



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
AND COUNCIL

Delivered by hand and electronic mail.

August 15, 2024

Dear Mayors, CAOs, Provincial, and Federal Party Leaders,

Re: Mental Health and Addictions Crisis

I do not think it is an overstatement: the current mental health and addictions crisis is the greatest calamity of our time. This crisis has leached into the very fabric of our lives – it has turned our streets into the theatre of mental crises and places for open drug use, it has affected economic development on a micro and macro scale, and most importantly, the negative impact to the health and wellness of our community members of all ages will be felt for generations.

For about three decades, we have debated and engaged in discourse on this topic with very little to show for it. The situation has never been worse. Actions taken to this point have only exacerbated the crisis. Daily, my office is inundated with calls and emails regarding the lack of mental health and addiction services in our community.

When I became mayor, one of the goals I set out to accomplish was to make a difference where it counted, to change the ever-increasing numbers of people in the throes of addiction and mental health crises; or at the very least stabilize the numbers. We have been spinning in circles, not achieving anything while we continue to talk at people. I felt I knew what needed to be done but I wanted to hear from the people who live with this every day. As the leader of my community, I realized I needed to take it to the people and then listen carefully, so I decided to do a poll. I believe this poll captures what every government needs to know when allocating funds, which is how do we help in the best way possible. If we as leaders do this, we can change the catastrophic future of our current path

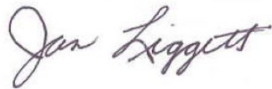
Last year, I was presented with the opportunity to begin work on an Ontario-wide study to determine how Ontarians feel about the current state of mental health and addictions

services. The study, conducted by Campaign Research, indicates that Ontarians want to see this crisis addressed. Ontarians overwhelmingly support the idea of a dedicated revenue stream to solve the problem and have expressed a desire for the provincial government to institute legislative changes to allow families and physicians to provide mental health and addiction treatment to involuntary patients. I attach herewith the condensed findings for your review.

I am comforted to see that across regional and political lines and market segments Ontarians want to see this crisis solved.

I encourage you to share the results of this study with your network. I am eager to discuss this matter further and work together towards a solution for this is happening on our collective watch. Please feel free to reach out to my Executive Assistant, Ana Djukic, by email at djukica@cambridge.ca, should you wish to obtain a full copy of the results or schedule a time for us to speak.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan Liggett".

Jan Liggett
Mayor



MARKET RESEARCH & BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE SERVICES

WHAT'S YOUR CHALLENGE? ?

Aug 1st, 2024

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**Public Opinion Research
City of Cambridge
Mental Health and Addictions
1 August 2024**



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METHODOLOGY

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Mental Health and Addictions

Public Opinion Research

Quantitative Market Research - Ontario



This study was conducted from July 30th 2024 to July 31st 2024, among a sample of 2027 respondents who are residents of Ontario and are members of Maru Blue's online panel. For comparison purposes, a probability sample of a similar size would have a margin of error of +/- 2%, 19 times out of 20.

Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.

Where & How is the Study Conducted?

The study included respondents from an online panel of eligible voters in Ontario, 18 years old and older. The sample is weighted to regional, age and gender demographics, as per Statistics Canada.

STATS TESTING

-  Significantly higher than Ontario
-  Significantly lower than Ontario

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Awareness of existing mental health and addiction services in the community

67% of Ontario adults were aware of existing mental health and addiction services in their community while 33% said they were “not very aware” or “not at all aware”. Awareness of these services was somewhat higher with younger male respondents (under 35 years of age) and somewhat higher with females under 55 years of age. Interestingly, respondents who resided outside the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) were more aware of existing mental health and addiction services compared to residents in the GTHA. [Slides 13-14](#)

Importance of accessible and timely mental health and addiction services

Nearly all Ontario adults believed it was “important” to have accessible and timely mental health and addiction services in their community. Six out of 10 respondents believed it was “very important”. Females were much stronger in their views that it was “very important”. Respondents broke out roughly the same way across the regions of Ontario. [Slides 15-16](#)

Are current mental health and addiction services adequate

22% of respondents believed that current mental health and addiction services were adequate while 44% disagreed. 34% of the respondents were “unsure”. Females were more of the view that these services were inadequate. Respondents were consistent across Ontario. [Slides 17-18](#)

Who has accessed mental health or addiction services

1 out of 3 Ontario adults said that they had personally accessed mental health or addiction services. Nearly half of all respondents under 35 years of age said that they had personally accessed these services. [Slides 19-20](#)

6 out of 10 respondents said they knew someone who had accessed either mental health or addiction services. Two-thirds of those under 35 years of age said they knew someone who had accessed these services. [Slides 21-22](#)

Quality of mental health and addiction services that are currently available

Respondents were split on the quality of the mental health and addiction services available. 33% of the respondents said “excellent” or “good” while 44% said “fair” or “poor” and 24% said they were “unsure” (only 16% said “poor”). Younger respondents were more positive about the quality of services compared to older respondents. Female respondents who were somewhat more negative about the quality compared to males. Respondents broke out roughly the same way across Ontario. [Slides 23-24](#)

Is a lack of government funding seen as the overall problem with mental health and addictions (Forced Choice)

33% of respondents believed the overall problem with mental health and addiction was not necessarily a lack of government funding while 45% believed that government needed to spend much more on mental health and addiction services to address the ever-growing problem. Females were much more of the view that government needed to spend much more money on mental health and addiction services. [Slide 25-26](#)

Support/ oppose government creating a dedicated stream of money to fund mental health and addiction services

Four out of 5 respondents supported the government of Ontario creating a dedicated a stream of money to specifically fund mental health and addiction services. Despite strong support from males, females were even more supportive of a creating a dedicated stream of money to fund these services. Respondents broke out roughly the same way across the regions of Ontario. [Slides 27-28](#)

Support/ oppose a new tax to fund mental health and addiction services

Respondents were more split on whether the government should create a new tax to fund mental health and addiction services. 40% of respondents supported a new tax to fund these services while 48% were opposed. Respondents who were over 54 years of age were much more opposed to a new tax compared to younger respondents. Respondents residing in more rural areas of Ontario were more opposed to the creation of a new tax to fund these services. [Slides 29-30](#)

Willingness to pay additional taxes to support mental health and addiction services

50% of respondents were not willing to pay additional taxes to support mental health and addiction services while 30% said they would. Those over 34 years of age were much more opposed compared to respondents under 35 years of age. Respondents broke out the same way across most regions across Ontario. [Slides 31-32](#)

How much in additional taxes would Ontarian's be willing to pay to support mental health services

33% of respondents were not willing to pay any additional taxes to support mental health and addiction services. Another 34% of respondents were willing to pay between \$0-\$25 per year in new taxes and another 19% were willing to pay between \$25-\$100 in new taxes per year to fund these services. Younger respondents were more willing to pay a new tax compared to older respondents. Respondents broke out roughly the same way across the regions of Ontario. [Slides 33-34](#)

Perceived effectiveness of a dedicated revenue stream to improve mental health and addiction services

Two to 1, respondents believed a dedicated revenue stream would be effective to improve mental health and addiction services. Younger respondents held this view much more than older respondents. Respondents broke out roughly the same way across Ontario. [Slides 35-36](#)

Mental health and addiction services that should be prioritized with new funding [Slide 37](#)

57% - Youth and adult mental health services

51% - Mental Health Crisis intervention services

37% - Rehabilitation programs and facilities

23% - Community-based support groups like Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous etc.

16% - Inpatient detox facilities

Support/ oppose a political candidate (political party) willing to raise taxes to fund mental health and addiction services

Nearly half of the respondents said they would support a political candidate who was willing to raise taxes to increase mental health/ addiction services while 36% were opposed. Males were slightly more opposed compared to females. Respondents residing in Eastern region (not including the City of Ottawa) were much more opposed (48%) compared to others in Ontario, who were more supportive. [Slides 38-39](#)

Necessity of building new brick-and-mortar facilities for mental health and addiction services

Two to 1, respondents believed that building new facilities for mental health and addiction services was necessary. Respondents broke out roughly the same way across the regions of Ontario. [Slides 40-41](#)

Barriers faced when trying to access mental health and addiction services [Slide 42](#)

- 54% - Availability of services
- 44% - Cost
- 29% - Quality of services
- 27% - Stigma
- 19% - Lack of information

How government should sustain the funding for mental health and addictions services [Slide 43](#)

- 59% - Reallocate existing funds
- 48% - Public-private partnerships
- 44% - Private donations and grants
- 26% - Increase taxes (to create a dedicated revenue stream for mental health and addiction services)

Agree/ disagree to government partnerships with private organizations to fund mental health and addictions services

Three out of 4 respondents agreed that the government of Ontario should explore partnerships with private organizations to fund mental health and addiction services. Respondents broke out roughly the same way across Ontario. [Slides 44-45](#)

Agree/ disagree that larger corporations should contribute a portion of profits to fund mental health and addiction services

Seven out of 10 respondents agreed that larger corporations should contribute a portion of their profits to fund mental health and addictions. Respondents broke out roughly the same way across Ontario. [Slides 46-47](#)

Agree/ disagree that laws in Ontario need to change for involuntary patients

Two-thirds of respondents agreed that Ontario's laws needed to change to allow families and physicians to provide mental health and addiction treatment to involuntary patients. Respondents broke out roughly the same way across Ontario. [Slides 48-49](#)

Agree/ disagree that "Drug Treatment Courts" should be offered more widely in Ontario

68% of respondents agreed that Drug Treatment Courts should be offered more widely in Ontario. Females were even stronger in their support of Drug Treatment Courts compared to males. Respondents broke out roughly the same way across the regions of Ontario. [Slides 50-51](#)

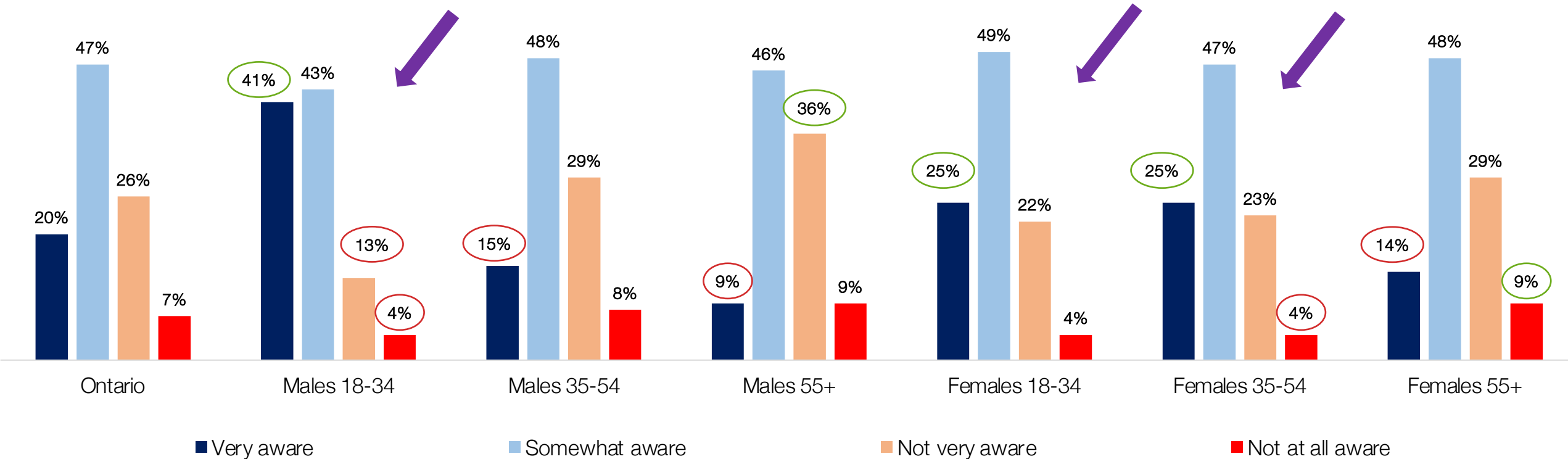
DETAILED FINDINGS

Awareness of existing mental health and addiction services in the community

Age and Gender

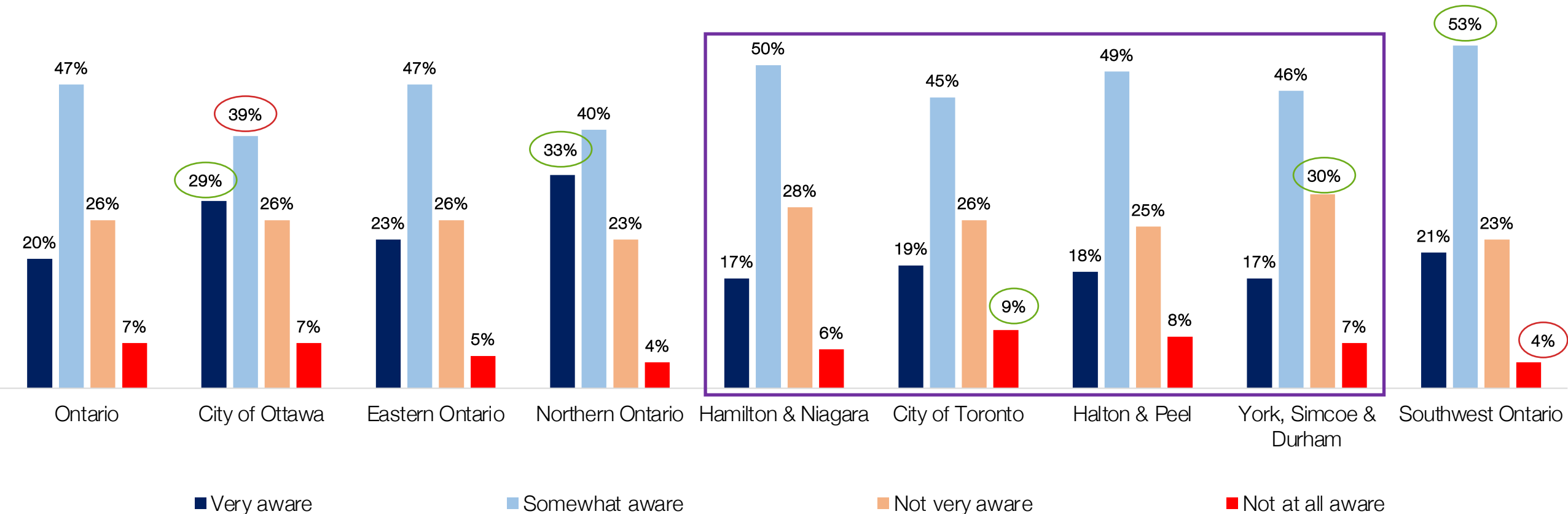
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67% of Ontario adults were “aware” of existing mental health and addiction services in their community while 33% said they were “not very aware” or “not at all aware”. Awareness of these services was somewhat higher among younger male respondents (under 35 years of age) and females (under 55 years of age) compared to older respondents (over 54 years of age).



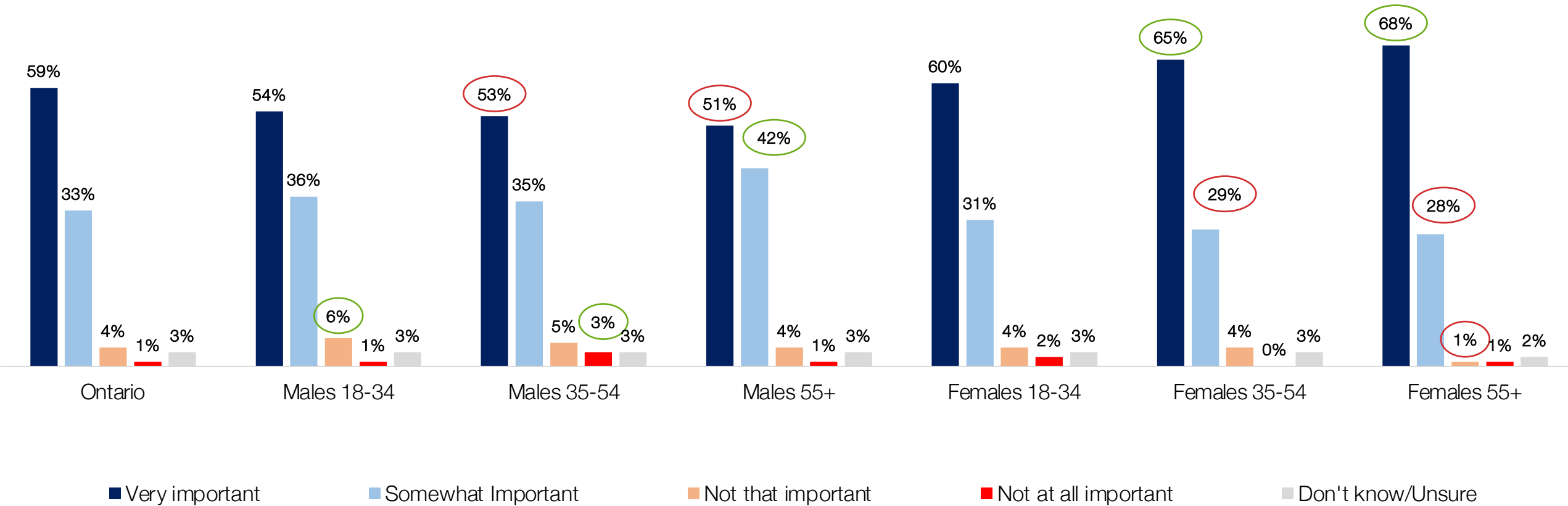
Awareness of existing mental health and addiction services in the community

Awareness of existing mental health and addiction services was slightly higher in all the regions outside the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).



