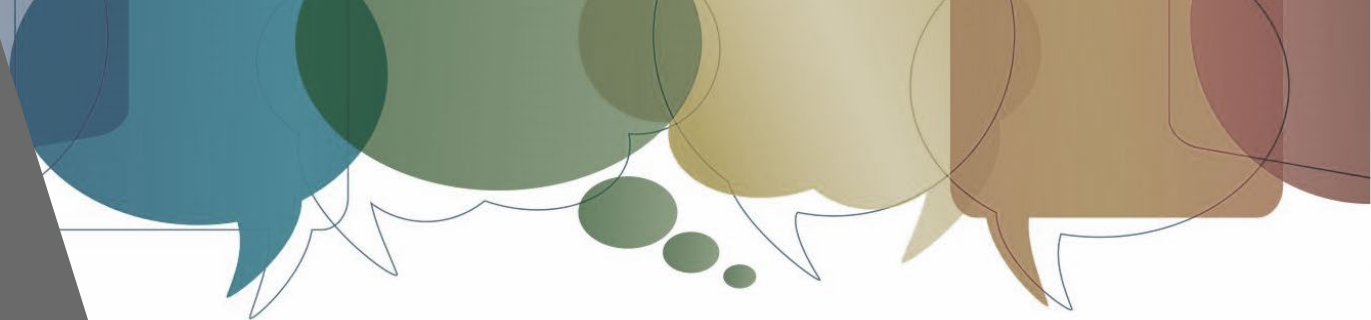




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PULSE REPORT ON COVID-19 – REPORT #108

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KEY FINDINGS

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There was a slight uptick in 'right track' this week to 58%.

3

The decline measured last week in the proportion of Ontarians that believe the government is 'doing what is required' to reduce the spread of the virus was unchanged this week at 50%, while 26% think the government is 'not doing as much as they should'.

And, trust in the government's communications about 'what the government is telling me about the COVID-19 situation' and 'the restrictions the government is imposing to fight COVID are measured/appropriate' both continued to trend downwards this week to the lowest levels since tracking began.

Of note, this week fully half (50%) of Ontarians report they are getting very tired of all the COVID-19 control measures such as face coverings and social distancing, an increase of 10-points.

2

Ontarians seem to be in a holding pattern this week regarding COVID-19. The proportion of Ontarians that believe that we are over the worst of the pandemic remained unchanged at 62% and confidence levels that the end of COVID-19 is nearer now that vaccines are being administered saw a slight uptick of 3-points to 57% - although both indicators remain below levels measured three weeks ago.

Most of the increased levels of concern about the possibility of fully vaccinated people contracting COVID-19 was also retained at 56% this week.

This is also true in terms of concern about a fourth wave of the pandemic, with 65% indicating concern - although those reporting they are 'very' concerned declined 10-points to 24%.

4

While the majority of Ontarians continue to believe the Ontario government should focus on economic issues surrounding COVID-19 (53%) compared to health-related issues (37%), there has been some downward movement for a focus on economic issues.

COVID-19 as the government's top priority has also been slowly trending up over the past two weeks to 31% this week; while 11% cite the economy, 10% healthcare, 8% affordable housing.

Cost of living/inflation is also starting to be cited as a priority issue.

Key Findings

There continues to be a high level of awareness and concern in Ontario regarding affordability in terms of inflation increasing the basic cost of living expenses.

Almost nine-in-ten (86%) say they have seen, read or heard about it in the last few weeks. And, intensity is high with 74% reporting they have seen/read/heard 'a lot'.

There is also a high level of concern about inflation increasing the cost of basic living expenses, with 88% concerned and 67% 'very' concerned.

And, while four-in-ten (39%) Ontarians say they are presently having a very hard time making ends meet, this increases to half (49%) who indicate they will definitely need additional income to make ends meet this coming year.

After experiencing a decline of 11-points over the previous two weeks, rating of the government's performance for 'ensuring excellent public education' is up this week and is again in positive territory at NET +5.

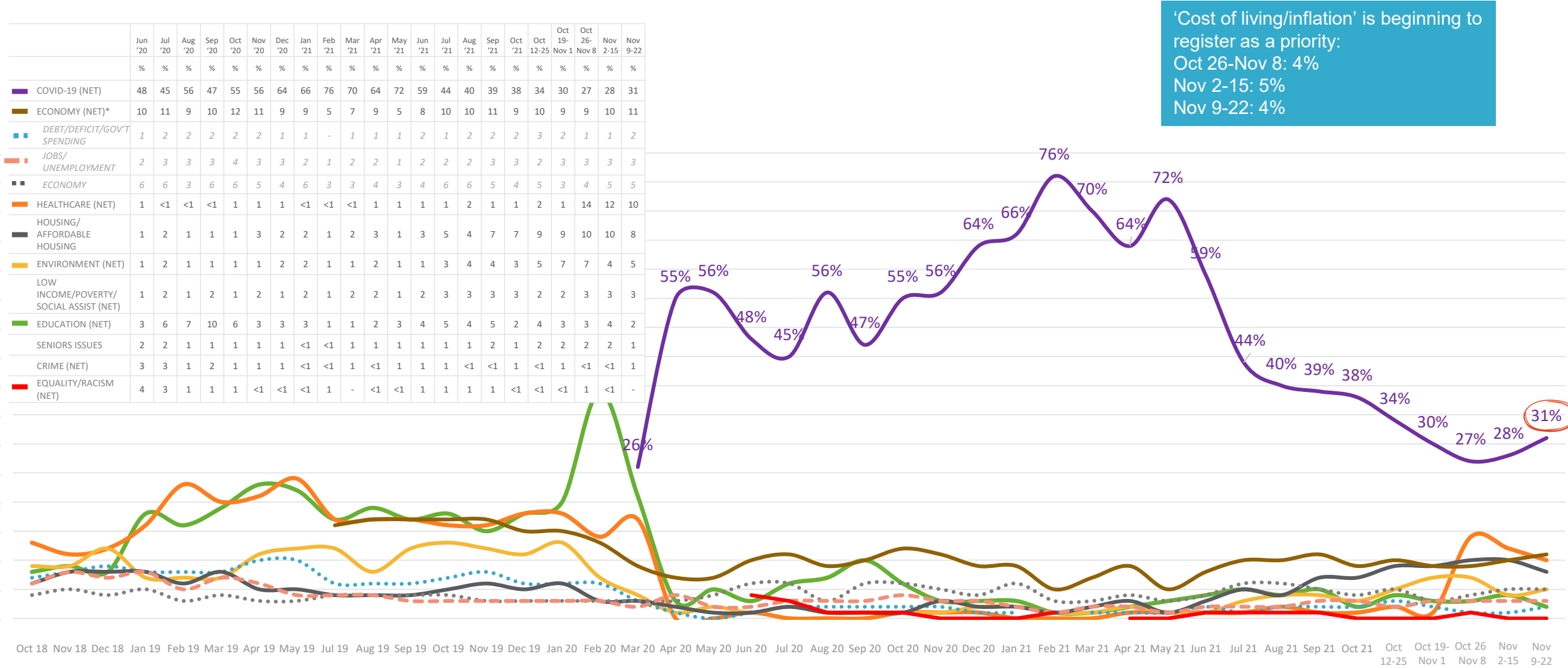
In terms of the government's economic and spending metrics, this week there was a 6-point improvement in the rating of the government's performance for 'building the provincial economy' (into positive territory), while the other economic/government spending metrics remained steady.

And, while the rating of the government's performance for 'making life more affordable' saw a modest 3-point improvement this week, it remains in negative territory at NET -33.

TOP ONTARIO GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES



COVID-19 as the government’s top priority has slowly been trending up over the past two weeks to 31% this week; while 11% cite the economy, 10% healthcare, 8% affordable housing.



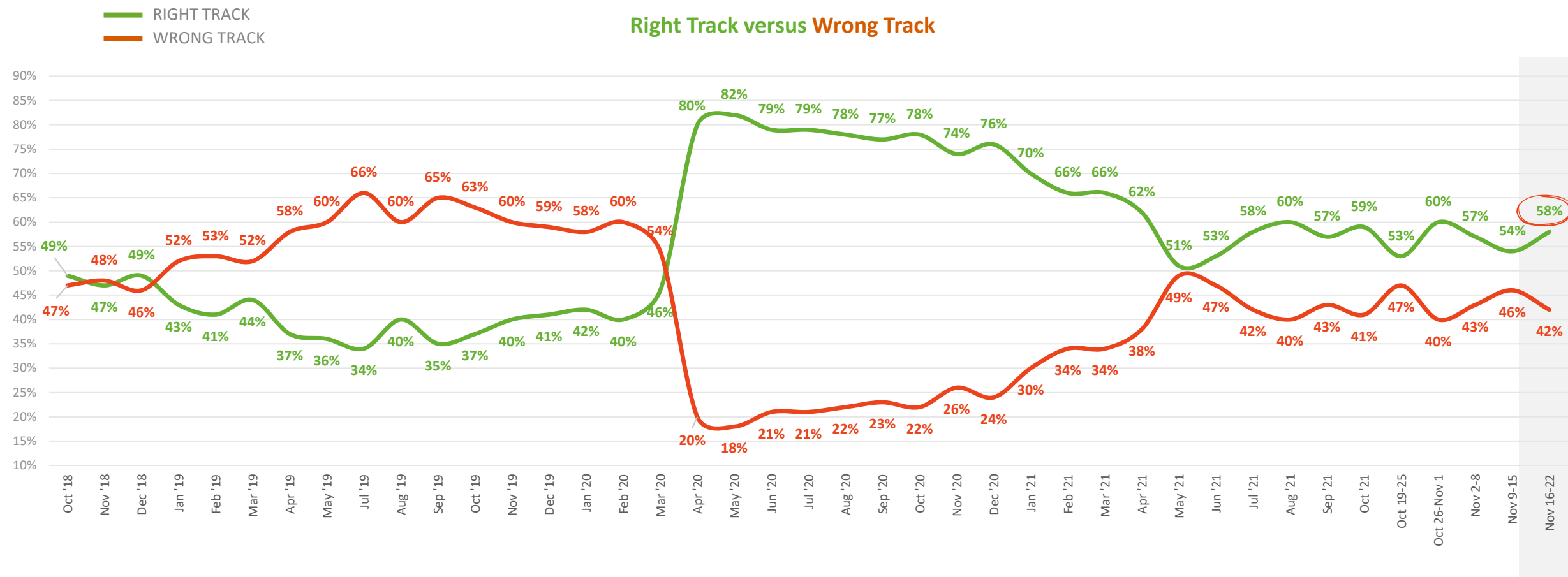
*ECONOMIC (NET) includes: Debt/Deficit/Government spending/Balance budget, Jobs/unemployment, Economy, Taxes

