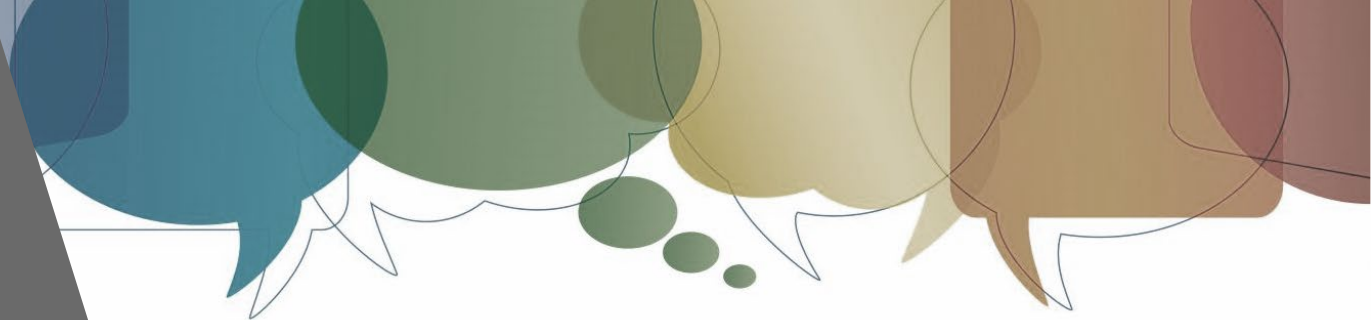




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PULSE REPORT ON COVID-19 – REPORT #109

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KEY FINDINGS

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1 'Right track' continued to increase to 60% this week, up-6 points from two weeks ago.

3 However, they also think the government is taking action. There was a 7-point increase this week to 57% that believe the government is 'doing what is required' to reduce the spread of the virus.

There were increases measured this week for trust in the government's communications about 'what the government is telling me about the COVID-19 situation' (up 10-points) and 'the restrictions the government is imposing to fight COVID are measured/appropriate' (up 14-points).

The rating of the government's performance for 'effectively managing the distribution of vaccinations' was up 6-points this week and is at the highest point since tracking began. Improvements were also measured for 'delivering quality healthcare to Ontarians' (up 9-points over the past two weeks) and 'reducing overcrowding in hospitals' (up 8-points over the past four weeks).

2 With case numbers increasing in the province, there appears to be a rising level of apprehension about COVID-19 among Ontarians. This week, there was a 6-point increase to 71% registering concern about the 4th wave of the pandemic.

In addition, confidence levels that the end of COVID-19 is nearer now that vaccines are being administered declined 5-points this week to 52%, and is now 12-points lower than measured at the end of October.

Ontarians are also reporting they are paying more attention to the number of cases and other statistics about the pandemic in Ontario.

4 There also appears to be a shift regarding public health measures. Nine-in-ten (90%) Ontarians support the need for public health measures. However, this week 54% (up from 12-points over the past week) say that public health measures such as mask wearing and social distancing in public places should continue. In contrast, 36% (down 10-points) agree there should be a plan to relax them.

While most (84%) Ontarians continue to say they are wearing a mask or face covering 'all/most of the time', there was a 10-point increase this week to two-thirds (65%) reporting they are wearing a mask 'all of the time'.

Key Findings

5 This increasing concern is also impacting their views on what the government's focus should be.

This week, half (50%) of Ontarians believe the Ontario government should focus on economic issues surrounding COVID-19, a decline of 12-points since the end of October. This compares to 36% who believe the focus should be on health-related issues (which has remained steady).

7 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. This week, 83% say they have seen, read or heard about it in the last few weeks. And, intensity is high with 69% 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 94% concerned and 66% 'very' concerned.

And, while four-in-ten (40%) Ontarians say they are presently having a very hard time making ends meet, this increases to 45% who indicate they will definitely need additional income to make ends meet this coming year.

Rating of the government's performance for 'making life more affordable' remained steady this week at NET -35.

6 That said, rating of the government's performance for 'building the provincial economy' increased again this week (up 9-points over the past two weeks), while the other economic/government spending metrics remained steady.

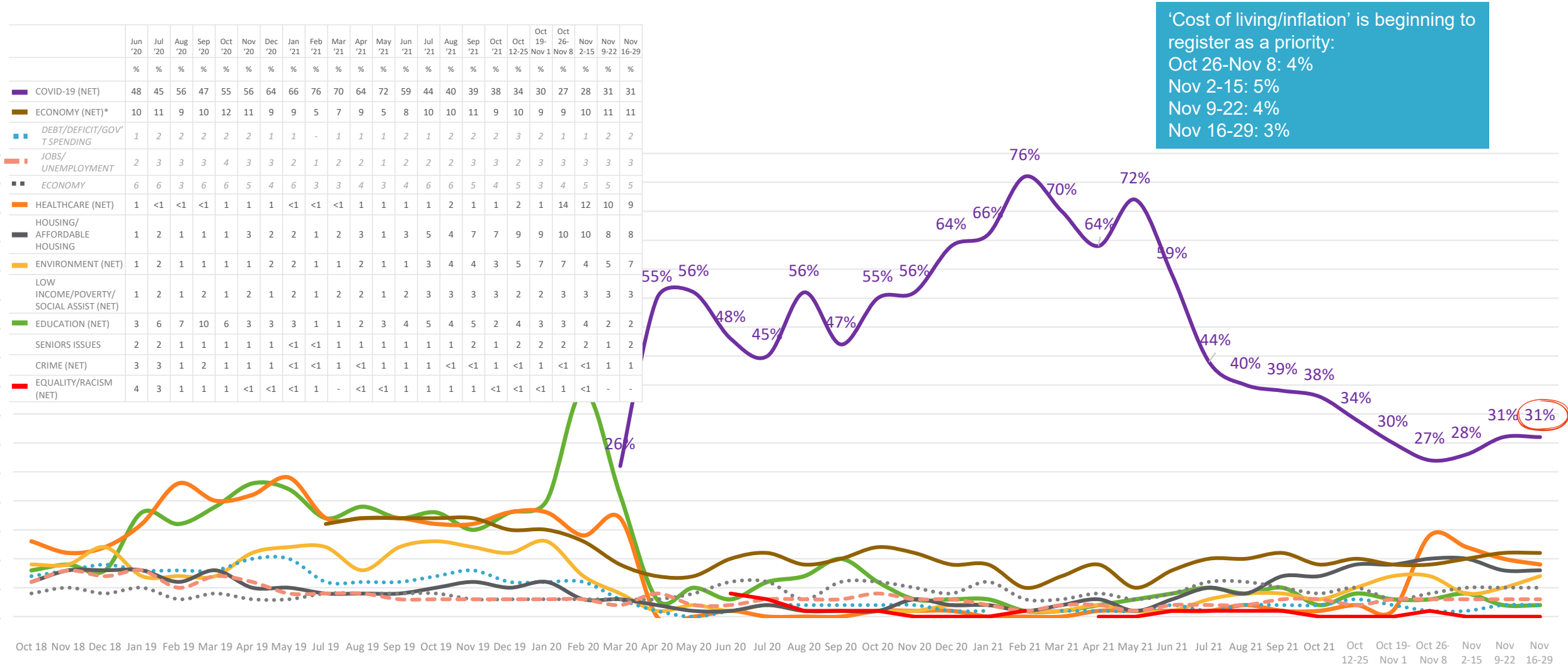
And, while still in negative territory, rating of the government's performance for 'building trust in the provincial government' improved 7-points over the past two weeks.

8 Rating of the government's performance for 'ensuring excellent public education' was also up again this week (an increase of 13-points in the past two weeks).

TOP ONTARIO GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES



COVID-19 as the government’s top priority has remained unchanged this week at 31%; while 11% cite the economy, 9% healthcare, 8% affordable housing and 7% the environment.



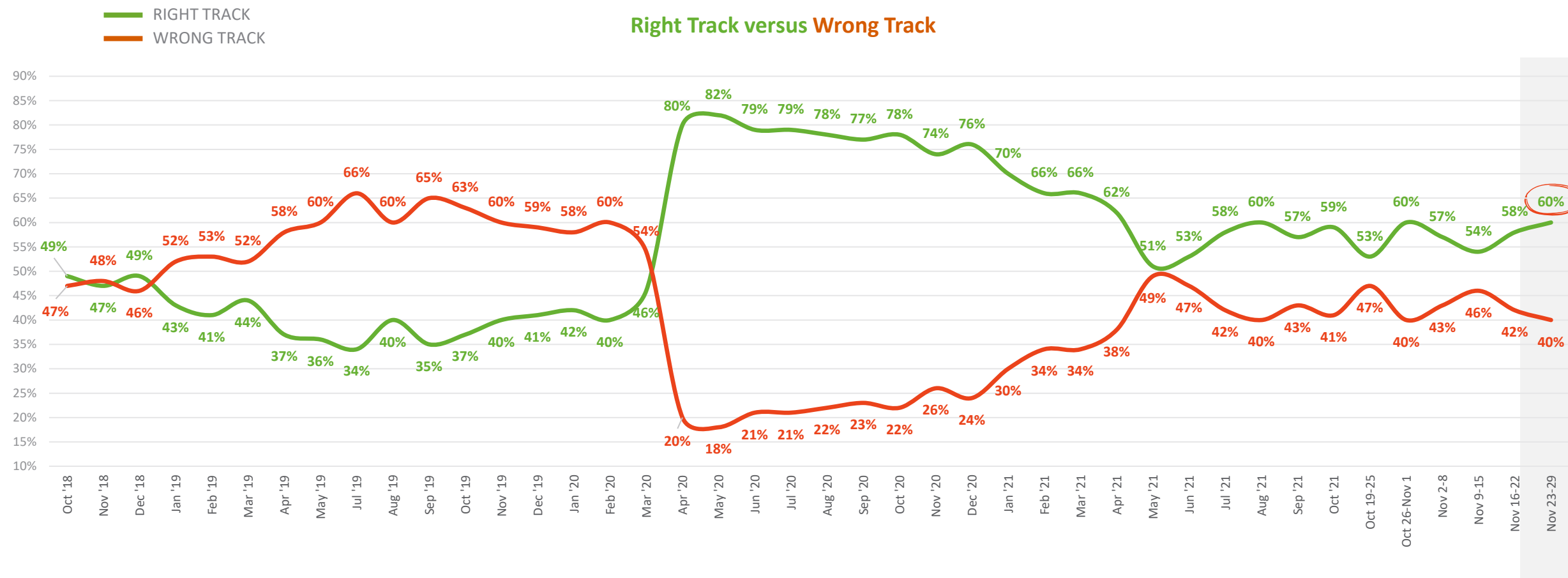
*ECONOMIC (NET) includes: Debt/Deficit/Government spending/Balance budget, Jobs/unemployment, Economy, Taxes

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

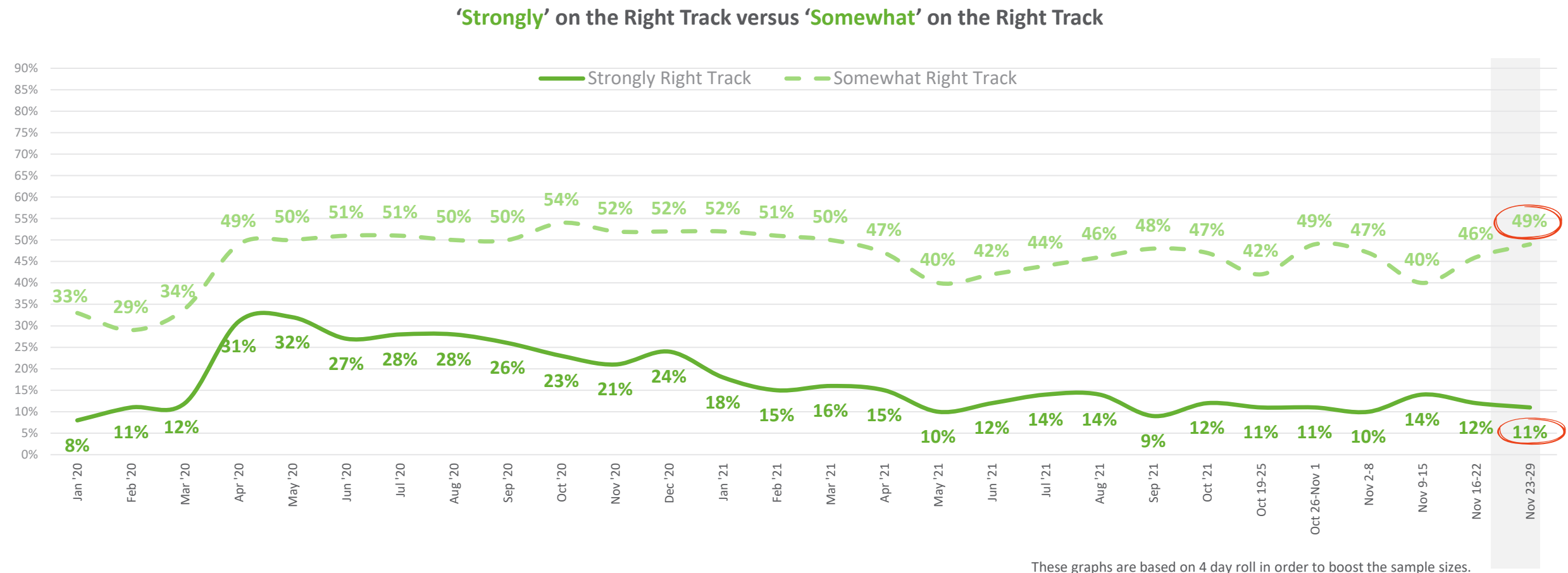


‘Right track’ continued to increase to 60% this week.