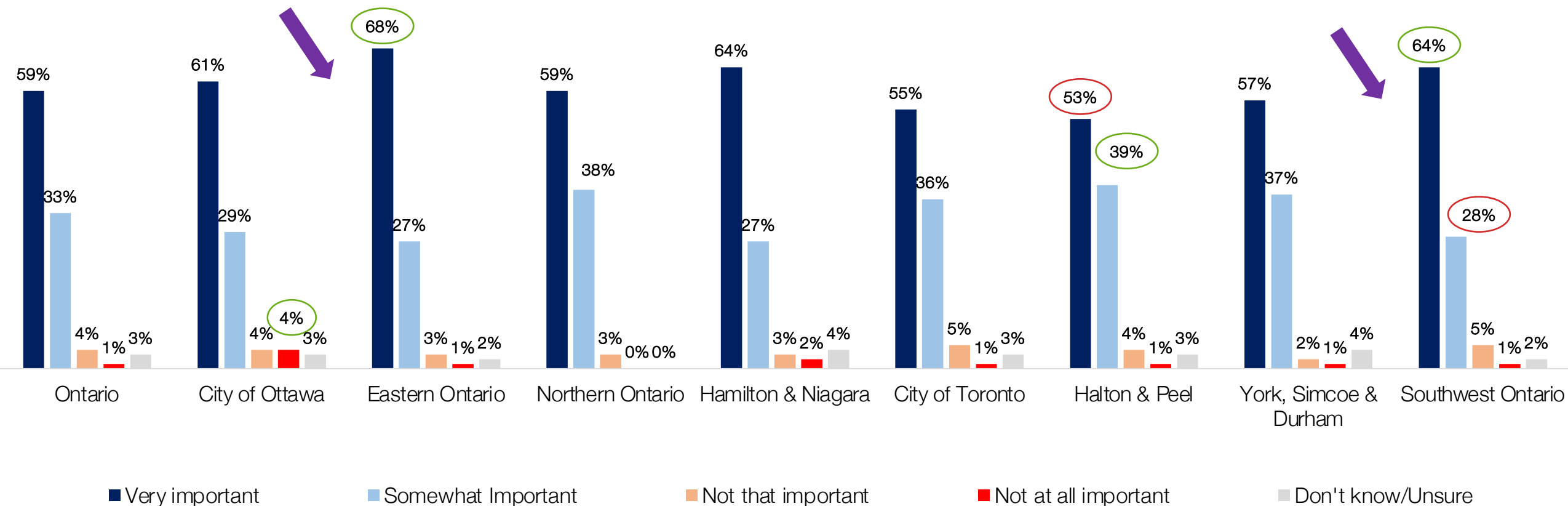
Importance of accessible and timely mental health and addiction services

Nearly all Ontario adults believed it was 'important' to have accessible and timely mental health and addiction services in their community, with six out of 10 respondents indicating it was 'very important'. Females were much stronger in their view that it was “very important” compared to males.



Q2 - How important do you think it is to have accessible and timely mental health and addiction services in your community? Base = 2027

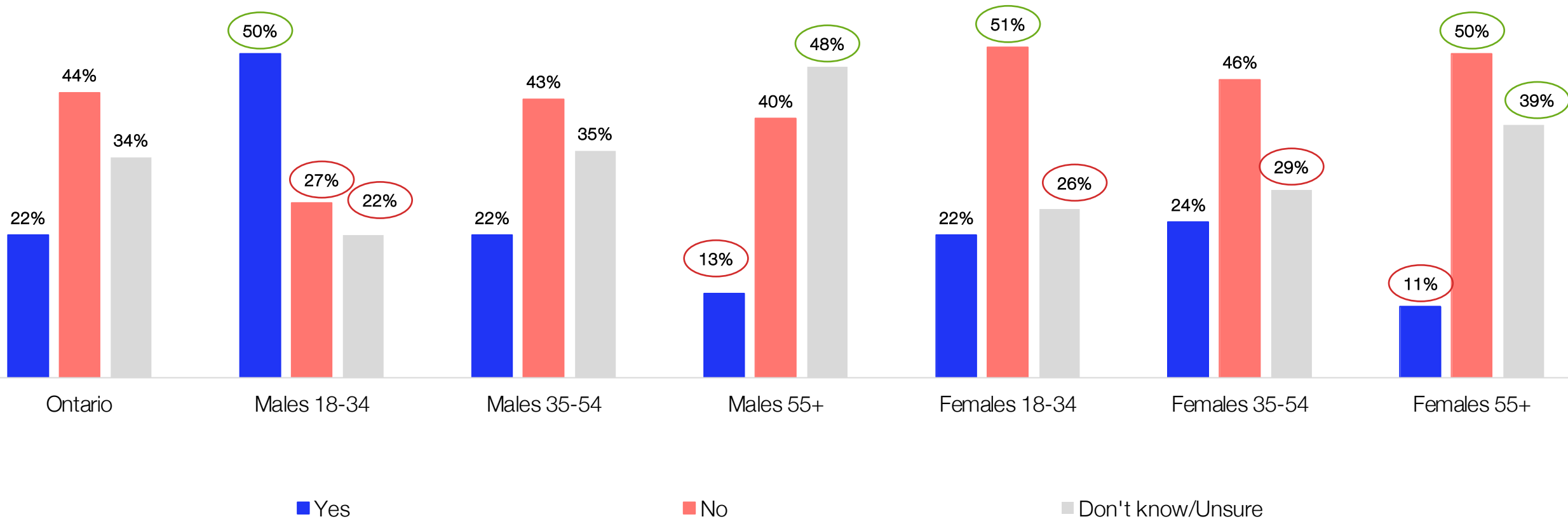
Findings were consistent across the regions of Ontario, with significantly more respondents residing in the Eastern and Southwestern regions who believed it was “very important”.



Q2 - How important do you think it is to have accessible and timely mental health and addiction services in your community? Base = 2027

Are current mental health and addiction services adequate

Only 22% of respondents believed that current mental health and addiction services (in their communities) were adequate while twice as many, (44%) disagreed. 34% of the respondents were “unsure”. Females were much more of the view that these services were inadequate compared to males.

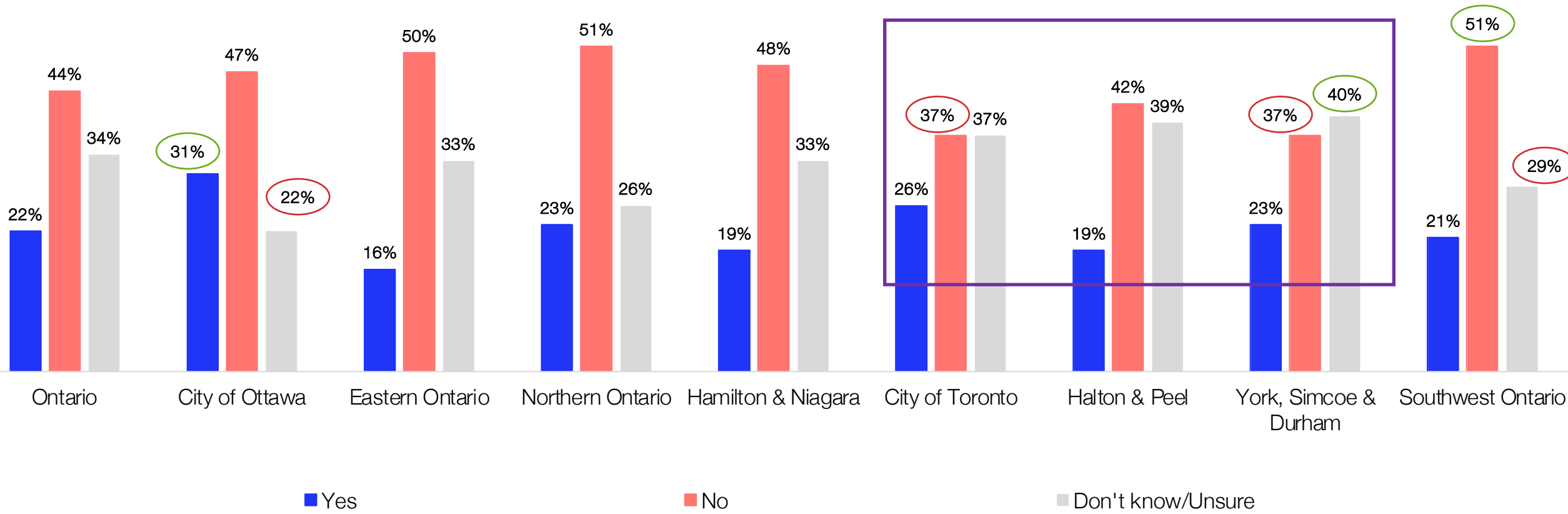


Are current mental health and addiction services adequate?

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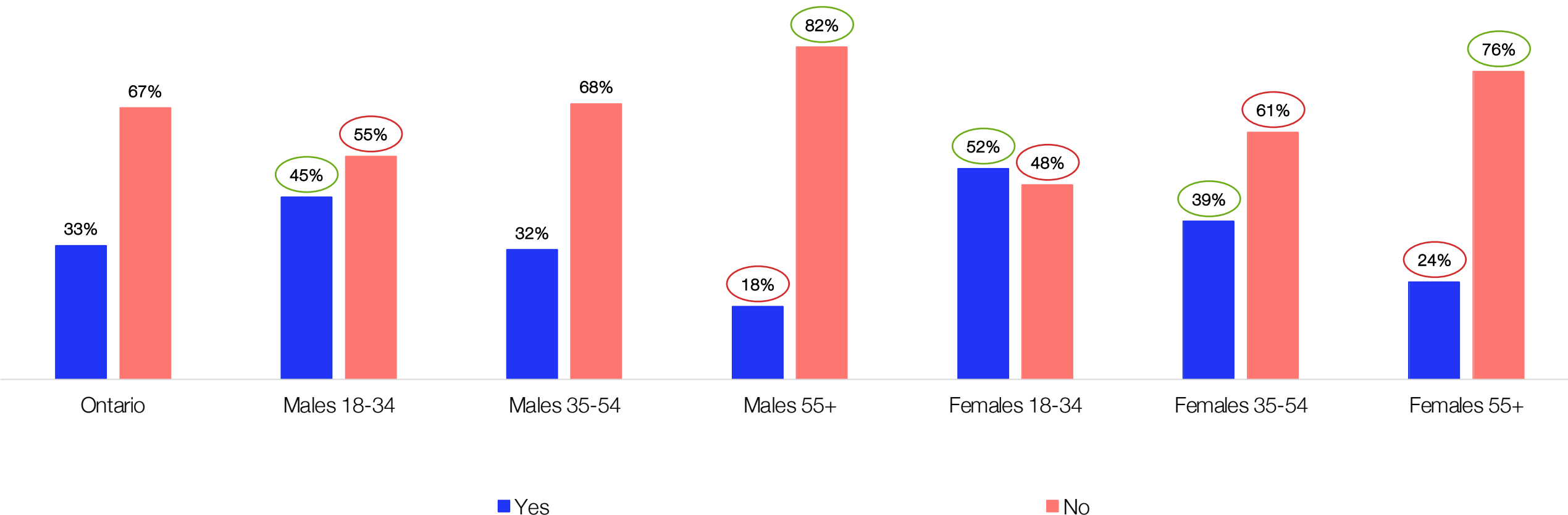
Regions

Respondents broke out roughly the same way across the regions of Ontario. In the GTA respondents were somewhat more “unsure” compared to those residing in other regions.



21 Personally accessed mental health or addiction services

1 out of 3 respondents said they had personally accessed mental health or addiction services. Nearly half of all respondents under 35 years of age said they had personally accessed these services.

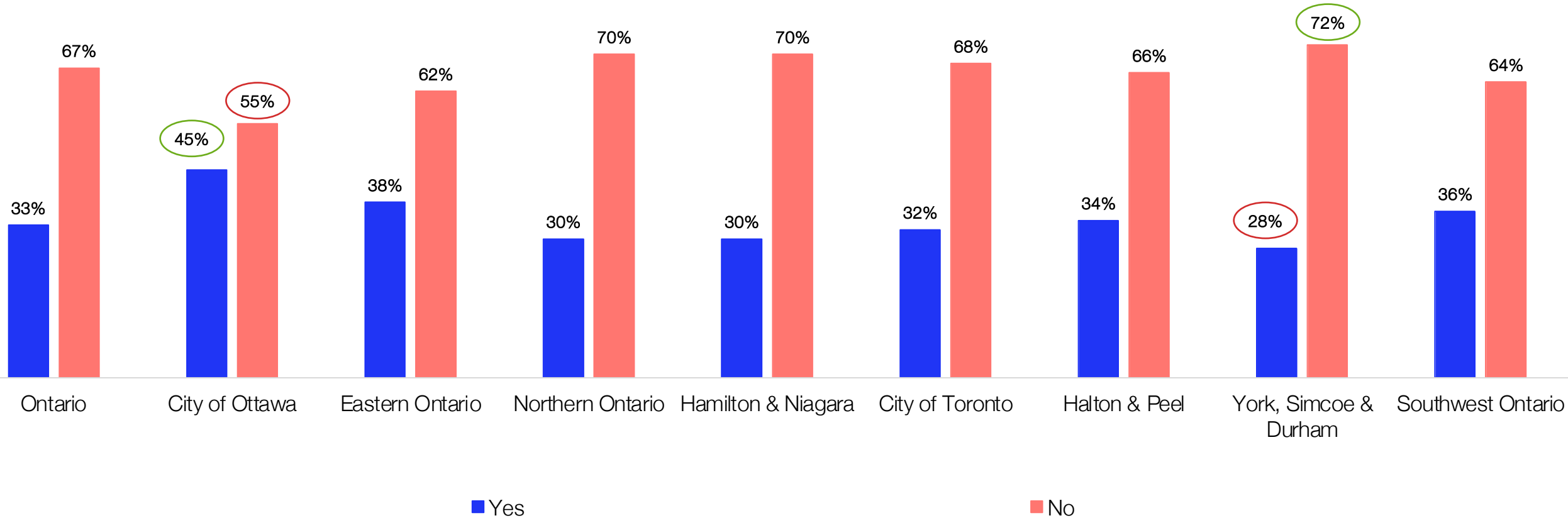


Personally accessed mental health or addiction services

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Regions

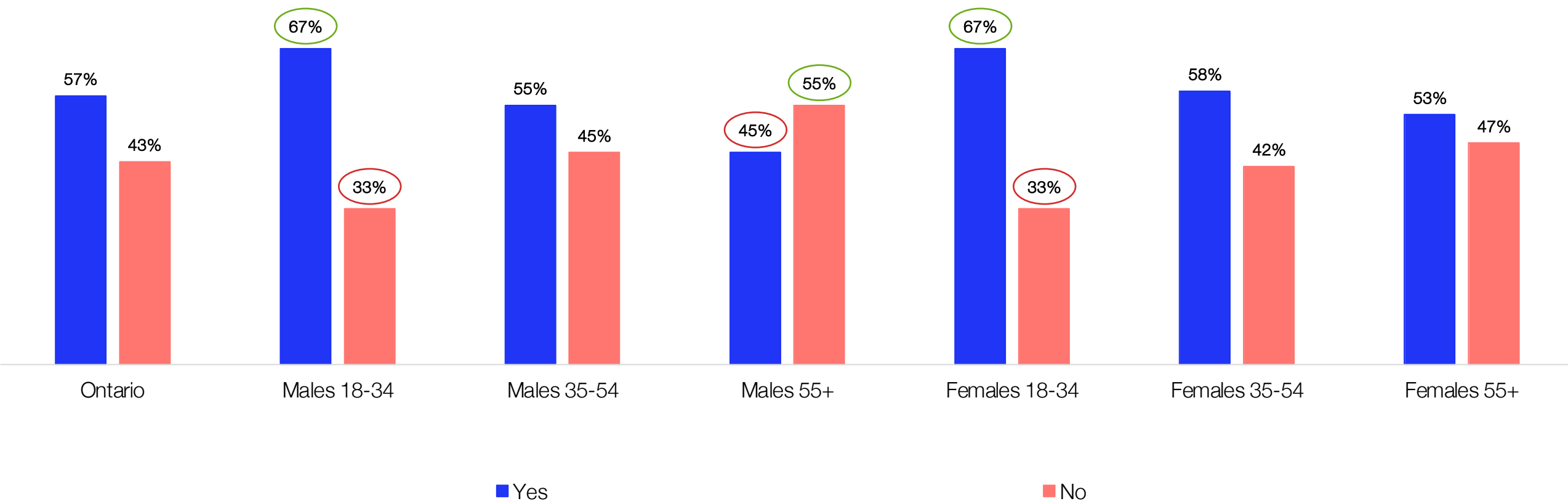
Responses were largely uniform across all regions of Ontario with those respondents residing in the City of Ottawa region saying they had accessed mental health and/or addiction services much more than all others.