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

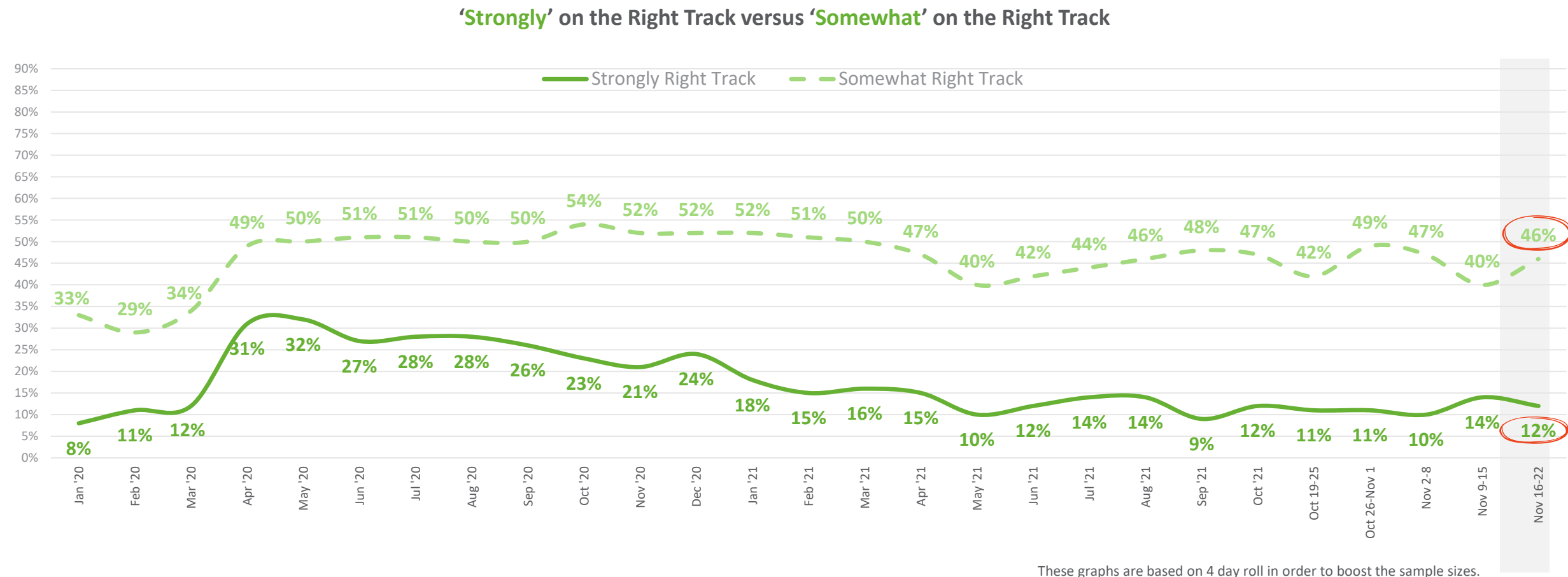


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Base: Total sample

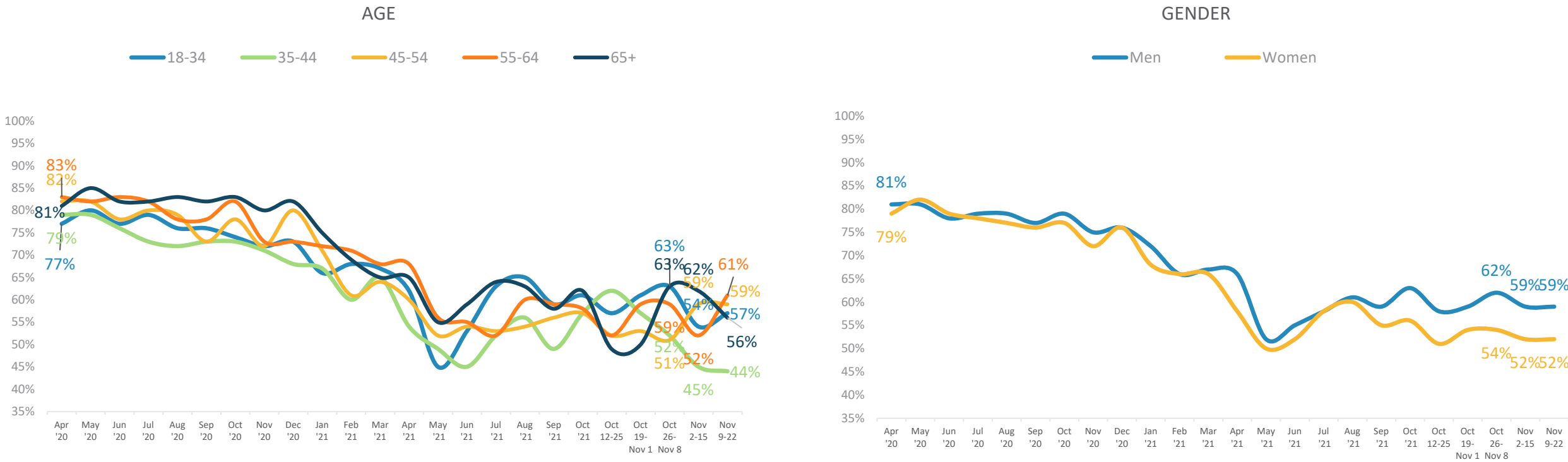
The uptick in ‘right track’ was driven by increases in the proportion who believe the government is ‘somewhat on the right track’.



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‘Right track’ by age continues to be variable. While an increase was measured among Ontarians aged 55-64, there was a decline among those 65+. Scores among 35-44 continue to lag the other age groups. ‘Right track’ remained unchanged among both men and women this week.

Right Track Scores – 12-Day Roll

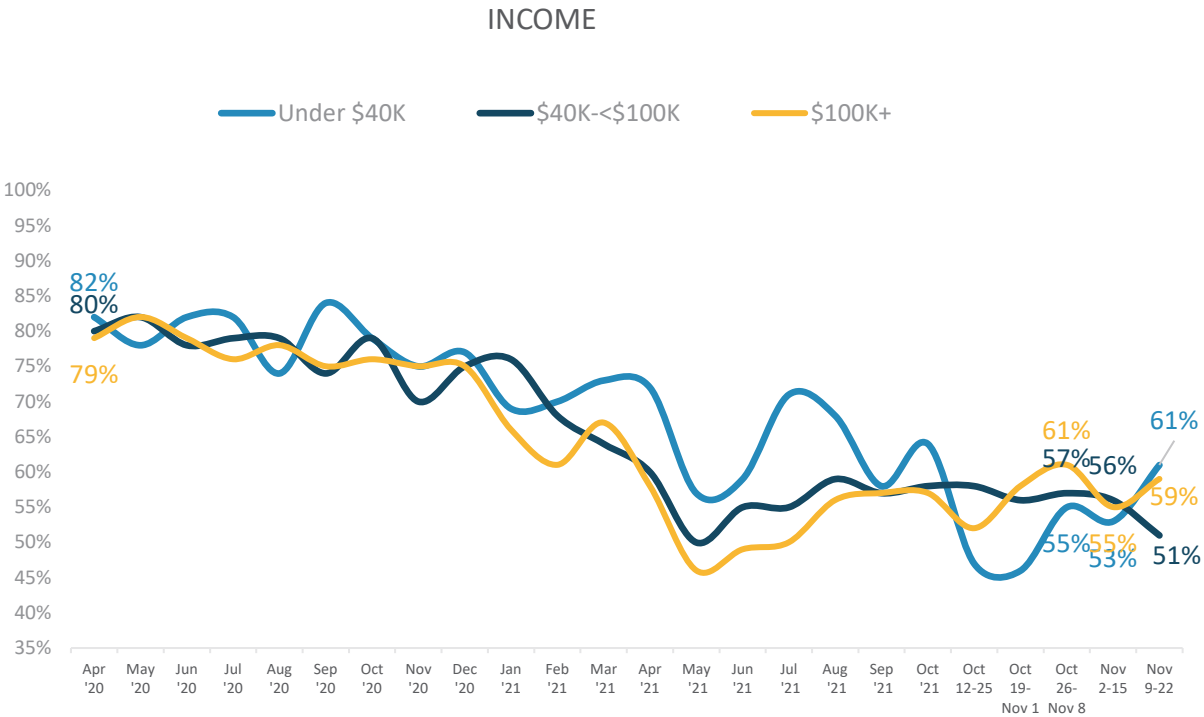
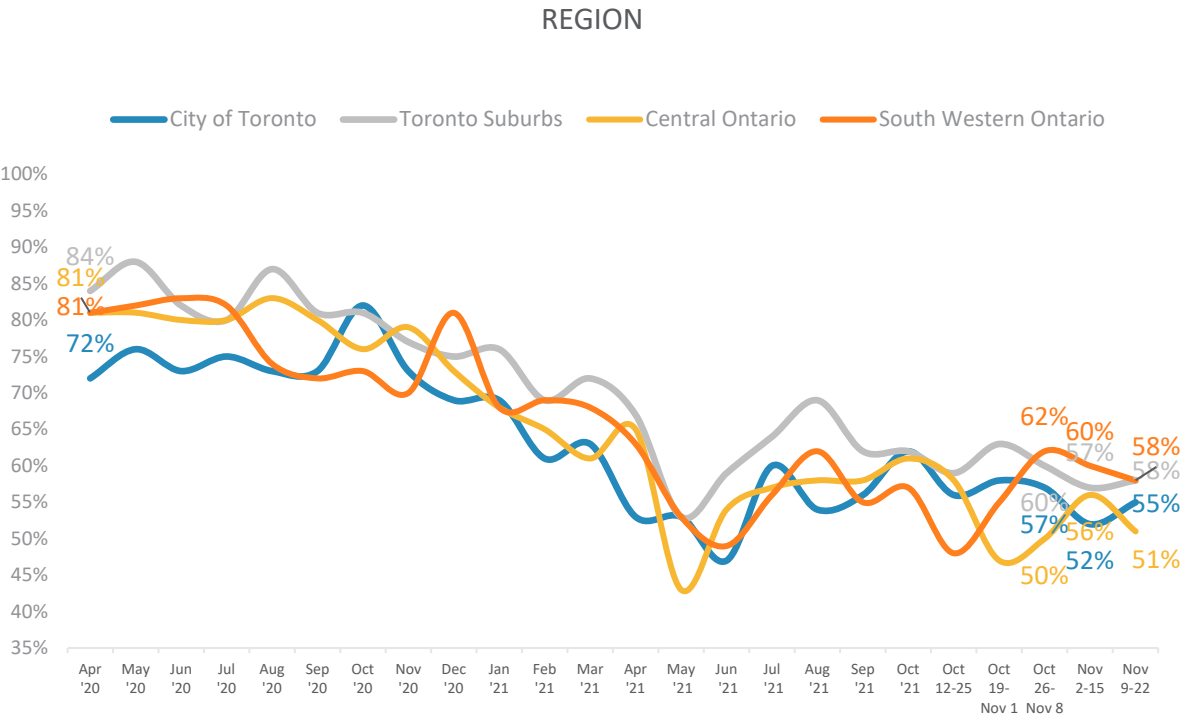


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Base: Total sample

Regionally, there was a slight increase in ‘right track’ in the city of Toronto while last week’s increase in Central Ontario was reversed. By income, ‘right track’ was up among both those making <\$40k and \$100k+ while there was a decline among the \$40k-<\$100K income bracket.

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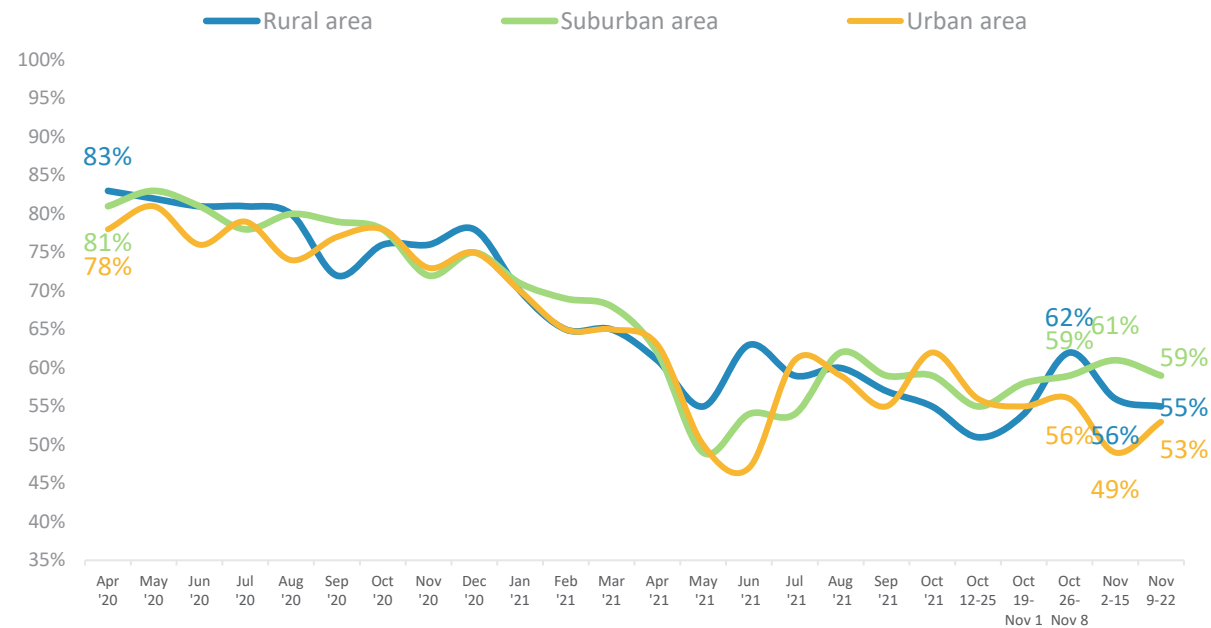
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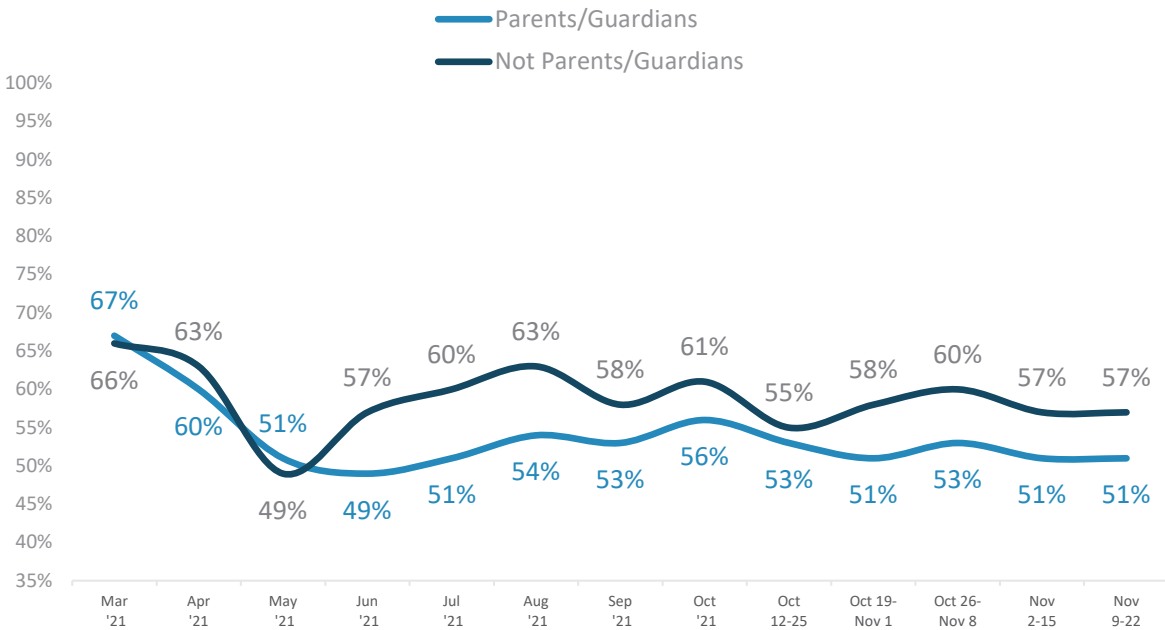
‘Right track’ scores were up in urban areas while remaining steady in both rural and suburban areas this week.