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Base: Total sample

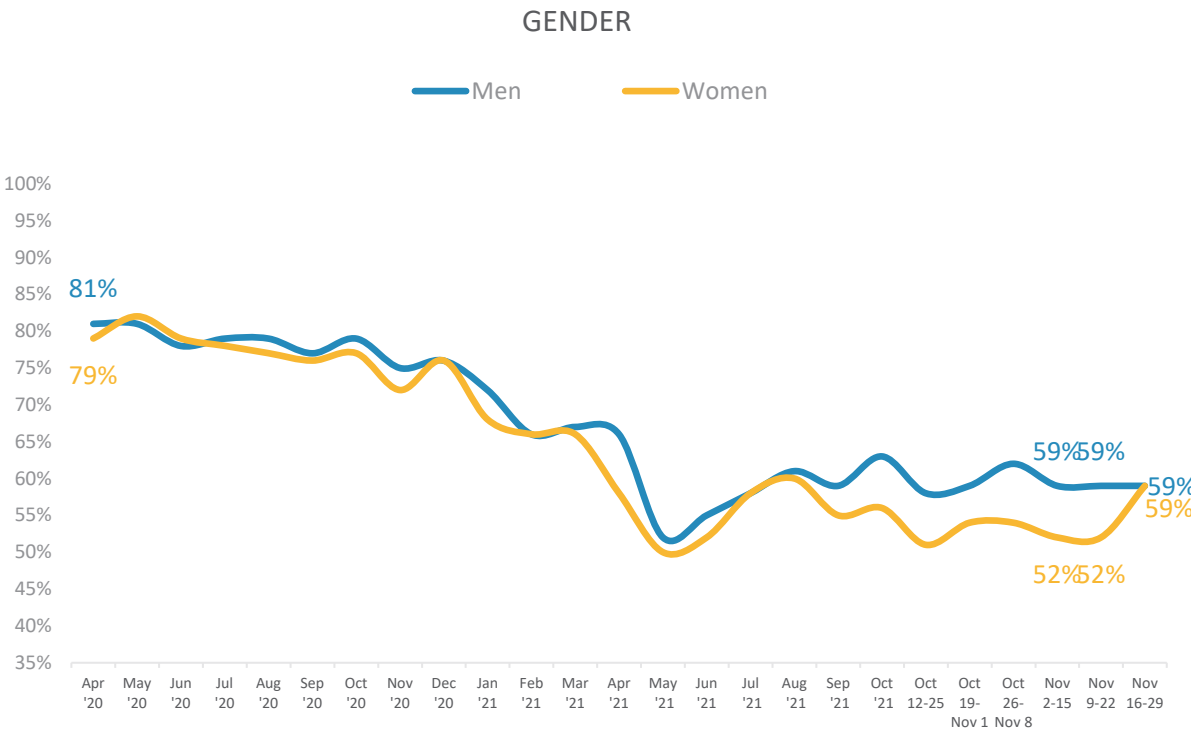
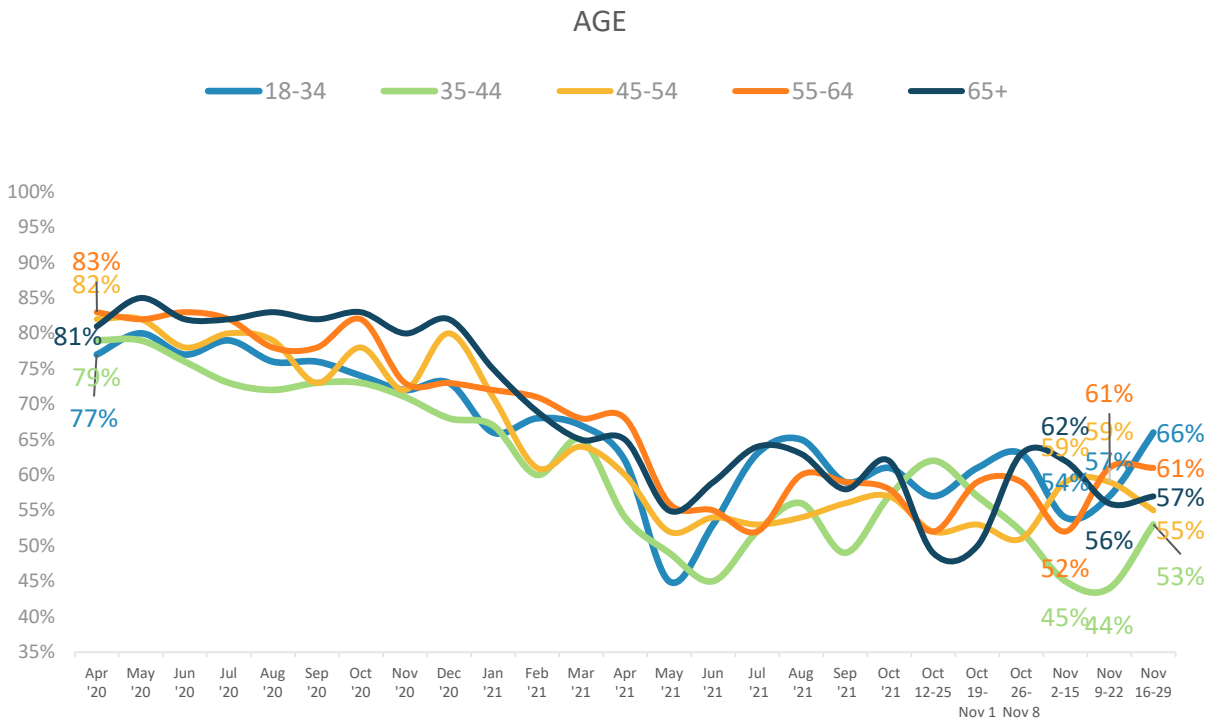
The increase in ‘right track’ over the past two week was driven by increases in the proportion who believe the government is ‘somewhat on the right track’.



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?
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‘Right track’ by age continues to be variable. Results were steady this week among Ontarians aged 55+, while there were increases measured among those 18-44 (and a slight decline for the 45-54 age segment). With increases among women, ‘right track’ is now at parity by gender.

Right Track Scores – 12-Day Roll

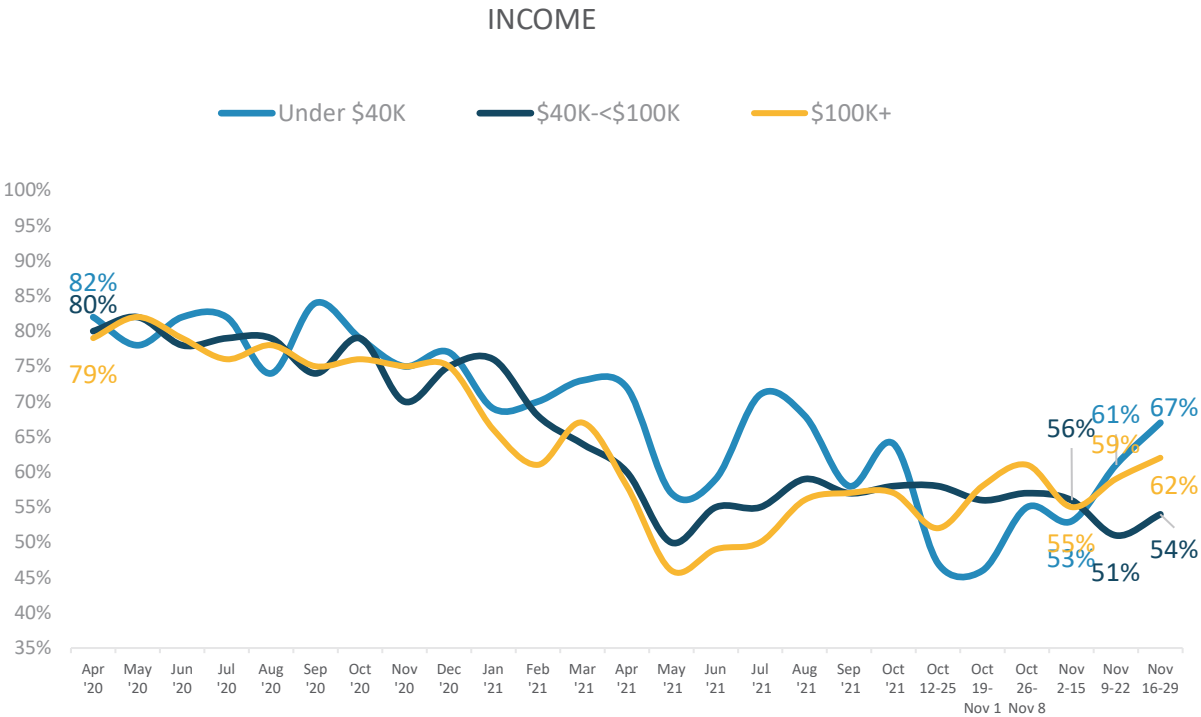
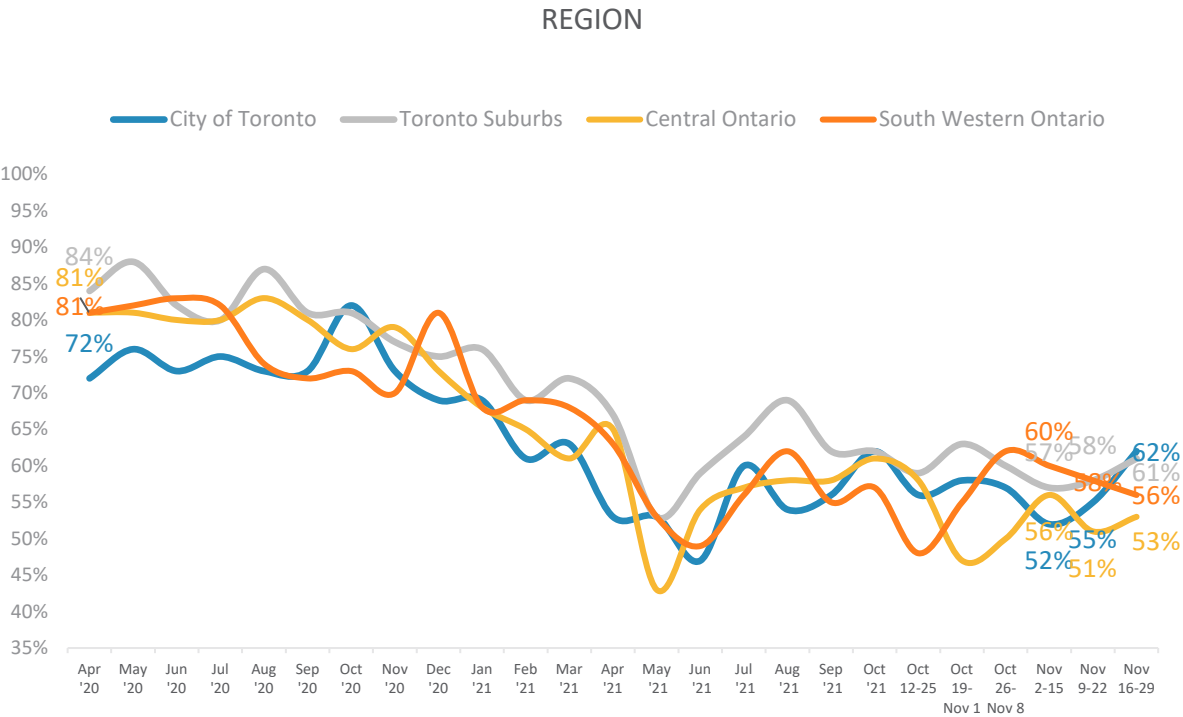


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Regionally, ‘right track’ continued to increase in the city of Toronto and is up 10-points over the past two weeks. Over the same time period, there been a slight uptick in the Toronto suburbs while the reverse is the case for SW Ontario. By income, ‘right track’ was up for all income brackets.