Has anyone you know ever accessed mental health or addiction services

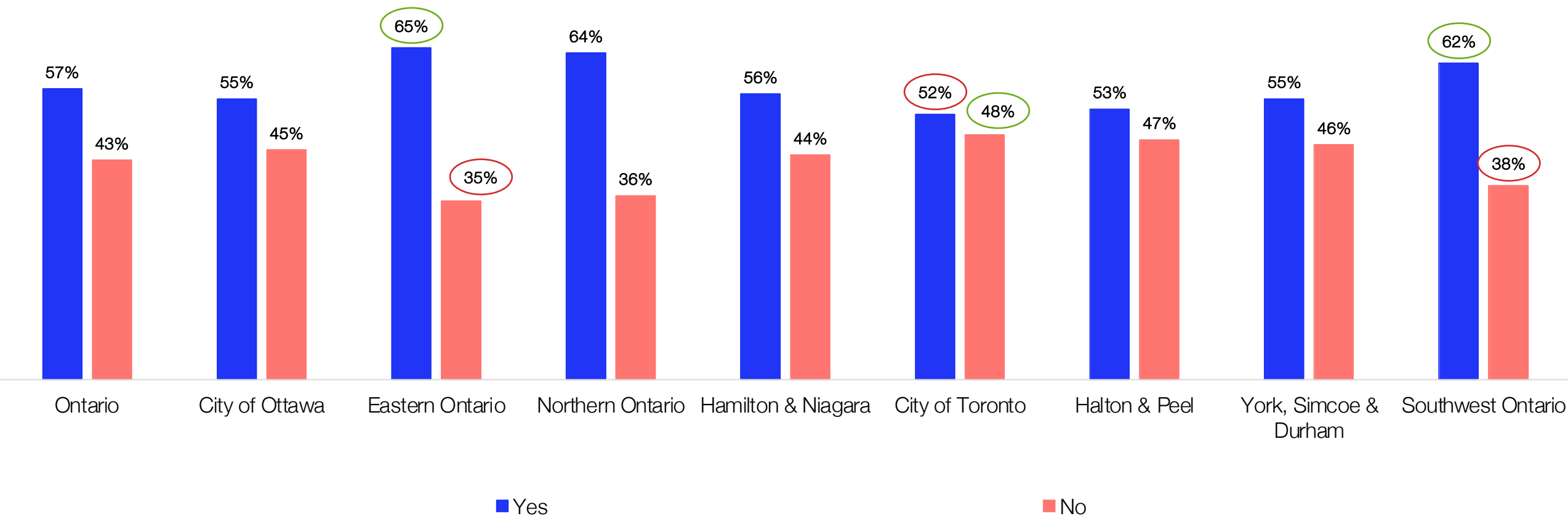
Age and Gender

Overall, nearly 6 out of 10 respondents said they knew someone who had accessed either mental health or addiction services. 2/3rds of respondents under 35 years of age said they knew someone who had accessed these services.



Has anyone you know ever accessed mental health or addiction services

Interestingly, residents in less urban/ more suburban and/ or rural regions were more likely to know someone that had accessed these services compared to those residing in the GTA regions.

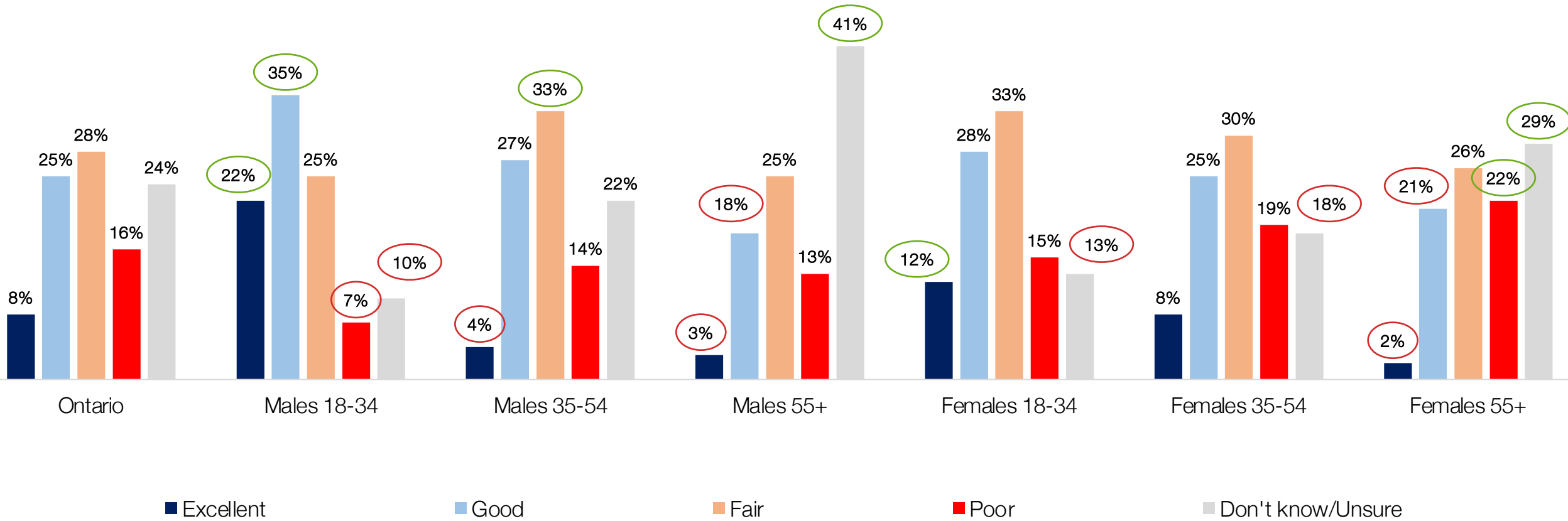


Rate the quality of mental health and addiction services that are currently available

Age and Gender

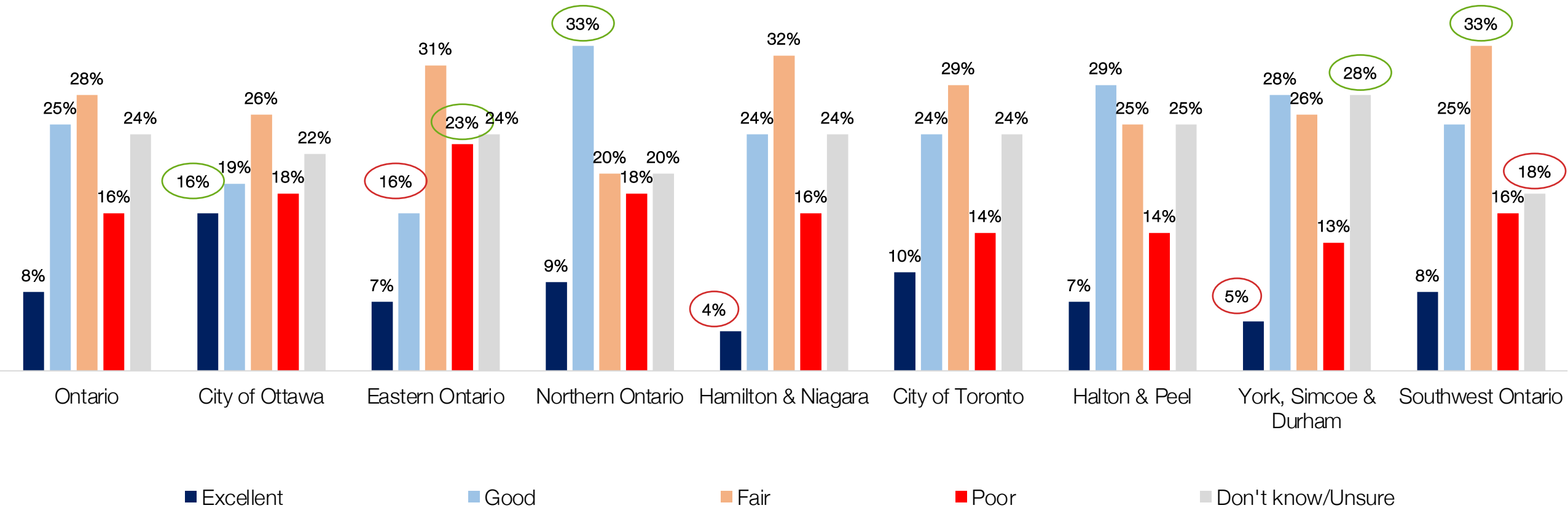
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Respondents were split on the quality of the mental health and addiction services available in their area. 33% of the respondents said “excellent” or “good” while 44% said “fair” or “poor” and 24% said they were “unsure”. Younger respondents were more positive about the quality of services compared to older respondents and female respondents who were somewhat more negative.



Rate the quality of mental health and addiction services that are currently available

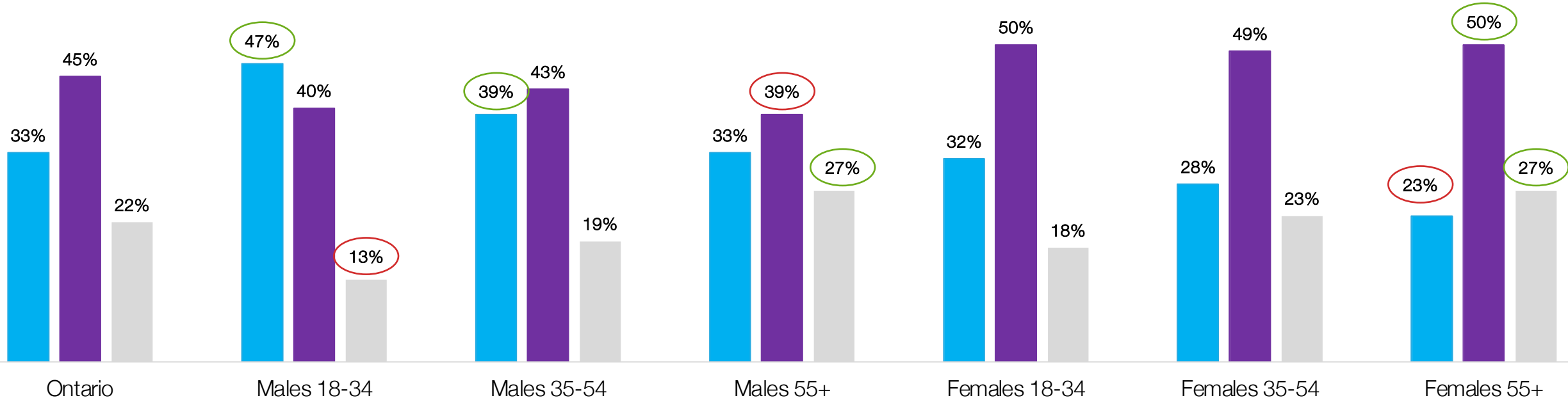
Respondents broke out roughly the same way across the regions of Ontario.



Forced Choice: Is the overall problem around mental health and addictions a lack of government funding or something else?

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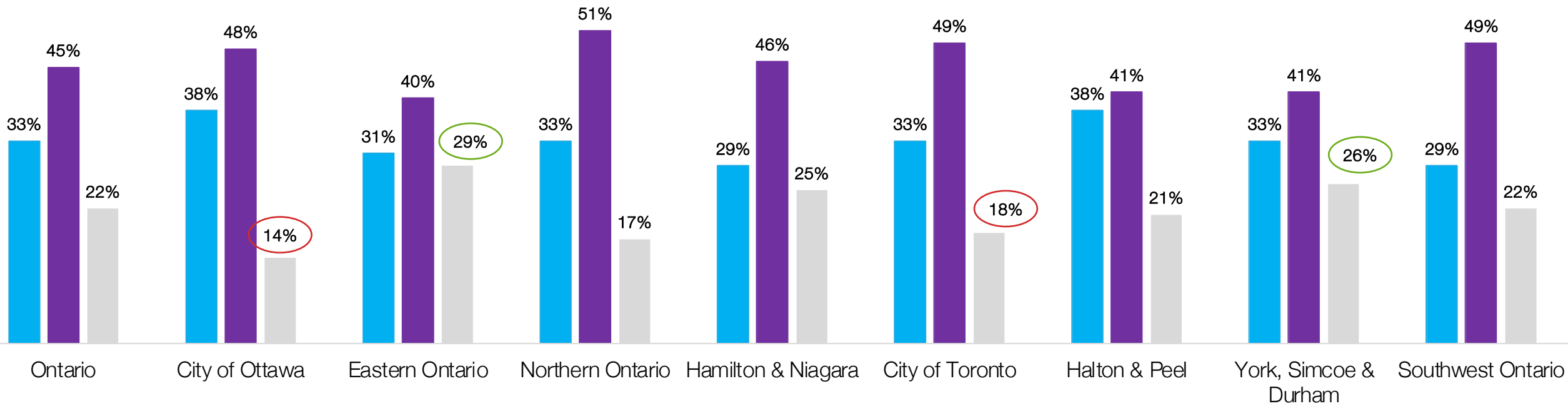
33% of respondents believed the overall problem with mental health and addiction was not necessarily a lack of government funding while 45% believed that government needed to spend much more on mental health and addiction services to make progress with the ever-growing problem. Females were much more of the view that government needed to spend much more on mental health and addiction services.



- Some people say that governments are already spending billions upon billions of dollars on mental health and addiction services and the overall problem isn't a lack of funding
- Other people say that governments must spend much more on mental health and addiction services to make significant progress on getting ahead of this ever growing problem
- Don't know/Unsure

Forced Choice: Is the overall problem around mental health and addictions a lack of government funding or something else?

Responses were aligned across the regions of Ontario.



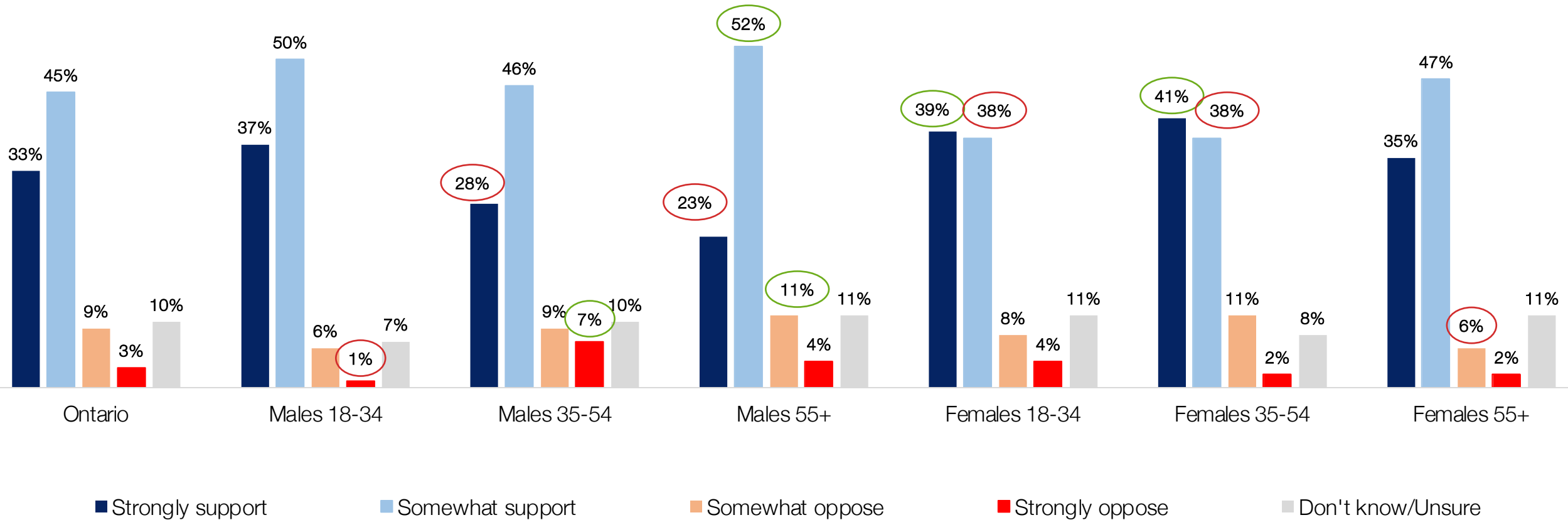
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- Other people say that governments must spend much more on mental health and addiction services to make significant progress on getting ahead of this ever growing problem
- Don't know/Unsure

Support/ oppose government creating a dedicated stream of money to fund mental health and addiction services

Age and Gender

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4 out of 5 respondents supported dedicating a stream of money to specifically fund mental health and addiction services in Ontario. Even with the high level of support coming from males, females were even more supportive of a dedicated stream of money to fund these service.

