



# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Friday, August 23, 2024

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Welland City Council**

**FROM: Amanda Degazio, Manager of Business and Community Services**

**DATE: August 23, 2024**

**SUBJECT: Festivals and Events – Fall Update**

This memo is meant to provide Council with an overview of the many exciting events happening on City property for the months of September to December 2024.

As summer events come to an end, we welcome fall and winter festivities. The [Festivals and Events Calendar](#) on the City’s website continues to play a crucial role in promoting community engagement and cultural enrichment. The calendar is updated regularly and includes event descriptions, locations, and special instructions for attendees.

Please feel free to share the Festivals and Events calendar with your networks. We look forward to seeing you!

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>EVENT NAME</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
September 1	Dain City Family Day & Fireworks	Dain City Recreation	Glenwood Park
September 3	Doggy Paddle	City of Welland	Rosie Smith Memorial Pool
September 5	BBQ & Cornhole Event	City of Welland Community Support Team	Civic Square
September 5	Childhood Cancer Awareness Flag Raising	Miranda’s Miracles	Civic Square
September 6	Mayor’s Charity Event	City of Welland	WIFC Celebration Hall
September 8	Welland Canal Open Water Swim	Canaqua Sports Inc	WIFC North Course

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>EVENT NAME</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
September 13	United Way Flag Raising	United Way	Civic Square
September 14 – 15	Barrelman Triathlon	MultiSport	WIFC North Course
September 20	Concerts on the Canal	City of Welland	Merritt Park Amphitheatre
September 21	Corn and Apple Festival at the Market	Welland Farmer's Market	Market Square
September 21	Welland Zombie Walk	Welland Zombie Walk Committee	Market Square
September 21	The Grande Parade	Faith Welland Outreach	Fitch, Aquador, Wellbrook, Clare
September 25	Franco Ontarian Flag Raising	City of Welland/Franco Ontario	Civic Square
September 28	Head of the Welland 5 Bridges Fall Classic	South Niagara Rowing Club	Northern Reach & WIFC North Course
September 28	Fall Festival	City of Welland/Seaway Mall	Seaway Mall Front Lot
October 4	Walk-a-thon	ESC Saint-Jean-De-Brebeuf	Merritt Island Trail
October 5 – 8	Dragon Boat Canada Training Camp	Dragon Boat Canada	WIFC North Course
October 11 – 13	RCA National Rowing Championships	Rowing Canada Aviron & City of Welland	WIFC South Course
October 12	Thanksgiving at the Market	Welland Farmers' Market	Market Square
October 26	Hallowe'en at the Market	Welland Farmers' Market	Market Square
October 27	Notre Dame Pilgrimage	Notre Dame College	Waterway Trail
November 2	Remembrance Day at the Market	Welland Farmers' Market	Market Square

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November 9	Remembrance Day at the Market	Welland Farmers' Market	Market Square
November 23	Santa Claus Parade and Tree Lighting	City of Welland	East Main Street and Civic Square
November 30	Christmas Market	Welland Farmers' Market	Market Square
December 7	Winter Lights Kick Off	City of Welland	Market Square
December 7	Christmas Market	Welland Farmers' Market	Market Square
December 14	Christmas Market	Welland Farmers' Market	Market Square
December 21	Christmas Market	Welland Farmers' Market	Market Square
December 31	New Year's Eve	City of Welland & Niagara Centre YMCA	YMCA Welland

**PENDING MOTION REFERRAL/DEFERRAL SUMMARY  
AS OF AUGUST 13, 2024**

CLERKS REF. NO.	DIVISION RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEM	DATE APPROVED BY COUNCIL	SUBJECT/ACTION	STATUS OF THE ITEM	COMMENTS/ COMPLETION INFORMATION
02-85 16-26	Infrastructure Services	July 19, 2016	Draft Sidewalk Policy that focuses on the creation of new sidewalks and the improvement and maintenance of existing sidewalks.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b> Quarter 4, 2024	
99-99	Community Services	May 3, 2016	Report regarding potential alternatives to expand the use of waterway by the general public. Defers Report R&C-2017-08: Public Consultation Process - 'Go Quiet By-law' & Alternative Uses of the Waterway to the General Committee meeting on September 26, 2017.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b> R&C-2017-06 - October 4, 2017 was received for information.	
17-2	Planning & Development Services Traffic & By-laws	September 19, 2017	Refers back to staff for report regarding Section 8 Schedule 3 Food Vehicle, Section 7 Schedule 2 Food Premises and Exemption Section 10 Schedule 4 Hawker and Peddler from By-law 2011-173. Went to the May 15th Council Meeting to be deferred to staff for a report to a General Committee meeting.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b> Report coming back July 2024.	
09-152 18-2	Planning & Development Services and Fire Department	June 5, 2018	Report on an education strategy to the public, tenants and landlords regarding rental housing.	<b>Status:</b> In progress  <b>To Complete:</b> Fire and Planning to provide an update report in 2024.	

CLERKS REF. NO.					
19-28	Planning & Development Services	March 5, 2019	Request for a Community Teaching Garden to staff for study and review.	<p><b>Status:</b> In progress</p> <p><b>To Complete:</b> To be brought to the Green Advisory Committee for consideration in 2024.</p>	
99-110	Community Services	May 7, 2019	Report regarding naming the trails along the waterway.	<p><b>Status:</b> Completed</p> <p><b>To Complete:</b></p>	Memo included in Council Information Package on June 28, 2024
19-75	Clerks Division	May 21, 2019	Report on suitable replacements for paper by becoming paper free by the end of the year 2019. Motion at BRC in Sept./Oct. for paper copies.	<p><b>Status:</b> In progress</p> <p><b>To Complete:</b></p>	
19-28	CAO	July 9, 2019	Report regarding a partnership between all 4 Service Clubs to a General Committee meeting. (Kiwanis, Lions, Optimist and Rotary Clubs).	<p><b>Status:</b> In progress</p> <p><b>To Complete:</b> CAOs response from the community groups.</p>	
19-88	CAO	July 9, 2019	Create a "Downtown Vacancy Mitigation Action Plan" between the City, Business, Community and applicable stakeholders that addresses vacancy rates in our downtown areas.	<p><b>Status:</b> In progress</p> <p><b>To Complete:</b> To be included in the upcoming Downtown Revitalization Strategy 2024 work.</p>	

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99-99	Community Services	September 3, 2019	Staff to start a public consultation process on the design of a new park area and that a report to include public replacement of the current park infrastructure and enhancements due to the loss of parkland come to General Committee by the end of 2019.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b>	
17-19	Planning & Development Services	September 17, 2019	Staff to consult with public, agencies and other stakeholders regarding tree preservation.	<b>Status:</b> Staff in process of drafting the guidelines. <b>To Complete:</b>	
19-103	Planning & Development Services	September 17, 2019	Report on possible enhancements to the public notification process for Committee of Adjustment hearings. Went to the October 1, 2019 Council meeting requesting that subsequent report be provided outlining costs for the two options provided.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter in 2024	
08-48	Planning & Development Services	February 18, 2020	Refers back to staff a report regarding an Occupancy Standards By-law.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024.	
19-94	Planning & Development Services	February 18, 2020	Refers back to staff matter regarding the petition from residents from 155 Gadsby Avenue, there be no change to the zoning, which is currently zoned as open space, in order to protect wild life.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Ontario Land Tribunal matter at this time.	

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20-77	Infrastructure Services	June 16, 2020	<p>WHEREAS due to the recent pandemic the City of Welland is not able to provide services that they normally would perform do to the safety of its employees; and further</p> <p>WHEREAS if residents did in fact require a service that is normally provided by the City, in this case being a sewer related service and had to act immediately and contact an outside contractor and in resolving the issue a fee was paid.</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND directs staff to create a report to reimburse part or all of the fee paid by the owner (with guidelines similar to the rodent control program to be adhered to) and the amount be capped and for a certain period to time.</p>	<p><b>Status:</b> In progress</p> <p><b>To Complete:</b></p>	
20-106	Planning & Development Services	October 6, 2020	Signed petition from the residents of Caithness Drive regarding turning an established residential area from a single family homes to duplexes and refers this petition to Planning staff for review.	<p><b>Status:</b> In progress</p> <p><b>To Complete:</b> Will be considered as part of update to City's Official Plan in 2024.</p>	
20-19	Planning & Development Services	October 20, 2020	Refers to staff for report the notice of motion regarding 113 Michael Drive, redesignates this area as Open Space and proceed with an RFP to have a park with playground equipment be installed at this location.	<p><b>Status:</b> In progress</p> <p><b>To Complete:</b> Approval for Park Development and will be amended to Open Space in the updated to the City's Official Plan.</p>	



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20-82	Planning & Development Services	March 2, 2021	Report regarding a Municipal Comprehensive Review, under section 4.3.3.1 of the Official Plan, for the property outlined in Report P&B-2021-08 for an Employment Land conversion from Gateway Economic Centre to Agriculture.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> To be considered as part of the update to the Official Plan in 2024.	
21-58	CAO & Planning & Development Services	March 2, 2021	Report regarding Brownfield Employment Lands that are non-employment producing within the city limits.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Will be included in 2024 update to the Brownfield CIP.	
21-59	CAO & Economic Development	March 2, 2021	Report on a strategy to aggressively pursue the acquisition of seaway lands from the Federal government, to discuss with them an accelerated process to declare such lands surplus and enter into discussions for the acquisition of identified properties and review options for "lease to own" such lands until such time as they become available. Staff identify Seaway lands of interest and develop servicing plans and other strategies as may be required and further staff identify other lands within and/or adjacent to employment lands identified in Welland's official plan that would be strategic acquisitions for the purpose of industrial/employment use and see if owners are interested in selling those lands to the municipality. If they are not interested the city would not pursue expropriation. In relation to all of the above staff would prepare strategies and associated costs to service lands so that they would be "shovel ready".	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Update report to come in 2024 through Economic Development.	
06-156	Planning & Development Services	April 20, 2021	Report as part of the Official Plan Review detailing what Urban Farming initiatives Council should consider accommodating.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b>	

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21-92	Planning & Development Services	July 6, 2021	Report regarding petition by residents of Seaway Pointe Condominium at 330 Prince Charles Drive regarding parking space for the Evertrust Development at 350 Prince Charles Drives.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> Applications were approved and building is currently under construction.	
98-82	Community Services	September 21, 2021	Refers Report R&C-2021-17 back to staff to present an updated design to an upcoming General Committee Meeting based on the comments from members of Council.	<b>Status:</b> Complete <b>To Complete:</b>	CS-2022-03 February 8, 2022
07-144	Economic Development	January 31, 2023	Dissolution of the Welland Development Commission (WDC) referred back to staff for further information.	<b>Status:</b> In process. <b>To Complete:</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of 2024.	
05-50	Planning & Development Services	March 7 & 28, 2023	Refers back to staff regarding changes to the Municipal Heritage Register from the Town of Grimsby and Report P&B-2023-06.	<b>Status:</b> In process <b>To Complete:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024.	
02-160	Planning & Development Services	March 27, 2023	Staff report re: having Council representation or staff on the Committee of Adjustment, Grants and Programs and Property Standards Committee.	<b>Status:</b> In process <b>To Complete:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024.	
22-152	Planning & Development Services	March 27, 2023	Develop content for residents, simplifying and explain the process to provide a better understanding for interested parties, and to freely provide these resources to members of the public by posing online on the City website.	<b>Status:</b> In Progress <b>To Complete:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024.	