Right Track Scores – 12-Day Roll

RURAL/URBAN/SUBURBAN



PARENTS/GUARDIAN JK-G12 VS NOT PARENTS/GUARDIANS



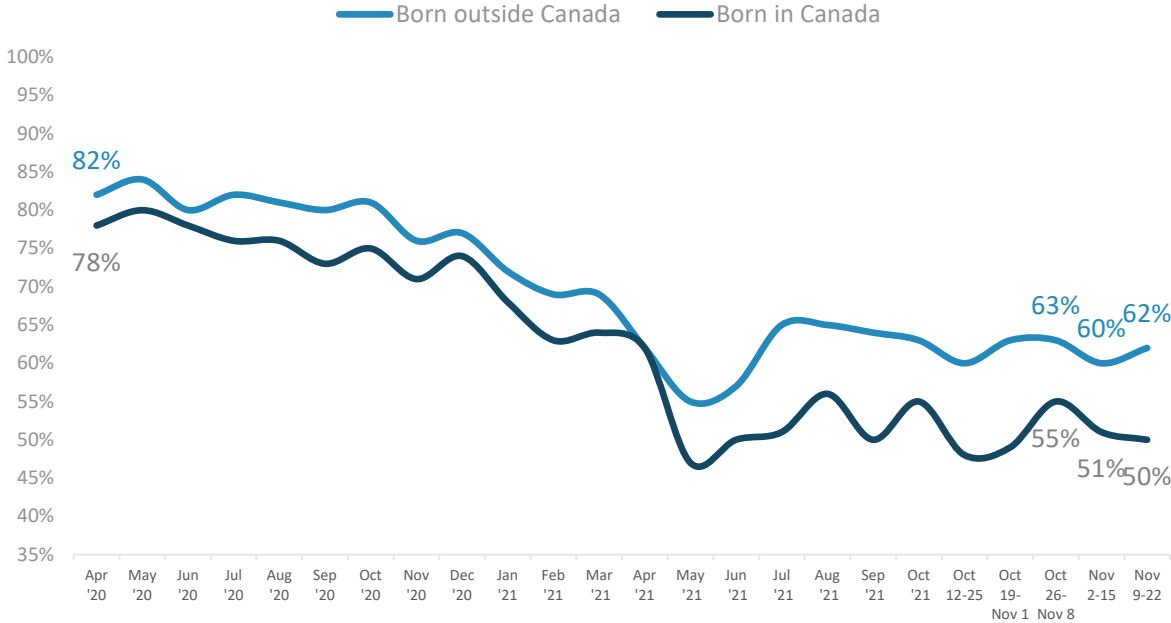
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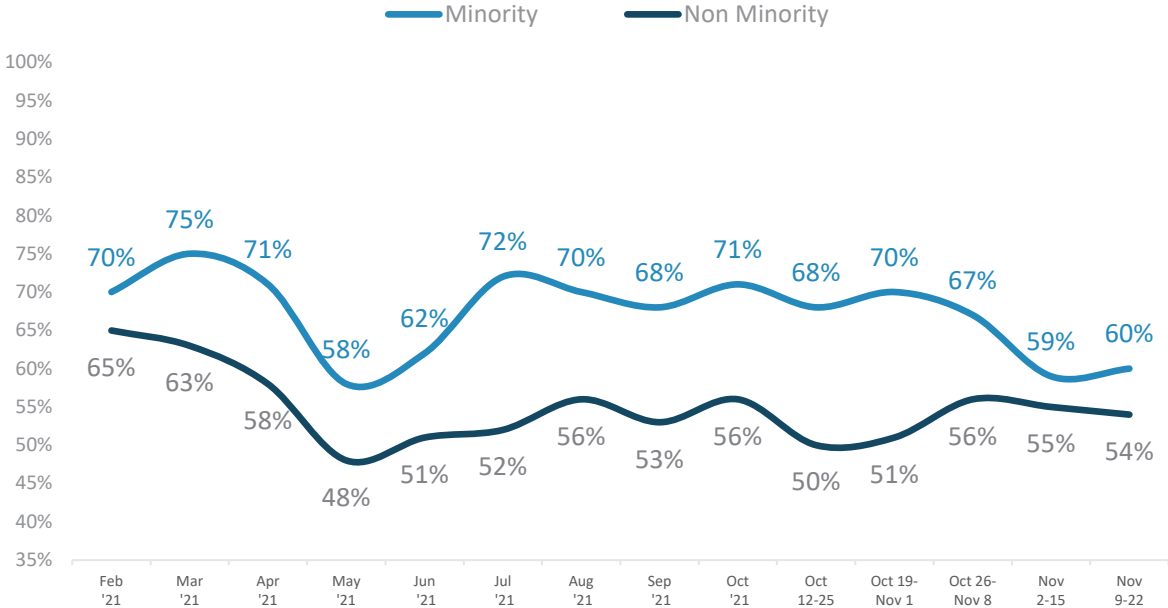
‘Right track’ also remained steady among Ontarians born in and outside of Canada, as well as among minorities and non-minorities.

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BORN OUTSIDE/WITHIN CANADA



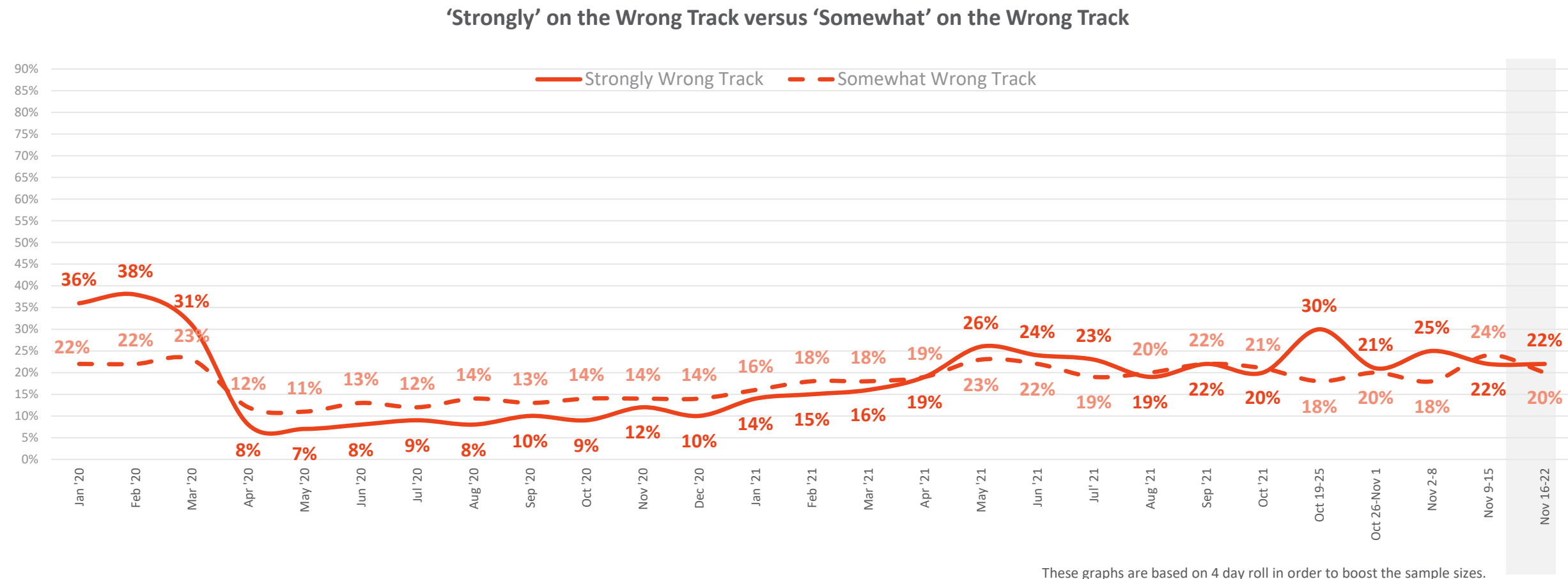
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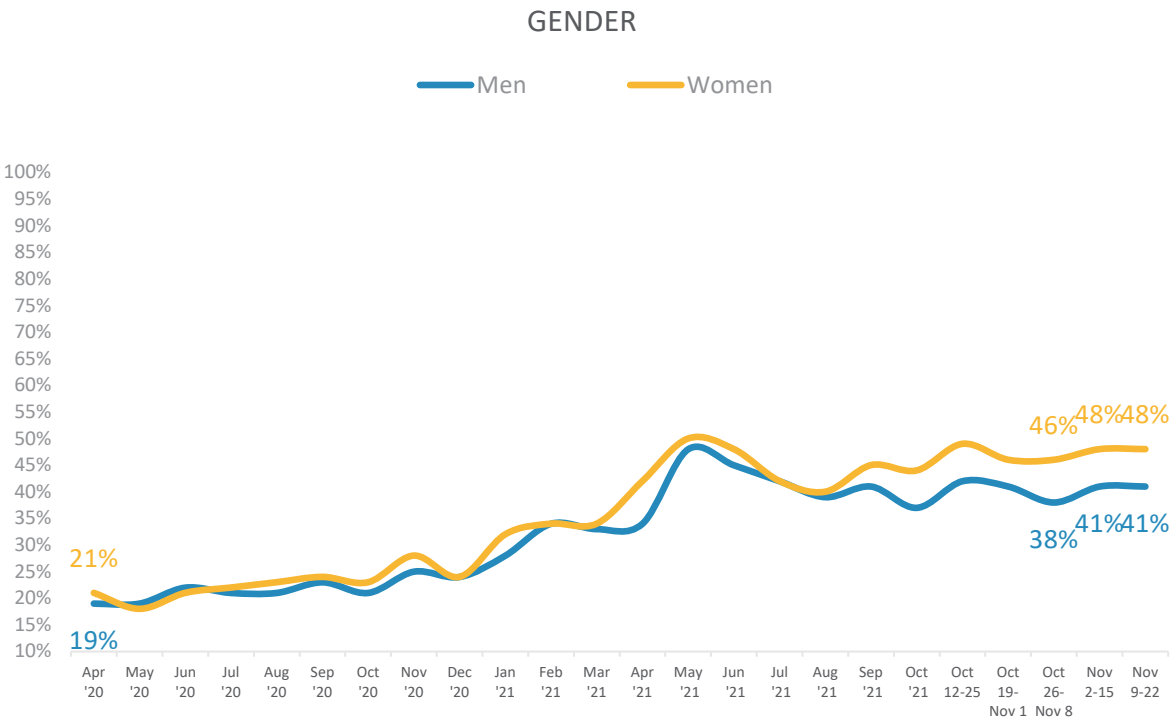
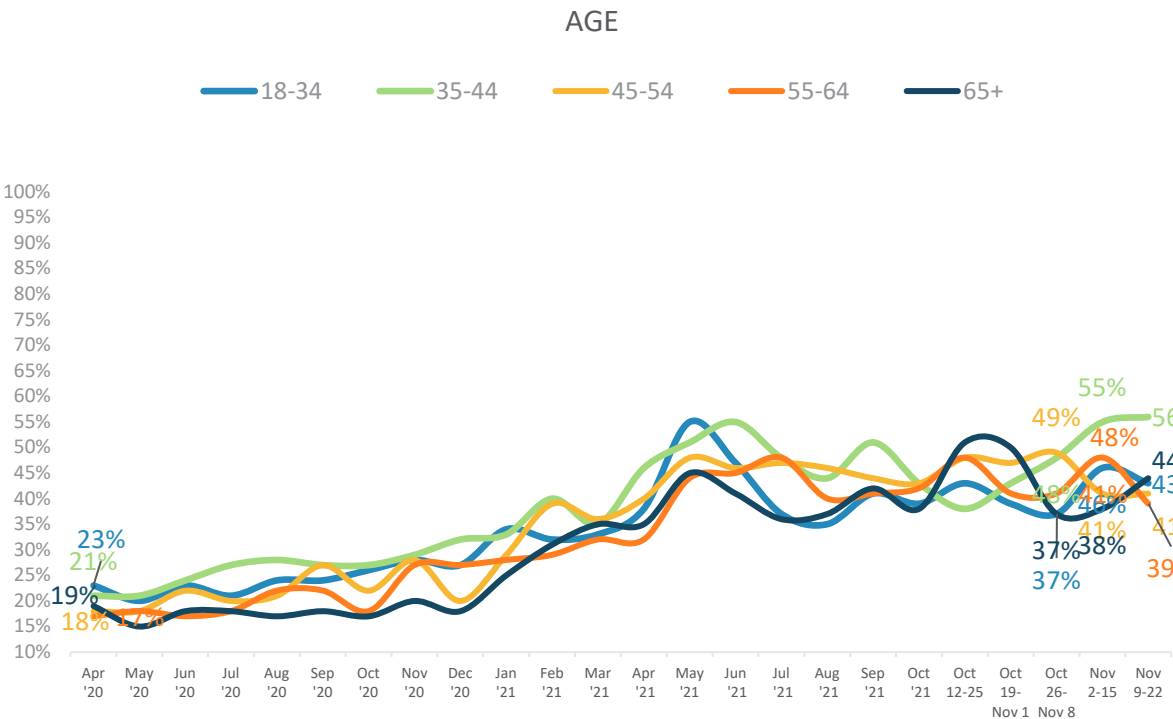
This week, there was a slight decline in the proportion who believe the government is ‘somewhat on the wrong track’.