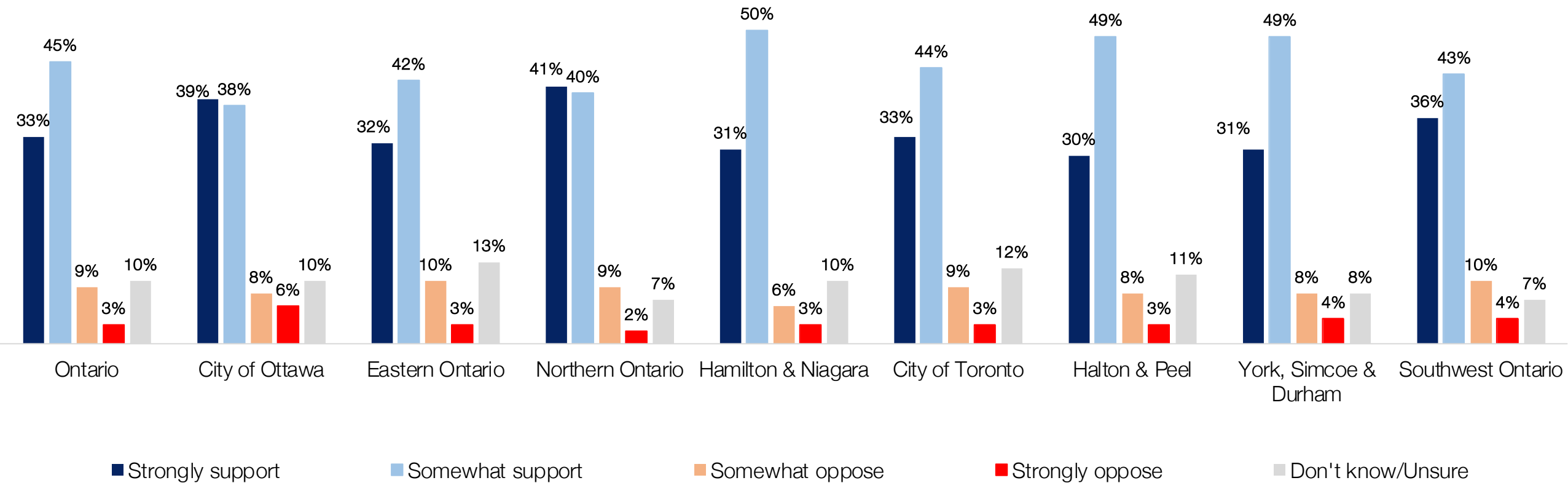


Q8 - Do you support or oppose the government of Ontario creating a dedicated stream of money that would be specifically set aside each year to fund mental health and addiction services in Ontario? Base = 2027

Support/ oppose government creating a dedicated stream of money to fund mental health and addiction services

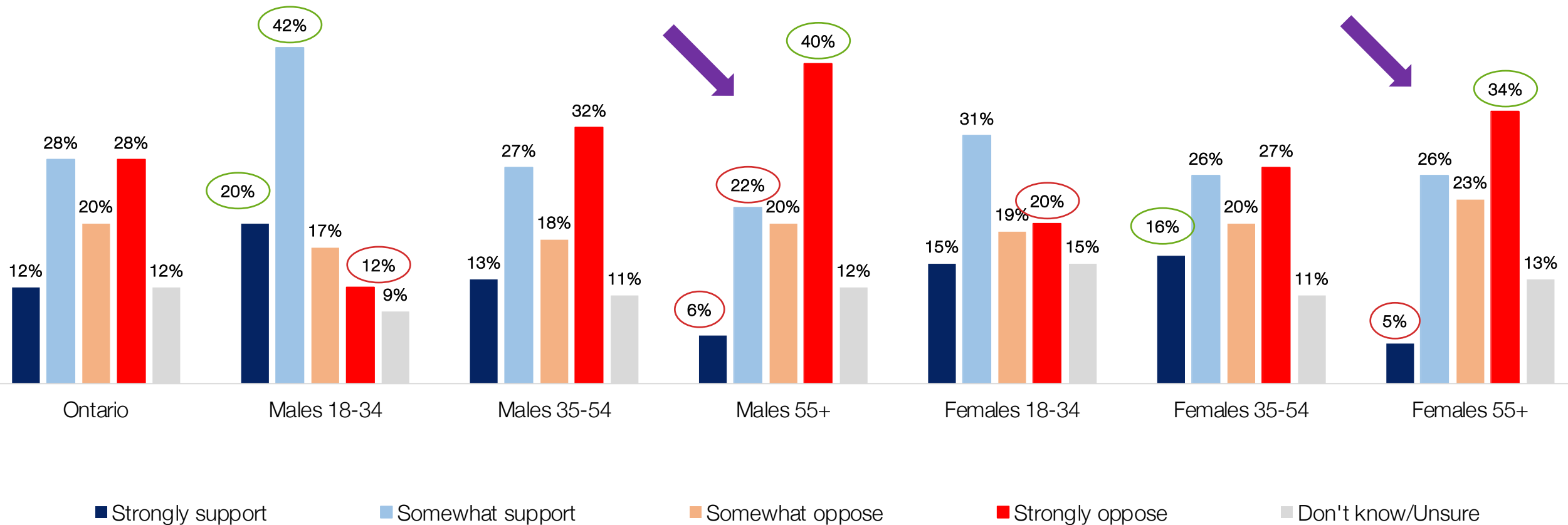
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Respondents broke out roughly the same way across the regions of Ontario.



Q8 - Do you support or oppose the government of Ontario creating a dedicated stream of money that would be specifically set aside each year to fund mental health and addiction services in Ontario? Base = 2027

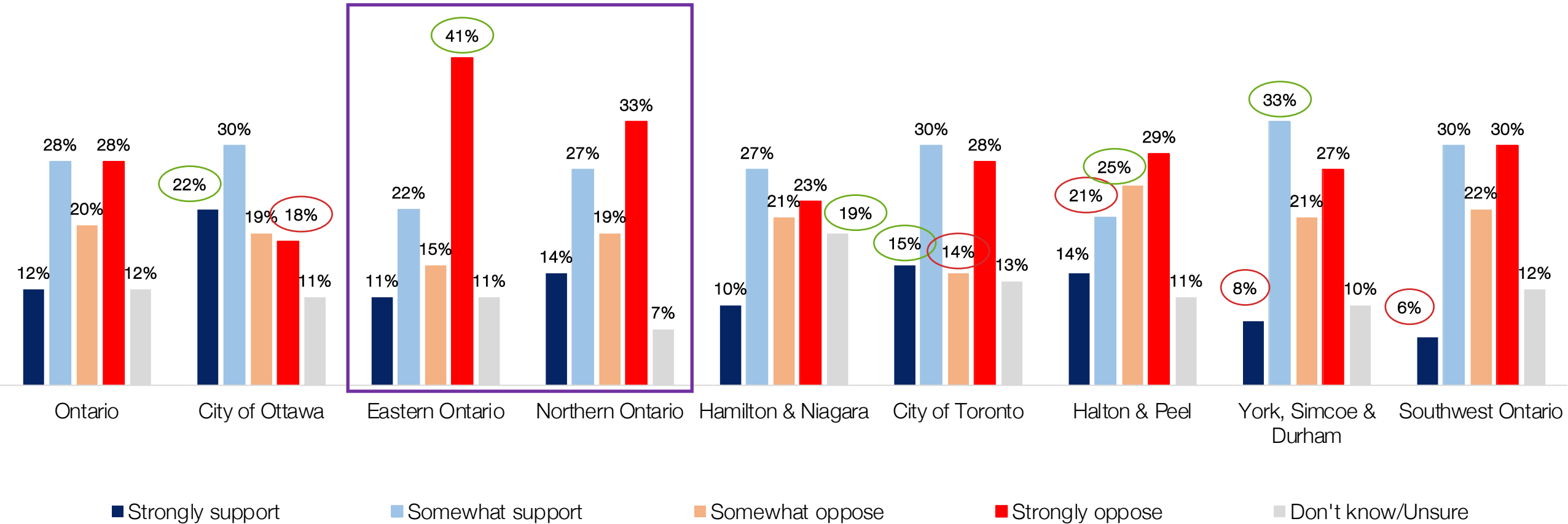
Respondents were split when it came to whether the government should create a new tax to use to fund mental health and addiction services in Ontario. 40% of respondents were supportive while 48% were opposed. Respondents over 54 years of age were much more opposed compared to younger respondents.



Q9 - More specifically, do you support or oppose the government of Ontario creating a new tax that would be collected and used specifically to fund mental health and addiction services in Ontario? Base = 2027

Support/ oppose a new tax to fund mental health and addiction services

Respondents residing in the more rural areas of Ontario were more opposed to the government creating a new tax to use to fund mental health and addiction services.

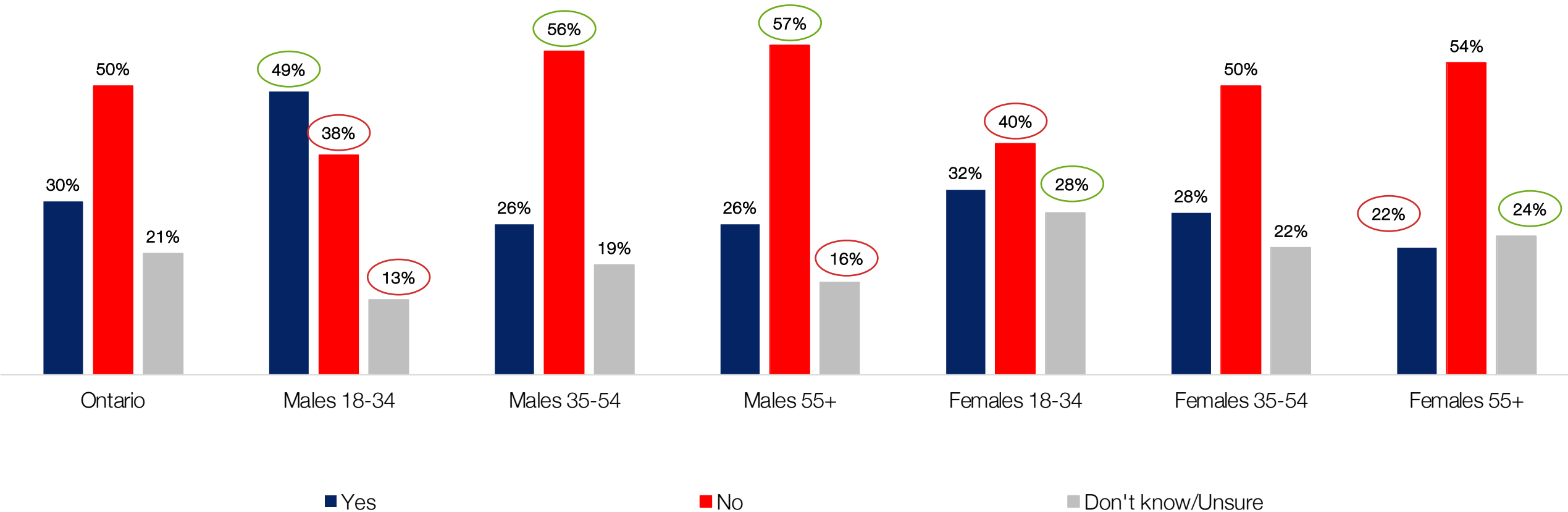


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Willingness to pay additional taxes to support mental health and addiction services

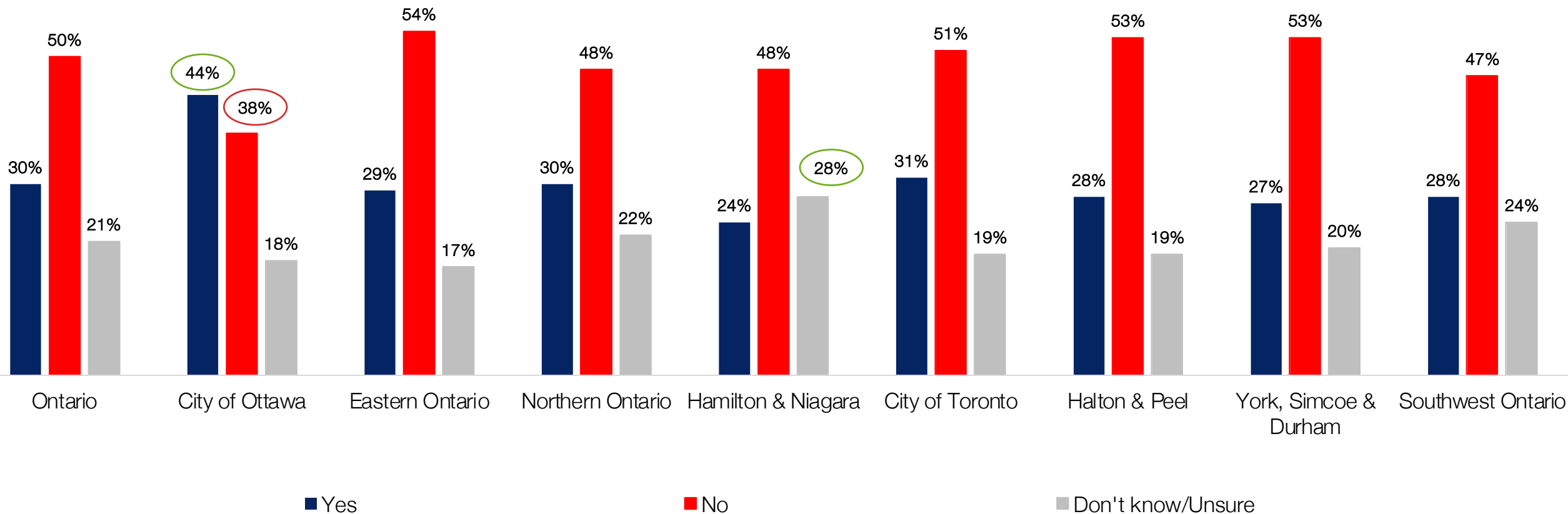
Age and Gender

Half of the respondents (50%) were not willing to pay additional taxes to support mental health and addiction services while 30% said they would. Respondents over 34 years of age were much more opposed to paying additional taxes to support these services compared to respondents under 35 years of age.



Willingness to pay additional taxes to support mental health and addiction services

Most regions of Ontario broke out the same way (50% unwilling to pay additional taxes and 30% willing to pay) except for the City of Ottawa region where they were much more evenly split on the question (38% unwilling to pay additional taxes and 30% willing to pay).

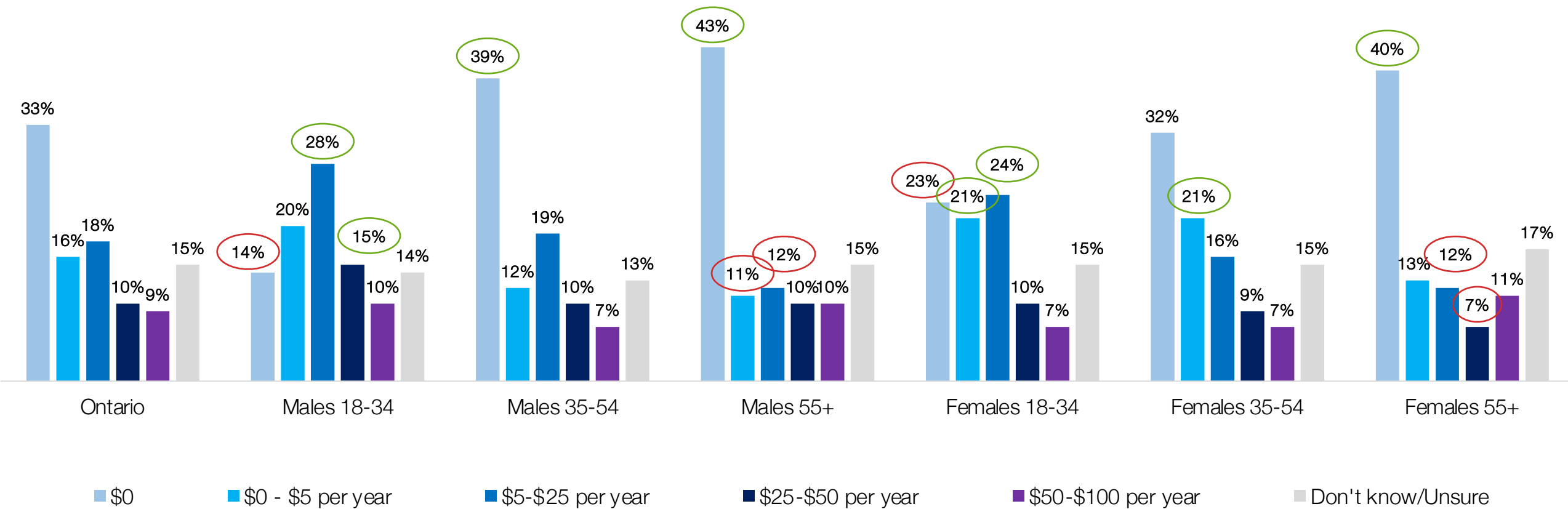


How much in additional taxes would Ontarian's be willing to pay to support mental health services?

Age and Gender

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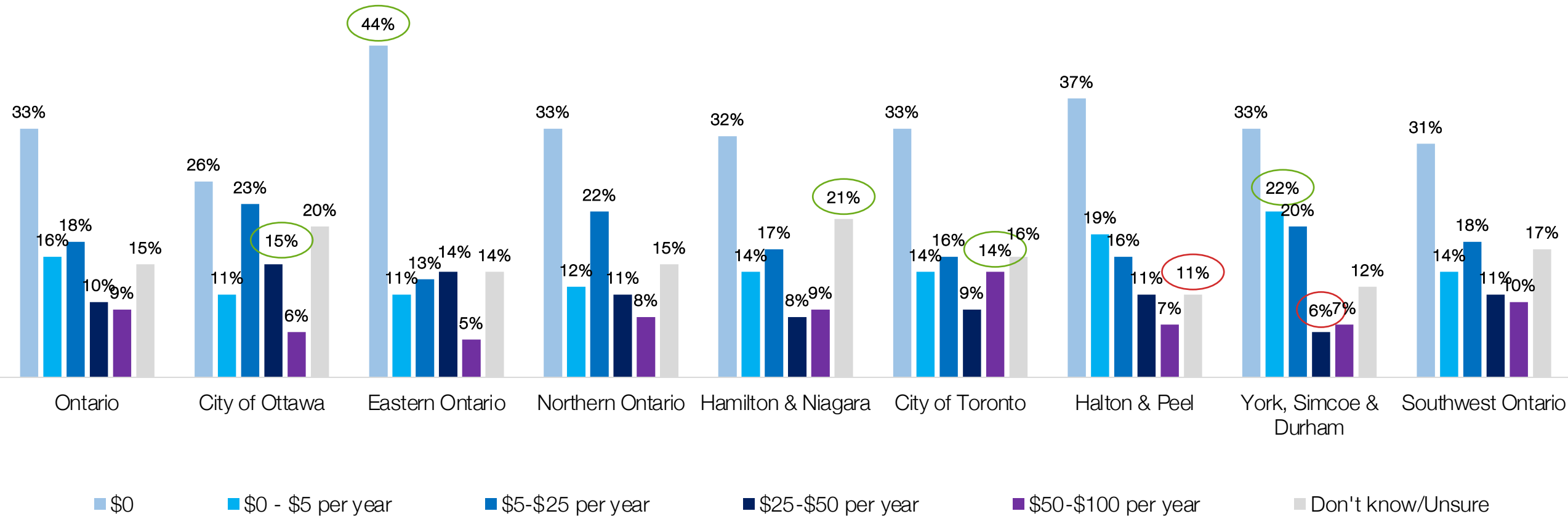
33% of respondents were not willing to pay any additional taxes to support mental health and addiction services. Another 34% of respondents were willing to pay between \$0-\$25 per year in new taxes to support mental health and addiction services and another 19% were willing to pay between \$25-\$100 in new taxes per year to fund these services. Younger respondents were more willing to pay a new tax compared to older respondents.