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02-160	Human Resources Division/ Clerks Division	May 16, 2023	Refers back to staff a notice of motion to arrange a customized training session, Human Rights and Equity: The Role and Obligations of Municipal Leaders offered by the Association of Municipalities not later than Q2 in 2024.	<b>Status:</b> Complete <b>To Complete:</b>	CLK-2024-12 August 13, 2024
23-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	May 16, 2023	Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-15: Cash In Lieu of parking Policy. Went to the July 18, 2023 Council Meeting to consult with the development community and public with regards to the proposed Cash-In-Lieu Parking By-law with a final By-law for consideration.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b>	
21-79	Planning & Development Services	June 6, 2023	Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-22 Application for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 368 Aqueduct Street and 155 Gadsby Avenue.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> At Ontario Land Tribunal due to decision from Council.	
22-137	Planning & Development Services	June 6, 2023	Refers back to staff Report P&B-2023-20 Application for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for 50 Bruce Street.	<b>Status:</b> In progress <b>To Complete:</b> At Ontario Land Tribunal due to decision from Council. Went to CW on April 23/24.	
02-160	CAO	September 5, 2023	Refers back to staff notice of motion re: shall be notified in camera if any entity including but not limited to committees, commissions, agencies or boards that the city funds, or approves members or places members of council on, if this entity experiences any litigation involving its members.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
02-160	Clerks Division	September 19, 2023	Refers back to staff Report CLK-2023-19: Amendment to Hybrid Model – Meeting of Council.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	

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23-122	Clerks Division	September 19, 2023	Refers back to staff Notice of Motion regarding the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report recommendation #57.	<b>Status:</b> City Clerk is exploring training opportunities. <b>To Complete:</b>	
21-121	Engineering Division/Planning Division	November 21, 2023	Report to increase the funding for SWAP Program to soften costs to the homeowner.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
06-84	Community Services	December 12, 2023	Correspondence from Town of Fort Erie re: encouraging contribution supporting Hospice Niagara and refers the motion back to staff for a report.	<b>Status:</b> Complete <b>To Complete:</b>	CS-2024-02 February 27, 2024
23-28	Community Services	December 19, 2023	Presentation re: Crimestoppers Program and refers matter to staff for report.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
99-99	Community Services	January 9, 2024	Prepare a report in regards to creating and allowing family capping along the west side of the former Welland Canal.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
23-22	Community Services	January 9, 2024	Report that would address parking at Chippawa Park from the pavilion on First Avenue north to Laughlin Avenue on the park property which is currently grass/open space similar to Bugar Park.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
24-19	Community Services	February 27, 2024/ April 9, 2024	Report to include but is not limited to – the specifics and terms of the contract, the bidders, scoring and the awarding of the contract, any damages, future replanting, costs and funding and to include a recommendation to Council.	<b>Status:</b> Complete <b>To Complete:</b>	Memo included in Council Information Package on July 26, 2024.

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24-36	Planning & Development Services	March 19, 2024	Petition from residents of the City of Welland opposing the planning application for the zoning at 44 Heron Street.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
23-29	Clerk's Division	April 9, 2024	Staff to prepare a report for Council to consider a "Councillor Information Report".	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
24-14	Clerk's Division	April 9, 2024	Staff to provide council with options on a reduced council size, with the sole objective to reduce the cost on to the taxpayer.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	April 23, 2024	Report to consider amending the City's Zoning By-law 2017-117 to include a requirement for visitor parking, as well as reviewing the parking requirements spaces per dwelling units in the surrounding municipalities.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	April 23, 2024	Refers back to staff notice of motion regarding lowering 50km per hour speed limits to 40km per hour speed limits to reduce accident impacts.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
21-121	Infrastructure Services	May 7, 2024	Refers back to staff Report ENG-2024-13: Increasing Sewage Water Alleviation Program (SWAP) Grant Allocations.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	

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24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	May 7, 2024	Refers back to staff Report TRAF-2024-04: Update to Traffic and Parking By-law 89-2000.	<b>Status:</b> Complete <b>To Complete:</b>	TRAF-2024-08 August 13, 2024
24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	May 14, 2024	Directs staff to create a report on increasing the maximum yearly eligible amount per resident under the Roden Rebate program.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
02-160	Clerk's Division	May 28, 2024	Staff to find a suitable provider to begin streaming Welland City Council Meetings on Facebook.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	May 28, 2024	By-law staff present to Council a formal presentation update on property standards, grass cutting, fines and enforcement, empty buildings within the City.	<b>Status:</b> Complete <b>To Complete:</b>	TRAF-2024-08 August 13, 2024
24-22	Planning & Development Services Traffic and By-laws Division	July 9, 2024	Refers back to staff Report TRAF-2024-07: Update to Traffic and Parking By-law 89-2000 for investigation of removing the bicycle lanes and having parking only on one side.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
05-51	Finances Division	July 30, 2024	Refers back to staff Report FIN-2024-18: Purchasing Policy Update.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
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21-30	Community Services	July 30, 2024	Refers back to staff the Notice of Motion regarding a new grant program to capture municipal funding provided to organizations for services that fall within the responsibility of regional government (Niagara Region), specifically but not limited to shelters, meal programs and emergency food resources, and mental health.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete:</b>	
02-160	Clerk's Division	August 13, 2024	Code of conduct for members of Council Section 4.1 – Staff report back to Council on the working of this section in regards to its contradictory nature and how it would apply to freedom of expression and communicating individual councillors political positions to constituents.	<b>Status:</b> <b>To Complete</b>	



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby  
Administration**

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August 19, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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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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Local Area Municipalities  
Niagara Region  
All Ontario Municipalities





## Legislative Services

March 19, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
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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,

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](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org)  
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February 28, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: [Premier@ontario.ca](mailto:Premier@ontario.ca)

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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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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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

## The Corporation of the City of Cambridge

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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

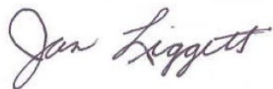
Last year, I was presented with the opportunity to begin work on an Ontario-wide study to determine how Ontarians feel about the current state of mental health and addictions

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](mailto: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



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Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 to July 31<sup>st</sup> 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**

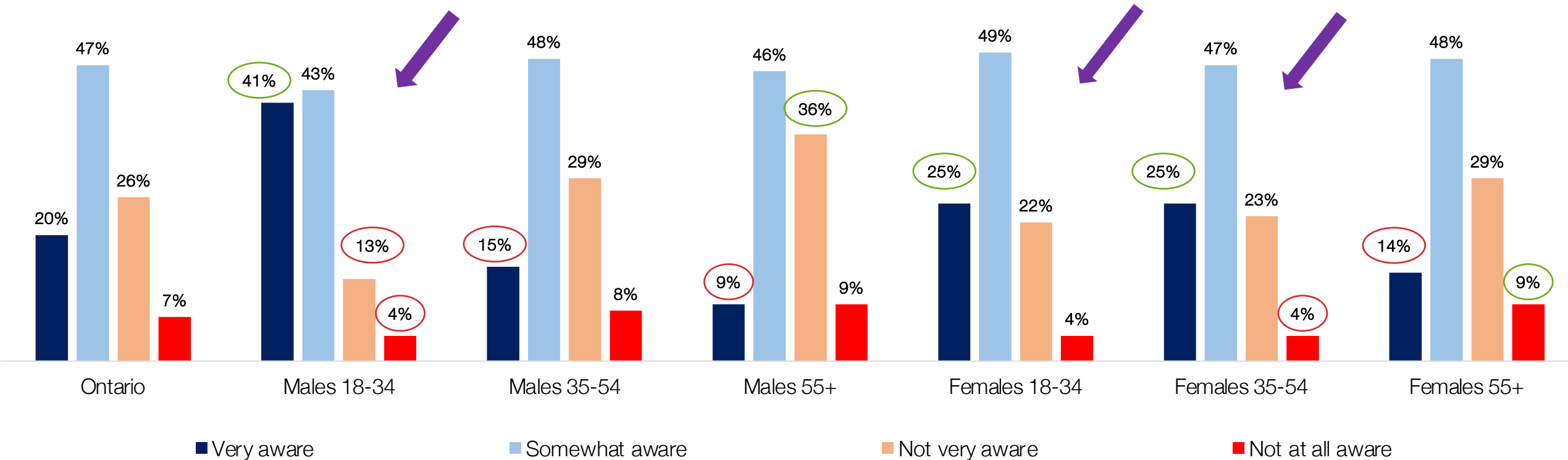
68% of respondents agreed that Drug Treatment Courts should be offered more widely in Ontario. Females were even stronger in their support of Drug Treatment Courts compared to males. Respondents broke out roughly the same way across the regions of Ontario. [Slides 50-51](#)