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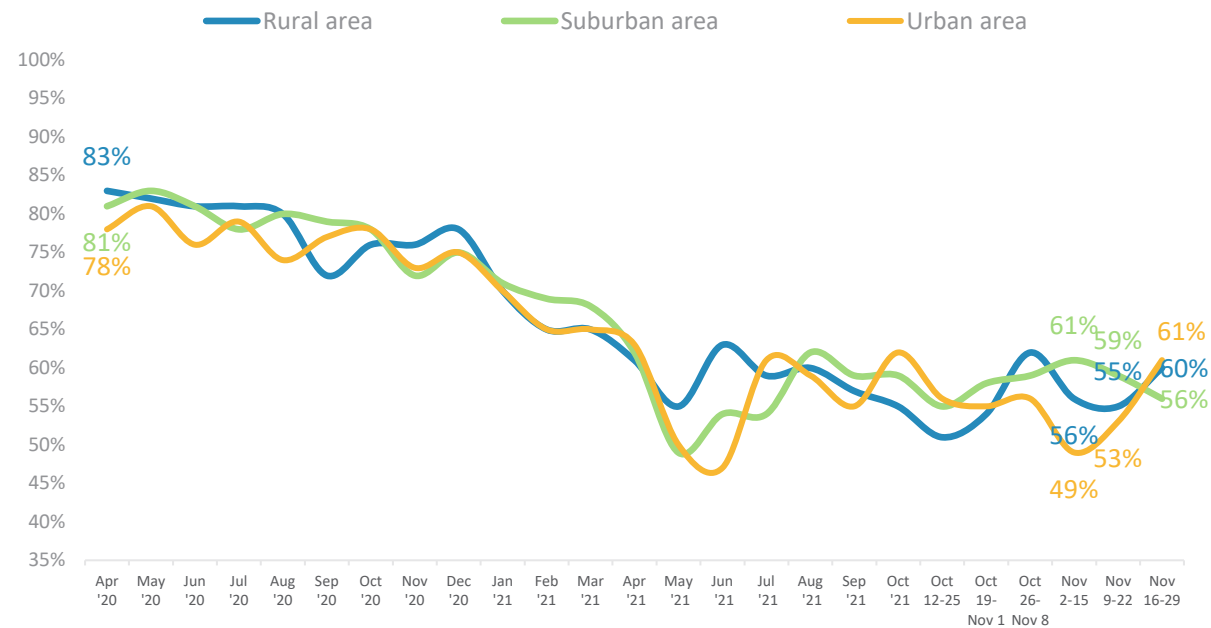
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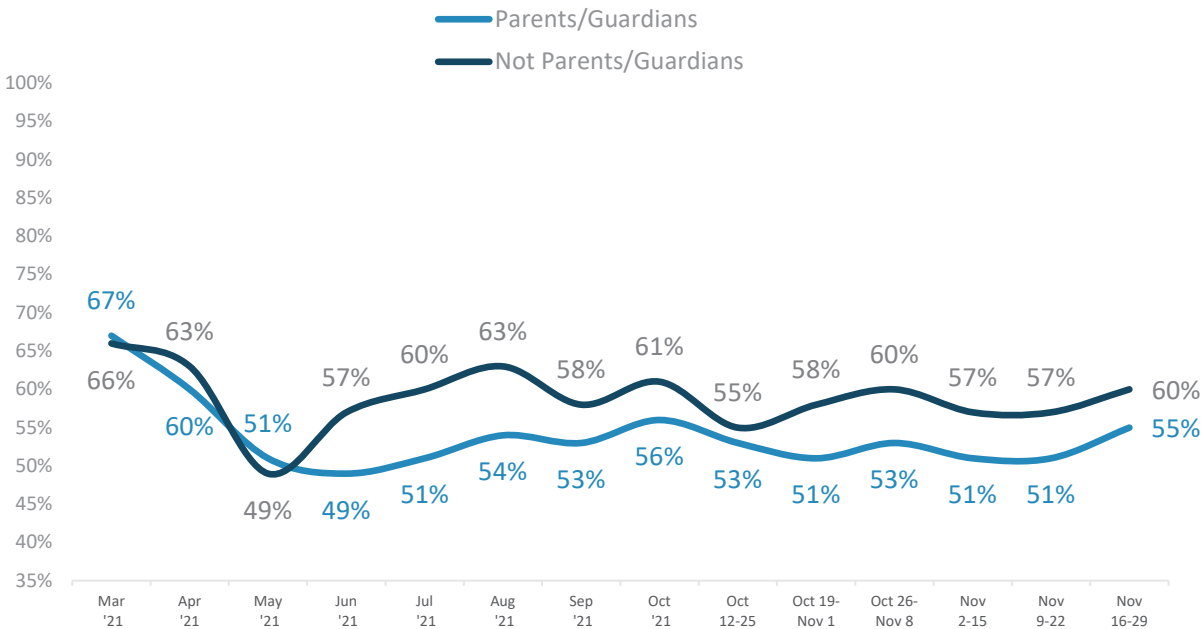
‘**Right track**’ has increased 12-points over the past two weeks in urban areas and is now on par with rural areas (which experienced a slight uptick this week). Both are now above the ‘**right track**’ scores in suburban areas (which has been slowly trending down).

Right Track Scores – 12-Day Roll

RURAL/URBAN/SUBURBAN



PARENTS/GUARDIAN JK-G12 VS NOT PARENTS/GUARDIANS



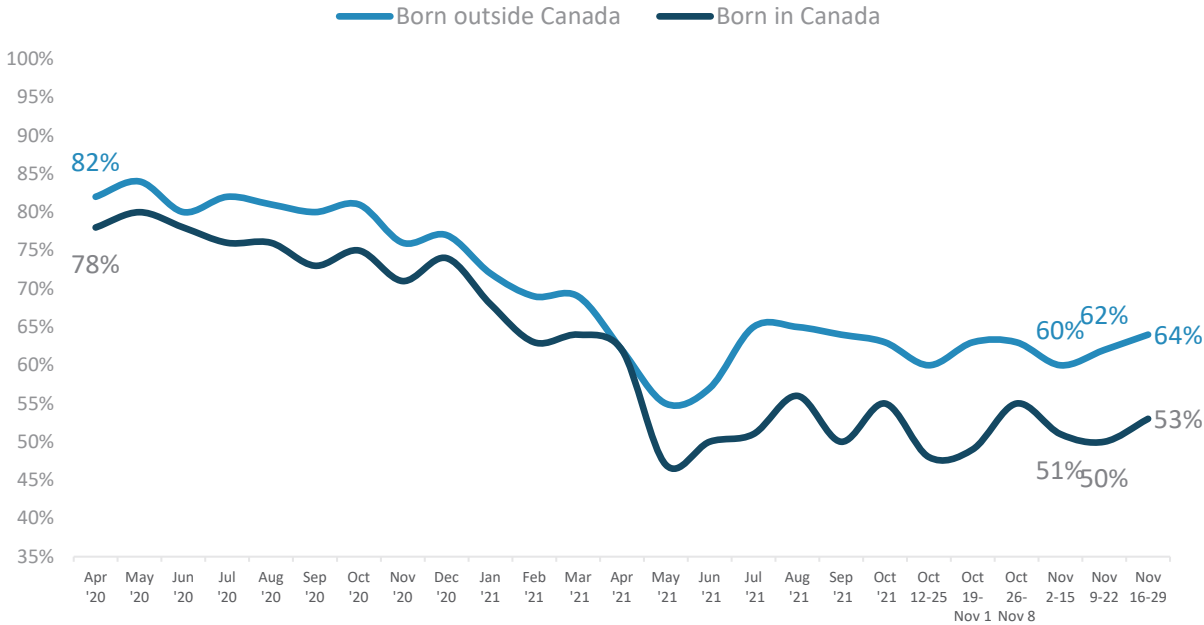
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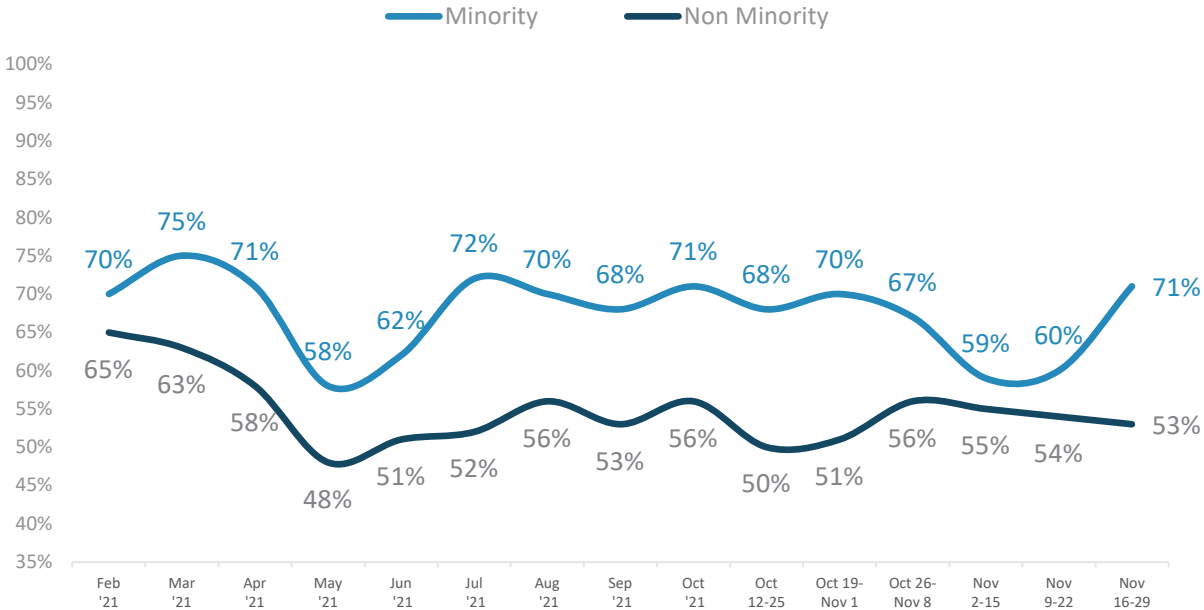
‘Right track’ had a slight increase this week among Ontarians born both in and outside of Canada. And, while scores remained steady among non-minorities, an increase was measured among minorities.