How much in additional taxes would Ontarian's be willing to pay to support mental health services?

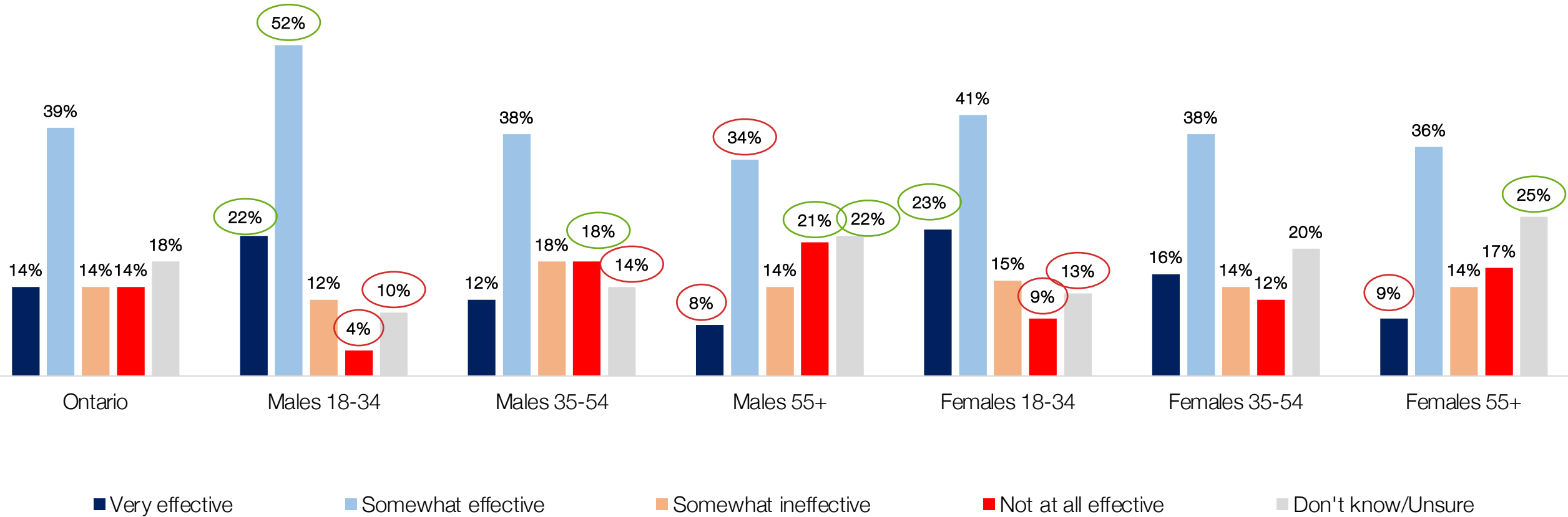
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Respondents broke out roughly the same way across the regions of Ontario.



Perceived effectiveness of a dedicated revenue stream to improve mental health and addiction services

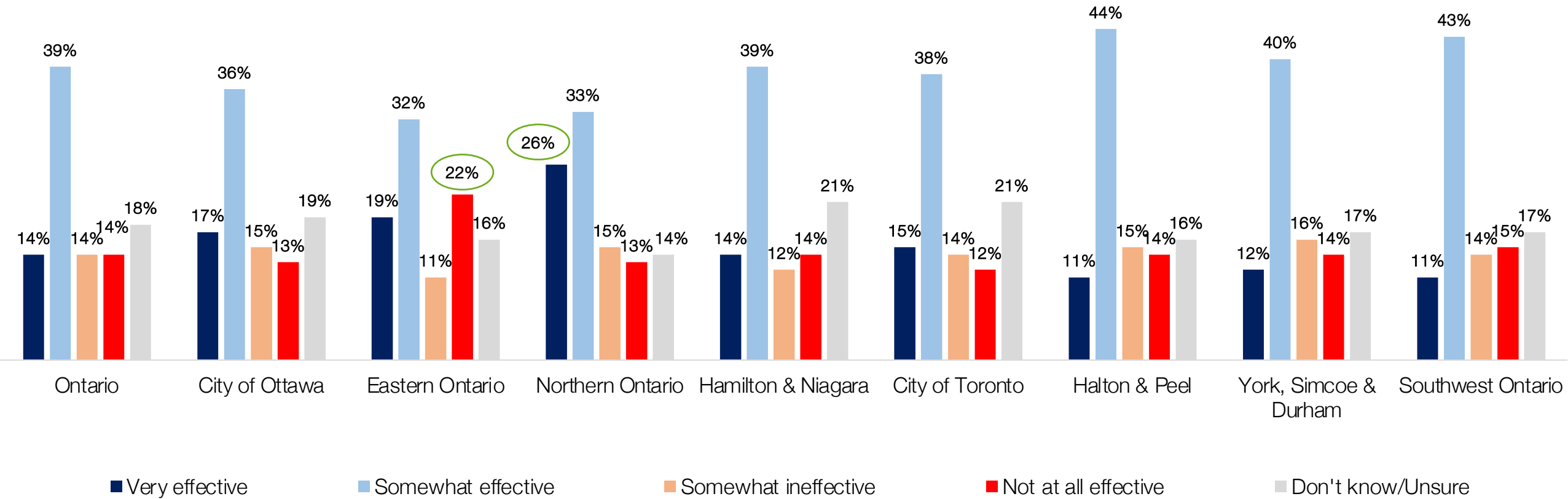
2 to 1, respondents believed a dedicated revenue stream would be effective in improving mental health and addiction services. Younger respondents were more of this view compared to older respondents.



Q12 - How effective do you believe a dedicated revenue stream would be in improving mental health and addiction services? Base = 2027

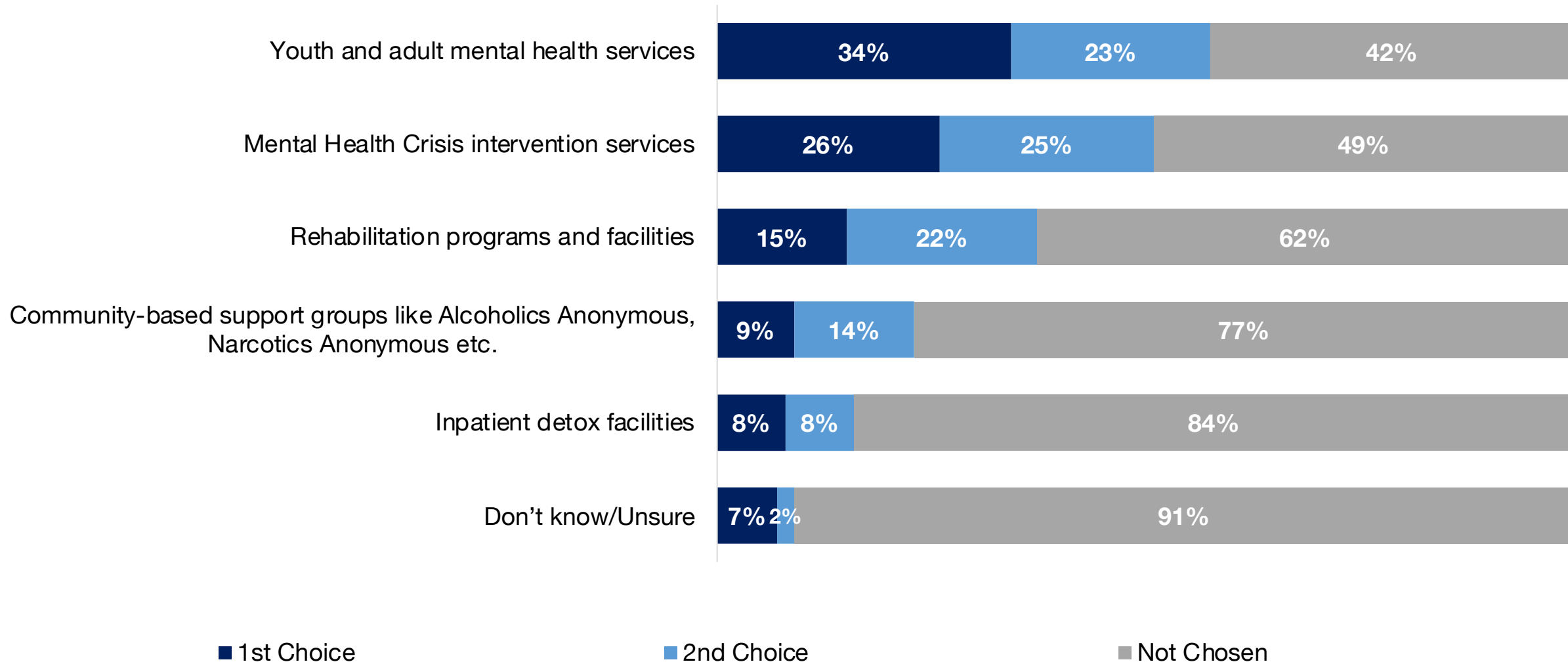
Perceived effectiveness of a dedicated revenue stream to improve mental health and addiction services

Respondents broke out roughly the same way across the regions of Ontario.



Q12 - How effective do you believe a dedicated revenue stream would be in improving mental health and addiction services? Base = 2027

i Top 2 choices: Mental health and addiction services that should be prioritized with new funding ³⁹

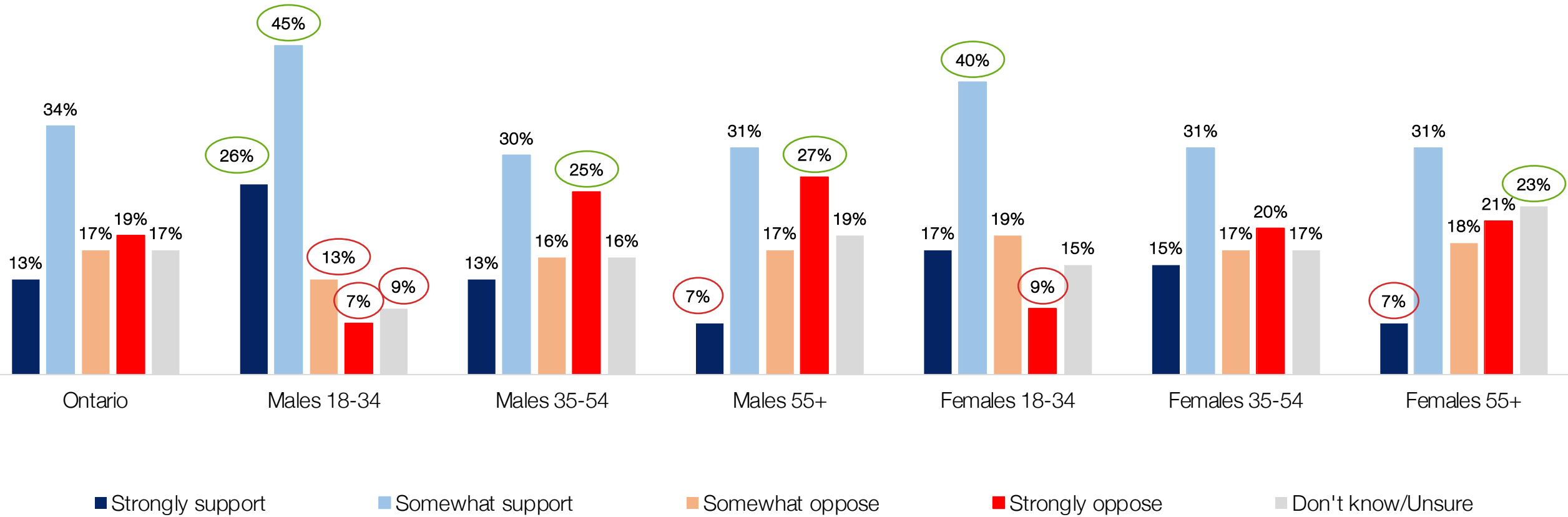


Q13 - Which type of mental health and addiction services do you think should be prioritized with new funding? Please select your top 2 choices with a "1" and a "2" beside your preferred choice. **Base = 2027**

Support/ oppose a political candidate/ political party willing to raise taxes to fund mental health and addiction services?

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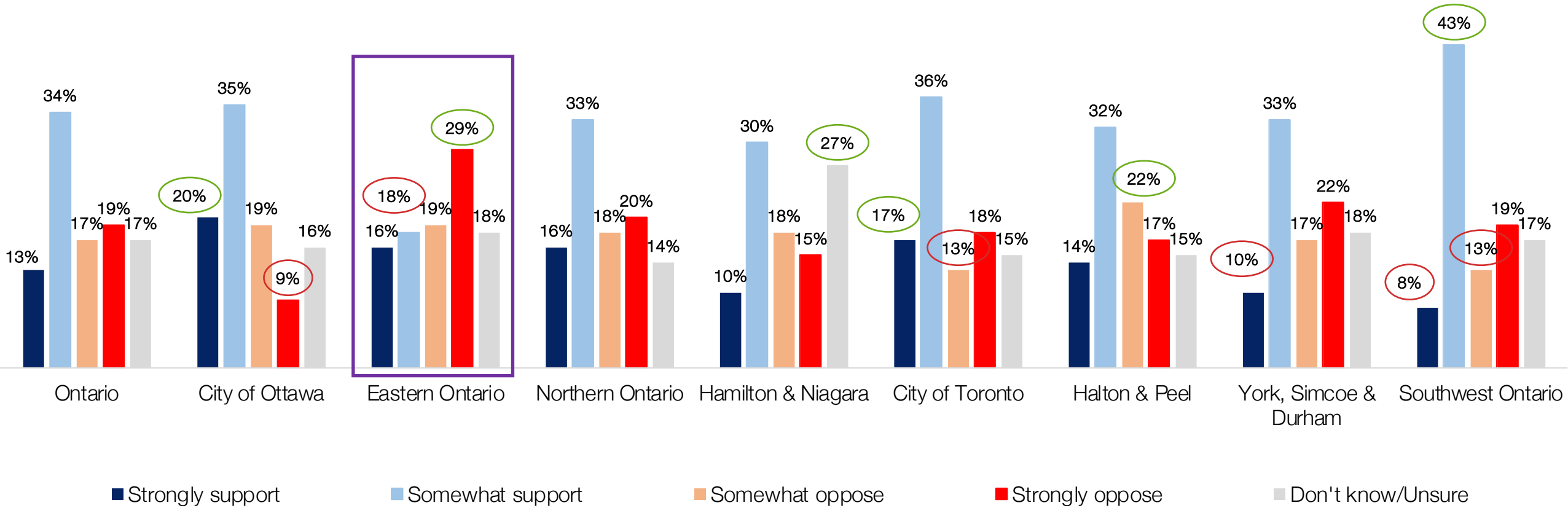
Nearly half of the respondents (47%) would support a political candidate who was willing to raise taxes to increase mental health and addiction services while 36% were opposed. Males were slightly more opposed compared to females.



Q14 - Would you support or oppose a political candidate/ political party who was willing to raise taxes for increased funding for mental health and addiction services? Base = 2027

Support/ oppose a political candidate/ political party willing to raise taxes to fund mental health and addiction services?

Except those respondents residing in Eastern region (not including the City of Ottawa), the remaining respondents broke out roughly the same way in the question.



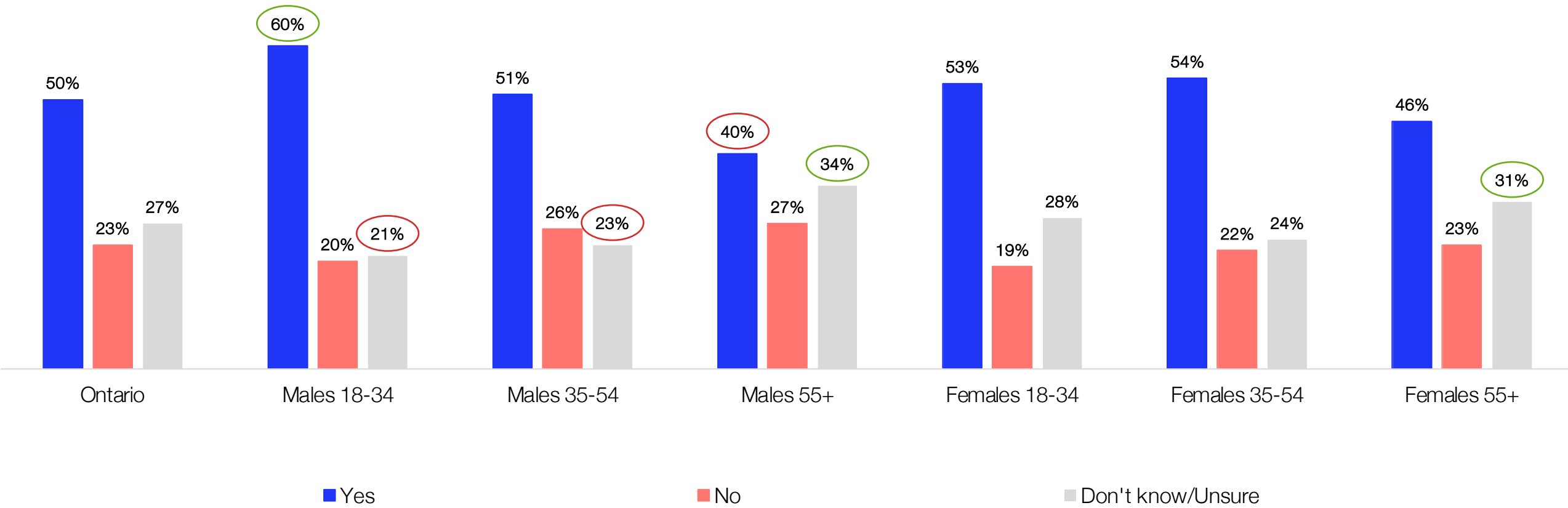
Q14 - Would you support or oppose a political candidate/ political party who was willing to raise taxes for increased funding for mental health and addiction services? Base = 2027

Necessity of building new brick-and-mortar facilities for mental health and addiction services?