# DETAILED FINDINGS

## Awareness of existing mental health and addiction services in the community

Age and Gender

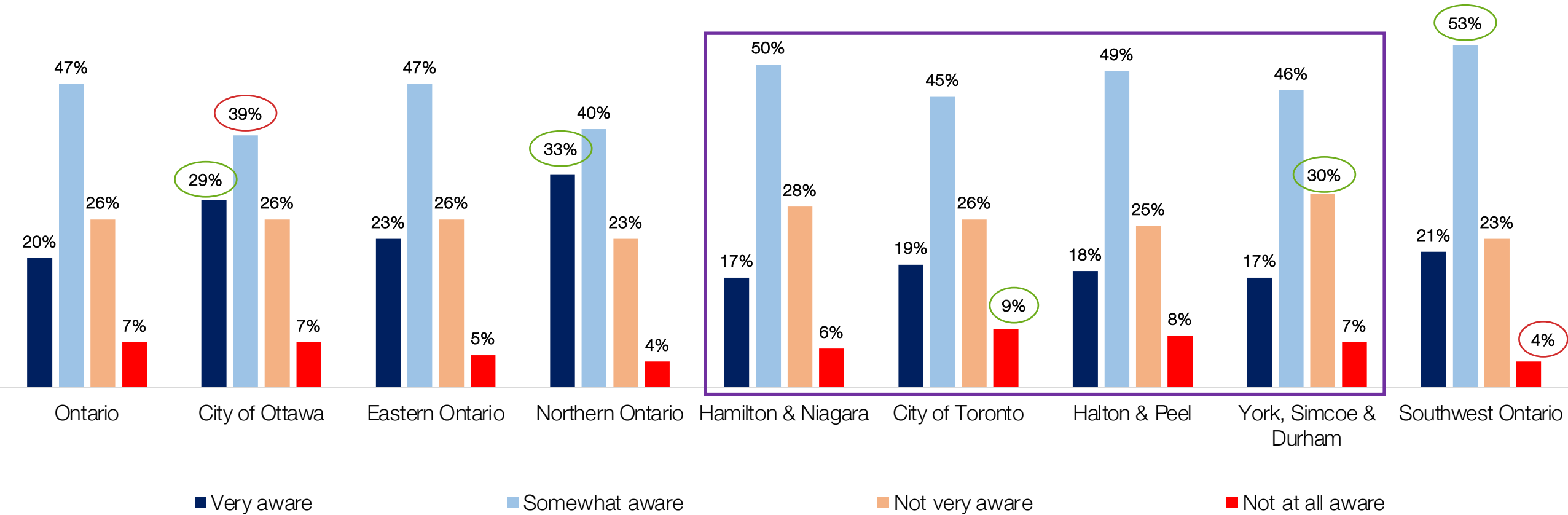
67% of Ontario adults were “aware” of existing mental health and addiction services in their community while 33% said they were “not very aware” or “not at all aware”. Awareness of these services was somewhat higher among younger male respondents (under 35 years of age) and females (under 55 years of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



## Awareness of existing mental health and addiction services in the community

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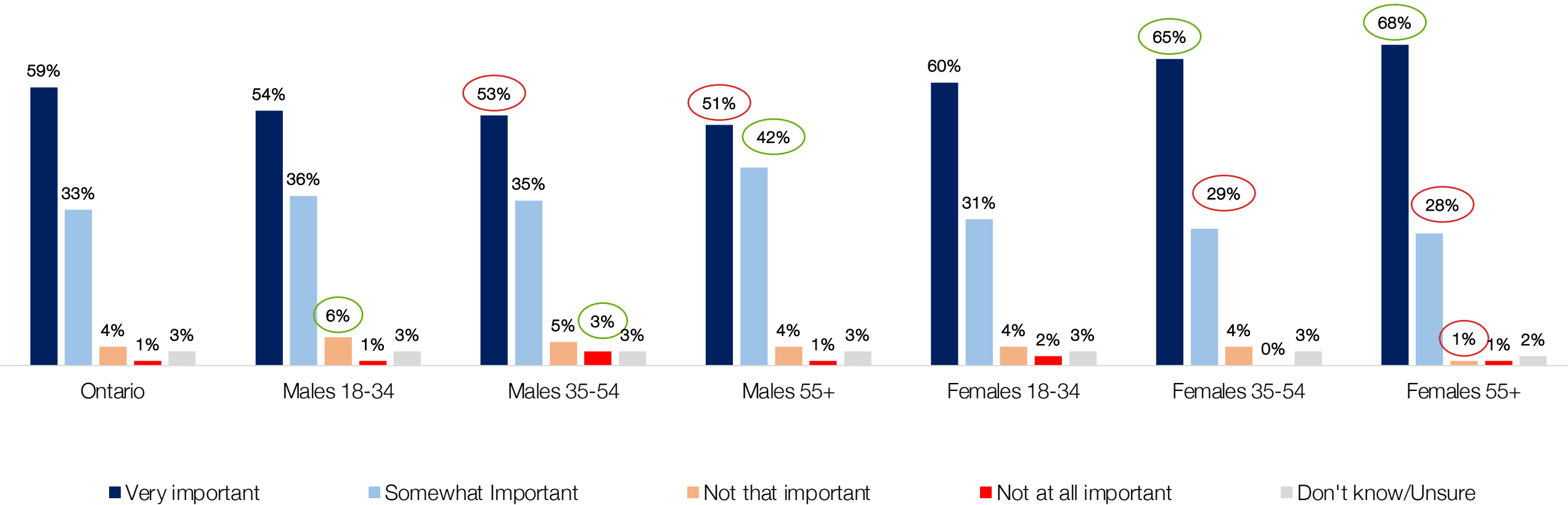
Awareness of existing mental health and addiction services was slightly higher in all the regions outside the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).



## i Importance of accessible and timely mental health and addiction services

Age and Gender

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.

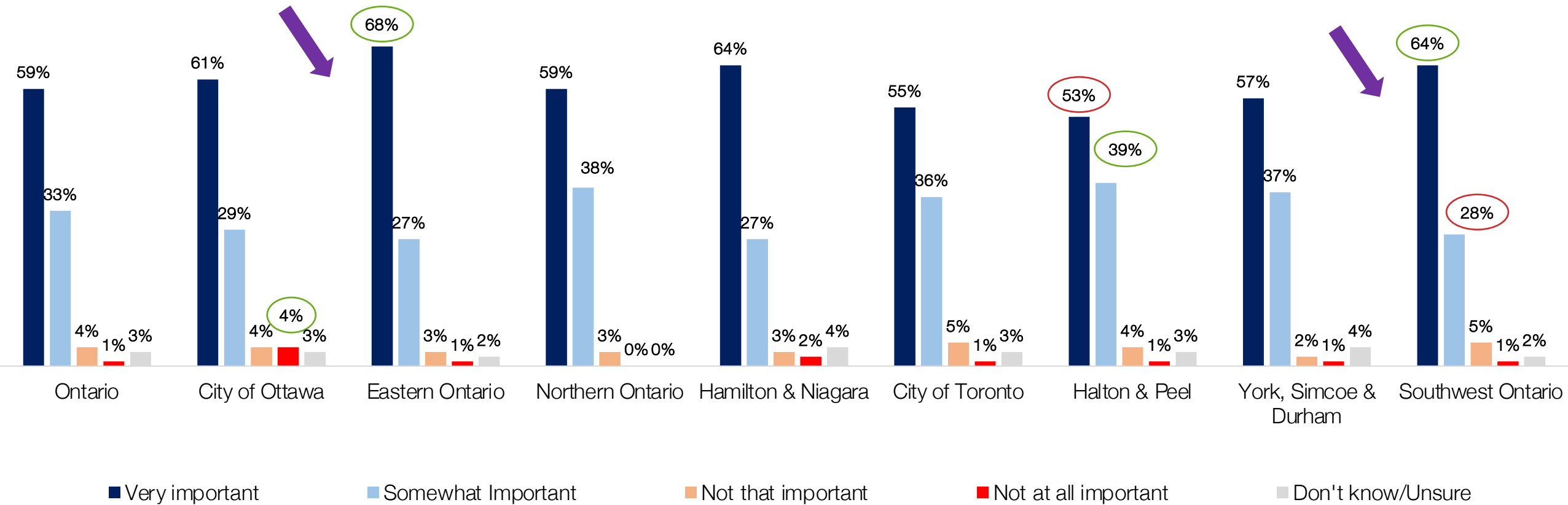


Q2 - How important do you think it is to have accessible and timely mental health and addiction services in your community? Base = 2027

## Importance of accessible and timely mental health and addiction services

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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”.