Right Track Scores – 12-Day Roll

BORN OUTSIDE/WITHIN CANADA



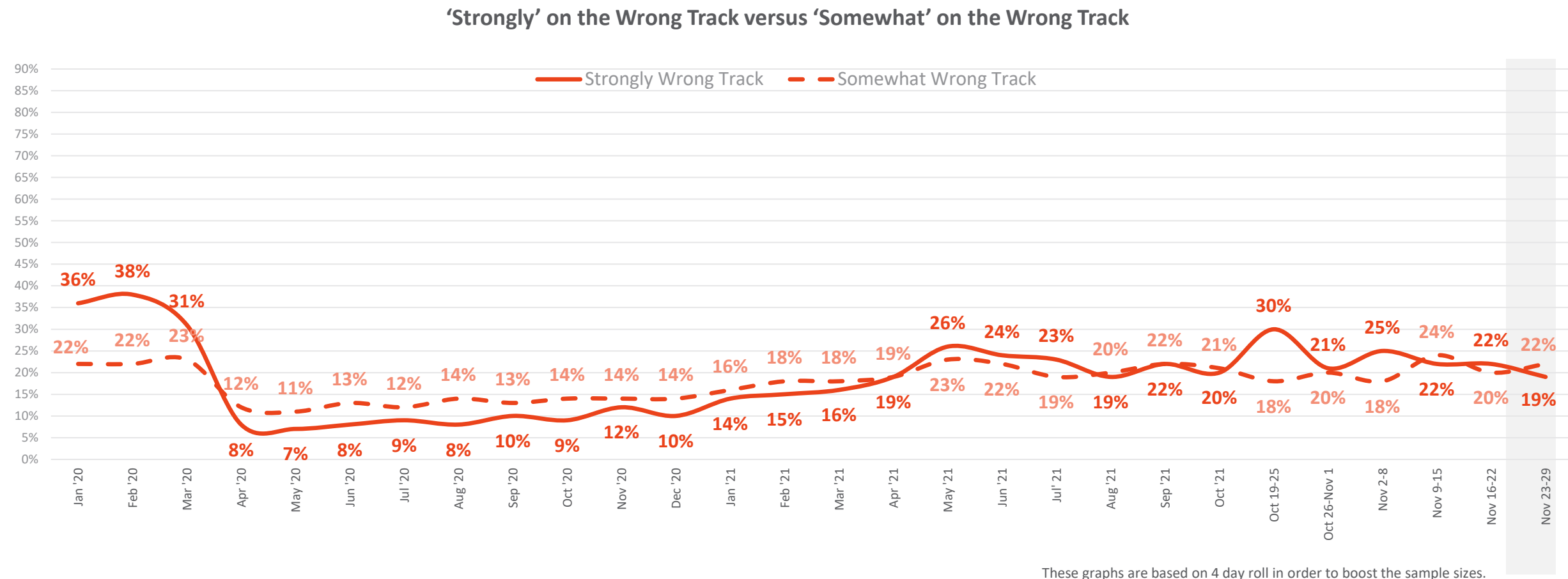
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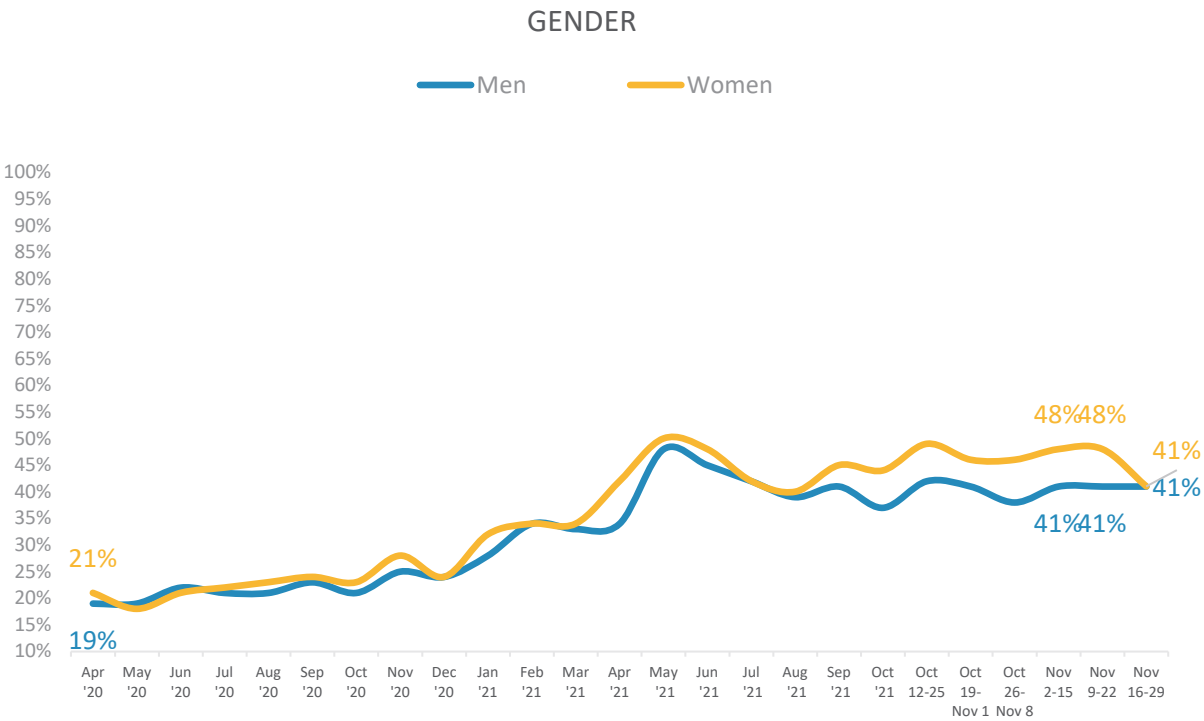
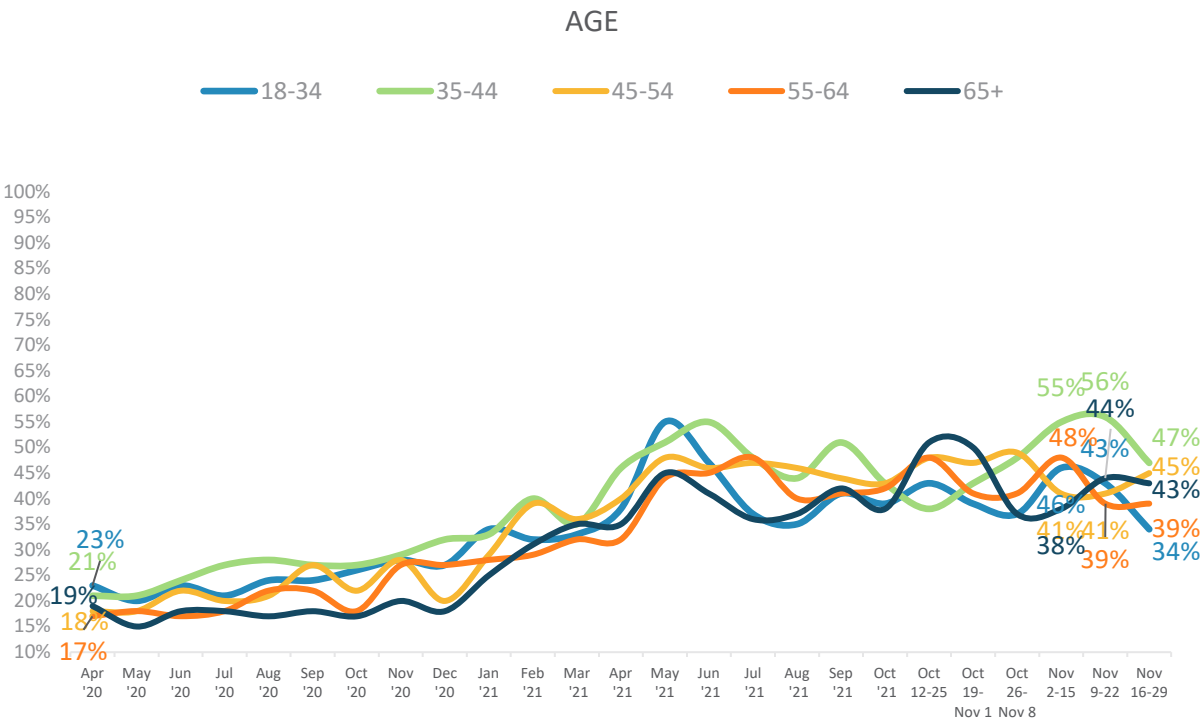
The proportion who believe the government is ‘strongly on the wrong track’ has declined 6-points over the past two weeks.



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

‘Wrong track’ remained steady among Ontarians aged 55+ while declining among those aged 18-44 (with a slight increase among 45-54 year olds). With a decline in ‘wrong track’ among women this week, there is now parity by gender.

Wrong Track Scores – 12-Day Roll

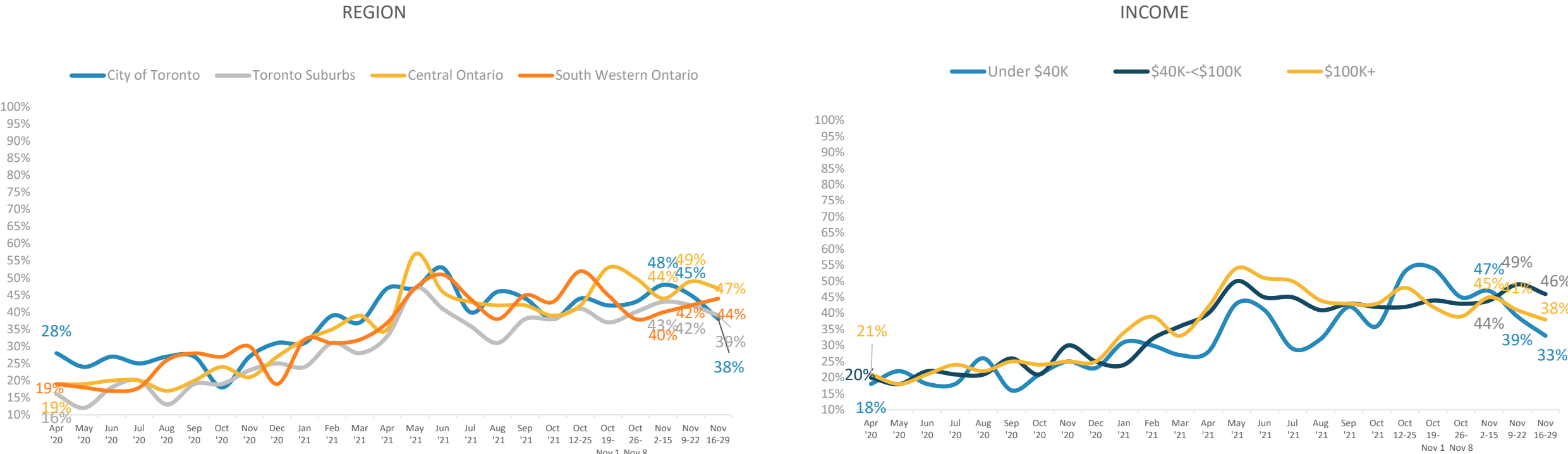


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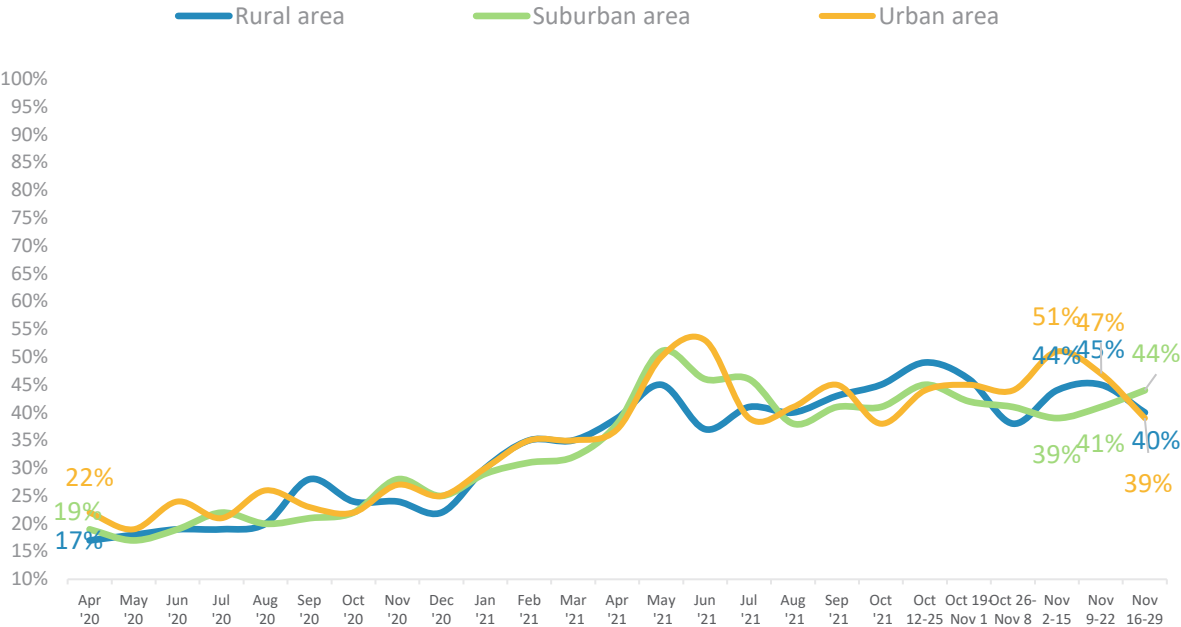
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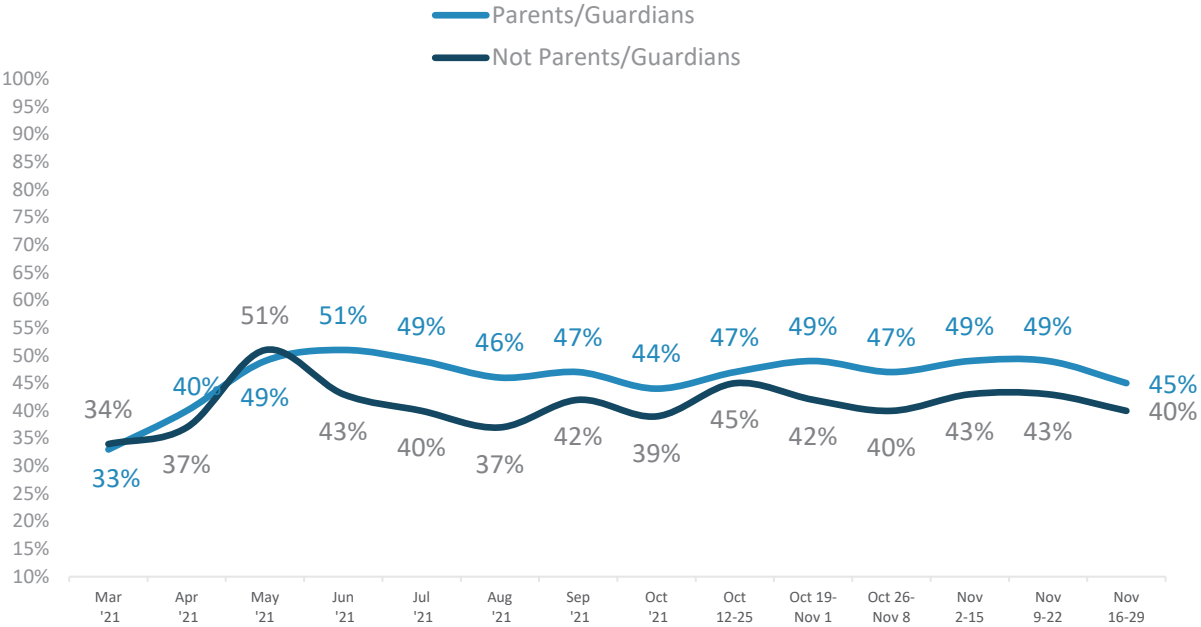
‘Wrong track’ is down 12-points in urban areas over the past two weeks. While a decline was also measured in rural areas, there was an increase in suburban areas.