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Base: Total sample

‘Wrong track’ scores remain highest among those aged 35-44, with upward movement this week among Ontarians aged 65+ and a decline in the 55-64 age group. Results for ‘wrong track’ remained unchanged among both men and women.

Wrong Track Scores – 12-Day Roll

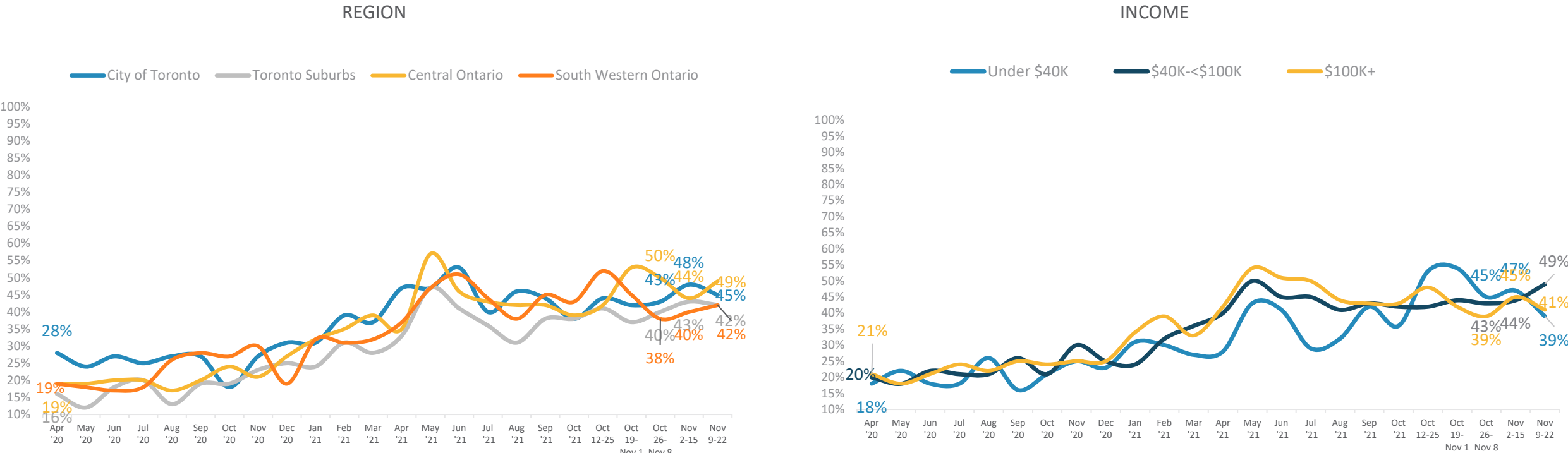


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Wrong Track Scores – 12-Day Roll



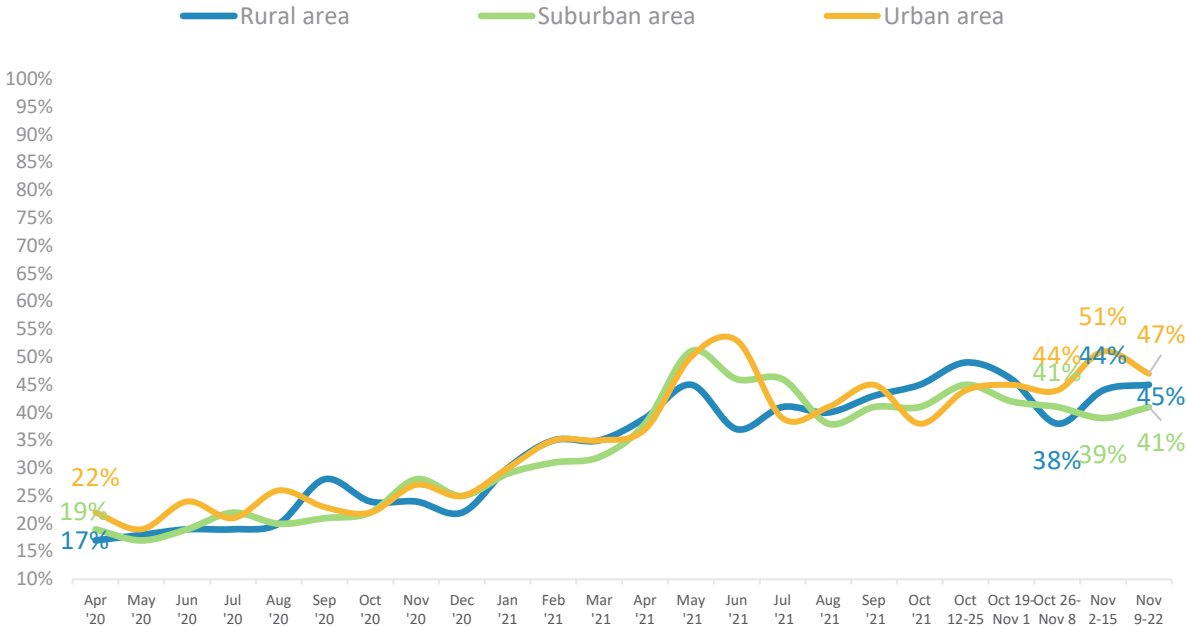
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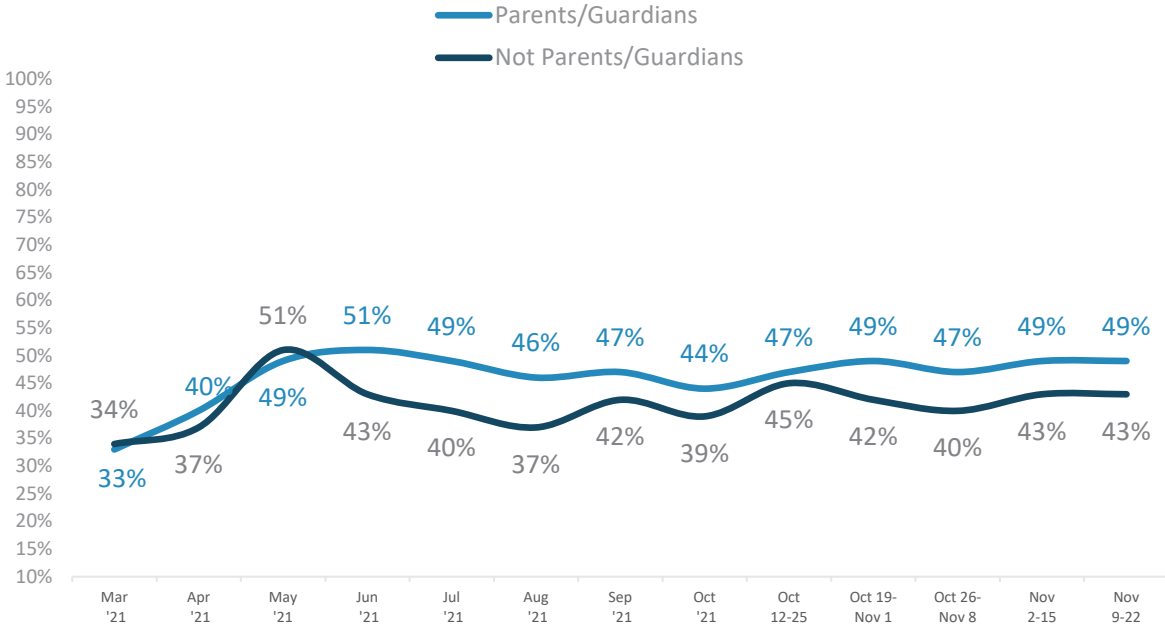
‘Wrong track’ declined in urban areas, while scores remained steady in both rural and suburban areas.

Wrong Track Scores – 12-Day Roll

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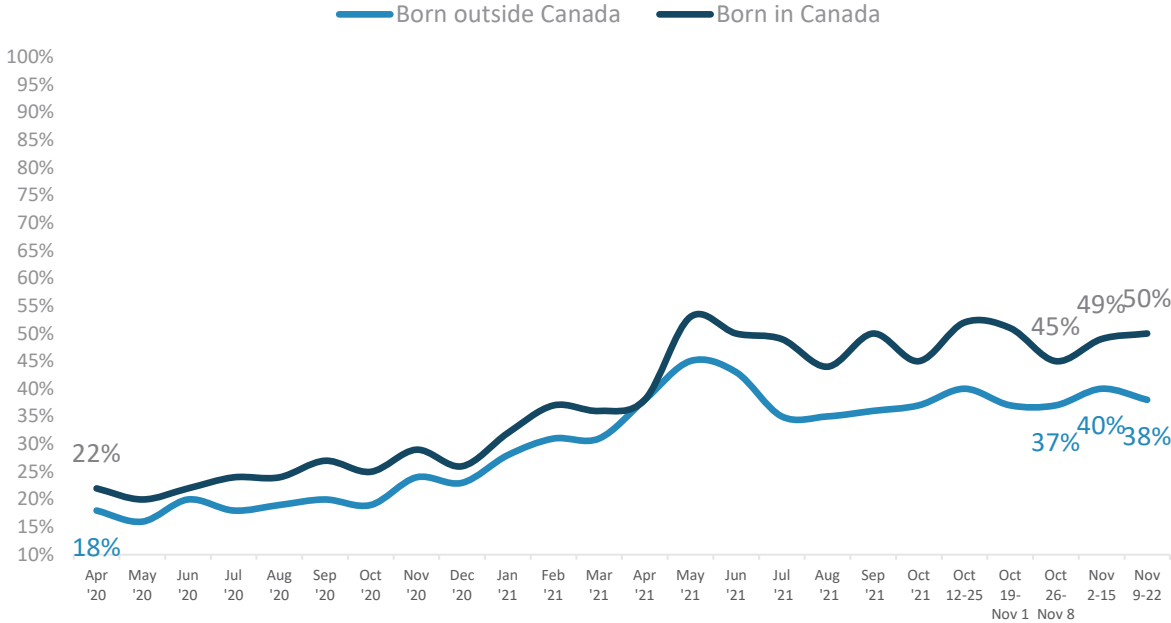


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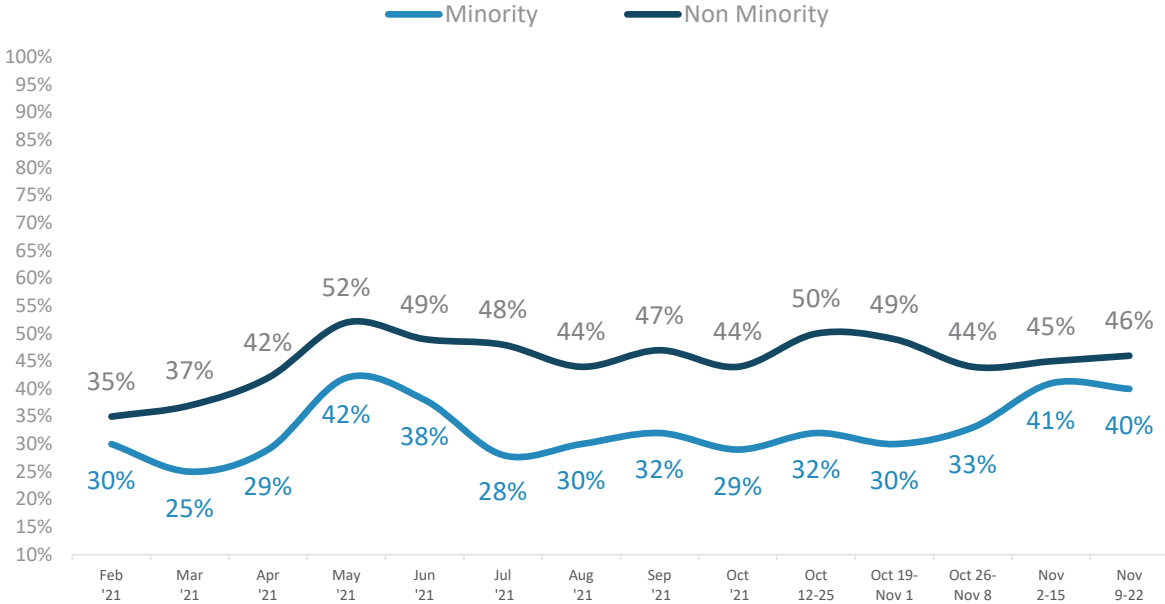
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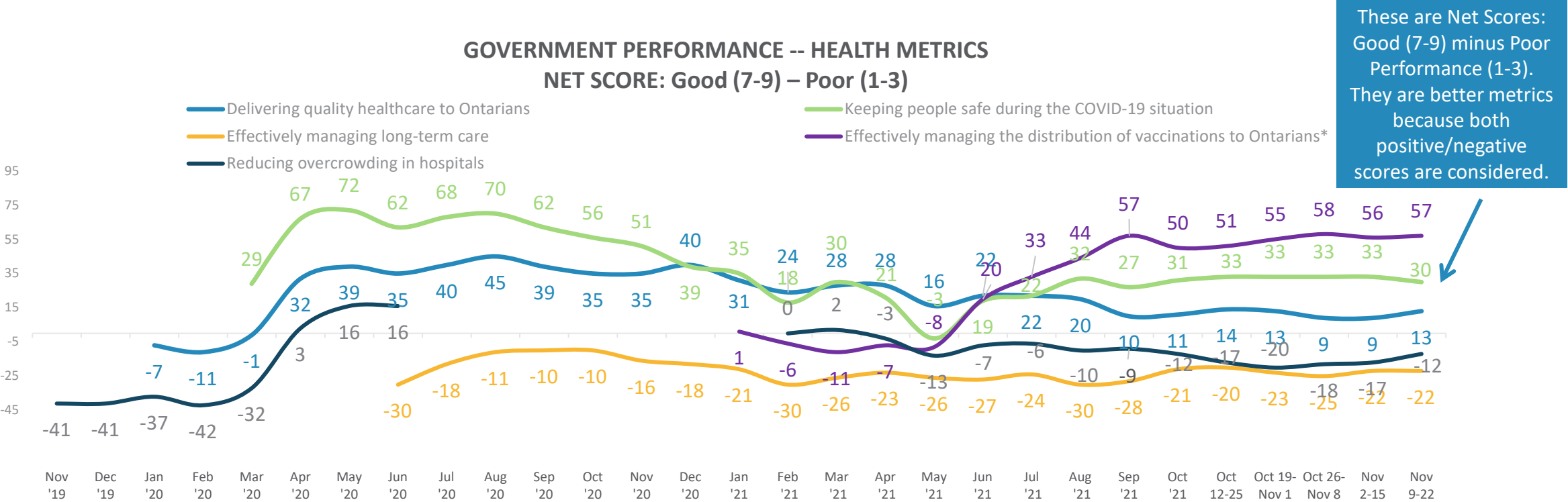
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PERCEPTIONS OF GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC



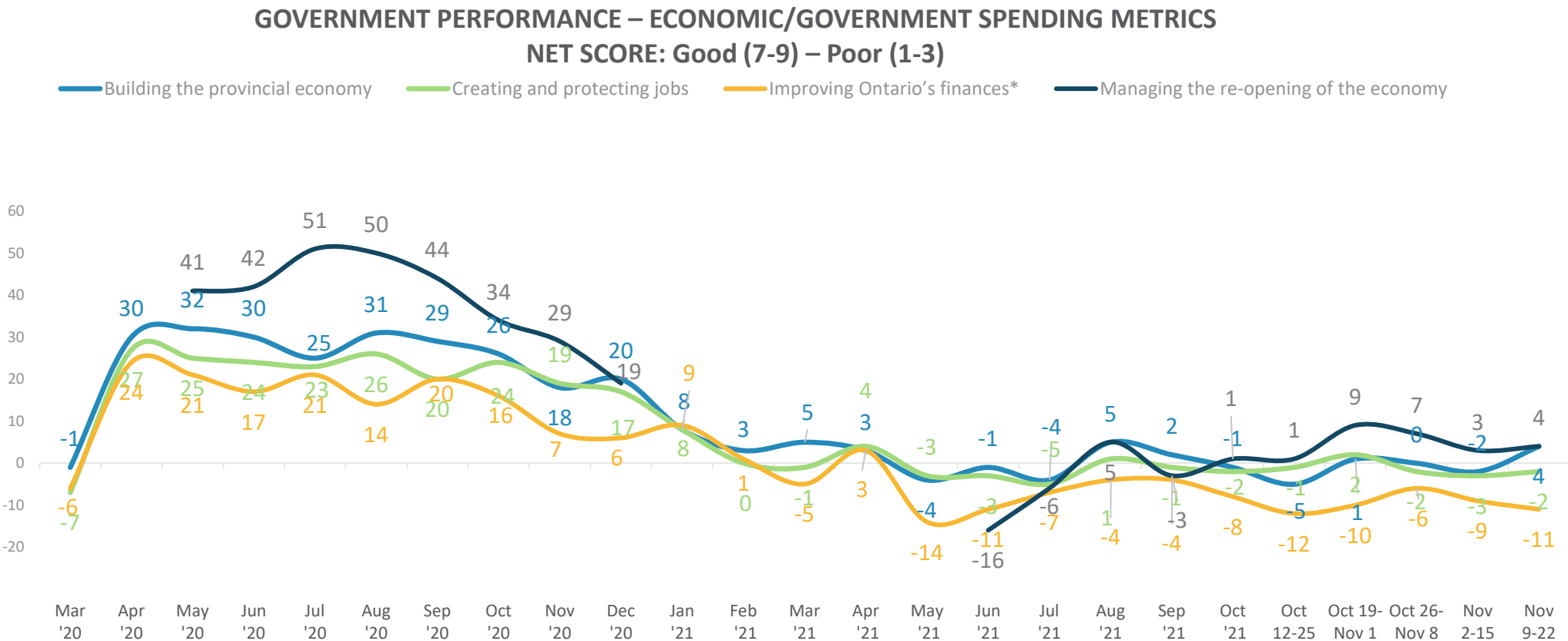
While the rating of the government’s performance for ‘effectively managing the distribution of vaccinations’ remained steady again this week, there was a slight decline for ‘keeping people safe during the COVID-19 situation’.

- Improvements were measured for both ‘delivering quality healthcare to Ontarians’ and ‘reducing overcrowding in hospitals’.



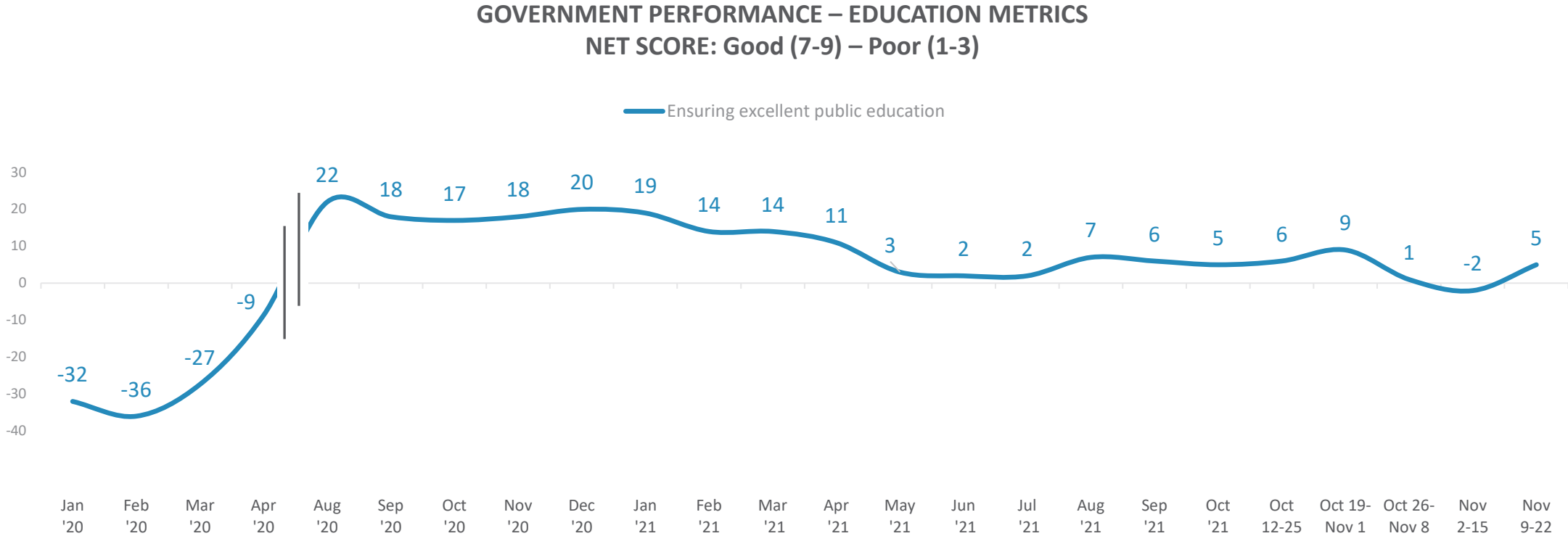
Q5. Using a scale where 1 means “poor” and nine is “excellent”, how would you rate the performance of Ontario government at managing each of the following?
*Former phrasing: “Effectively managing the vaccinations of Ontarians”
Bases vary

This week, there was a 6-point improvement in the rating of the government’s performance for ‘building the provincial economy’ (into positive territory), while the other economic/government spending metrics remained steady.



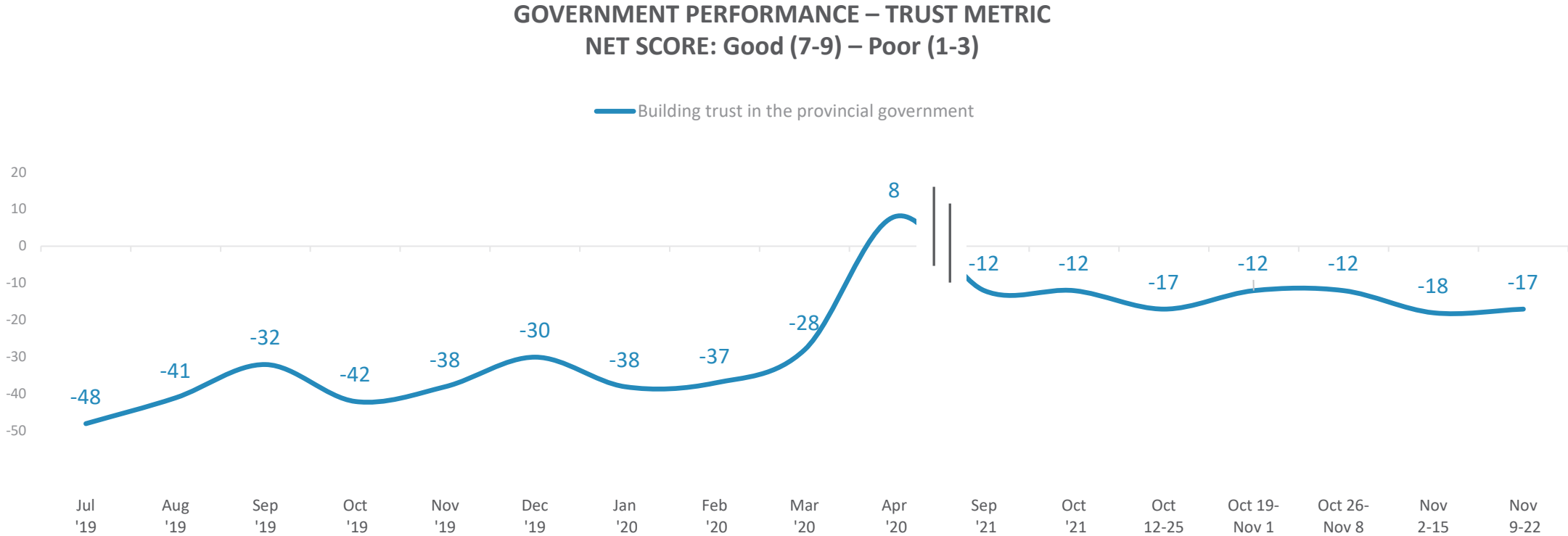
Q5. Using a scale where 1 means “poor” and nine is “excellent”, how would you rate the performance of Ontario government at managing each of the following?
*Former phrasing: “Improve Ontario’s finances”
Bases vary

After experiencing declines over the past two weeks, the rating of the government’s performance for ‘ensuring excellent public education’ was up this week and is again in positive territory.



