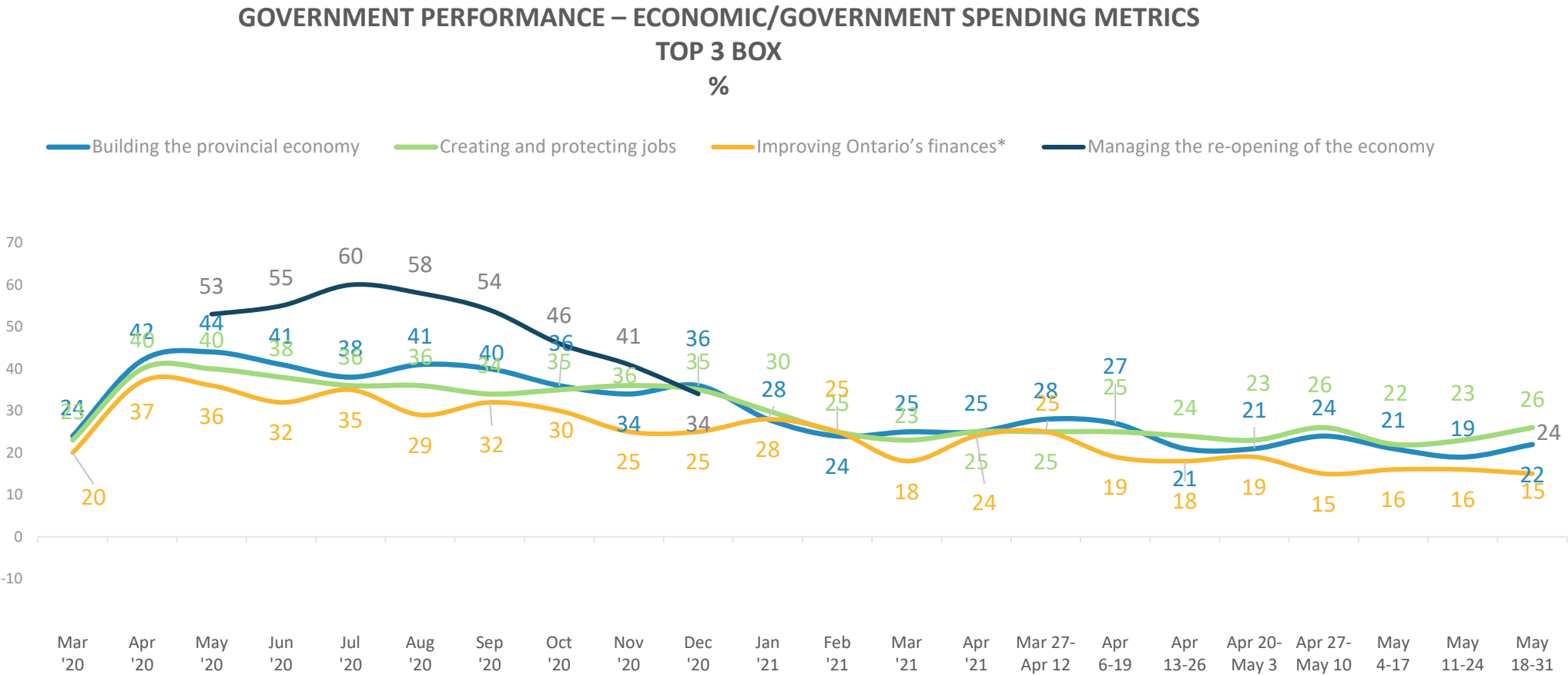


Positive perceptions on ‘ensuring excellent public education’ remained relatively unchanged this week.



Q5. Using a scale 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 ‘creating and protecting jobs’ and ‘building the provincial economy’ increased slightly this week. Rating of the government’s performance for ‘managing the re-opening of the economy’ is at 24% - below previous results in 2020.

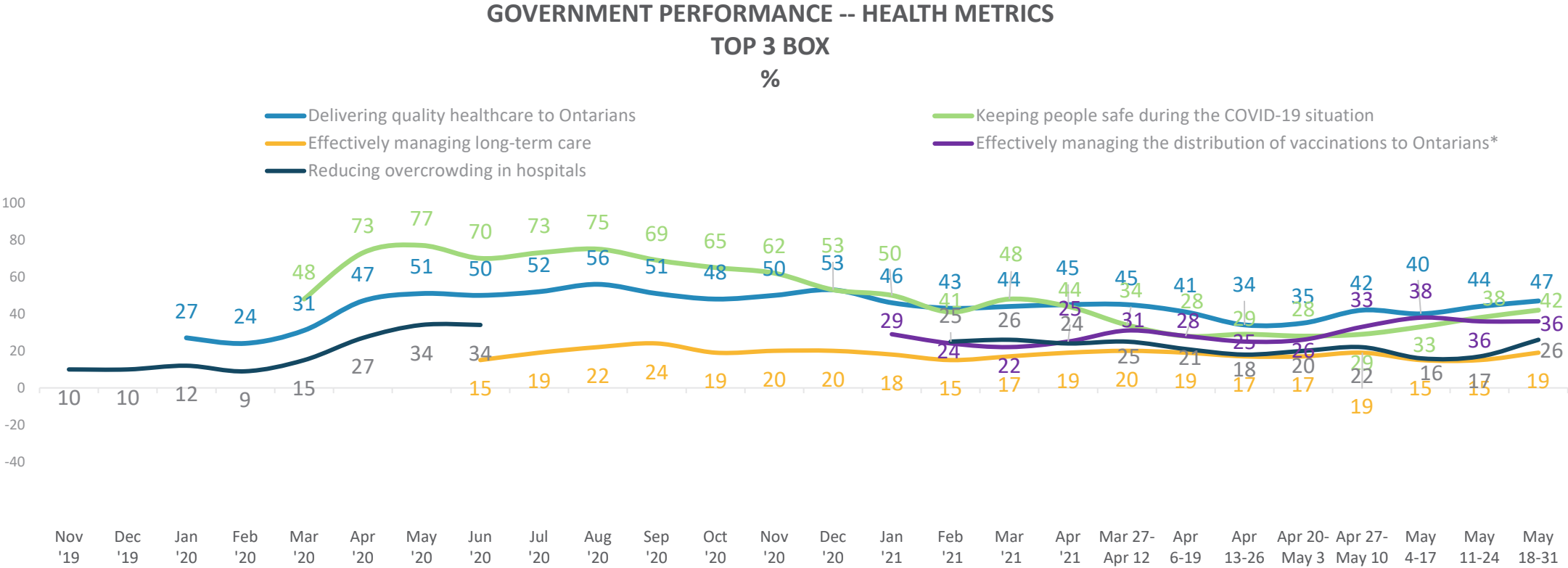


Q5. Using a scale where 1 means “poor” and nine is “excellent”, how would you rate the performance of Ontario government at managing each of the following?

\*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 for ‘reducing overcrowding in hospitals’ was up 9-points this week while ‘effectively managing the distribution of vaccines’ remained unchanged.



Q5. Using a scale 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: “Effectively managing the vaccinations of Ontarians”  
Bases vary