Wrong Track Scores – 12-Day Roll

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PARENTS/GUARDIAN JK-G12 VS NOT PARENTS/GUARDIANS

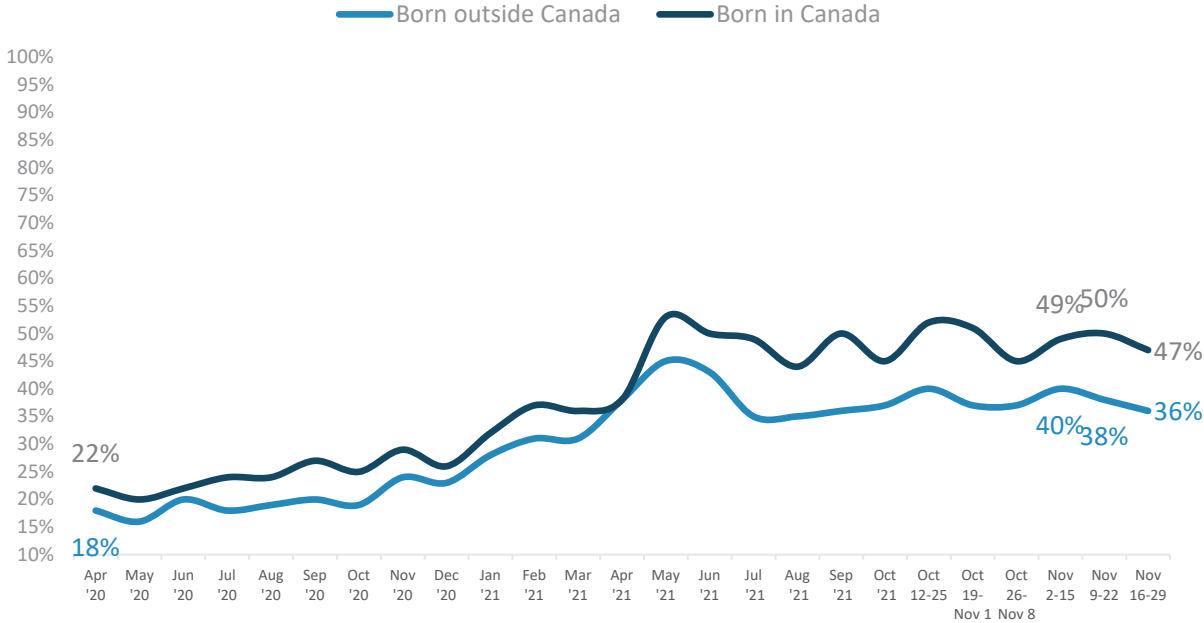


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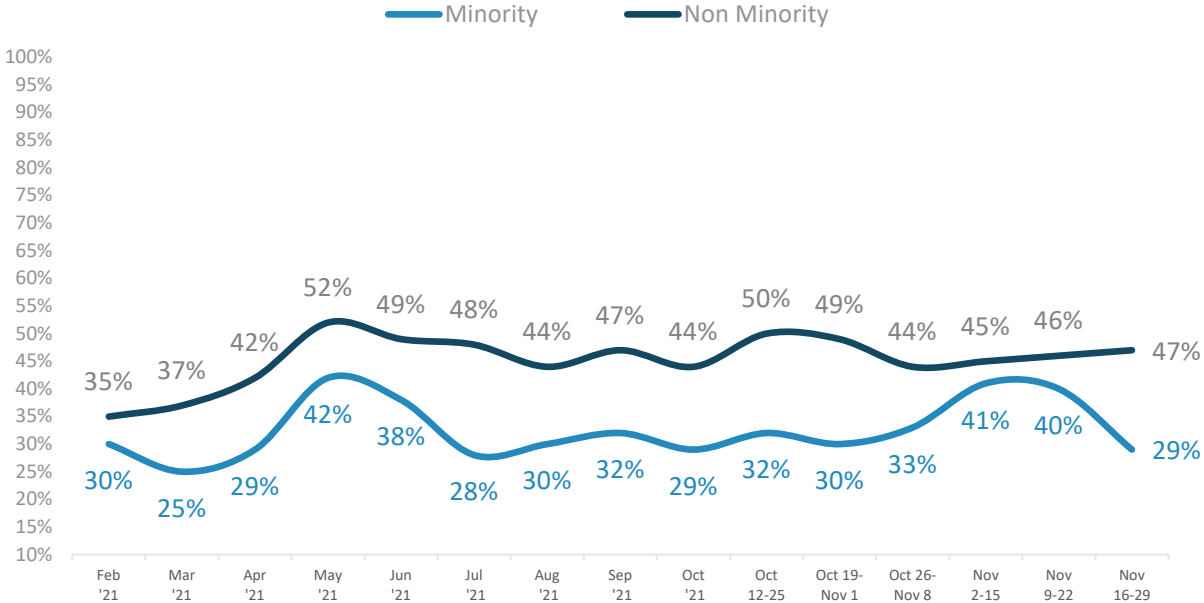
‘Wrong track’ was down slightly this week among Ontarians born both in and outside of Canada. And, while remaining steady among non-minorities, there was a drop in ‘wrong track’ this week among minorities.

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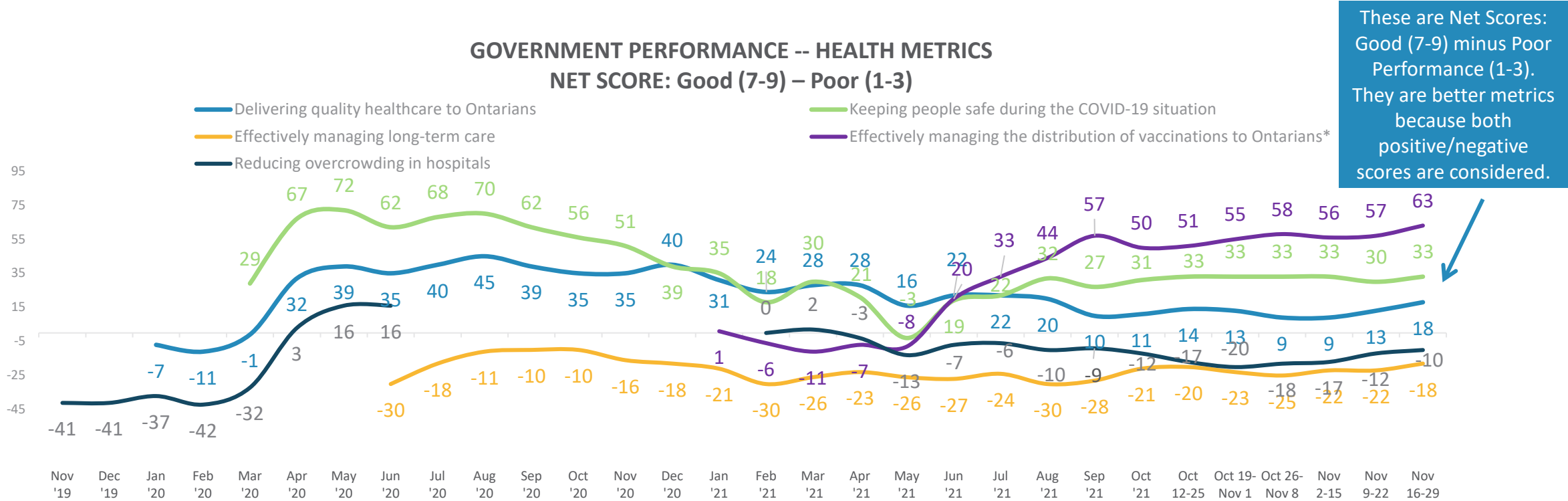
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PERCEPTIONS OF GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC



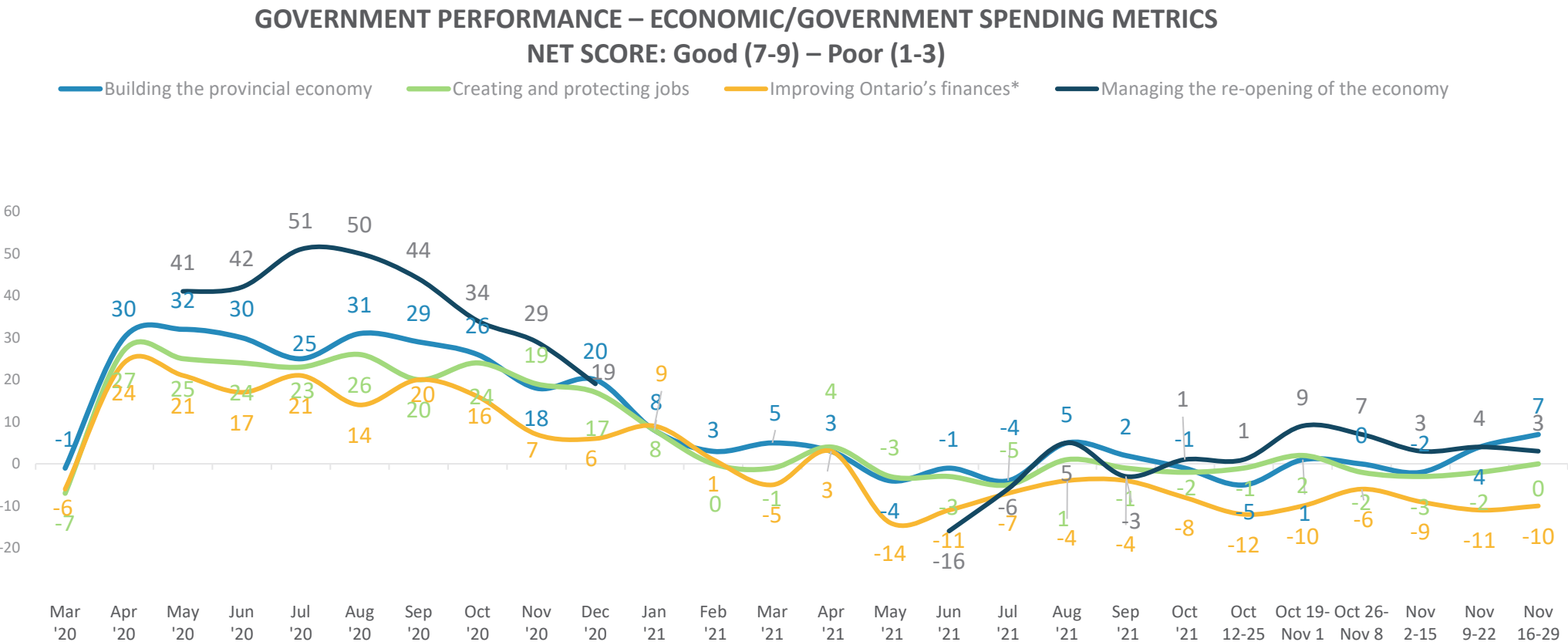
The rating of the government’s performance for ‘effectively managing the distribution of vaccinations’ was up 6-points this week and is at the highest point since tracking began. The slight decline last week for ‘keeping people safe during the COVID-19 situation’ was reversed.

- Improvements were also measured for ‘delivering quality healthcare to Ontarians’ (up 9-points over the past two weeks), ‘reducing overcrowding in hospitals’ (up 8-points over the past four weeks), and ‘effectively managing long-term care’.



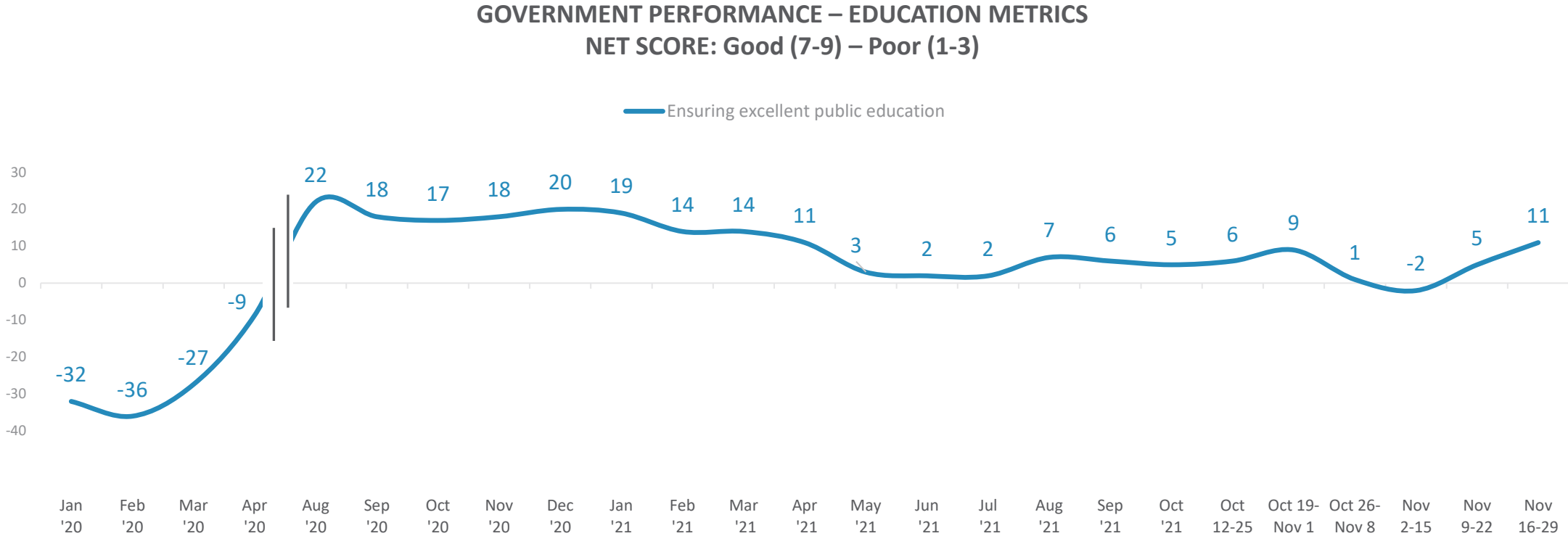
Q5. Using a scale where 1 means “poor” and nine is “excellent”, how would you rate the performance of Ontario government at managing each of the following?
*Former phrasing: “Effectively managing the vaccinations of Ontarians”
Bases vary

Rating of the government’s performance for ‘building the provincial economy’ increased again this week (up 9-points over the past two weeks), while the other economic/government spending metrics remained steady.