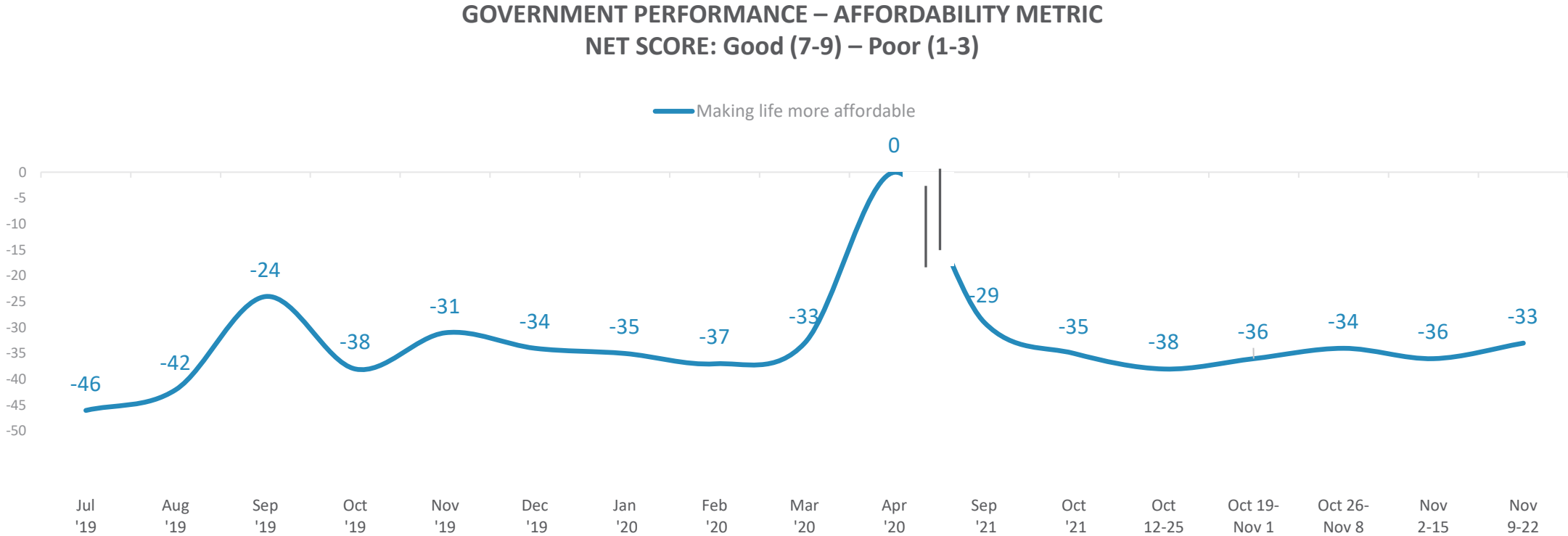
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Bases vary

Rating of the government’s performance for ‘building trust in the provincial government’ remained steady 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

There was a slight improvement in the rating of the government’s performance for ‘making life more affordable’.



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

FOCUS ON HEALTH VERSUS ECONOMY



The majority of Ontarians continue to believe the Ontario government should focus on economic issues surrounding COVID-19 (53%) compared to health-related issues (37%), although there has been some downward movement for a focus on economic issues.

	Jun '21	Jul '21	Aug '21	Sep '21	Oct '21	Oct 12-25	Oct 19-Nov 1	Oct 26-Nov 8	Nov 2-15	Nov 9-22
n=	Varies									
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
It should focus on health-related issues surrounding COVID-19, including minimizing increases in the number of cases and accelerating the vaccine rollout.	48	38	39	40	38	31	35	38	35	37
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.	42	52	52	46	47	61	62	57	57	53
Both a health and an economic focus are equally important.	8	8	7	13	12	6	2	4	6	8

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



LEVEL OF CONCERN ABOUT 4TH WAVE OF THE PANDEMIC

Ontarians continue to remain concerned about a fourth wave of the pandemic, with 65% registering concern this week. However, there has been a 10-point drop in those saying they are ‘very’ concerned.

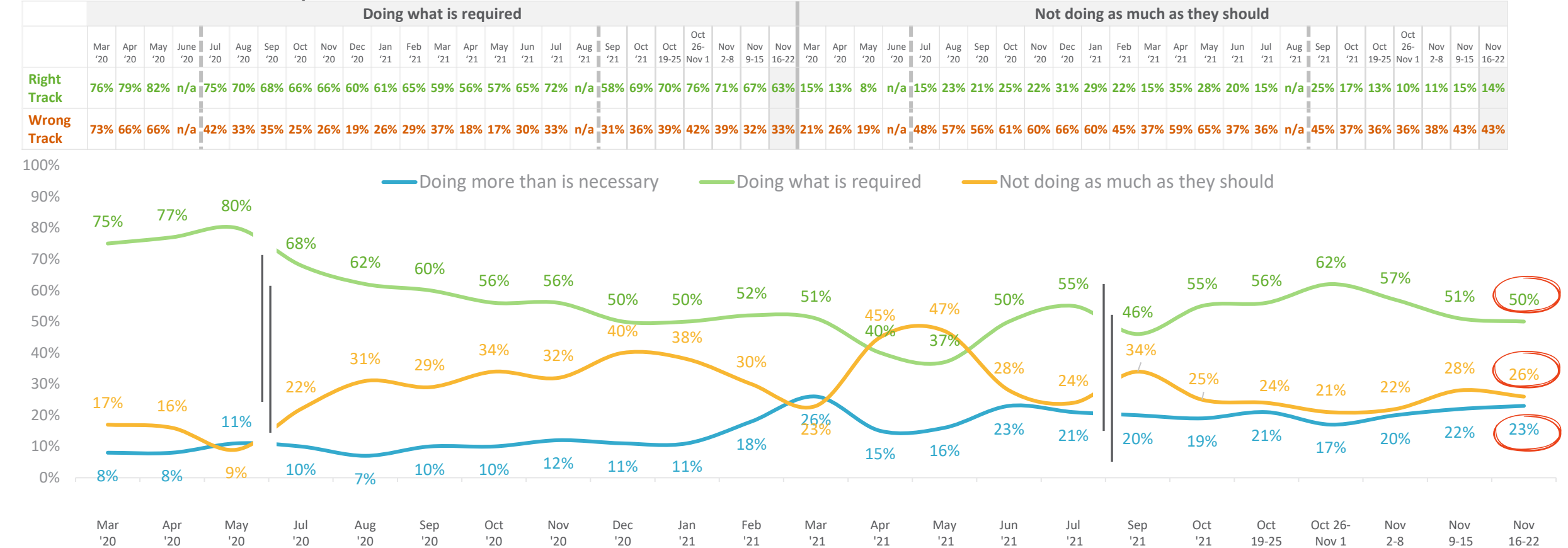
	Jul '21	Aug '21	Sep '21	Oct '21	Oct 19-25	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22
n=	varies								
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL CONCERNED	61	71	75	68	68	60	55	68	65
Very concerned	19	30	43	32	22	15	26	34	24
Somewhat concerned	42	41	32	36	46	45	29	33	41
Not too concerned	22	16	12	17	22	19	26	17	25
Not at all concerned	16	12	12	14	10	21	17	13	10
TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	38	28	24	31	31	40	43	30	34

TAKING ACTION TO DEAL WITH THE 4TH WAVE



ONTARIO GOVERNMENT COVID-19 MEASURES

Results remained stable this week with 50% that believe the government is ‘doing what is required’ to reduce the spread of the virus, while 26% think the government is ‘not doing as much as they should’ and 23% think it is ‘doing more than is necessary’.



QCV-6. In light of the Delta variant and 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 ...

Making vaccines mandatory (26%) continues to receive the most support as an additional action necessary to reduce transmission of COVID-19.

	Aug 31- Sep 6	Sep 7-13	Sep 14-20	Sep 21-27	Sep 28- Oct 4	Oct 5-11	Oct 19-25	Oct 26- Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22
n=	Varies										
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Making vaccines mandatory	29	34	33	39	33	39	35	27	29	30	26
Restricting international travel into Canada	23	21	19	13	19	19	23	17	18	19	18
Restricting access to non-essential indoor settings like restaurants and movie theatres only to people who are fully vaccinated.	18	21	15	13	15	10	15	16	13	13	18
Additional public health measures like reducing capacity at stores or limiting the size of social gatherings to limit contact with others	10	10	11	12	7	13	10	14	10	11	10
Lockdowns / closing businesses	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	1
All of the above	5	7	6	5	10	8	5	5	6	5	6
No additional action is needed	6	3	9	9	11	5	5	13	13	12	15
Don't know/unsure	7	4	6	5	4	5	4	5	11	9	6

QCV-214. What if any additional action is necessary to reduce transmission of COVID-19:

Base: Total sample

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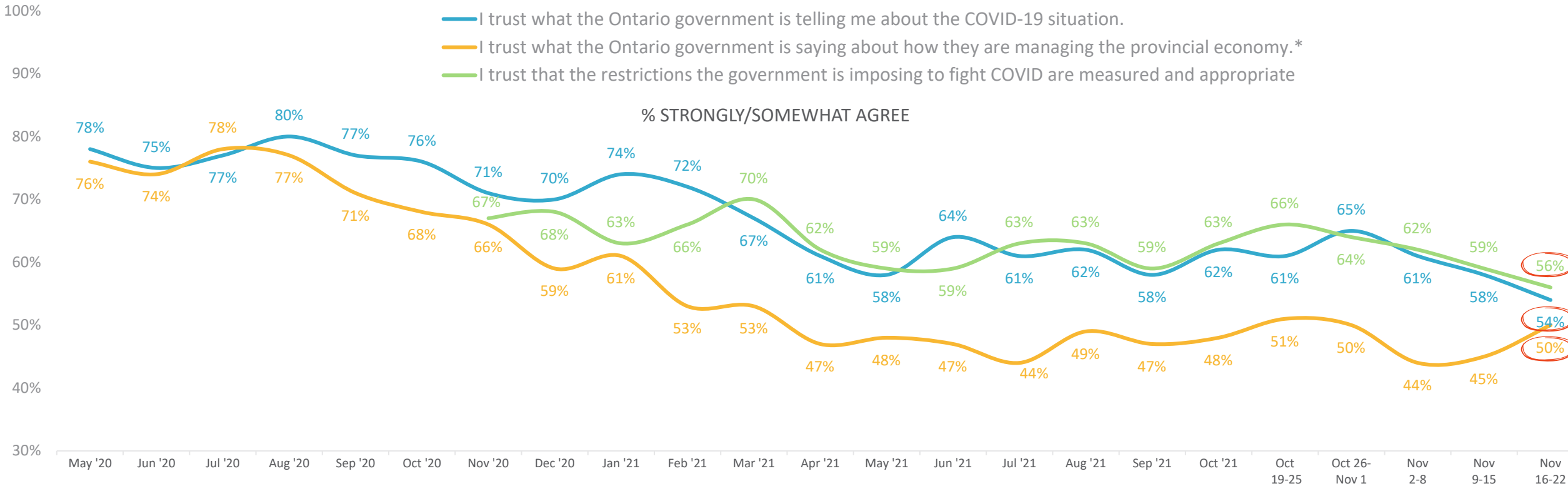
CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT COVID-19 MESSAGING



TRUST IN THE GOVERNMENT’S COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT COVID-19

Trust in the government’s communications about ‘what the government is telling me about the COVID-19 situation’ and ‘the restrictions the government is imposing to fight COVID are measured/appropriate’ both continued to trend downwards this week to the lowest levels since tracking began.

- Results for ‘how they are managing the provincial economy’ increased.



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

COVID-19 INFECTIONS



IS THE WORST OF THE PANDEMIC OVER IN ONTARIO?

Results were unchanged this week with the majority (62%) of Ontarians continuing to feel optimistic that we are over the worst of the pandemic, although the proportion that believes this is down 13-points since the end of October.

I believe that we are over the worst of COVID-19

	Jun '21	Jul '21	Aug '21	Sep '21	Oct '21	Oct 19-25	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22
n=	varies									
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	62	74	59	48	58	68	75	69	62	62
Strongly agree	24	37	27	18	27	31	34	32	25	29
Somewhat agree	38	38	33	30	32	37	41	37	37	32
Neither agree nor disagree	8	6	7	8	7	7	5	11	6	9
Somewhat disagree	17	9	16	18	14	16	8	8	15	13
Strongly disagree	10	8	15	22	17	8	10	10	13	13
TOTAL DISAGREE	28	17	31	39	32	24	18	18	28	26

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

Base: Total sample

VIEWS ON PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES



About two-thirds (64%) of Ontarians continue to report they see people everyday not following the public health guidelines such as physical distancing and mask-wearing.

% STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT AGREE	Jun '20	Jul '20	Aug '20	Sep '20	Oct '20	Nov '20	Nov 7-12	Nov 14-19	Nov 21-26	Dec 12-17	Dec 19-23	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22
n=	varies														
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I see people everyday not following public health guidelines, like physical distancing and mask-wearing*	76	79	74	69	71	69	66	64	62	59	60	62	65	64	64

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

LEVEL OF FATIGUE WITH COVID-19 MITIGATION MEASURES

This week fully half (50%) of Ontarians report they are getting very tired of all the COVID-19 control measures such as face coverings and social distancing, an increase of 10-points.

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

	Sep '20	Oct '20	Nov '20	Dec'20	Apr '21	May '21	Jun '21	Jul '21	Oct 26- Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22
n=	varies											
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	32	27	34	36	43	45	45	49	44	43	40	50
Strongly agree	19	14	18	24	24	25	26	26	26	26	24	35
Somewhat agree	13	12	16	12	19	21	19	23	18	18	15	16
Neither agree nor disagree	3	5	7	3	6	7	8	11	7	4	6	6
Somewhat disagree	18	19	15	12	14	16	19	13	17	20	20	13
Strongly disagree	46	49	44	48	36	30	26	26	32	31	32	30
TOTAL DISAGREE	64	68	59	60	50	47	46	39	49	52	52	43

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

FREQUENCY OF FACE MASK WEARING

Regardless, most (85%) Ontarians say they are wearing a mask or face covering ‘all/most of the time’, with over half (55%) reporting they are wearing a mask ‘all of the time’.