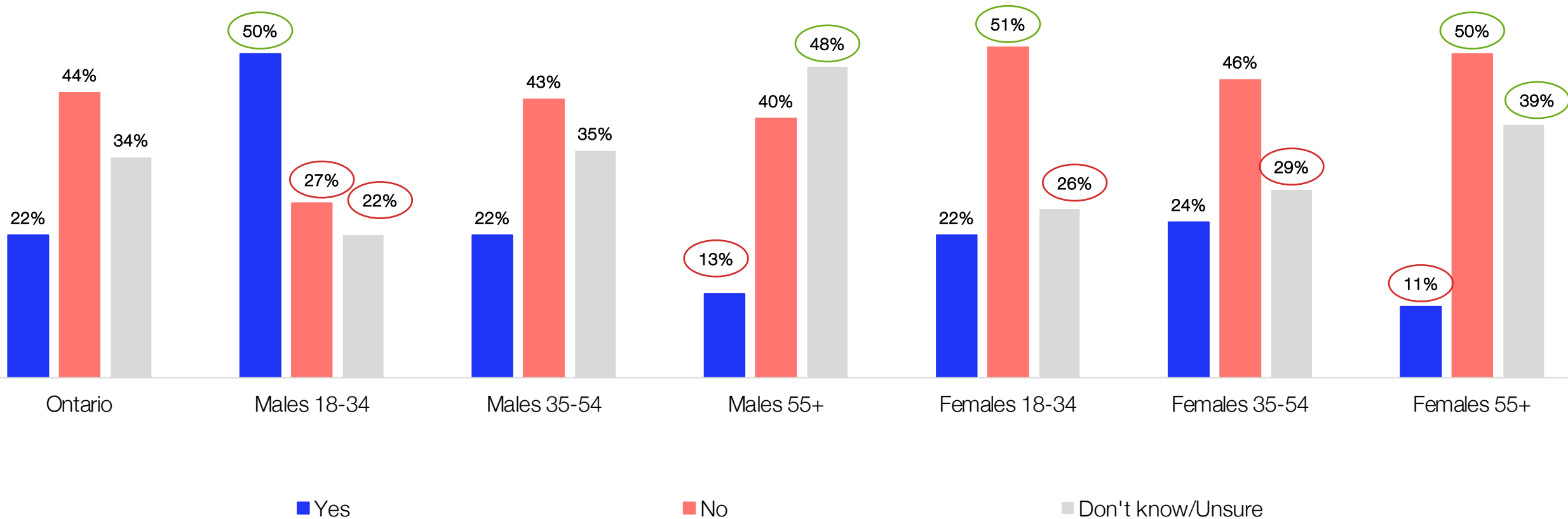


Q2 - How important do you think it is to have accessible and timely mental health and addiction services in your community? Base = 2027

## Are current mental health and addiction services adequate

Age and Gender

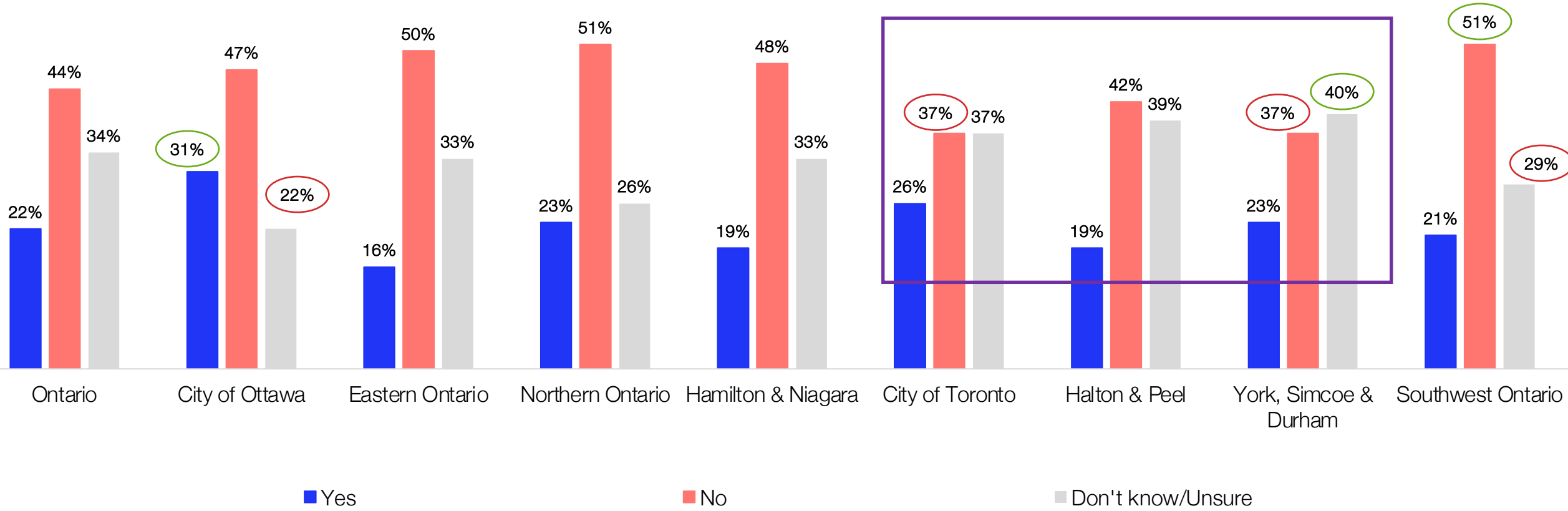
Only 22% of respondents believed that current mental health and addiction services (in their communities) were adequate while twice as many, (44%) disagreed. 34% of the respondents were “unsure”. Females were much more of the view that these services were inadequate compared to males.



## Are current mental health and addiction services adequate

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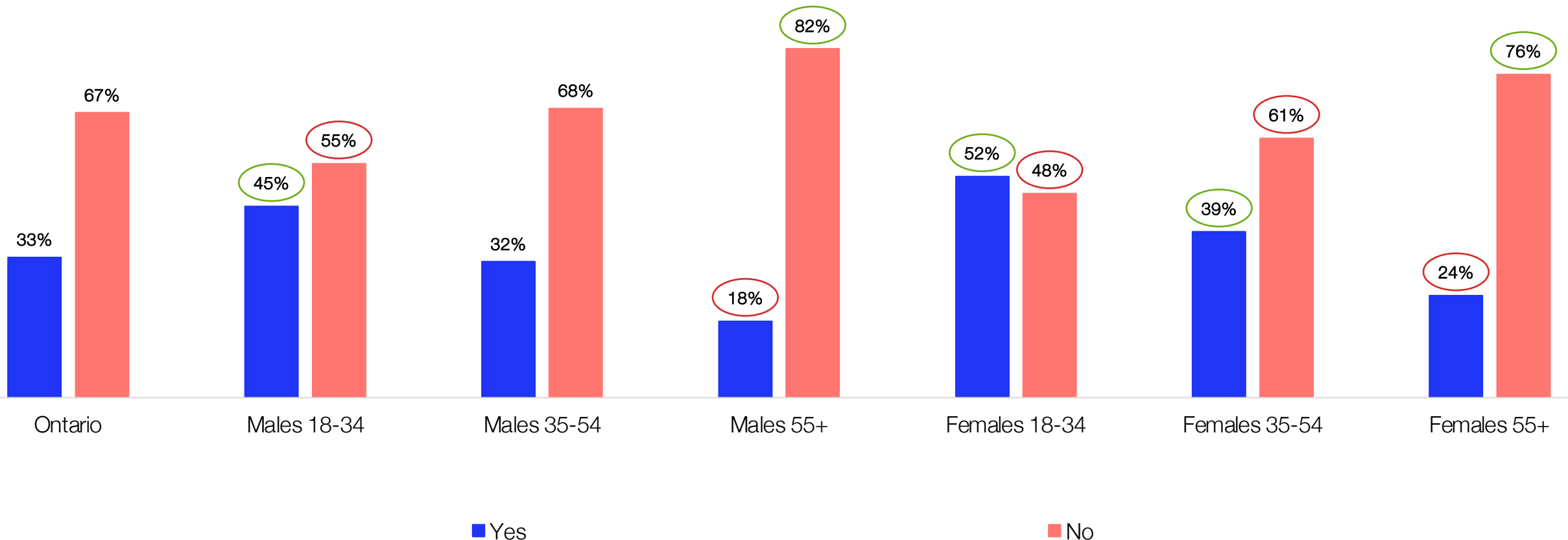
Respondents broke out roughly the same way across the regions of Ontario. In the GTA respondents were somewhat more “unsure” compared to those residing in other regions.





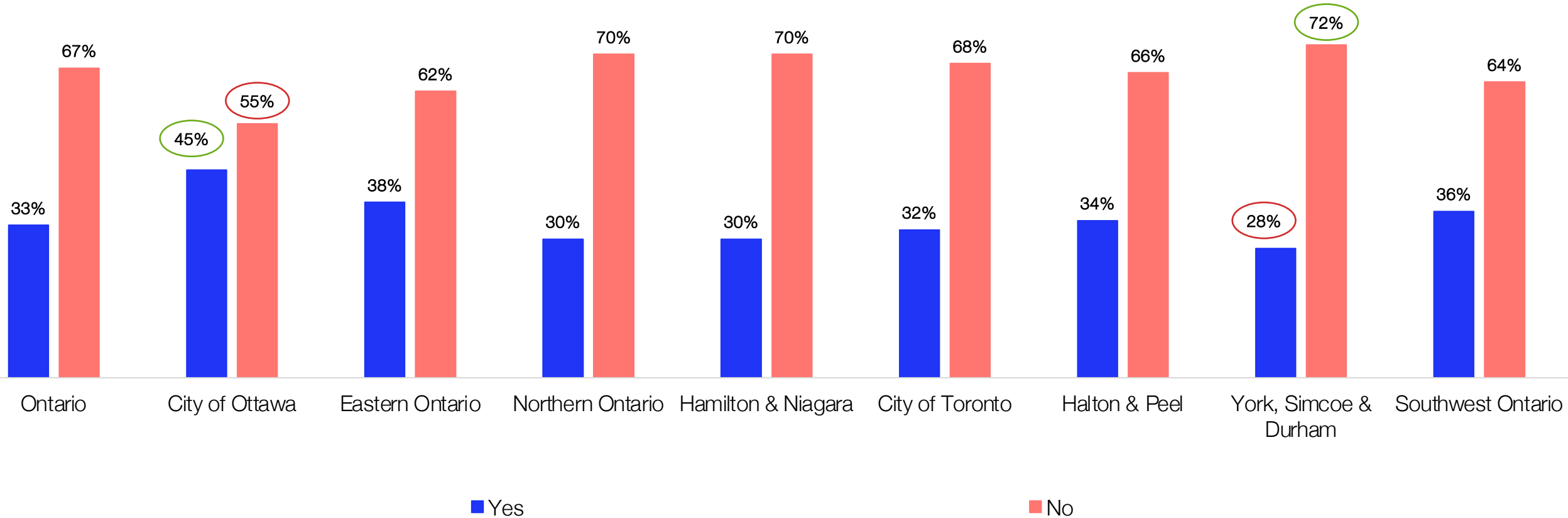
## Personally accessed mental health or addiction services