Age and Gender

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2 to 1, respondents believed that building new facilities for mental health and addiction services was necessary.



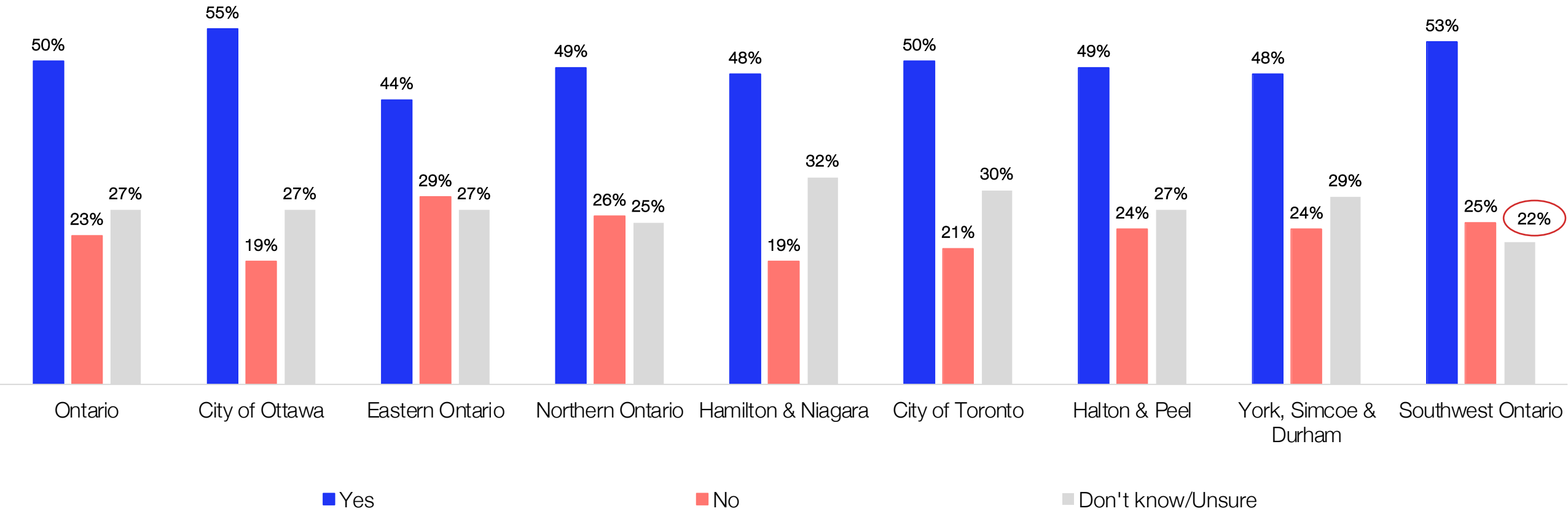
Q15 - Do you think building new brick-and-mortar facilities for mental health and addiction services is necessary in Ontario? Base = 2027

Necessity of building new brick-and-mortar facilities for mental health and addiction services?

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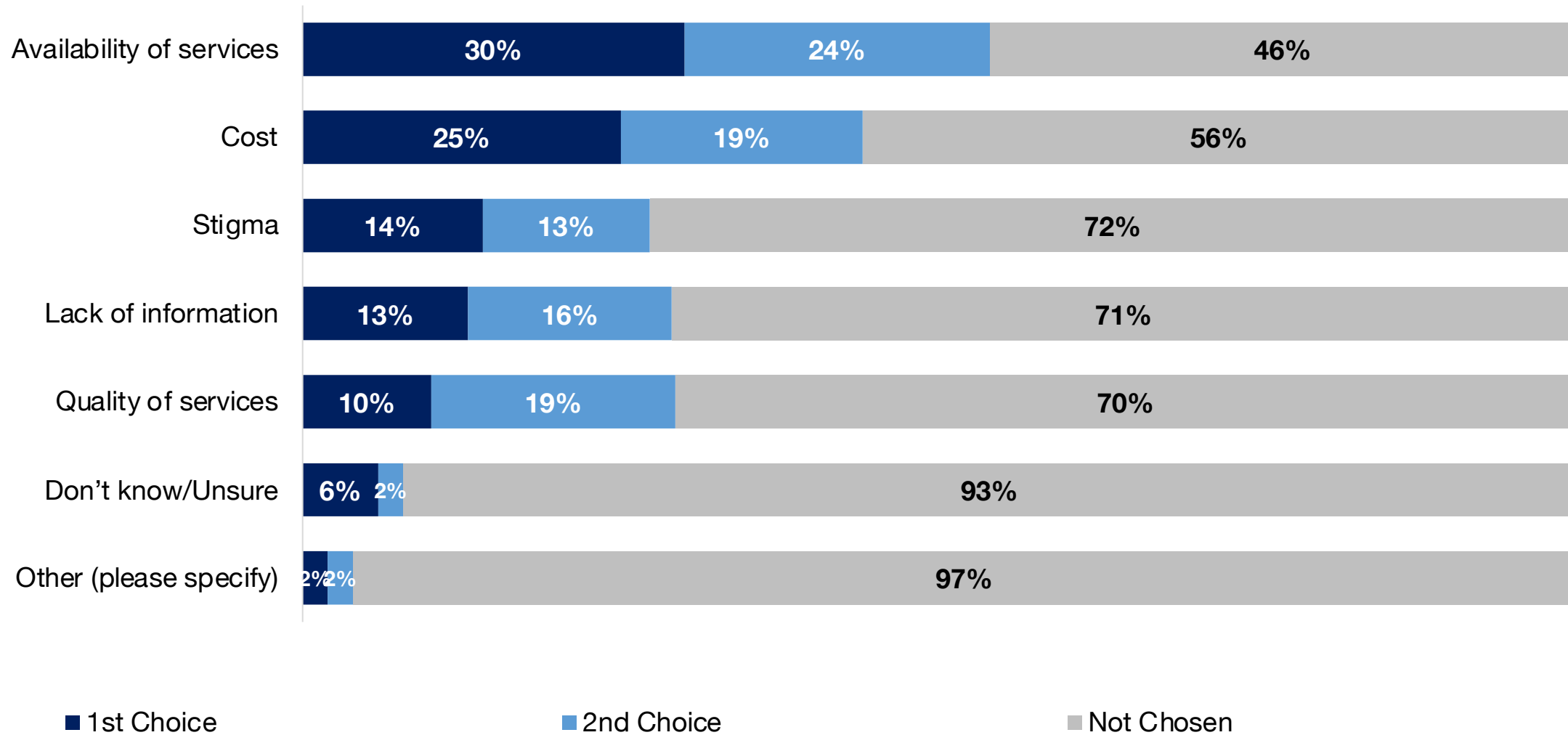
Results were consistent across the regions of Ontario.



Q15 - Do you think building new brick-and-mortar facilities for mental health and addiction services is necessary in Ontario? Base = 2027

i Top 2 choices: Barriers faced when trying to access mental health and addiction services

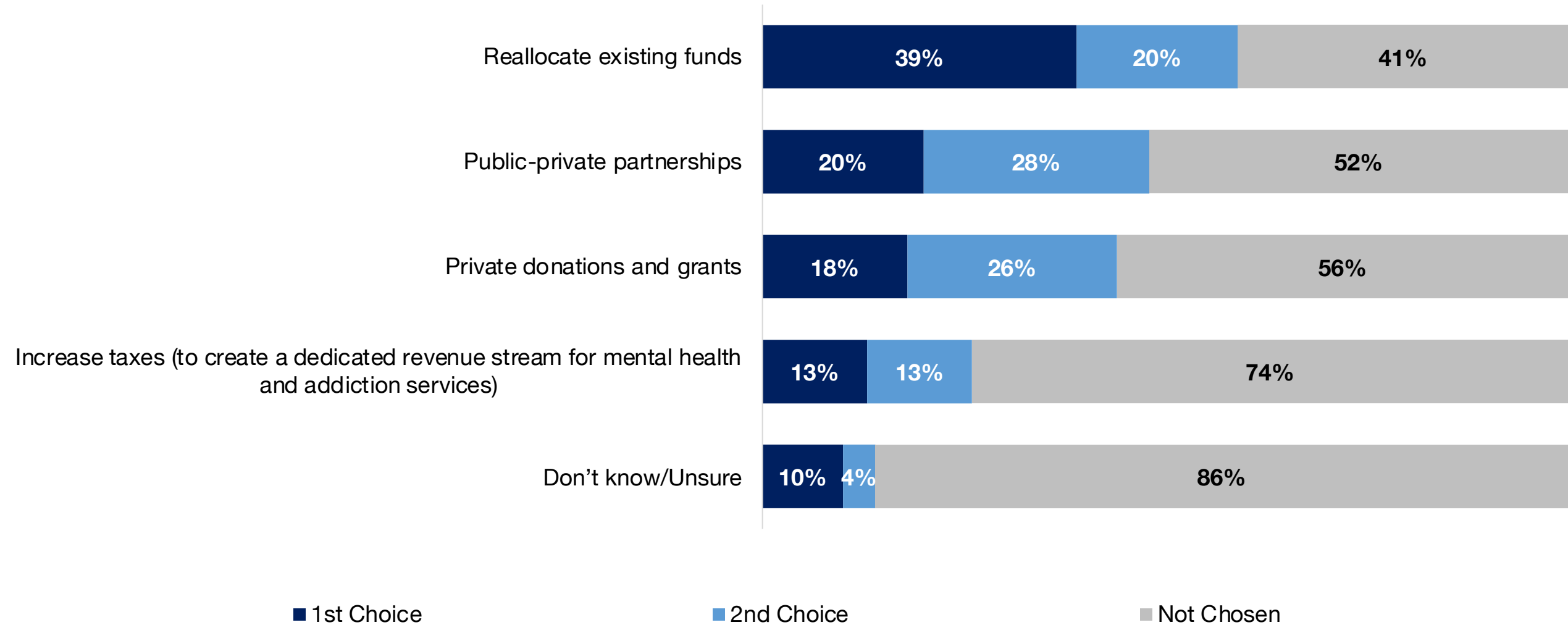
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Q16 - What barriers do you think people face when trying to access mental health and addiction services? Please select your top 2 choices with a "1" and a "2" beside your preferred choice. **Base = 2027**

Top 2 choices: How government should sustain the funding for mental health and addictions services

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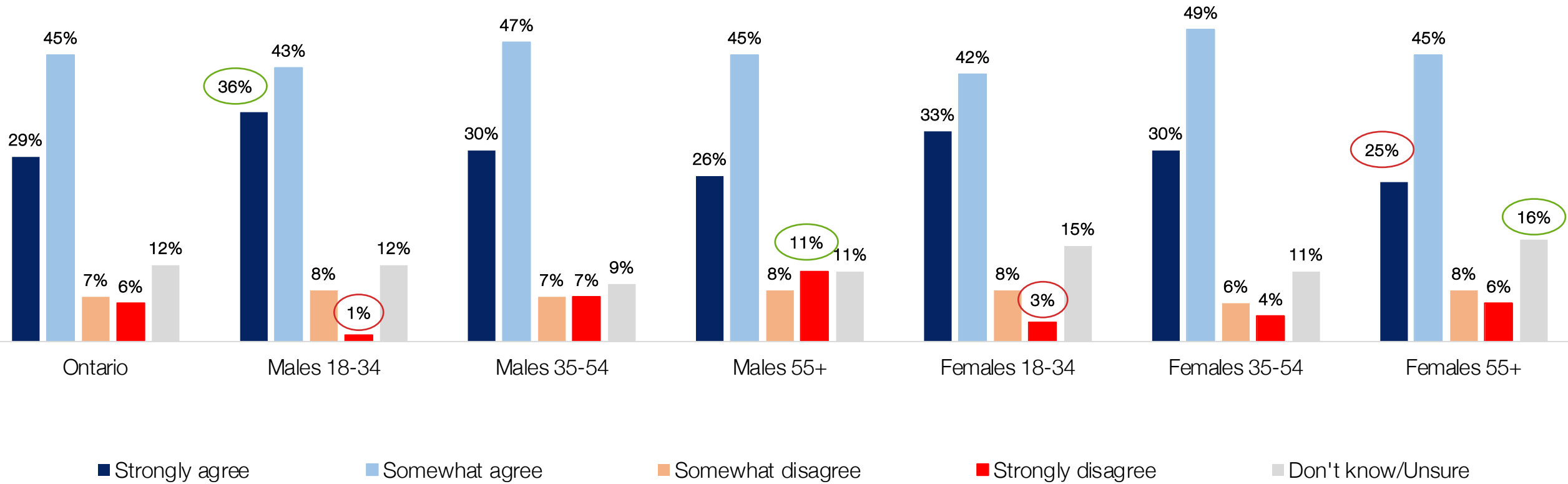


Agree/ disagree to government partnerships with private organizations to fund mental health and addictions services?

Age and Gender

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3 out of 4 respondents agreed that the government of Ontario should explore partnerships with private organization to fund mental health and addiction services.