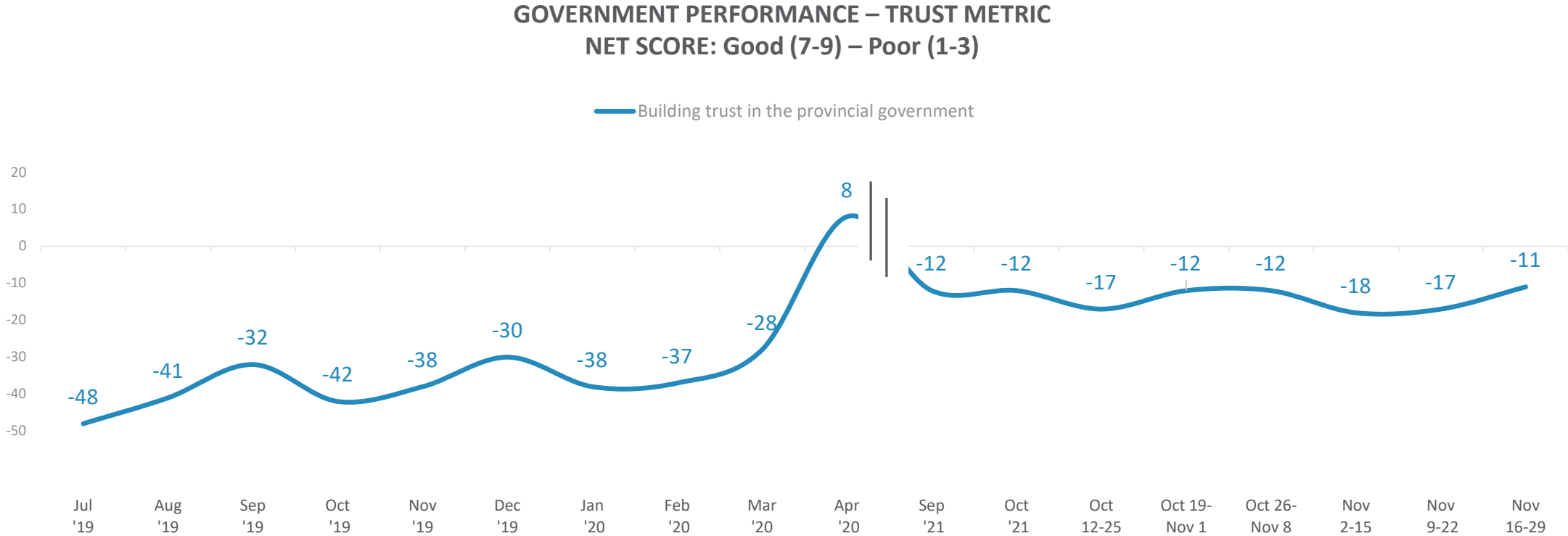
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*Former phrasing: “Improve Ontario’s finances”
Bases vary

Rating of the government’s performance for ‘ensuring excellent public education’ was also up again this week (an increase of 13-points in the past two weeks).



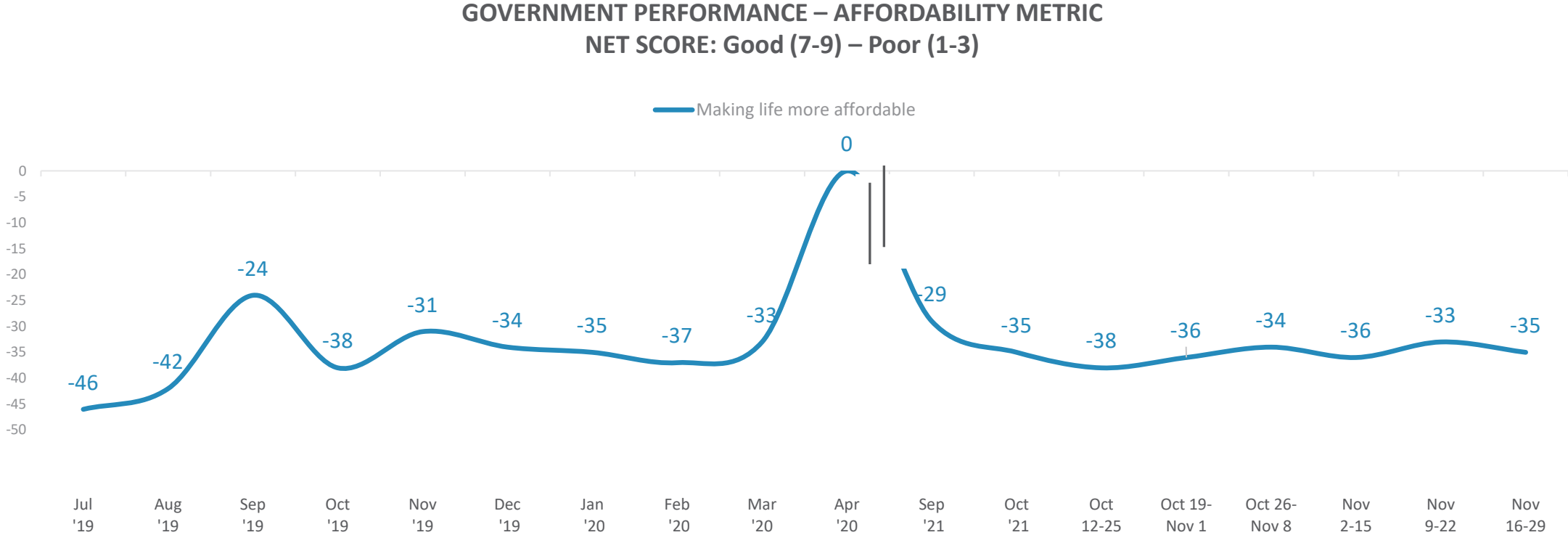
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Bases vary

While still in negative territory, rating of the government’s performance for ‘building trust in the provincial government’ improved 7-points over the past two weeks.



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Bases vary

Rating of the government’s performance for ‘making life more affordable’ remained steady.



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Bases vary

FOCUS ON HEALTH VERSUS ECONOMY



This week, half (50%) of Ontarians believe the Ontario government should focus on economic issues surrounding COVID-19, a decline of 12-points since the end of October. This compares to 36% who believe the focus should be on health-related issues (which has remained steady).

	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	Nov 16-29
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	36
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	50
Both a health and an economic focus are equally important.	8	8	7	13	12	6	2	4	6	8	10

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 an increase (from 55% to 71% over the past 4 weeks) registering concern this week. The decline in those saying they are ‘very’ concerned was also reversed.

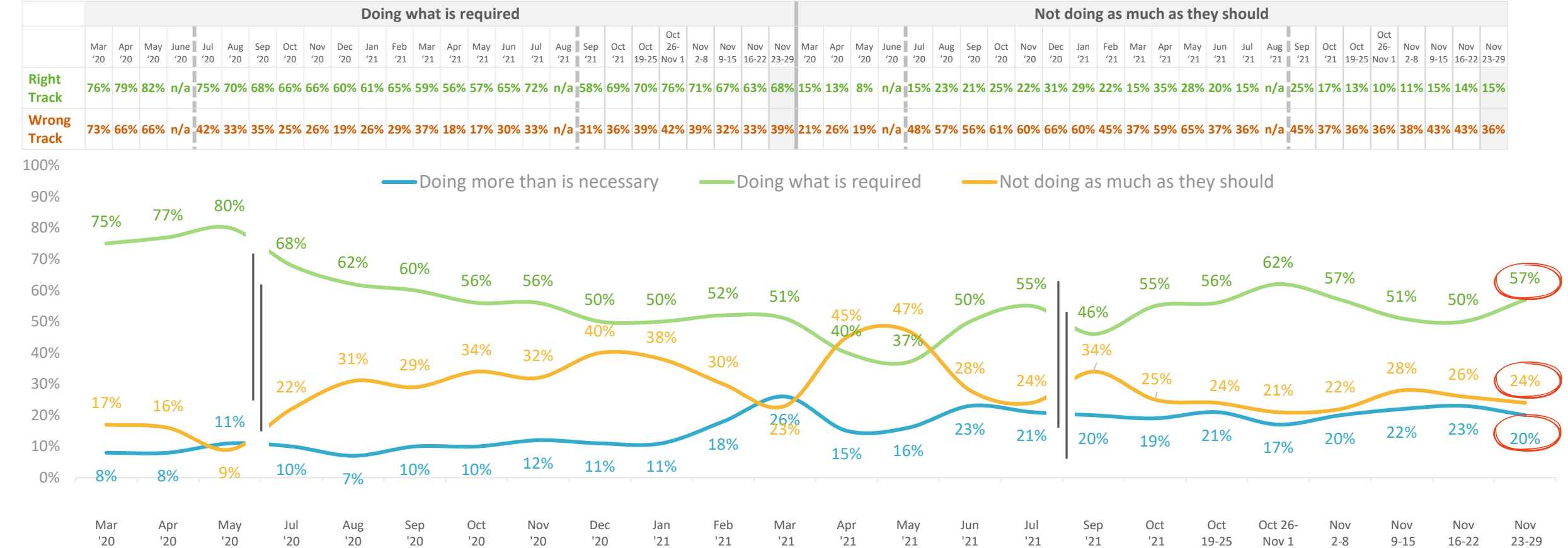
	Jul '21	Aug '21	Sep '21	Oct '21	Oct 19-25	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22	Nov 23-29
n=	varies									
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL CONCERNED	61	71	75	68	68	60	55	68	65	71
Very concerned	19	30	43	32	22	15	26	34	24	38
Somewhat concerned	42	41	32	36	46	45	29	33	41	32
Not too concerned	22	16	12	17	22	19	26	17	25	16
Not at all concerned	16	12	12	14	10	21	17	13	10	12
TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	38	28	24	31	31	40	43	30	34	28

TAKING ACTION TO DEAL WITH THE 4TH WAVE



ONTARIO GOVERNMENT COVID-19 MEASURES

There was a 7-point increase this week to 57% that believe the government is ‘doing what is required’ to reduce the spread of the virus.



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 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 ...

ADDITIONAL ACTION NECESSARY TO REDUCE TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19

Making vaccines mandatory (35%) continues to receive the most support as an additional action necessary to reduce transmission of COVID-19, with an increase of 9-points this week.

	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	Nov 23-29
n=	Varies											
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Making vaccines mandatory	29	34	33	39	33	39	35	27	29	30	26	35
Restricting international travel into Canada	23	21	19	13	19	19	23	17	18	19	18	16
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	12
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	12
Lockdowns / closing businesses	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2
All of the above	5	7	6	5	10	8	5	5	6	5	6	7
No additional action is needed	6	3	9	9	11	5	5	13	13	12	15	10
Don't know/unsure	7	4	6	5	4	5	4	5	11	9	6	6

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

Base: Total sample

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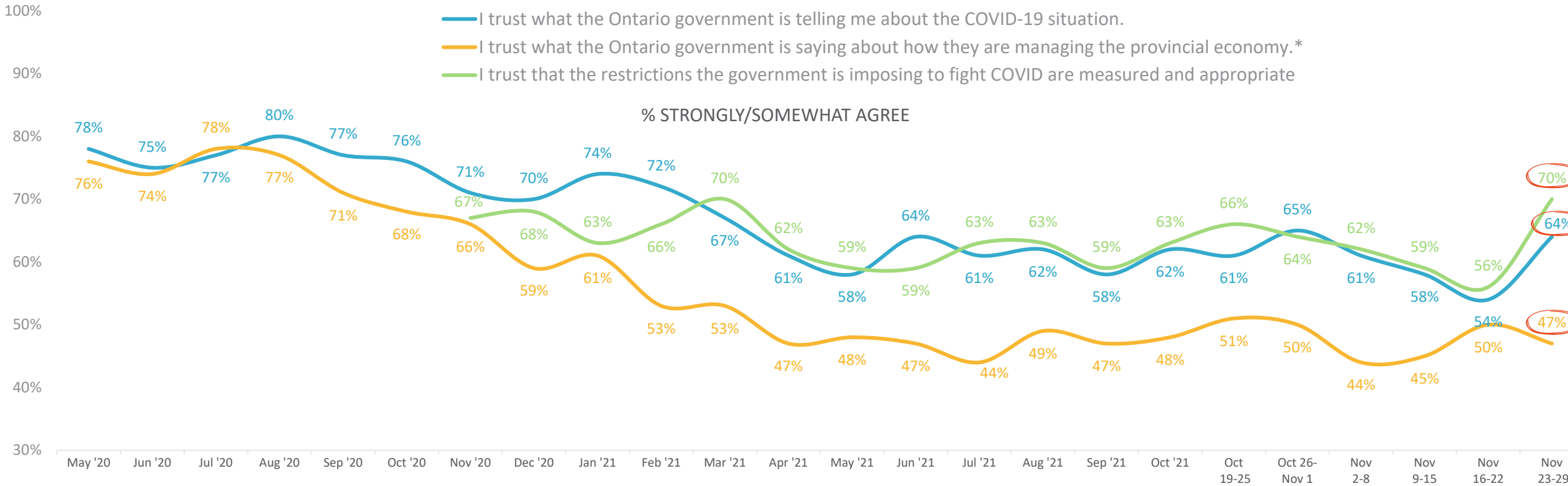
CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT COVID-19 MESSAGING



TRUST IN THE GOVERNMENT’S COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT COVID-19

After hitting the lowest levels since tracking began last week, there were increases measured for trust in the government’s communications about ‘what the government is telling me about the COVID-19 situation’ (up 10-points) and ‘the restrictions the government is imposing to fight COVID are measured/appropriate’ (up 14-points).