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

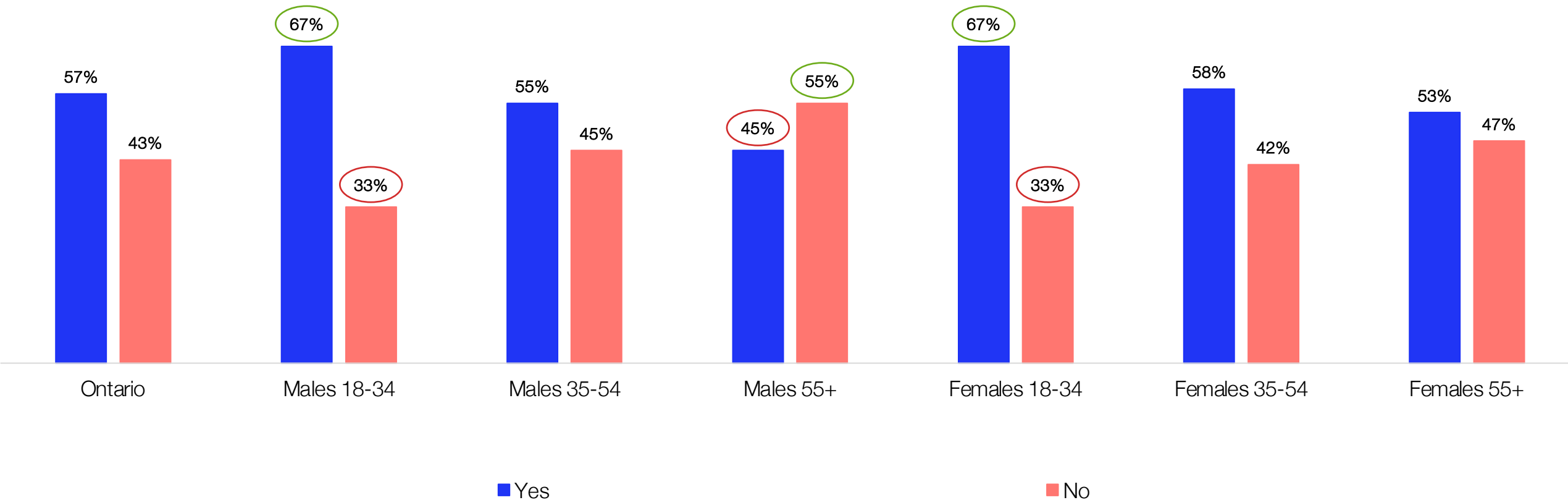
Responses were largely uniform across all regions of Ontario with those respondents residing in the City of Ottawa region saying they had accessed mental health and/or addiction services much more than all others.



## Has anyone you know ever accessed mental health or addiction services

Age and Gender

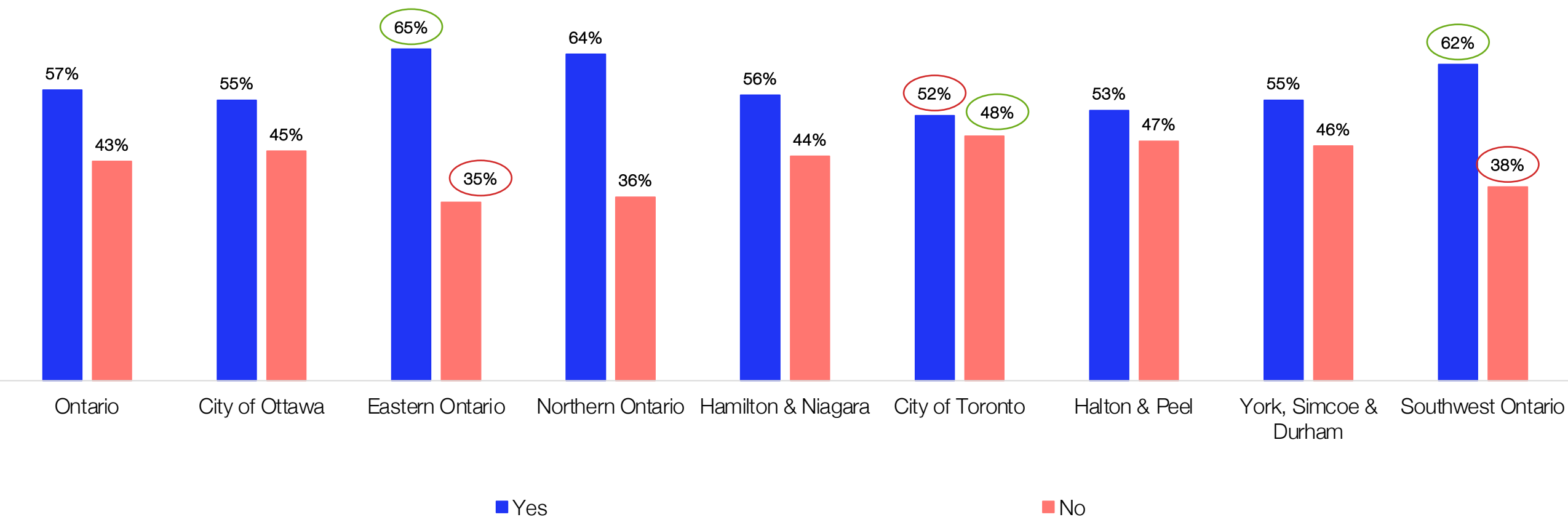
Overall, nearly 6 out of 10 respondents said they knew someone who had accessed either mental health or addiction services. 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of respondents under 35 years of age said they knew someone who had accessed these services.



## Has anyone you know ever accessed mental health or addiction services

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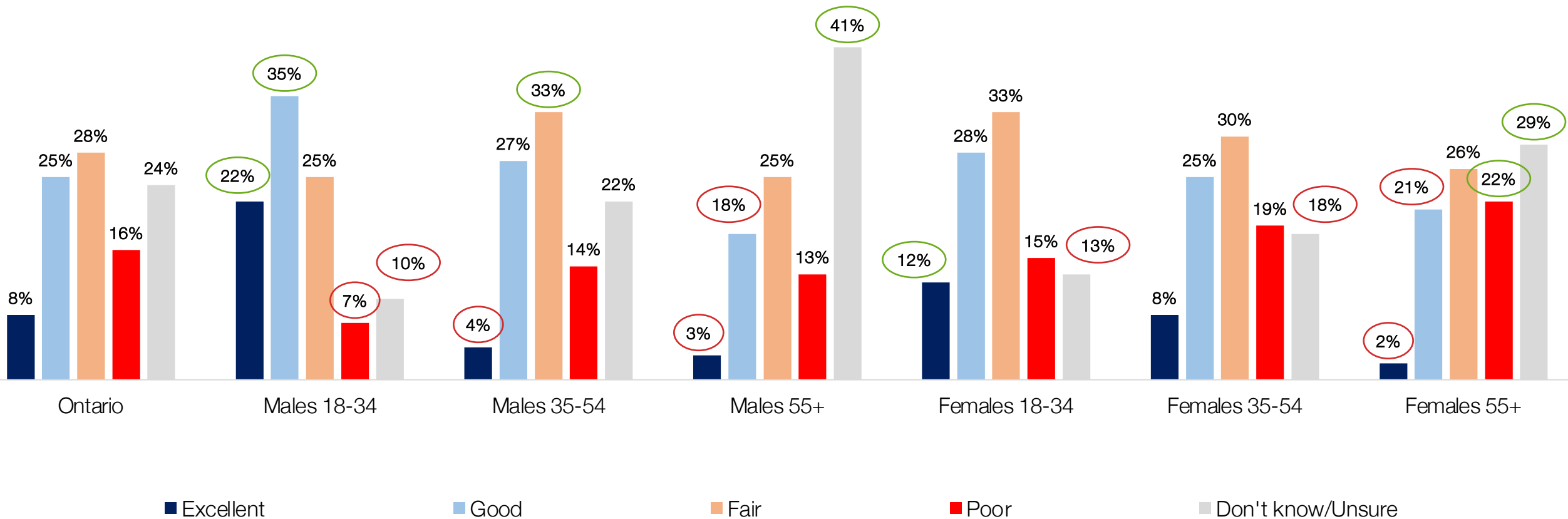
Interestingly, residents in less urban/ more suburban and/ or rural regions were more likely to know someone that had accessed these services compared to those residing in the GTA regions.



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

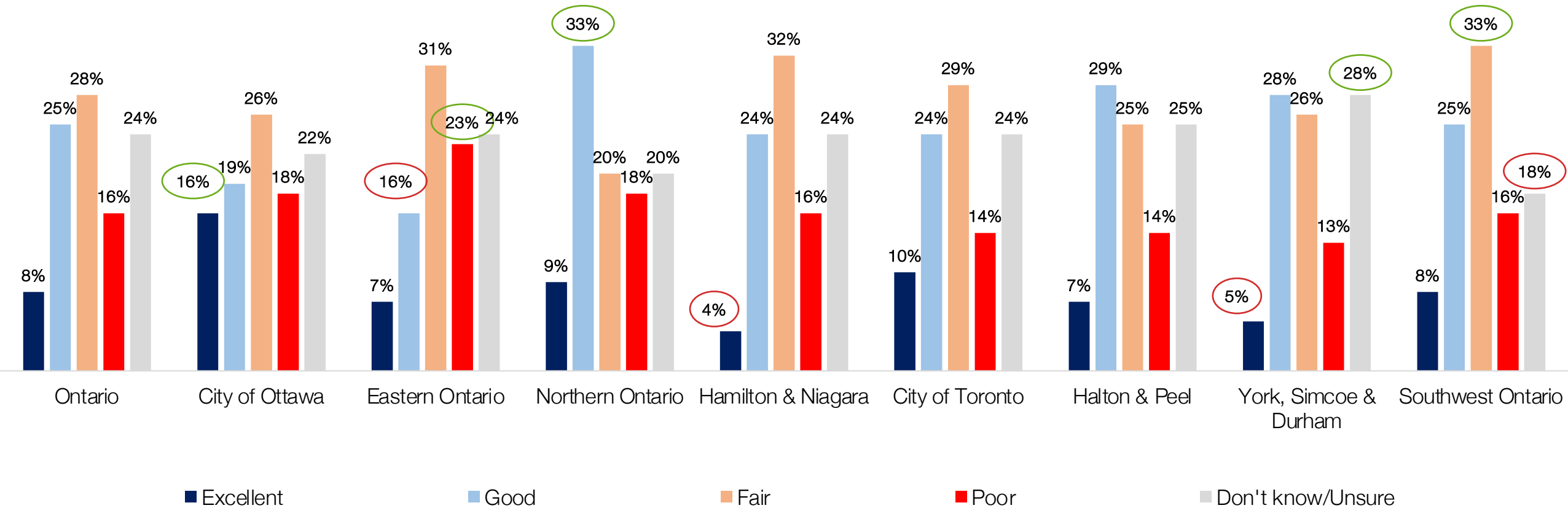
Age and Gender

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.