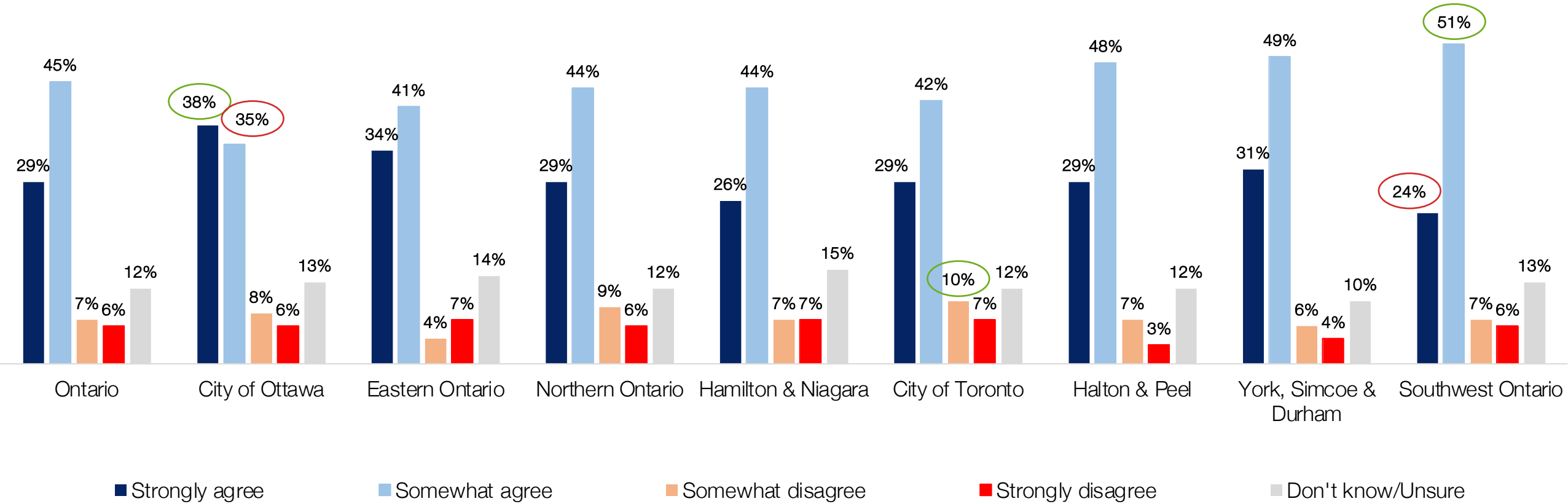


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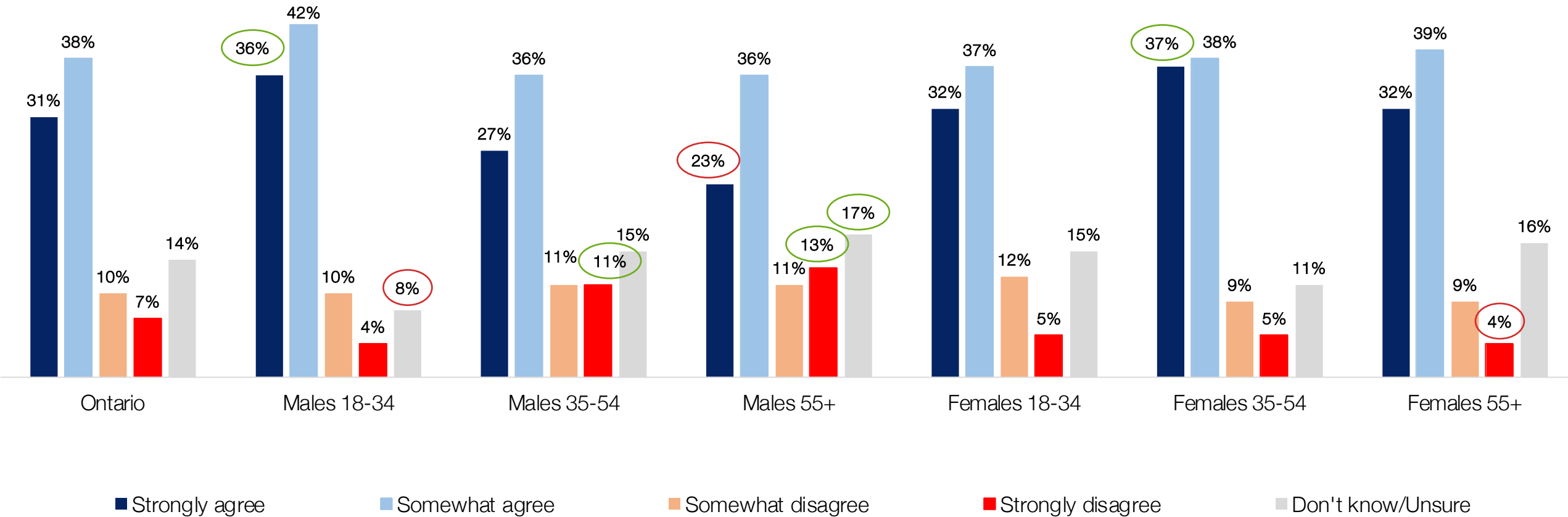
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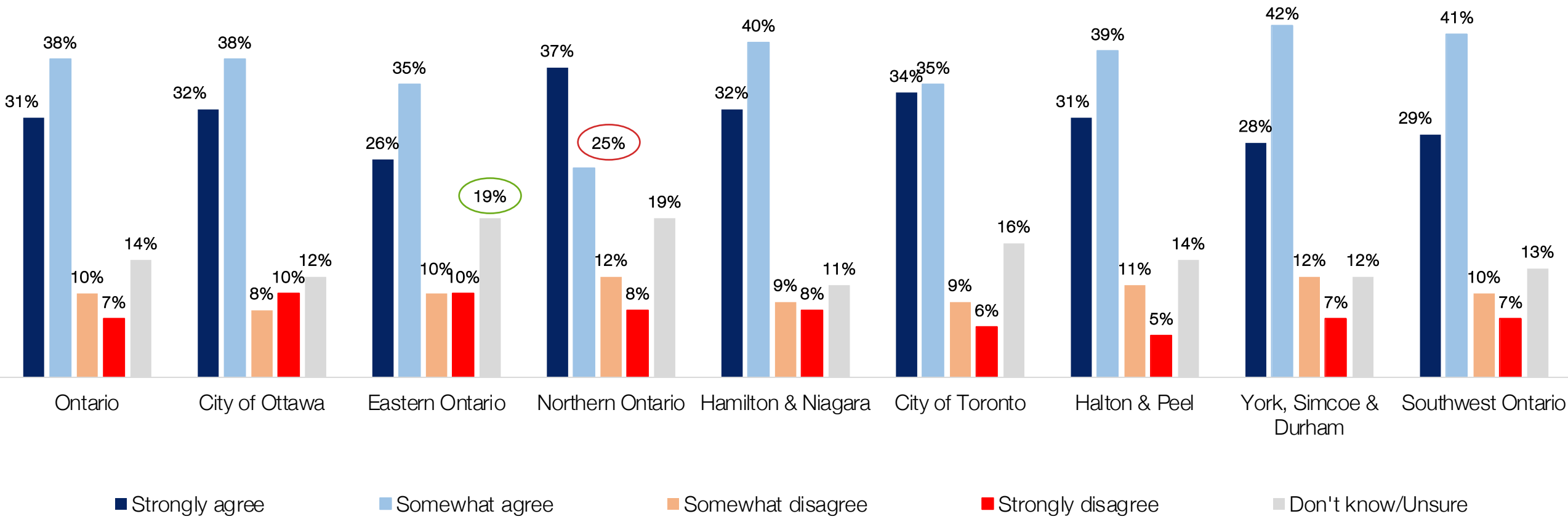
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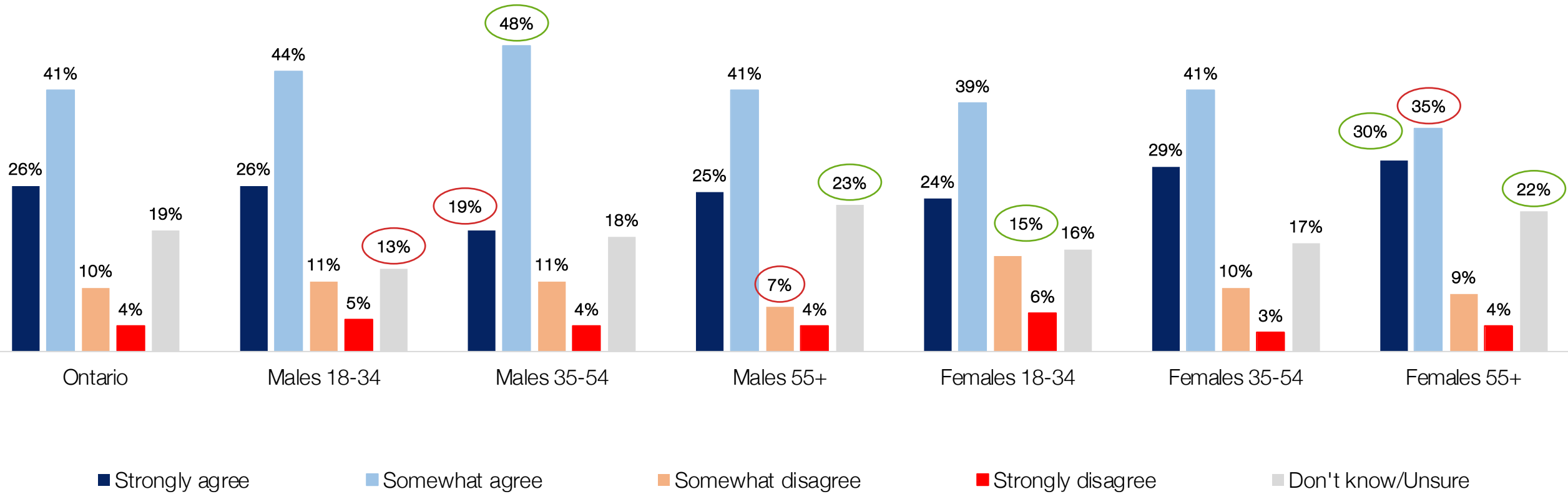
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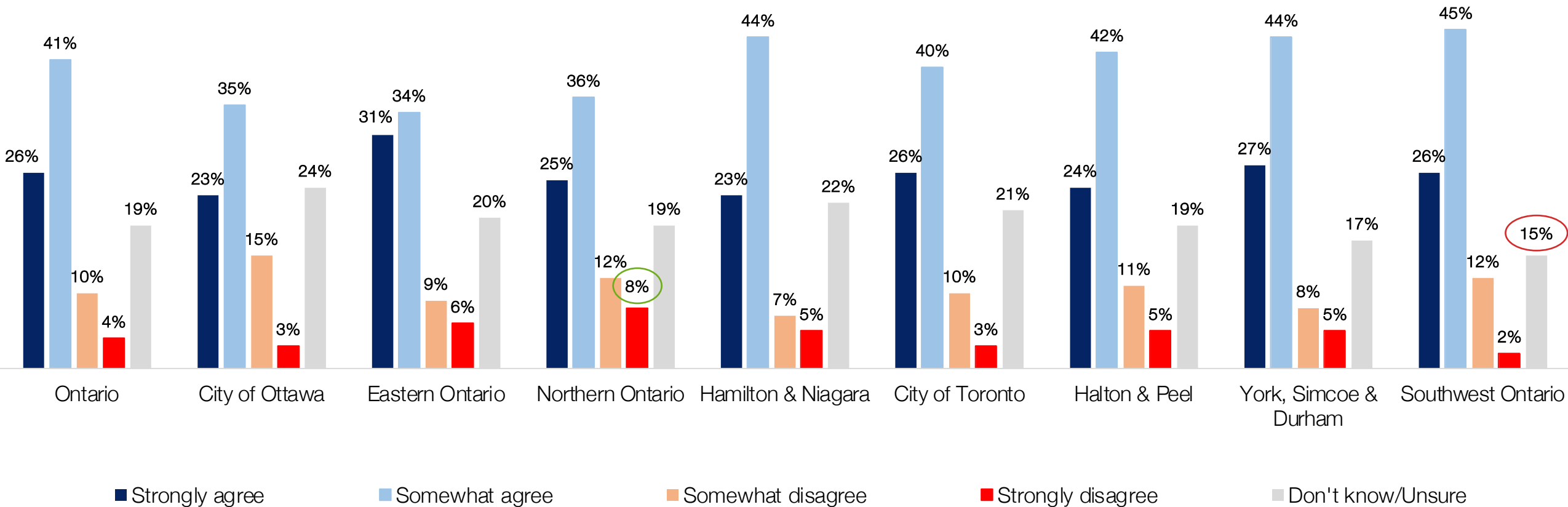
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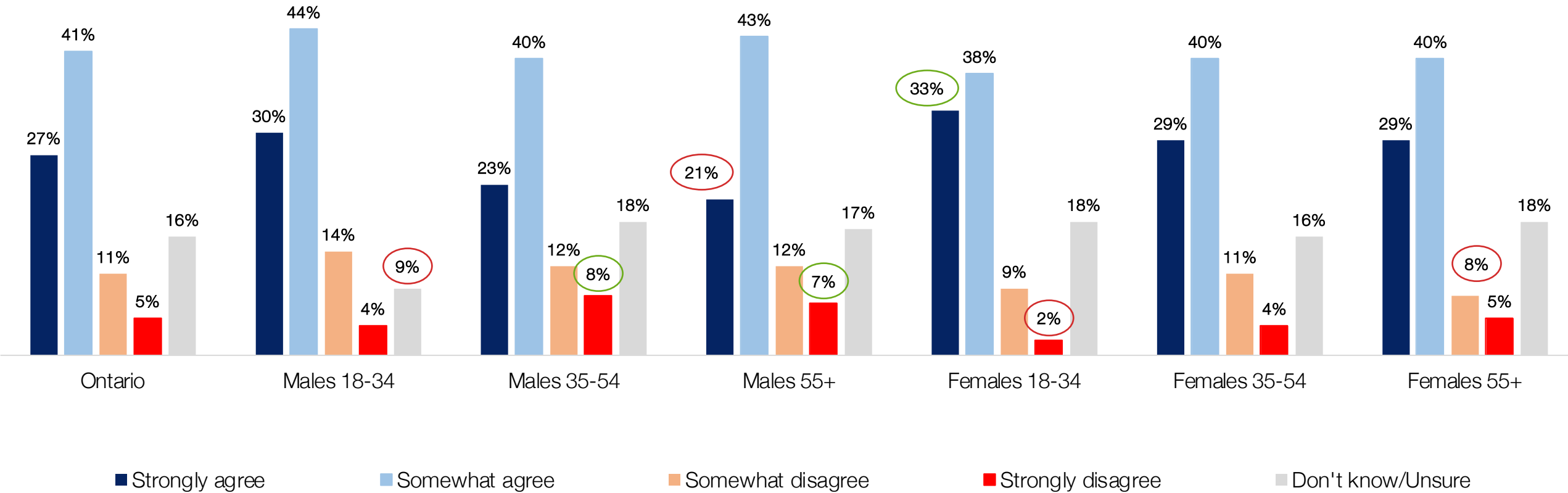
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52 i Agree/ disagree that "Drug Treatment Courts" should be offered more widely in Ontario

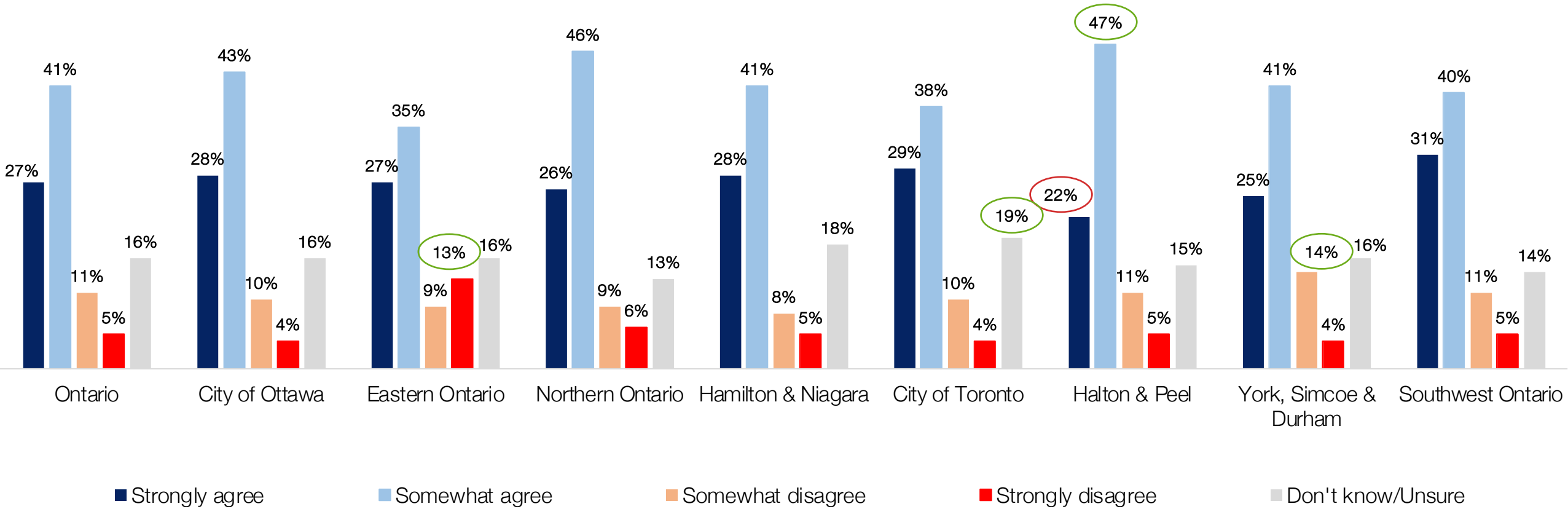
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August 19, 2024

Standing Committee on Justice Policy

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BY EMAILRE: Bill 173, Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, 2024

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on August 12, 2024, Council passed a resolution regarding the importance of passing Bill 173, Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, 2024 and the advancement of this bill as it requires the Government of Ontario to recognize that intimate partner violence is an epidemic in Ontario. Council noted that over 100 municipalities, police services and service providers across the province are declaring intimate partner violence as an epidemic. Council urges the Province to immediately pass Bill 173, Intimate Partner Epidemic Act, 2024 to recognize the pervasiveness and severity of the problem in an effort to stop the violence.

As a result of this discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

R24-08-350

Moved By Councillor Verbeek
Seconded By Councillor McGuire-Blais

That in light of events locally and around the region, Council supports Bill 173, Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, and urges the Province to immediately pass Bill 173 and declare at the provincial level that Intimate Partner Violence is an epidemic.

Carried



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I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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c.c. Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister, Ministry of Health

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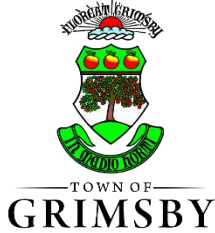
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August 19, 2024

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Dear:

**RE: Request Provincial Government to Support Increasing Funding for Public
Libraries and Community Museums**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on August 12, 2024, passed the following resolution:

Moved: Councillor Howe

Seconded: Councillor Baradziej

C-24- 228

Resolved that the correspondence from the Town of Fort Erie and Town of Lincoln regarding increased funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums be received and endorsed.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

CC The Honourable Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming
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Legislative Services

March 19, 2024

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Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Support Town of Lincoln Resolution - Request Provincial Government to Support Increasing Funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of March 18, 2024 received and supported correspondence from the Town of Lincoln dated February 28, 2024 requesting the Provincial Government to support increasing funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums.

Attached please find a copy of the Town of Lincoln correspondence dated February 28, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Todd".