	Jul '20	Aug '20	Sep '20	Oct '20	Nov '20	Dec '20	Jan '21	Feb '21	Aug '21	Aug 10-16	Aug 17-23	Aug 24-30	Aug 31-Sep 6	Sep 7-13	Sep 14-20	Sep 21-27	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL ALL/MOST OF THE TIME	60	77	83	87	88	90	92	91	81	81	83	79	81	82	84	80	82	83	87	85
All of the time	29	49	55	63	67	71	73	72	57	56	48	51	58	49	53	51	52	55	57	55
Most of the time	30	28	28	24	21	19	19	19	25	24	36	29	23	33	31	29	30	28	31	30
Some of the time	23	16	12	9	9	6	6	7	13	14	11	14	13	15	9	13	12	12	9	12
Rarely	14	7	4	3	3	3	2	2	4	3	5	6	6	3	7	6	4	4	3	2
Never	3	1	1	1	1	1	<1	<1	2	2	1	1	<1	-	1	1	1	<1	<1	2
RARELY/NEVER	17	8	5	4	3	4	2	2	6	5	6	7	6	3	7	7	6	5	4	4

	RIGHT TRACK																WRONG TRACK															
	Nov '20	Dec '20	Jan '21	Feb '21	Aug '21	Aug 10-16	Aug 17-23	Aug 24-30	Aug 31-Sep 6	Sep 7-13	Sep 14-20	Sep 21-27	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22	Nov '20	Dec '20	Jan '21	Feb '21	Aug '21	Aug 10-16	Aug 17-23	Aug 24-30	Aug 31-Sep 6	Sep 7-13	Sep 14-20	Sep 21-27	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22
TOTAL ALL/MOST OF THE TIME	90%	92%	94%	94%	84%	82%	85%	86%	85%	85%	89%	83%	86%	84%	90%	90%	82%	83%	86%	85%	76%	79%	81%	73%	76%	77%	77%	76%	76%	82%	84%	77%

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

Nine-in-ten (88%) Ontarians support the need for public health measures with 42% having the view that public health measures such as mask wearing and social distancing in public places should continue and 46% agreeing that, while there is still the need for public health measures, there should be a plan to relax them.

	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22
n=	Varies			
	%	%	%	%
Some people say that with decreased risk of catching COVID compared to a few months ago, there’s no longer a need for public health measures such as mask wearing and social distancing in public places like stores and restaurants.	10	10	10	8
Other people say that there is still risk of catching COVID and we’re not past the pandemic, so we should continue having public health measures such as mask wearing and social distancing in public places like stores and restaurants.	40	48	44	42
Still other people say that with the decreased risk of catching COVID compared to a few months ago, there is still some need for public health measures, such as mask wearing and social distancing in public places like stores and restaurants, but there should be a plan to relax these measures.	48	40	44	46

LEVEL OF ATTENTION PAID TO NUMBER OF CASES/OTHER STATISTICS ABOUT THE PANDEMIC IN ONTARIO

Around half of Ontarians are paying either more attention or about the same amount of attention to the number of daily new cases, deaths, and the number of people in hospitals. However, there has been a decline in the proportion reporting they are paying less attention to the number of people in intensive care units compared to a few months ago.

- And, one-quarter (24%) report they are paying more attention to the percentage of Ontarians fully vaccinated.

	Paying more attention				About the same				Paying less attention			
	Oct 26- Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22	Oct 26- Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22	Oct 26- Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22
n=	Varies											
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
The number of daily new cases	12	14	14	12	39	40	37	40	48	44	46	45
The number of daily deaths	10	10	12	10	36	42	36	39	53	46	51	50
The number of people in hospitals	12	15	15	13	37	39	33	42	51	43	49	43
The number of people in intensive care units	14	14	14	13	36	36	35	45	49	46	47	39
Percentage of Ontarians fully vaccinated	24	23	21	24	40	38	35	40	34	35	41	35

COVID-19 VACCINE



Confidence levels that the end of COVID-19 is nearer now that vaccines are being administered was up slightly this week but remains 7-points lower than measured at the end of October.

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	Dec 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**

Jan '21	Feb '21	Mar '21	Apr '21	May '21	Jun '21	Jul '21	Aug '21	Sep '21	Oct '21	Oct 19-25	Oct 26- Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22
varies														
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
52	49	49	58	56	72	70	63	47	52	58	64	61	54	57
16	18	18	22	20	33	33	24	15	21	28	30	25	18	25
35	31	31	36	36	39	37	39	32	30	30	33	37	36	32
6	7	6	6	7	6	6	5	6	6	6	7	5	6	5
19	20	18	16	16	13	11	15	19	18	21	12	18	20	16
22	23	24	17	19	7	12	15	25	22	16	16	14	17	19
41	43	42	34	35	21	23	30	44	40	36	28	33	37	36

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

WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE THIRD DOSE OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE

Ontarians are willing to receive a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine with about three-quarters (76%) indicating they would take it if it was available to them, and intensity is high with 63% being ‘very’ willing.

	Sep 28- Oct 4	Oct 5-11	Oct 12-18	Oct 19-25	Oct 26- Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22
n=	Varies							
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL WILLING	79	82	79	85	79	80	77	76
Very willing	54	69	61	69	60	58	57	63
Somewhat willing	25	14	18	16	19	22	20	13
Not too willing	7	6	9	6	8	8	10	11
Not at all willing	9	7	10	6	9	7	10	7
TOTAL NOT WILLING	16	14	19	12	17	15	20	18
I have already had my booster dose	2	1	1	2	3	3	2	4
Don't know/not sure	4	3	2	1	1	2	1	2

QCV-120. As you may know, there has been some discussion of the need for all those fully vaccinated to receive third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. How willing are you to get a third dose of the vaccine if this were available to you?

Base: Total sample

REASONS WHY NOT WILLING TO RECEIVE THIRD DOSE OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE

The top cited reasons for not being willing to get a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine is that they believe that they already have two doses and that is enough (22%) or that it is not necessary (19%).

	Sep 28-Oct 11	Oct 5-18	Oct 12-25	Oct 19-Nov 1	Oct 26-Nov 8	Nov 2-15	Nov 9-22
n=	69	84	73	60	69	76	81
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I already got two doses (that is enough)	-	10	19	13	10	19	22
Not necessary	28	13	8	17	22	19	19
Not confident in the effectiveness of the vaccine	-	2	10	14	5	5	9
Concerned about long term effects	9	5	4	5	4	3	9
I got sick when taking previous doses of the COVID-19 vaccine	-	10	7	4	2	6	8
How many boosters are going to be needed (e.g., every six months)	10	4	3	8	10	6	7
Concerned about too much vaccine in the body	3	-	16	2	2	2	5
Do not trust the government	6	5	3	2	4	7	4
I never wanted to get the first two doses/was forced to get first two doses (e.g., work)	-	6	4	7	5	4	4
Already had COVID and dealt with it/survived	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
Research/need more information	11	11	9	17	20	10	3
Too soon/need a longer gap in between doses	-	8	6	4	3	3	2
Just a ploy to give money to big pharma	-	1	1	1	1	2	2
Heard negative things about the vaccine (e.g., in the media)	-	2	3	1	1	1	1
They should focus on getting everyone vaccinated with the first two doses	-	4	6	7	4	-	1
I am not high risk/my exposure is low	10	6	8	5	4	1	-
They originally said two doses were enough (and were wrong)	13	8	5	8	9	3	-
Other	18	18	6	8	7	12	7
Don't know/not sure	1	5	8	2	9	11	9

QCV-121. Why are you Not too willing/Not at all willing to receive third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine?

Base: Not too/not at all willing @ CV220

PERCEPTIONS OF BREAKTHROUGH INFECTIONS



Eight-in-ten (78%) Ontarians have seen, read, or heard anything about people fully vaccinated against COVID-19 contracting the virus.

	Oct 12-18	Oct 19-25	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22
n=	varies					
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	81	80	82	81	79	78
No	18	20	17	19	21	21

QCV-122. Have you seen, read or heard anything about people fully vaccinated against COVID-19 contracting COVID-19?

Base: Total sample

LEVEL OF CONCERN ABOUT THE FULLY VACCINATED CONTRACTING COVID-19

Over half (56%) of Ontarians indicate concern about the possibility of fully vaccinated people contracting COVID-19.

	Oct 12-18	Oct 19-25	Oct 26- Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22
n=	varies					
	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL CONCERNED	53	55	55	49	59	56
Very concerned	12	16	19	15	18	20
Somewhat concerned	41	39	36	34	41	36
Not too concerned	29	31	30	35	29	29
Not at all concerned	16	14	14	15	12	15
TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	46	45	45	50	40	44

QCV-123. How concerned or not are you about the possibility of fully vaccinated people contracting COVID-19? Would you say you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not at all concerned?
Base: Have received both doses at QD12

LEVEL OF CONCERN WILL CONTRACT COVID-19 ALTHOUGH FULLY VACCINATED

However, Ontarians continue to be split in their level of concern that they personally will contract COVID-19 although fully vaccinated, with 47% ‘concerned’ and 53% ‘not concerned’.

	Oct 21-25	Oct 26- Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22
n=	Varies				
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL CONCERNED	49	47	47	50	47
Very concerned	10	13	15	12	18
Somewhat concerned	39	34	32	38	29
Not too concerned	39	37	36	33	36
Not at all concerned	13	16	17	16	17
TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	51	53	53	49	53

INFLATION/COST OF LIVING



Ontarians are aware of increasing inflation or cost of living expenses, with almost nine-in-ten (86%) saying they have seen, read or heard about it in the last few weeks. And, intensity is high with 74% reporting they have seen/read/heard ‘a lot’.

	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22
n=	Varies			
	%	%	%	%
A LOT/SOMETHING	89	87	88	86
A lot	69	70	70	74
Something	20	17	17	11
Not too much	7	7	6	10
Nothing at all	5	4	6	4
NOT TOO MUCH/NOTHING AT ALL	11	11	12	14

LEVEL OF CONCERN ABOUT INFLATION

There is a high level of concern about inflation increasing the cost of basic living expenses, with 88% concerned and 67% ‘very’ concerned.

	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22
n=	Varies			
	%	%	%	%
TOTAL CONCERNED	91	90	90	88
Very concerned	67	62	64	67
Somewhat concerned	24	27	27	21
Not too concerned	7	7	6	10
Not at all concerned	2	2	3	2
NOT TOO/NOT AT ALL CONCERNED	9	9	9	11

Half (49%) of Ontarians say they will definitely need additional income to make ends meet this coming year.

I will definitely need additional income to make ends meet this coming year.

	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22
n=	Varies			
	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	49	44	51	49
Strongly agree	27	26	25	29
Somewhat agree	22	18	26	20
Somewhat disagree	20	18	23	17
Strongly disagree	27	32	25	33
TOTAL DISAGREE	47	50	48	50

And, presently, four-in-ten (39%) Ontarians say they are having a very hard time making ends meet.

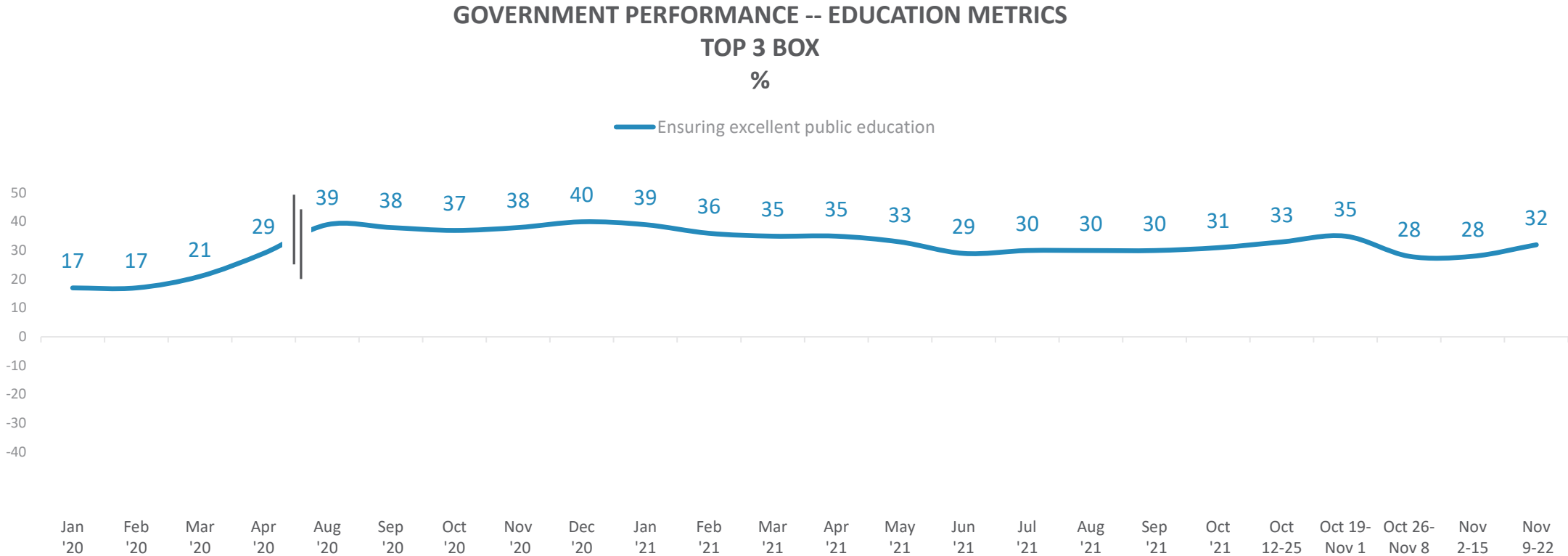
I am having a very hard time making ends meet.