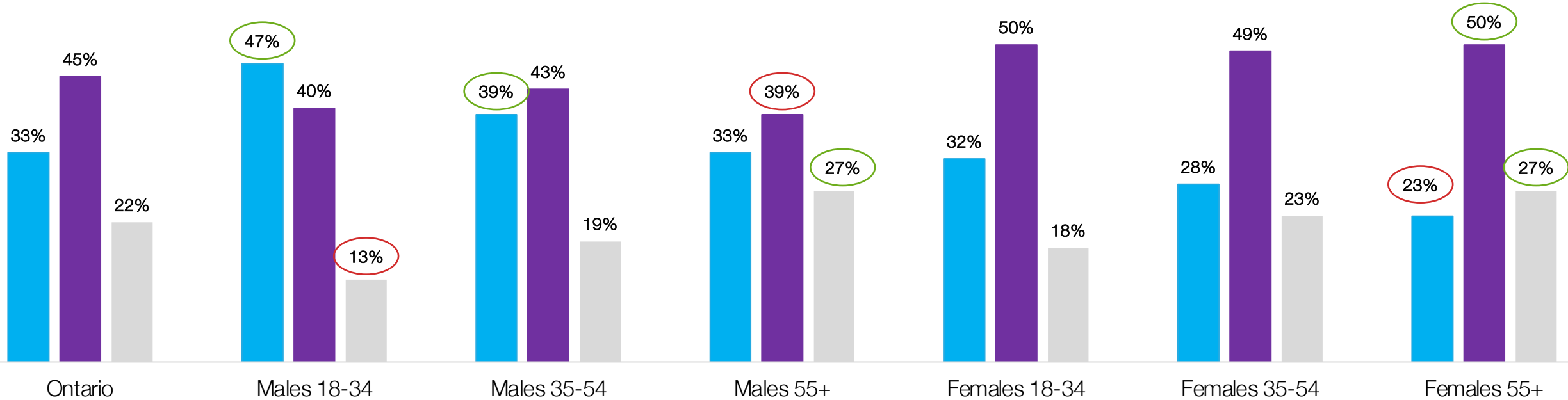
# Rate the quality of mental health and addiction services that are currently available

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?

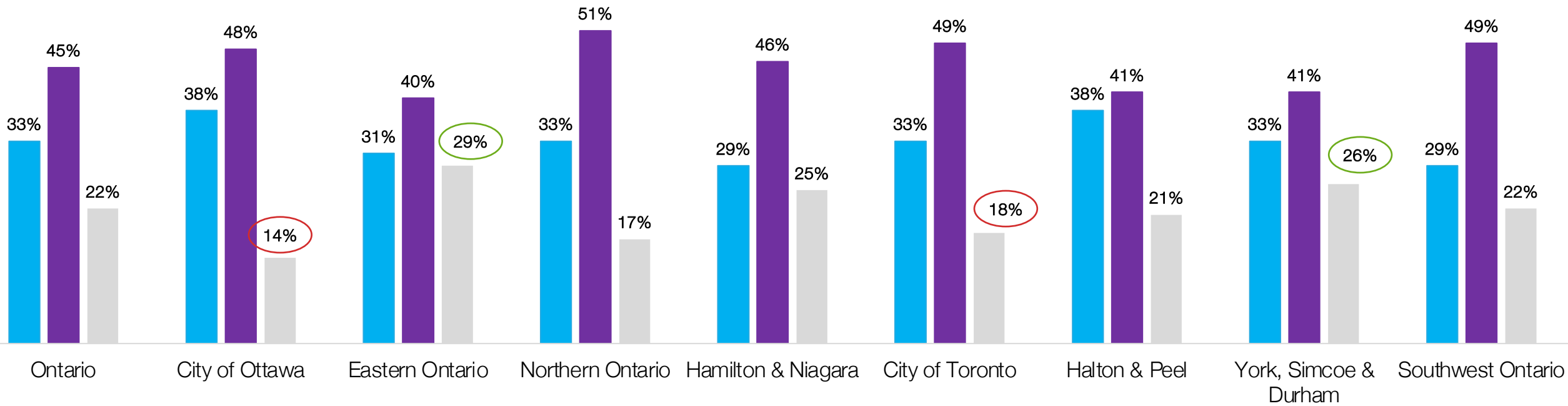
33% of respondents believed the overall problem with mental health and addiction was not necessarily a lack of government funding while 45% believed that government needed to spend much more on mental health and addiction services to make progress with the ever-growing problem. Females were much more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



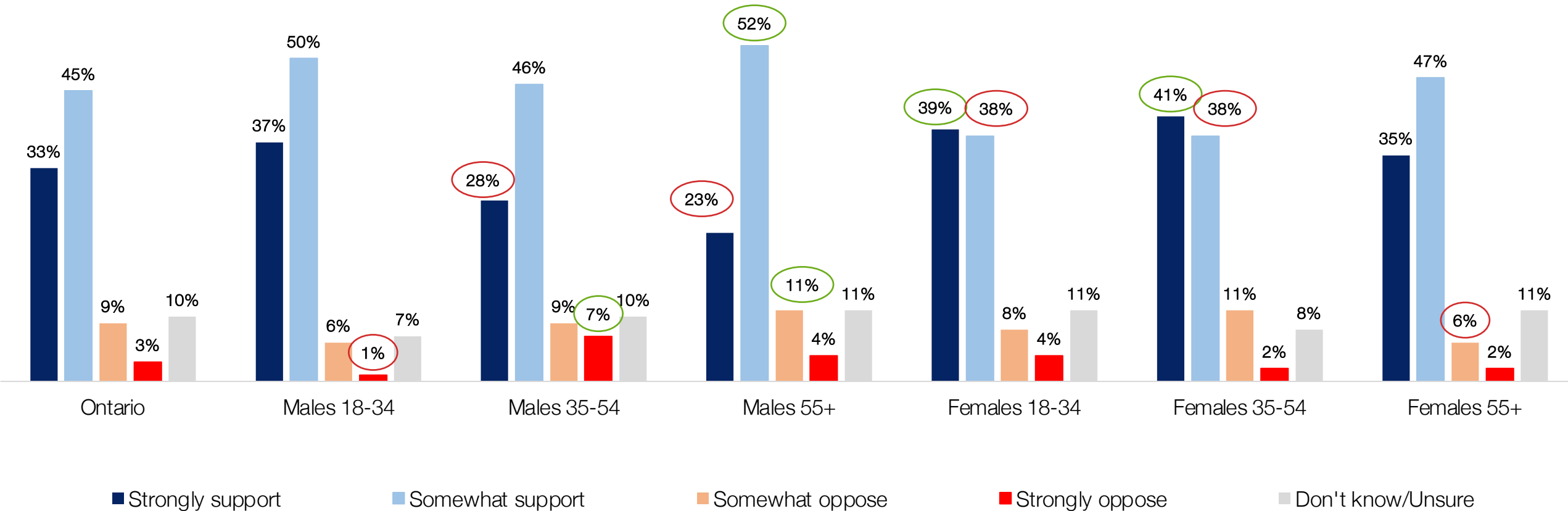
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- Don't know/Unsure



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

Age and Gender

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.

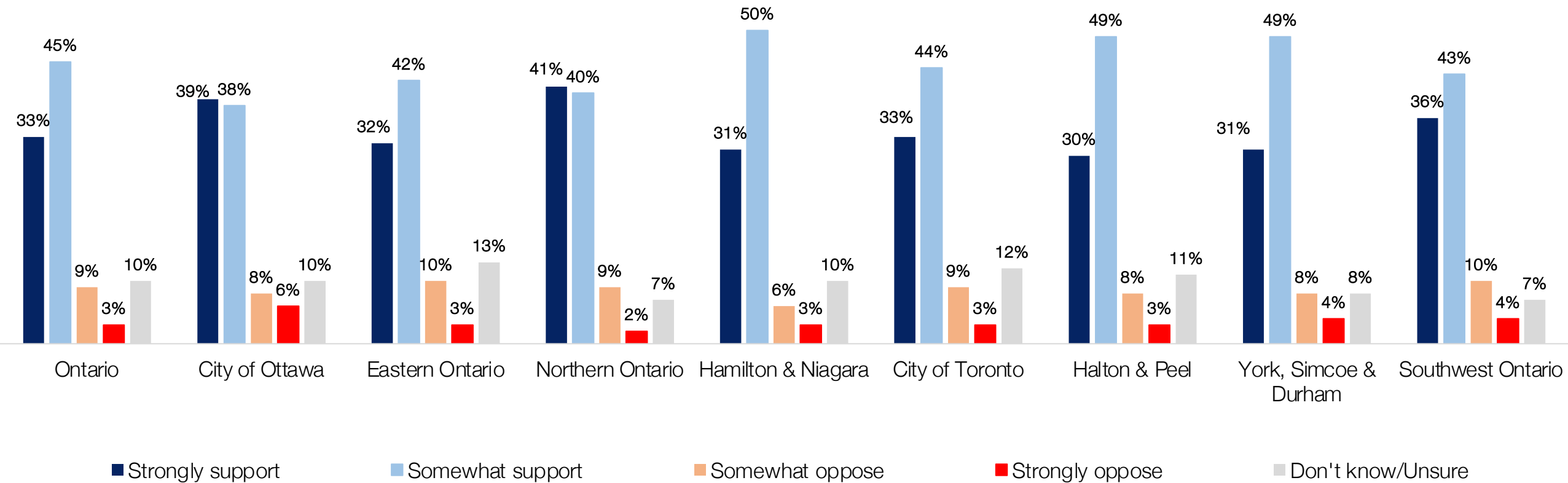


Q8 - Do you support or oppose the government of Ontario creating a dedicated stream of money that would be specifically set aside each year to fund mental health and addiction services in Ontario? Base = 2027