- Results for ‘how they are managing the provincial economy’ were down slightly.



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

COVID-19 INFECTIONS



IS THE WORST OF THE PANDEMIC OVER IN ONTARIO?

Results remain steady this week with the majority (60%) of Ontarians continuing to feel optimistic that we are over the worst of the pandemic, although the proportion that believes this is down 15-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	Nov 23-29
n=	varies										
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	62	74	59	48	58	68	75	69	62	62	60
Strongly agree	24	37	27	18	27	31	34	32	25	29	33
Somewhat agree	38	38	33	30	32	37	41	37	37	32	27
Neither agree nor disagree	8	6	7	8	7	7	5	11	6	9	7
Somewhat disagree	17	9	16	18	14	16	8	8	15	13	11
Strongly disagree	10	8	15	22	17	8	10	10	13	13	19
TOTAL DISAGREE	28	17	31	39	32	24	18	18	28	26	30

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

Base: Total sample

CHANGE IN CONCERN OVER COVID-19 IN THE LAST WEEK

Preliminary results indicate that while over half (57%) of Ontarians report their level of concern over COVID-19 has stayed about the same over the last week, fully one-quarter (25%) say it has increased.

	Nov 23-29
n=	Varies
	%
Increased	25
Stayed about the same	57
Decreased	17
Don't know/not sure	1

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	Nov 23-29
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	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 there was a decline to 45% of Ontarians reporting they are getting very tired of all the COVID-19 control measures such as face coverings and social distancing, reversing some of last week's increases.

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	Nov 23-29
n=	varies												
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	32	27	34	36	43	45	45	49	44	43	40	50	45
Strongly agree	19	14	18	24	24	25	26	26	26	26	24	35	29
Somewhat agree	13	12	16	12	19	21	19	23	18	18	15	16	16
Neither agree nor disagree	3	5	7	3	6	7	8	11	7	4	6	6	5
Somewhat disagree	18	19	15	12	14	16	19	13	17	20	20	13	16
Strongly disagree	46	49	44	48	36	30	26	26	32	31	32	30	33
TOTAL DISAGREE	64	68	59	60	50	47	46	39	49	52	52	43	49

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

Most (84%) Ontarians continue to say they are wearing a mask or face covering ‘all/most of the time’, with an increase to two-thirds (65%) 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	Nov 23-29
n=	1752	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	921	732	Varies											
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
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	84
All of the time	29	49	55	63	67	71	73	72	57	56	48	51	58	49	53	51	52	55	57	55	65
Most of the time	30	28	28	24	21	19	19	19	25	24	36	29	23	33	31	29	30	28	31	30	19
Some of the time	23	16	12	9	9	6	6	7	13	14	11	14	13	15	9	13	12	12	9	12	10
Rarely	14	7	4	3	3	3	2	2	4	3	5	6	6	3	7	6	4	4	3	2	4
Never	3	1	1	1	1	1	<1	<1	2	2	1	1	<1	-	1	1	1	<1	<1	2	2
RARELY/NEVER	17	8	5	4	3	4	2	2	6	5	6	7	6	3	7	7	6	5	4	4	6

	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 23-29	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 23-29
TOTAL ALL/MOST OF THE TIME	90%	92%	94%	94%	84%	82%	85%	86%	85%	85%	89%	83%	86%	84%	90%	90%	90%	82%	83%	86%	85%	76%	79%	81%	73%	76%	77%	77%	76%	76%	82%	84%	77%	76%

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 (90%) Ontarians support the need for public health measures. This week, 54% (up 12-points) want public health measures such as mask wearing and social distancing in public places to continue. In contrast, 36% (down 10-points) say there should be a plan to relax them.

	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22	Nov 23-29
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	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	54
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	36

Ontarians report they are paying more attention to the number of cases and other statistics about the pandemic in Ontario.

	Paying more attention					About the same					Paying less attention				
	Oct 26- Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22	Nov 23-29	Oct 26- Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22	Nov 23-29	Oct 26- Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22	Nov 23-29
n=	Varies														
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
The number of daily new cases	12	14	14	12	21	39	40	37	40	36	48	44	46	45	38
The number of daily deaths	10	10	12	10	17	36	42	36	39	34	53	46	51	50	44
The number of people in hospitals	12	15	15	13	18	37	39	33	42	37	51	43	49	43	40
The number of people in intensive care units	14	14	14	13	19	36	36	35	45	37	49	46	47	39	39
Percentage of Ontarians fully vaccinated	24	23	21	24	27	40	38	35	40	30	34	35	41	35	38

COVID-19 VACCINE



Confidence levels that the end of COVID-19 is nearer now that vaccines are being administered declined this week to 52%, 12-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	Nov 23-29
varies															
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
52	49	49	58	56	72	70	63	47	52	58	64	61	54	57	52
16	18	18	22	20	33	33	24	15	21	28	30	25	18	25	20
35	31	31	36	36	39	37	39	32	30	30	33	37	36	32	31
6	7	6	6	7	6	6	5	6	6	6	7	5	6	5	7
19	20	18	16	16	13	11	15	19	18	21	12	18	20	16	14
22	23	24	17	19	7	12	15	25	22	16	16	14	17	19	24
41	43	42	34	35	21	23	30	44	40	36	28	33	37	36	38

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 an increase to 82% indicating they would take it if it was available to them, and intensity is high with 66% 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	Nov 23-29
n=	Varies								
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL WILLING	79	82	79	85	79	80	77	76	82
Very willing	54	69	61	69	60	58	57	63	66
Somewhat willing	25	14	18	16	19	22	20	13	15
Not too willing	7	6	9	6	8	8	10	11	3
Not at all willing	9	7	10	6	9	7	10	7	10
TOTAL NOT WILLING	16	14	19	12	17	15	20	18	14
I have already had my booster dose	2	1	1	2	3	3	2	4	4
Don't know/not sure	4	3	2	1	1	2	1	2	1

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 that it is not necessary (24%) or they already have two doses and that is enough (17%).

	Sep 28-Oct 11	Oct 5-18	Oct 12-25	Oct 19-Nov 1	Oct 26-Nov 8	Nov 2-15	Nov 9-22	Nov 16-29
n=	69	84	73	60	69	76	81	68
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Not necessary	28	13	8	17	22	19	19	24
I already got two doses (that is enough)	-	10	19	13	10	19	22	17
Concerned about long term effects	9	5	4	5	4	3	9	9
Not confident in the effectiveness of the vaccine	-	2	10	14	5	5	9	8
Do not trust the government	6	5	3	2	4	7	4	6
I got sick when taking previous doses of the COVID-19 vaccine	-	10	7	4	2	6	8	5
How many boosters are going to be needed (e.g., every six months)	10	4	3	8	10	6	7	5
Research/need more information	11	11	9	17	20	10	3	5
Concerned about too much vaccine in the body	3	-	16	2	2	2	5	4
It is not mandatory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Should be my choice to decide if I want a booster shot	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
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	2
Just a ploy to give money to big pharma	-	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
They should focus on getting everyone vaccinated with the first two doses	-	4	6	7	4	-	1	2
They originally said two doses were enough (and were wrong)	13	8	5	8	9	3	-	2
Already had COVID and dealt with it/survived	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	1
Heard negative things about the vaccine (e.g., in the media)	-	2	3	1	1	1	1	1
I am not high risk/my exposure is low	10	6	8	5	4	1	-	1
Too soon/need a longer gap in between doses	-	8	6	4	3	3	2	-
Other	18	18	6	8	7	12	7	7
Don't know/not sure	1	5	8	2	9	11	9	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

STATE OF THE ICU IN ONTARIO



Overall, one-in-four (39%) indicate they have seen, read, or heard anything lately about Ontario’s Intensive Care Units and COVID-19.

	Nov 23-29
n=	Varies
	%
Yes	39
No	61

WHAT THEY HAVE HEARD ABOUT ONTARIO’S ICUs

Among those who are aware, four-in-ten (38%) say they have heard that the number of COVID-19 patient’s in Ontario’s ICUs has been increasing (38%). One-third (33%) say they have heard the number has been going down, while 17% believe it is staying about the same.

	Nov 23-29
n=	Varies
	%
Going down	33
Staying about the same	17
Increasing	38
Some other news	8
Don’t know/not sure	4

INFLATION/COST OF LIVING



Ontarians are aware of increasing inflation or cost of living expenses, with 83% saying they have seen, read or heard about it in the last few weeks. And, intensity is high with 69% reporting they have seen/read/heard ‘a lot’.

	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22	Nov 23-29
n=	Varies				
	%	%	%	%	%
A LOT/SOMETHING	89	87	88	86	83
A lot	69	70	70	74	69
Something	20	17	17	11	14
Not too much	7	7	6	10	9
Nothing at all	5	4	6	4	7
NOT TOO MUCH/NOTHING AT ALL	11	11	12	14	16

LEVEL OF CONCERN ABOUT INFLATION

There is a high level of concern about inflation increasing the cost of basic living expenses, with 94% concerned and 66% ‘very’ concerned.

	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22	Nov 23-29
n=	Varies				
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL CONCERNED	91	90	90	88	94
Very concerned	67	62	64	67	66
Somewhat concerned	24	27	27	21	28
Not too concerned	7	7	6	10	4
Not at all concerned	2	2	3	2	1
NOT TOO/NOT AT ALL CONCERNED	9	9	9	11	4

Almost half (45%) 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	Nov 23-29
n=	Varies				
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	49	44	51	49	45
Strongly agree	27	26	25	29	27
Somewhat agree	22	18	26	20	18
Somewhat disagree	20	18	23	17	21
Strongly disagree	27	32	25	33	32
TOTAL DISAGREE	47	50	48	50	52

And, presently, four-in-ten (40%) Ontarians say they are having a very hard time making ends meet.

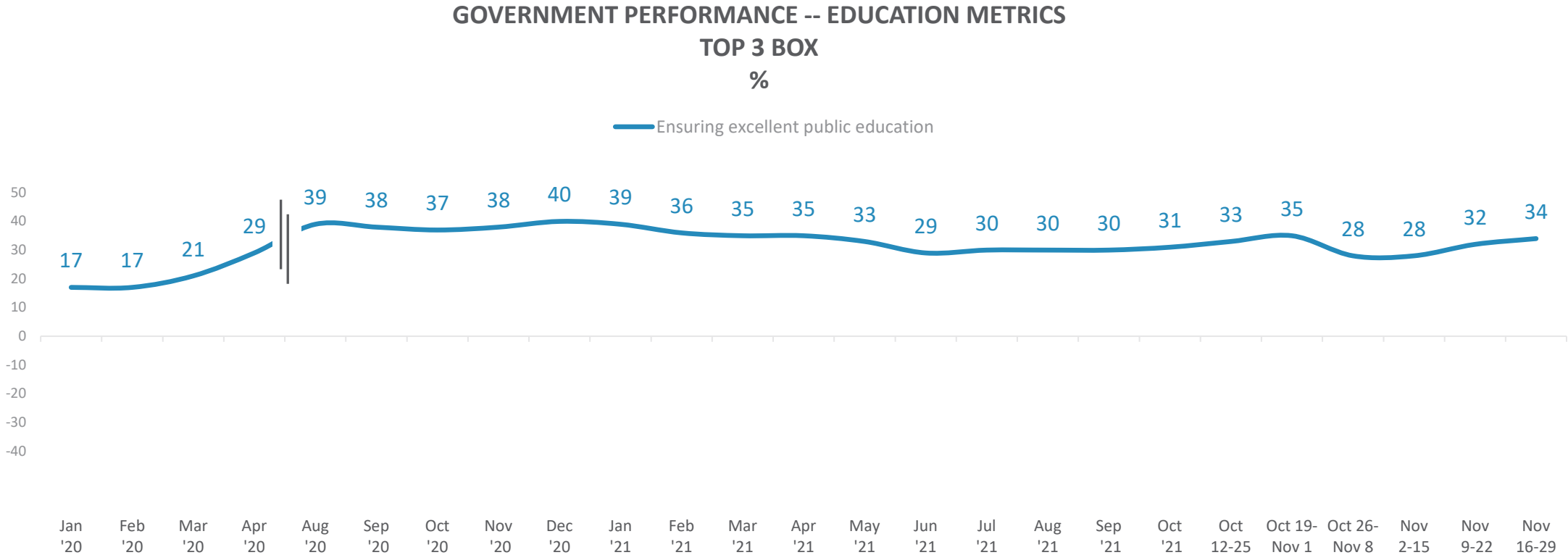
I am having a very hard time making ends meet.