	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22
n=	Varies			
	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	41	33	41	39
Strongly agree	20	17	18	20
Somewhat agree	21	16	23	18
Somewhat disagree	26	25	26	27
Strongly disagree	30	37	30	34
TOTAL DISAGREE	56	62	56	61

APPENDIX – PERCEPTIONS OF GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

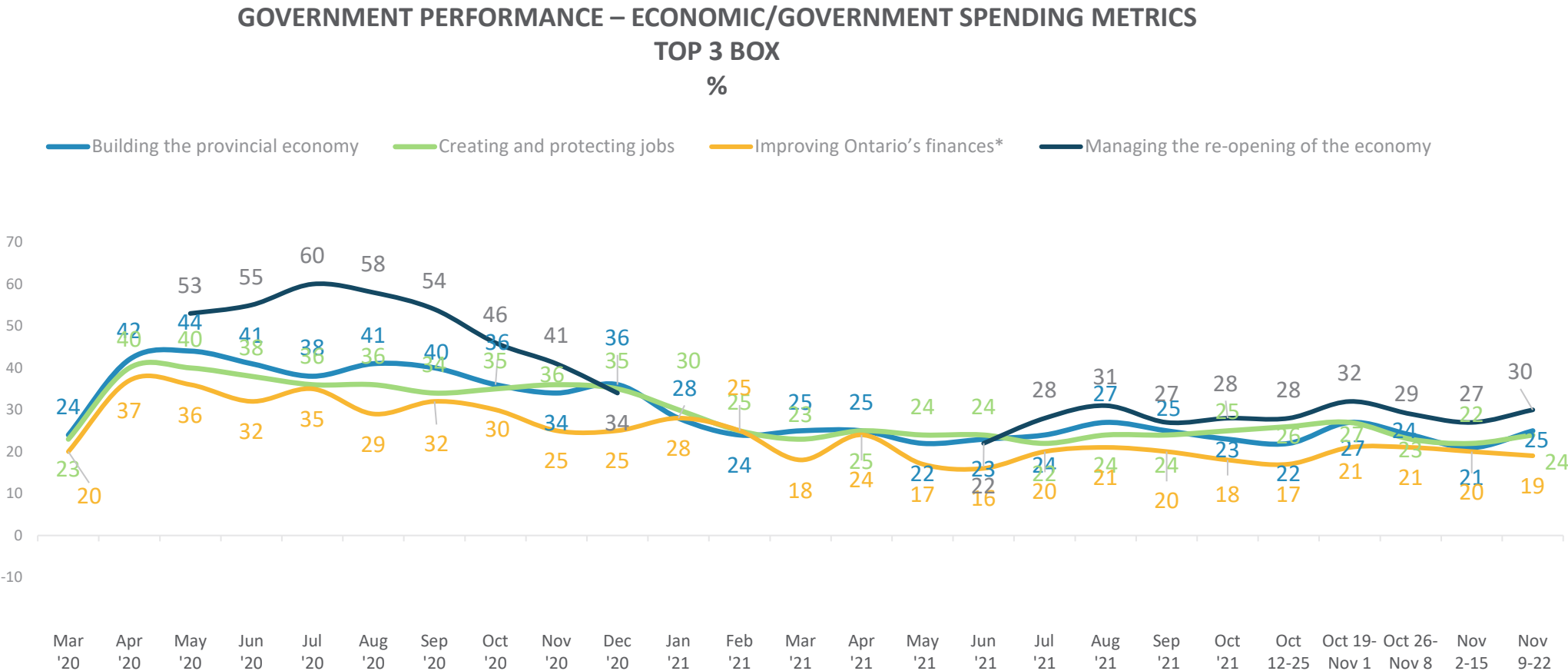


Positive perceptions on ‘ensuring excellent public education’ increased this week.



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 the government’s performance for ‘building the provincial economy’ and ‘managing the reopening of the economy’ increased slightly while the other economic and government spending metrics were steady.

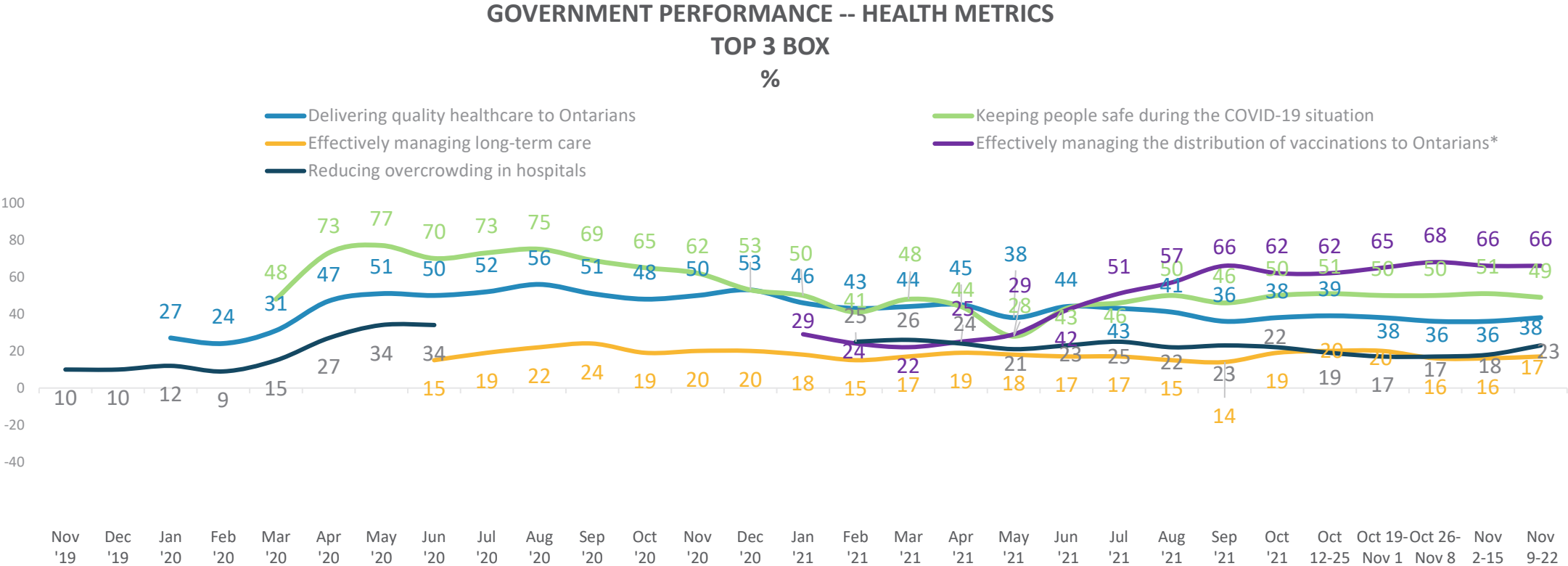


Q5. Using a scale where 1 means “poor” and nine is “excellent”, how would you rate the performance of Ontario government at managing each of the following?

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

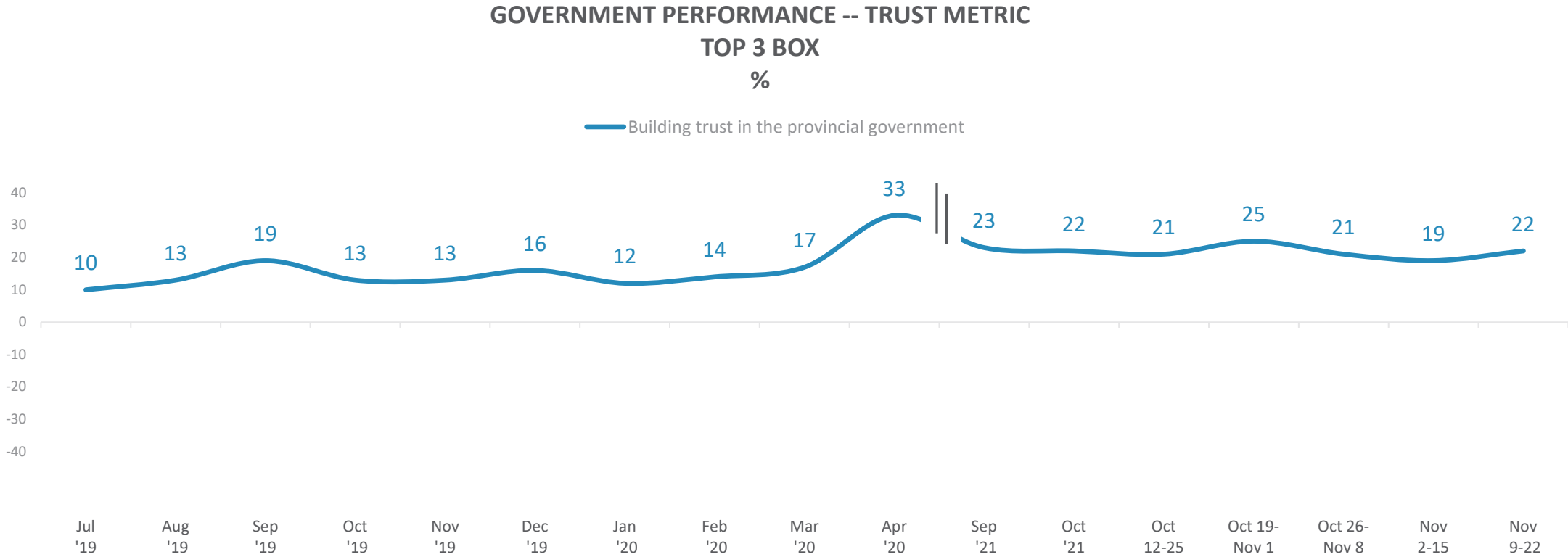
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Rating of the government’s performance for ‘reducing overcrowding in hospitals’ was up this week while the other health metrics remained steady.



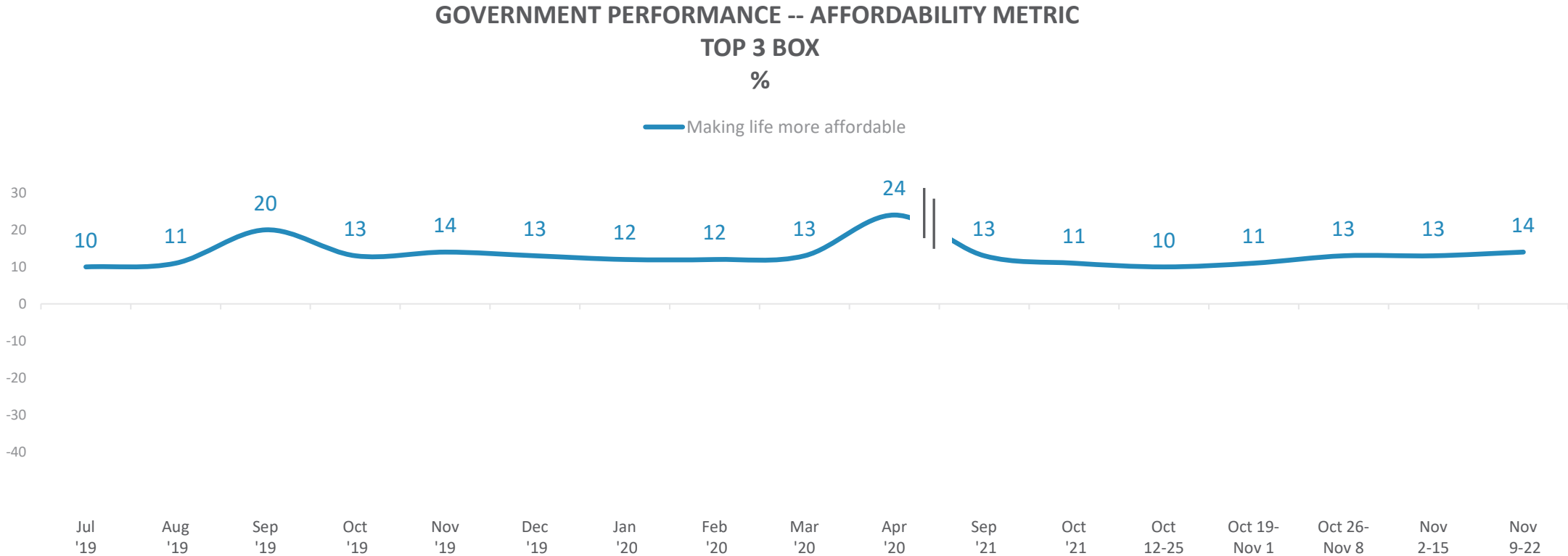
Q5. Using a scale where 1 means “poor” and nine is “excellent”, how would you rate the performance of Ontario government at managing each of the following?
*Former phrasing: “Effectively managing the vaccinations of Ontarians”
Bases vary

The rating of the government’s performance for ‘building trust in the provincial government’ increased slightly.



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

The positive rating of the Ontario government’s performance for ‘making life more affordable’ remained stable again 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

About vaccinated.

Not in last deck. Add back in?

	Sep 21-27	Sep 28-Oct 4	Oct 5-11	Oct 12-18	Oct 19-25	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22
n=	300	300	300	300	250	250	250	250	250
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes, the first dose only	4	2	-	2	4	3	3	3	1
Yes, both doses	85	86	85	86	83	85	87	86	87
No	8	8	9	9	12	9	7	8	9
Prefer not to answer	3	4	6	3	2	3	3	3	4