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

Regions

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

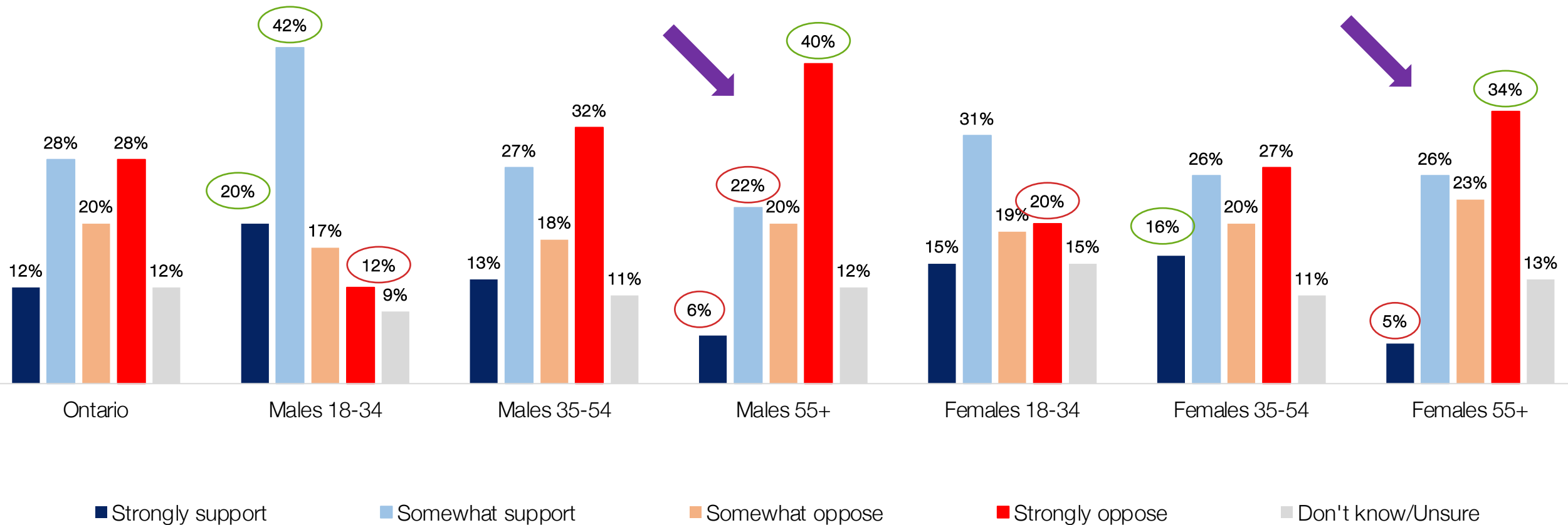


Q8 - Do you support or oppose the government of Ontario creating a dedicated stream of money that would be specifically set aside each year to fund mental health and addiction services in Ontario? Base = 2027

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

Age and Gender

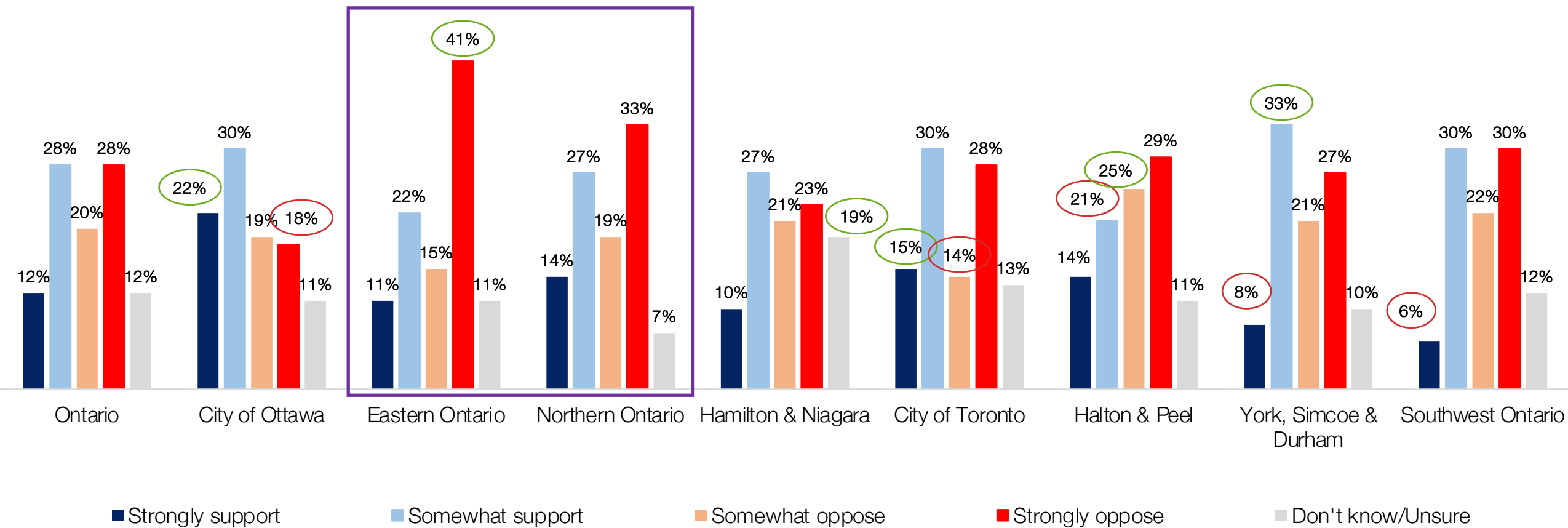
Respondents were split when it came to whether the government should create a new tax to use to fund mental health and addiction services in Ontario. 40% of respondents were supportive while 48% were opposed. Respondents over 54 years of age were much more opposed compared to younger respondents.



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.

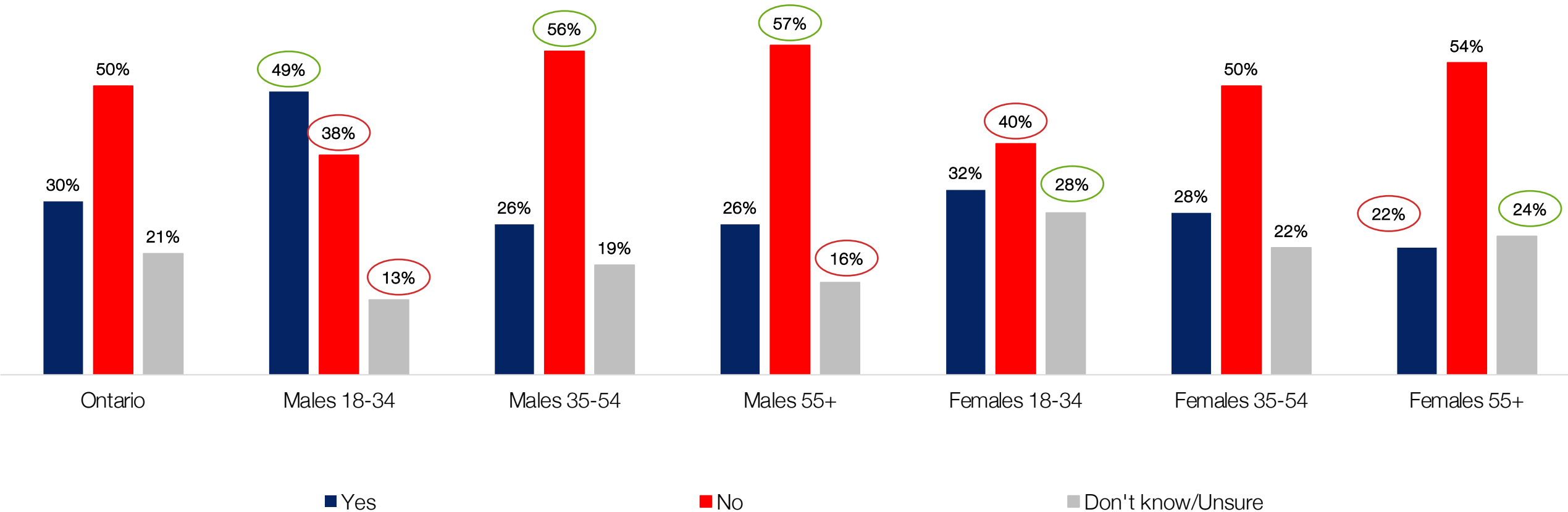


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## Willingness to pay additional taxes to support mental health and addiction services