Peter Todd,
Manager, Legislative Services / Town Clerk
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Attach.

c.c. The Honourable Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org
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February 28, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

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Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 26, 2024, passed the following motion regarding an Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario:

Resolution No: RC-2024-23

Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

WHEREAS the provincial funding for public libraries is currently based on population levels from 25 years ago, which fails to reflect the substantial growth and changing needs of our communities. The Town of Lincoln Council wishes to draw your attention to the "Overdue" report of 2023 from the Canadian Urban Council, which emphasizes the pivotal role libraries play in various aspects of community life, including knowledge distribution, culture, health, reconciliation, belonging, and our democracy; and

WHEREAS libraries, situated at the heart of our communities, serve as multifaceted institutions catering to diverse needs. They provide essential services such as access to culture and information, refuge for those experiencing domestic violence, election information centers, job search facilities, health clinics, language learning centers for newcomers, and spaces for educational and community events. Despite their vital role, public libraries in Ontario have not seen an increase in provincial funding for over 25 years, leading to a decrease in the value of the province's investment by over 60%; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to

consider increasing provincial funding for Ontario's public libraries to address critical shared priorities and community needs. While over 90% of library funding comes from local municipal governments, provincial operating funding is crucial for providing stability to library budgets, especially in times of inflation, technological changes, and increasing demands on libraries as community hubs; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council would like to bring to the Provincial Government's attention the pressing need to increase the funding envelope for the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG). The Town of Lincoln currently receives \$25,000 annually, the maximum amount through this grant, but the funding envelope has remained stagnant for over 15 years. This limitation hampers the ability of community museums to offset increasing operational expenses, impacting their role in preserving and promoting local stories, attracting cultural tourists, supplementing school curriculum, and contributing to vibrant and vital communities; and

WHEREAS the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre is a community hub critical to the health and vibrancy of our community. An increase in CMOG funding will enable our museum to continue its valuable service to the community, creating a sense of place, attracting cultural tourists, and preserving local stories that define our unique identity; and

WHEREAS Cultural institutions, particularly museums, play a vital role in shaping and preserving our community's identity. They contribute to tourism, social participation, senior well-being, skill-building, and learning. As the largest government funder for most of Ontario's smaller museums, municipalities create value in their communities through the work of these institutions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the Province, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Niagara Region, the 12 Local Area Municipalities in Niagara and all municipalities of Ontario for endorsement.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

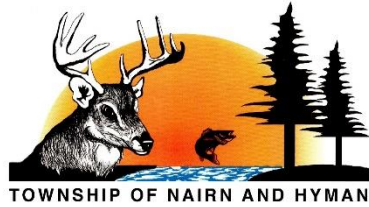
Regards,



Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
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JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region
Local Area Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities



August 21, 2024

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: Concerns with the Transport and Deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA)

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Township of Baldwin to formally submit the attached resolution passed jointly by the two Councils at a Joint Emergency Council Meeting on August 19, 2024.

Our two Townships very recently learned of the decision to transport naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) from the former Beaucage Mine Site and Nipissing First Nation reserve lands and deposit it at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area in the Township of Nairn and Hyman. The decision to transport and deposit NORM has far-reaching implications for the environment, public health, and safety of our communities, and this significant decision was made without any consultation with our municipalities and the other municipalities located near Agnew Lake or along the Highway 17 corridor.

In addition to the participation of our municipalities in this Emergency Council Meeting, many representatives from surrounding First Nations attended the meeting, underscoring the widespread concern across our region about this impending project. The planned transportation of NORM is scheduled to begin in the coming weeks, therefore we respectfully request your attention to this urgent matter.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION: 2024-EM1-2

DATE: August 19, 2024

MOVED BY: Councillor McVey

SECONDED BY: Councillor Cote

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin have been informed of the decision to transport naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) from the former Beaucage Mine and Nipissing First Nation reserve land, and deposit it at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA) in the Township of Nairn and Hyman; and

WHEREAS this decision has significant implications for the environment, public health, and safety of the surrounding communities, including those within the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Township of Baldwin; and

WHEREAS the decision to transport and deposit NORM to the ALTMA site was made without any consultation with the Township of Nairn and Hyman or the other municipalities bordering Agnew Lake, resulting in the exclusion of local municipalities from the decision-making process; and

WHEREAS the exclusion of local municipalities from this process represents a serious breach of trust and a disregard for the well-being of the residents of these communities; and

WHEREAS there are significant concerns among residents regarding the potential contamination of drinking water sources, particularly Agnew Lake, which many residents rely on for safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS the risks associated with NORM are well-documented, and the proximity of the ALTMA to Agnew Lake heightens the concerns regarding the potential contamination of this vital water source; and

WHEREAS according to information received from the Ministry of Mines, there are already some areas of the ALTMA site where dose estimates exceed the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's regulatory limit for casual site users; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin held a joint Emergency Council Meeting on August 19, 2024;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin respectfully demands that the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines and the Ministry of Transportation immediately halt the project involving the transportation and deposition of NORM at the ALTMA site until a clear line of communication is established with local municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin respectfully demands full disclosure of all pertinent details regarding the proposed future NORM transportation and deposition plan, including specific transportation routes, emergency response plans, safety protocols, and the future management plan for the ALTMA site; and

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin insists that environmental and health impact assessments be conducted with input from independent experts, and that these assessments include opportunities for public hearings to ensure transparency and community involvement; and

THAT the Province of Ontario enact legislation that consultation with municipalities is a requirement of any projects that include the transportation or deposition of NORM; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Chief Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Nootchtai and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members; the Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; the Canadian Environmental Law Association; MP Carol Hughes; MPP Michael Mantha; the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

For more information regarding this matter, please contact our municipal office by email at belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca or by phone at (705) 869-4232.

Yours truly,



Belinda Ketchabaw
 CAO Clerk Treasurer
 Township of Nairn and Hyman

Cc:

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August 21, 2024

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Dear Hon. Ford,

Re: Public Sector Salary Disclosure

At the August 6, 2024 Standing Committees meeting, Committee made the following recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Dean Graff
Seconded by Councillor Don Stewart

That the report from the CAO-Treasurer entitled, "Public Sector Salary Disclosure" be received; and

That Committee recommends to Council the following resolution be adopted and forwarded to the Province of Ontario Premier's Office, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act be updated to reflect the inflation rates since 1996; and further

That the Act be further updated so that the inflation rate is applied each year to the requirement to report public salaries.

Carried.

This resolution was subsequently ratified and confirmed by Council at their meeting of August 19, 2024.

Sincerely,

Sydney Dodson
 Deputy Clerk

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Cc: Roxanne Hearn – CAO/Treasurer, Premier Doug Ford, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AMO, all Ontario Municipalities



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April 29, 2024

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Mr. Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
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Dear Premier Ford, Minister Khanjin, and Mr. Byers,

At the April 2, 2024, Town of South Bruce Peninsula Council meeting, the following resolution was passed:

R-111-2024

Whereas under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

And whereas 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for including businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

And whereas should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

And that Council hereby request the support of all Ontario municipalities;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, and to all Ontario municipalities.

I trust you find this satisfactory; however, should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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Brianna Collins, P.Eng.
Director of Public Works

cc: All Ontario municipalities



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Mayor Neil Nicholson
Deputy Mayor Cathy
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Councillors:
 Mark Bell
 Michael Moore
 Chris Olmstead
 Connie Tabbert
 Joey Trimm

Certified True Copy

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Re: Resolution - Ineligible Sources Recycling - Town of South Bruce Peninsula

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Khanjin, and Mr. Byers

At its meeting of August 7, 2024, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support the request from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources.

Carried - Resolution #2024-5151

Sincerely,

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Carmen Miller
 Clerk/CEMC

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Wednesday, August 7, 2024

**Re: Resolution - Mental Health and Addictions - City of
 Pembroke**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting of August 7, 2024, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support the request from the City of Pembroke calling upon the Province of Ontario to allocate funding specifically for the establishment of a mental health, addiction and residential drug treatment facility serving Renfrew County.

Carried - Resolution #2024-5150

Sincerely,

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Carmen Miller
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April 8, 2024

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Honourable Doug Ford

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke passed the following resolution at its meeting of April 2, 2024:

Resolution #011 (April 2, 2024)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brian Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Troy Purcell

Whereas the well-being of our community members is of paramount importance, and addressing mental health and substance use disorder is crucial for the overall health and safety of all our residents; and Whereas the County of Renfrew, like many other regions, faces significant challenges related to mental health and addiction, with individuals and families grappling with the devastating impact of these conditions; and Whereas timely access to specialized treatment and residential rehabilitation services and transitional housing is essential for those struggling with mental health issues and substance use disorders; and Whereas we need to address the urgent need for additional treatment beds, especially for adults requiring intensive supports, and to improve access to care in rural, Northern, and Indigenous communities; and Whereas the number of drug-related deaths in the County of Renfrew, as a whole, is on the rise underscoring the critical importance of accessible treatment options for those at risk of negative impacts including overdose and death; and

Whereas the establishment of a mental health, drug addiction treatment and residential rehabilitation facility serving the County of Renfrew would provide the following benefits:

1. Local Accessibility: Residents would have access to specialized services without the burden of traveling long distances, ensuring timely intervention and continuity of care.
2. Holistic Approach: The facility could offer integrated care, addressing both mental health and substance use disorders concurrently, thereby improving outcomes for clients.
3. Community Support: By providing a safe and supportive environment, the facility would contribute to reducing stigma and fostering community understanding of mental health and addiction.
4. Collaboration with Existing Services: The facility could collaborate with existing community organizations, healthcare and social service



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providers, and law enforcement agencies to create a comprehensive network of support (i.e. County of Renfrew MESA program).
Now Therefore, be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke:

1. Urgently requests the Province of Ontario to allocate funding specifically for the establishment of a mental health, addiction, and residential drug treatment rehabilitation facility serving the County of Renfrew.
2. Advocates for a facility that offers evidence-based, trauma-informed care, addressing both addiction and concurrent mental health issues.
3. Commits to working collaboratively with neighbouring municipalities, all community stakeholders, and provincial authorities to ensure the successful implementation of this vital facility.

Furthermore, the City of Pembroke Council encourages all residents to support this resolution and join the collective effort to enhance mental health and addiction services in our region.

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions; Robin Martin, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health; the Honourable John Yakabuski, Member of Provincial Parliament for Renfrew~Nipissing~Pembroke; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus; Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus; Peter Emon, Warden, for the County of Renfrew; and all neighbouring County of Renfrew lower-tier municipalities.
Carried

Sincerely,

David Unrau
Chief Administrative Officer

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TOWNSHIP OF
RUSSELL

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Date: **August 26, 2024** **Item(s) no.:** 10 (ref. a)

Subject: Resolution to Support AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Moved by: **Jamie Laurin**

Seconded by: **Lisa Deacon**

WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections; and

WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process; and

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026; and

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario; and

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill; and

WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce; and

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges; and

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration; and

WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Russell calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, MPP of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell and AMCTO.

MOTION APPROVED

I, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Russell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Russell on the 26th day of August 2024.



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Joanne Camiré Laflamme
Clerk



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CANTON DE
RUSSELL
RÉSOLUTION CERTIFIÉE

Date: 26 août 2024 **Article no.:** 10 (réf. a)

Objet: Résolution visant à soutenir les mises à jour provinciales de l'AMCTO concernant la loi sur les élections municipales

Proposé par : Jamie Laurin

Appuyé par: Lisa Deacon

Attendu que les règles électorales doivent être claires, qu'elles doivent aider les candidats et les électeurs à participer aux élections et les administrateurs électoraux à organiser les élections; et

Attendu que la législation doit trouver un juste équilibre entre la fourniture de règles et de cadres clairs pour garantir l'intégrité du processus électoral; et

Attendu que la législation doit également réduire le fardeau administratif et opérationnel pour le personnel municipal en veillant à ce que les administrateurs électoraux locaux puissent organiser les élections d'une manière qui réponde aux circonstances uniques de leurs communautés locales; et

Attendu que la Loi de 1996 sur les élections municipales (LEM) aura 30 ans au moment des prochaines élections municipales et scolaires en 2026; et

Attendu que la LEM établit les règles pour les élections locales, que la Loi de 1990 sur l'évaluation foncière et la Loi de 1990 sur l'éducation contiennent également des dispositions ayant une incidence sur les élections locales, ce qui augmente le nombre d'endroits où les électeurs, les candidats et les administrateurs doivent chercher les règles qui régissent le processus démocratique local en Ontario; et

Attendu qu'avec des règles réparties dans trois textes législatifs, et que la Loi sur l'éducation contient un ensemble de clauses disparates, il y a des problèmes d'interprétation, des incohérences et des lacunes à combler; et

Attendu que la loi peut poser des difficultés aux électeurs, aux candidats, aux donateurs et aux annonceurs tiers qui doivent la lire, l'interpréter, s'y conformer et aux administrateurs électoraux qui doivent l'appliquer; et

Attendu que si les élections locales sont gérées aussi efficacement que possible dans le cadre législatif actuel, une modernisation et une amélioration continue sont nécessaires pour garantir que la loi réponde aux besoins d'aujourd'hui et aux défis de demain; et

Attendu que pour conserver la confiance du public et améliorer les garanties, la loi devrait être révisée en tenant compte du paysage en constante évolution qui a une incidence sur l'administration des élections, y compris la protection de la vie privée, les menaces d'ingérence étrangère, la propagation accrue de la désinformation et l'utilisation accrue de technologies telles que l'intelligence artificielle et l'utilisation d'identités numériques; et

Attendu que « Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario » (AMCTO) a examiné la loi et a formulé plusieurs recommandations, notamment la modernisation de la législation, l'harmonisation des règles et la rationalisation et la simplification de l'administration; et

Attendu que AMCTO a formulé des recommandations de modifications avant les élections de 2026 et des recommandations de modifications à plus long terme avant les élections de 2030; par conséquent

Il est résolu que le canton de Russell demande à la province de mettre à jour la LEM avec les modifications prioritaires décrites par AMCTO avant l'été 2025 et de commencer à examiner et à réécrire la LEM avec des recommandations à plus long terme avant les élections de 2030; et qu'il soit en outre

Résolu que cette résolution soit transmise à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario pour obtenir leur appui et que chaque appui soit ensuite transmis au ministre des Affaires municipales et du Logement, au ministre de l'Éducation, au ministre de la Prestation des services publics et commerciaux, au ministre des Finances, au premier ministre de l'Ontario, au député provincial de Glengarry-Prescott-Russell et à AMCTO.

MOTION ADOPTÉE

Je, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, greffière de la corporation du canton de Russell, atteste que la présente est une copie certifiée de la résolution adoptée par le conseil de la municipalité de Russell le 26^e jour d'août 2024.



Joanne Camiré Laflamme
Greffière



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August 30, 2024

Sent to: mmari@mfa.gov.cy

Dear High Commission of the Republic of Cyprus

**RE: Lighting Request – 64th Anniversary of the Republic of Cyprus Independence Day –
October 1, 2024**

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in white, orange, and green on October 1, 2024 to recognize the 64th Anniversary of the Republic of Cyprus Independence Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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Simon Granat

Legislative Coordinator



August 30, 2024

Sent to: mmari@mfa.gov.cy

Dear High Commission of the Republic of Cyprus

RE: Lighting Request – 64th Anniversary of the Republic of Cyprus Independence Day – October 1, 2024

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize the 64th Anniversary of the Republic of Cyprus Independence Day by illuminating the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in white, orange, and green on October 1, 2024 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
Mayor



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August 30, 2024

Sent to: ibalan@dysautonomiainternational.org

Dear Irina Balan

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – Dysautonomia Awareness Month – October 2024

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim October 2024 as Dysautonomia Awareness Month. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in turquoise on October 18, 2024 to recognize Dysautonomia Awareness Month. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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Legislative Coordinator



August 30, 2024

Sent to: ibalan@dysautonomiainternational.org

Dear Irina Balan

**RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – Dysautonomia Awareness Month –
October 2024**

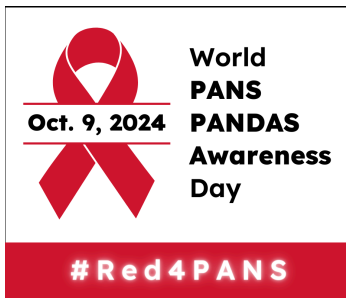
On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize October 2024 as Dysautonomia Awareness Month.

In addition, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in turquoise on October 18, 2024 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
Mayor



Please join us!

Light up RED on October 9, 2024 to help celebrate Inflamed Brain Alliance's second **#Red4PANS** light-up campaign for

World PANS PANDAS Awareness Day.

As Canada's only PANS PANDAS charity, Inflamed Brain Alliance is committed to changing the public's awareness of this little known autoimmune neuropsychiatric condition which causes traumatic impacts for the entire family. Due to a lack of education & research, health care system barriers routinely delay timely diagnosis and urgent treatment for thousands of children and young adults across our nation.

Please join the 50+ Canadian landmarks uniting this October to shine light on PANS PANDAS.

If you are not the person to authorize this request, please forward to a colleague who can.

Date of Special Lighting: Wednesday, October 9, 2024

First choice date: 10/9/2024 (Second choice: 10/08/2024 | Third choice: 10/10/2024)

Colors Requested: RED - #FF0000; rgb (255,0,0); alternate color is pink

[2024 Light Up for PANS PANDAS approvals](#) are listed on IBA's website. Illuminated landmarks will be mentioned on social network sites, press announcements, news articles, and/or blog posts.

Organization: Inflamed Brain Alliance (IBA)
Charitable #: 798185542RR0001
Contact Person: Kirsten Popowich, IBA Initiatives Coordinator
Email address: Red4PANS@inflamedbrain.org
Social Media: Facebook: @inflamedbrainalliance
 Instagram: @inflamedbrainalliance
 Twitter: @inflamedbrain_

Hashtags: #Red4PANS, #InflamedBrain, #BringHealthToMind

PANS PANDAS: Definition, Impacts & Prevalence

World PANS PANDAS Awareness Day is on October 9, 2024 to raise awareness of the autoimmune neuropsychiatric conditions - PANS PANDAS. PANS (Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome) and PANDAS (Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcus) often appear very suddenly and affect the physical and mental health of children and adults. As the result of a misfiring autoimmune process, the brain inflammation caused by infection (or noninfectious trigger) can mimic common mental health symptoms such as depression, anxiety, OCD and major behavioral changes.

According to PANDAS Network US research, one in every 200 children is affected by PANS PANDAS. Based on this statistic, IBA estimates approximately 30,000 Canadian children are potentially impacted by this condition - yet the public is largely unaware of it.



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August 30, 2024

Sent to: hetal@inflamedbrain.org

Dear Hetal Raichura:

RE: Lighting Request – World PANS PANDAS Awareness Day – October 9, 2024

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in red on October 9, 2024 to recognize PANS PANDAS Awareness Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

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