	Oct 26-Nov 1	Nov 2-8	Nov 9-15	Nov 16-22	Nov 23-29
n=	Varies				
	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL AGREE	41	33	41	39	40
Strongly agree	20	17	18	20	18
Somewhat agree	21	16	23	18	22
Somewhat disagree	26	25	26	27	21
Strongly disagree	30	37	30	34	34
TOTAL DISAGREE	56	62	56	61	55

APPENDIX – PERCEPTIONS OF GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

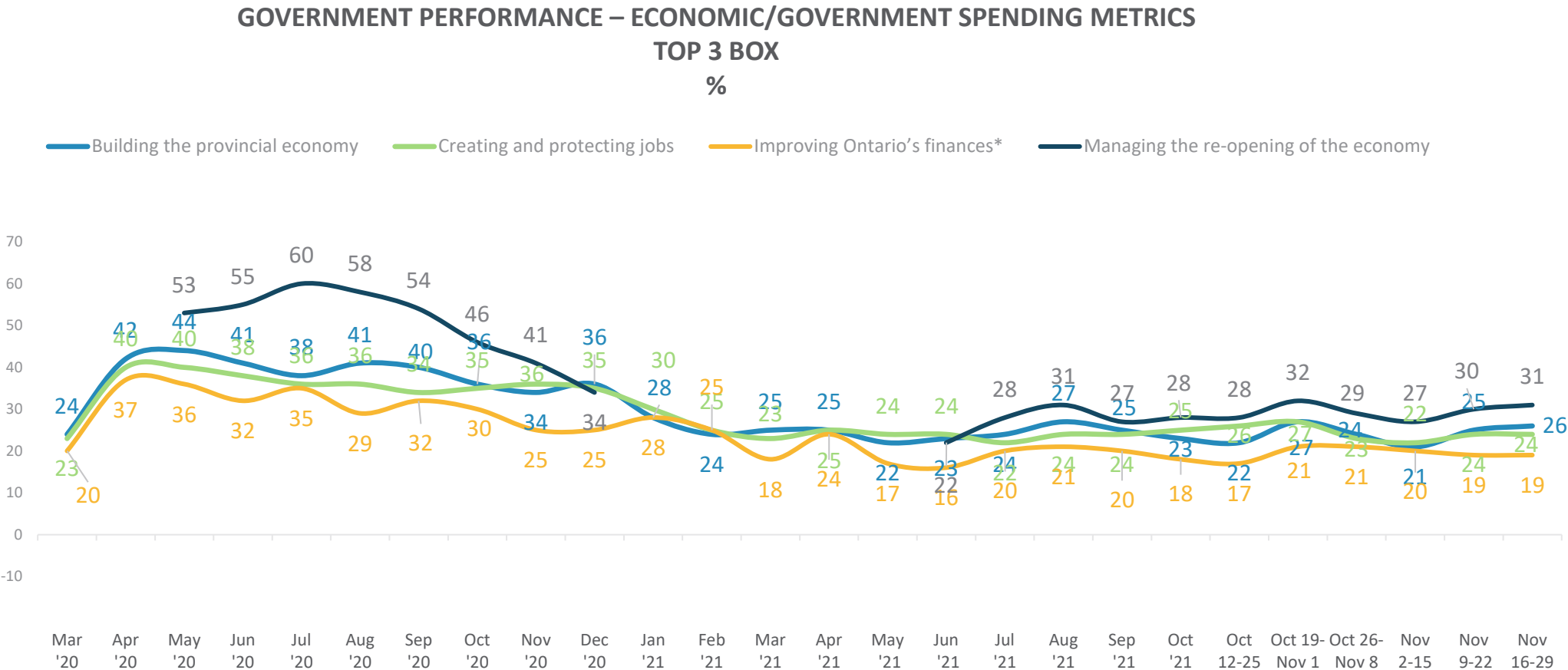


Positive perceptions on ‘ensuring excellent public education’ continued to slowly trend upward this week.



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 the economic and government spending metrics were steady.

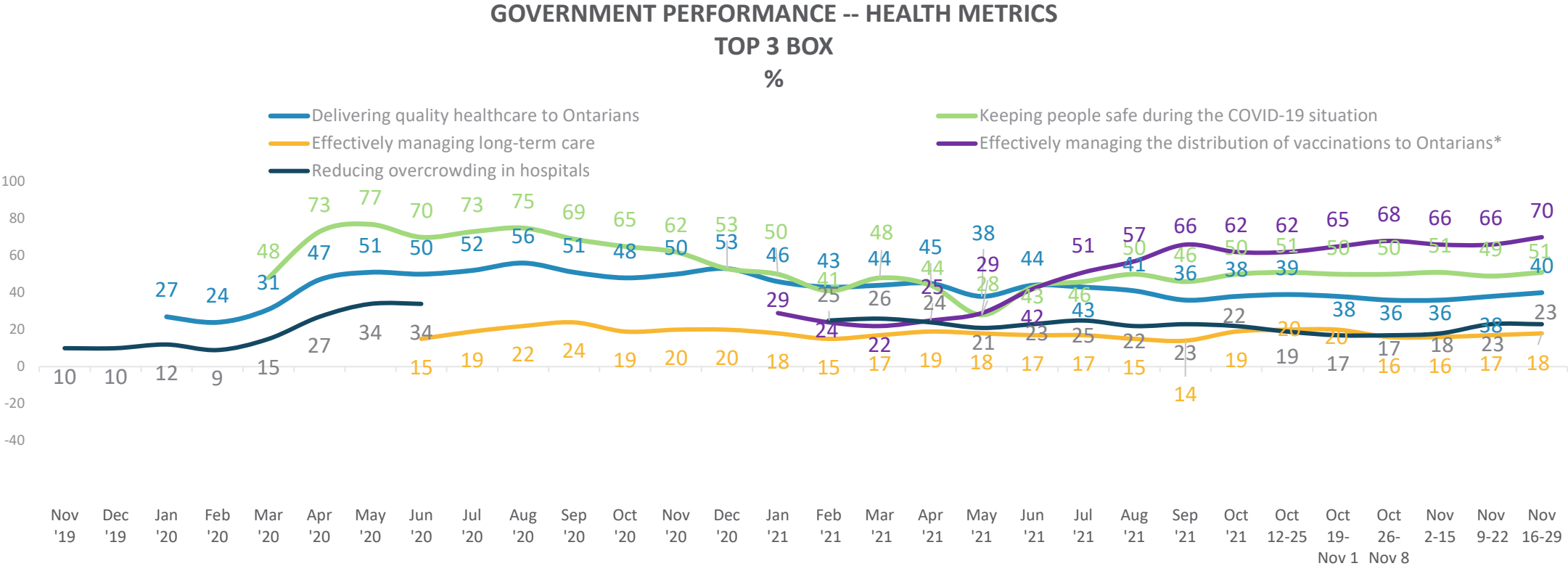


Q5. Using a scale where 1 means “poor” and nine is “excellent”, how would you rate the performance of Ontario government at managing each of the following?

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

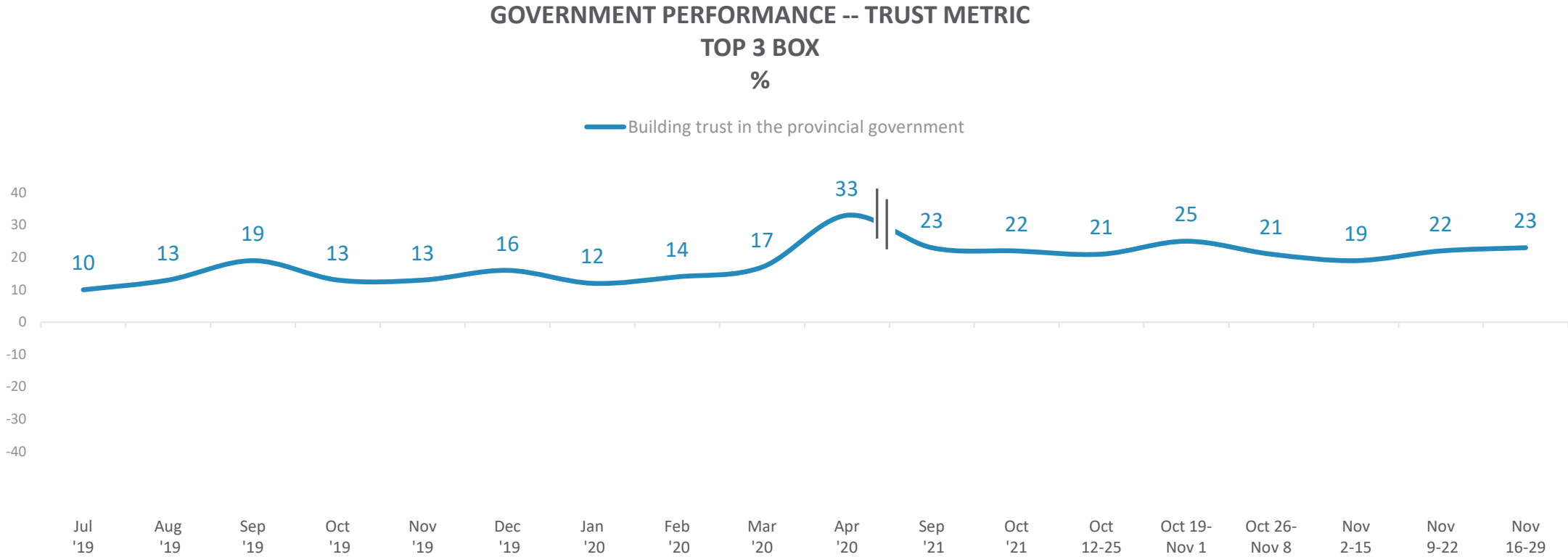
Bases vary

Rating of the government’s performance for ‘effectively managing the distribution of vaccines’ was up this week and is now at the highest level since tracking began, while ‘delivering quality healthcare to Ontarians’ has been slowly trending upwards.



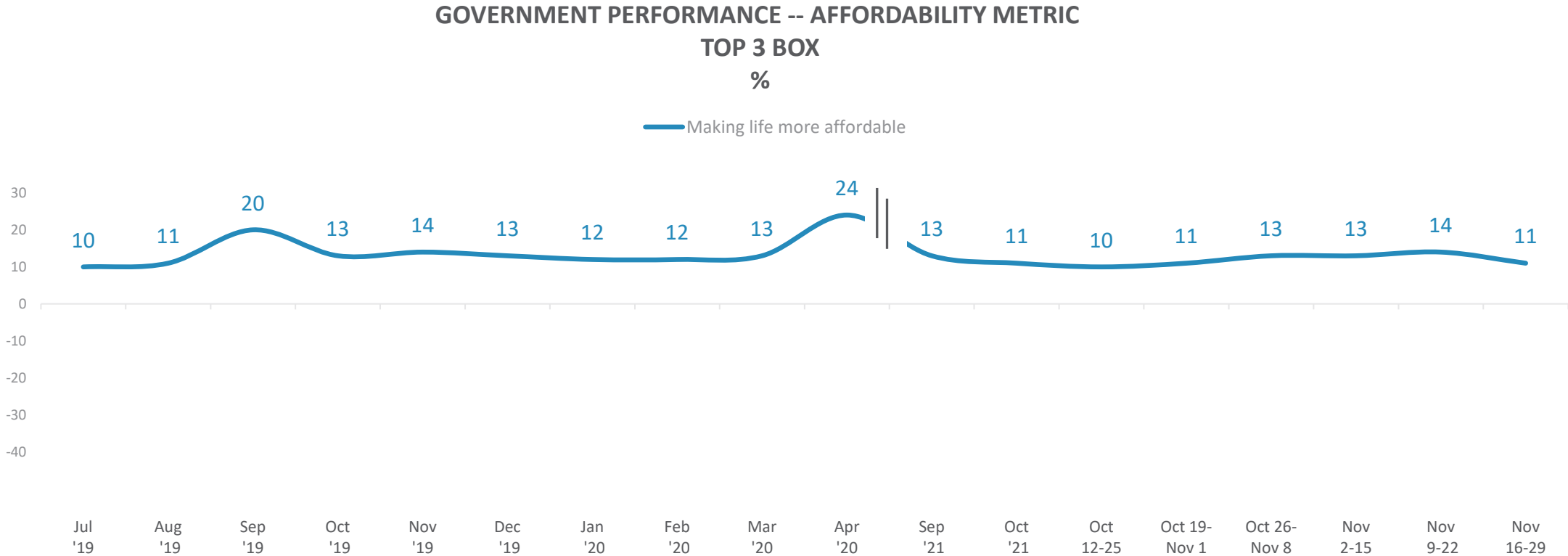
Q5. Using a scale where 1 means “poor” and nine is “excellent”, how would you rate the performance of Ontario government at managing each of the following?
*Former phrasing: “Effectively managing the vaccinations of Ontarians”
Bases vary

The rating of the government’s performance for ‘building trust in the provincial government’ is 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?
Bases vary

The positive rating of the Ontario government’s performance for ‘making life more affordable’ declined slightly 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