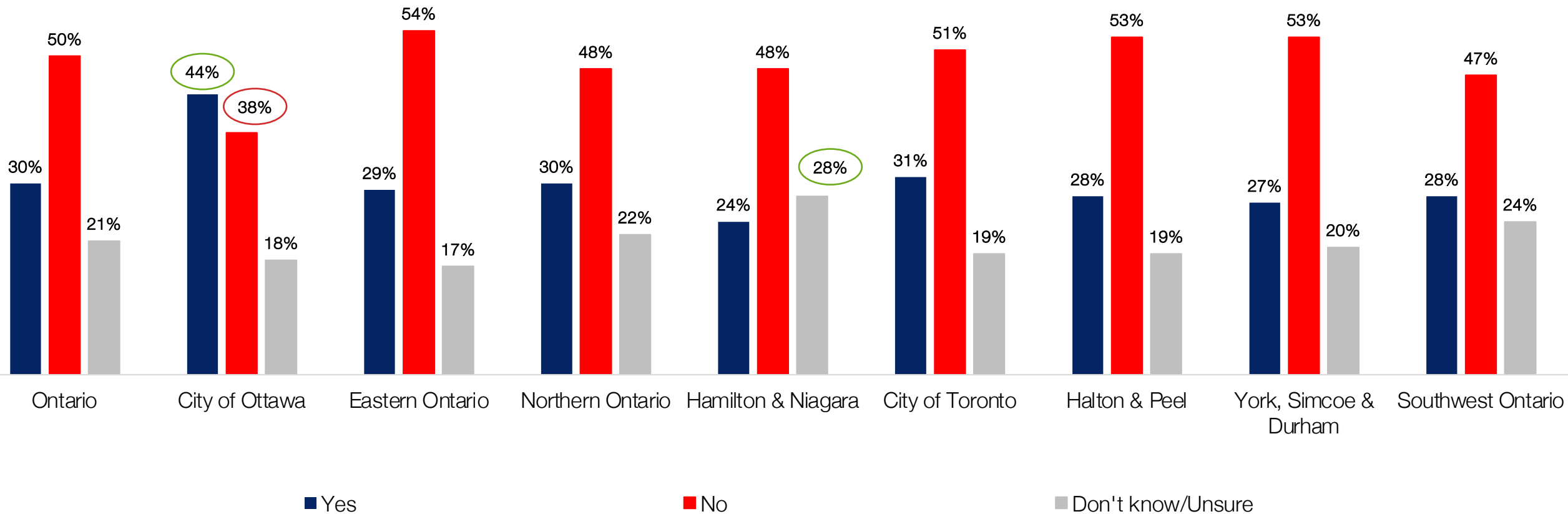
Age and Gender

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

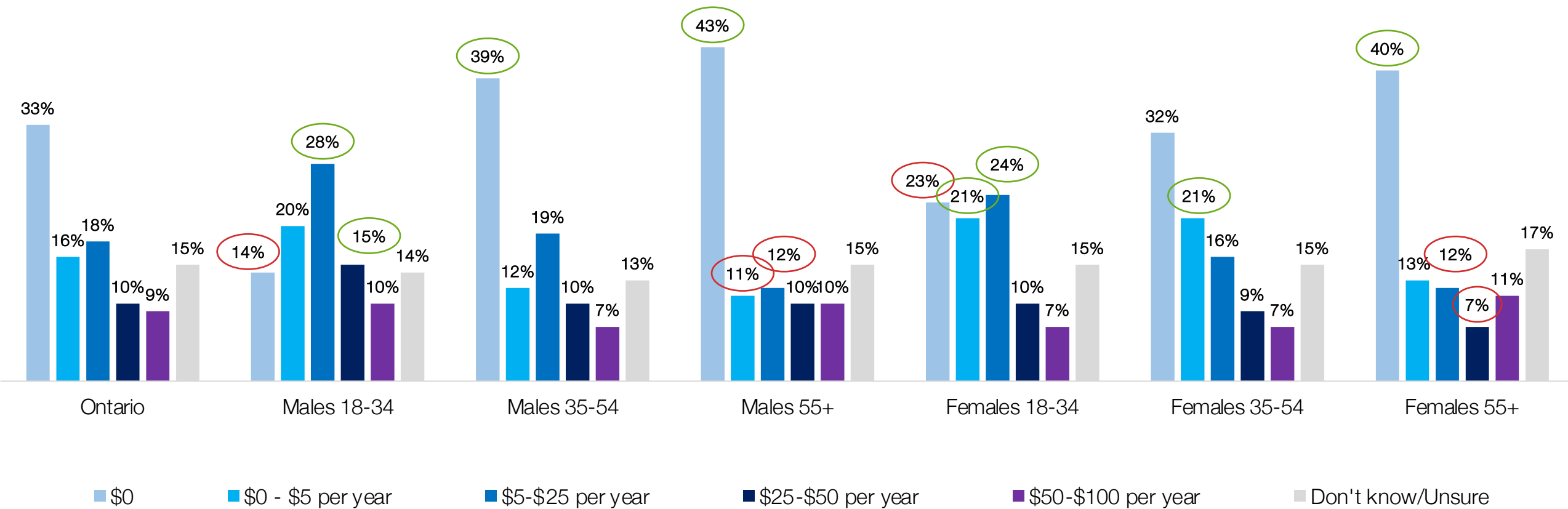
Most regions of Ontario broke out the same way (50% unwilling to pay additional taxes and 30% willing to pay) except for the City of Ottawa region where they were much more evenly split on the question (38% unwilling to pay additional taxes and 30% willing to pay).



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

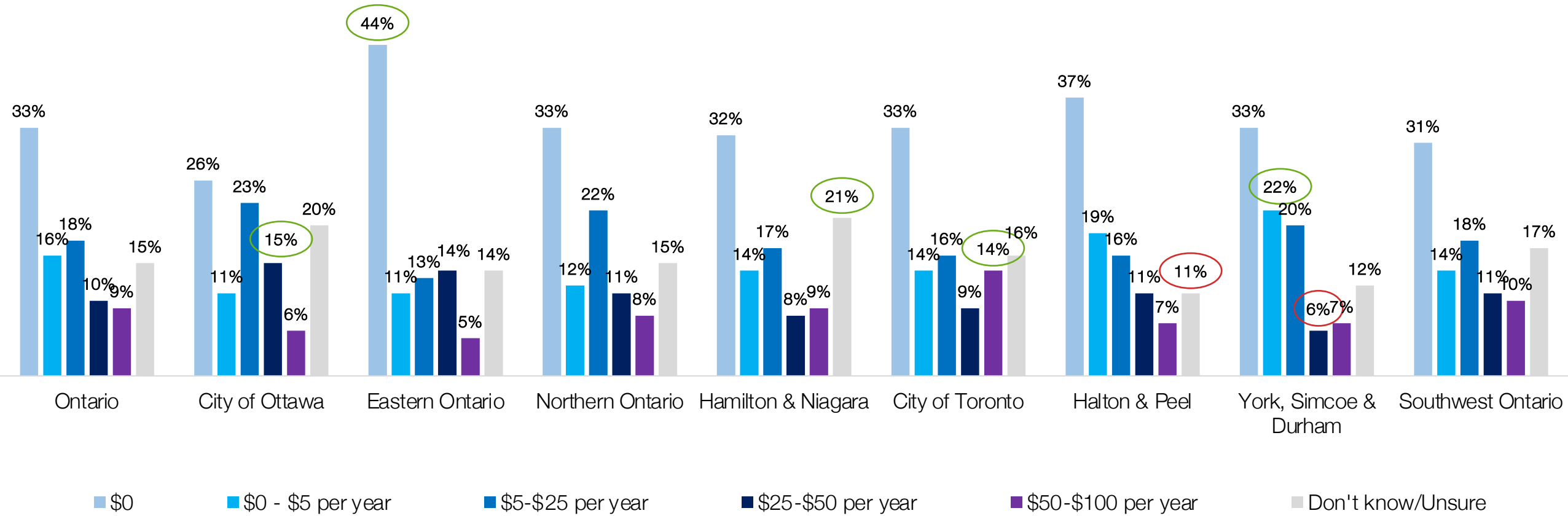
Age and Gender

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.



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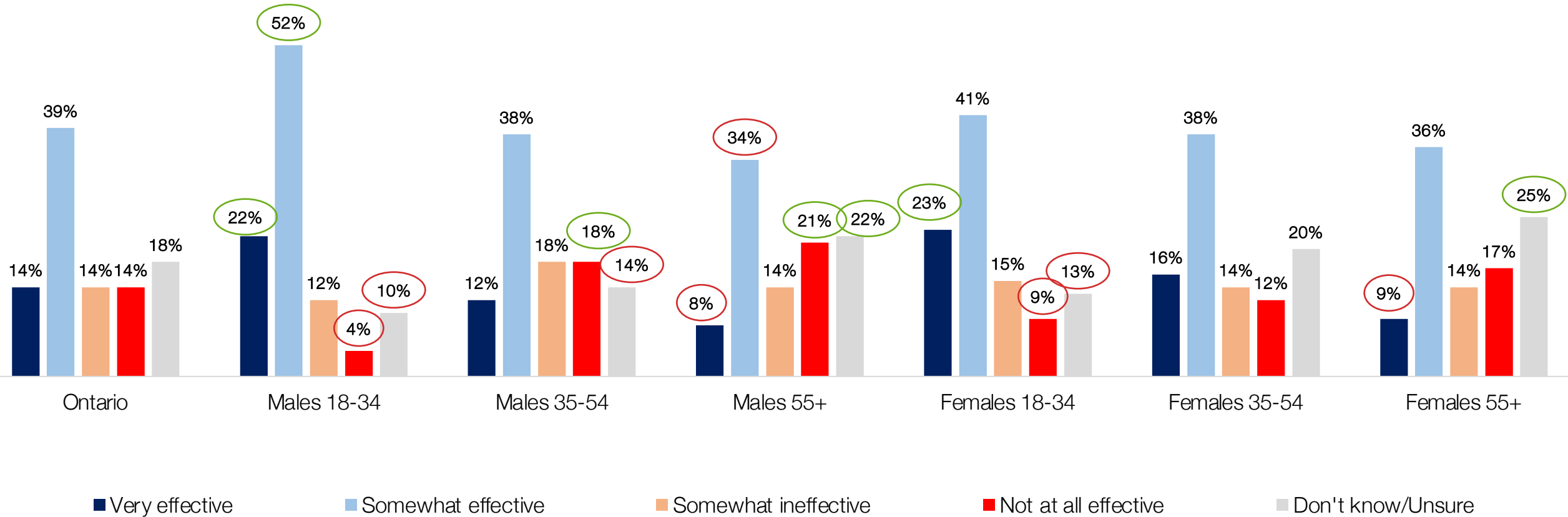
Respondents broke out roughly the same way across the regions of Ontario.





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

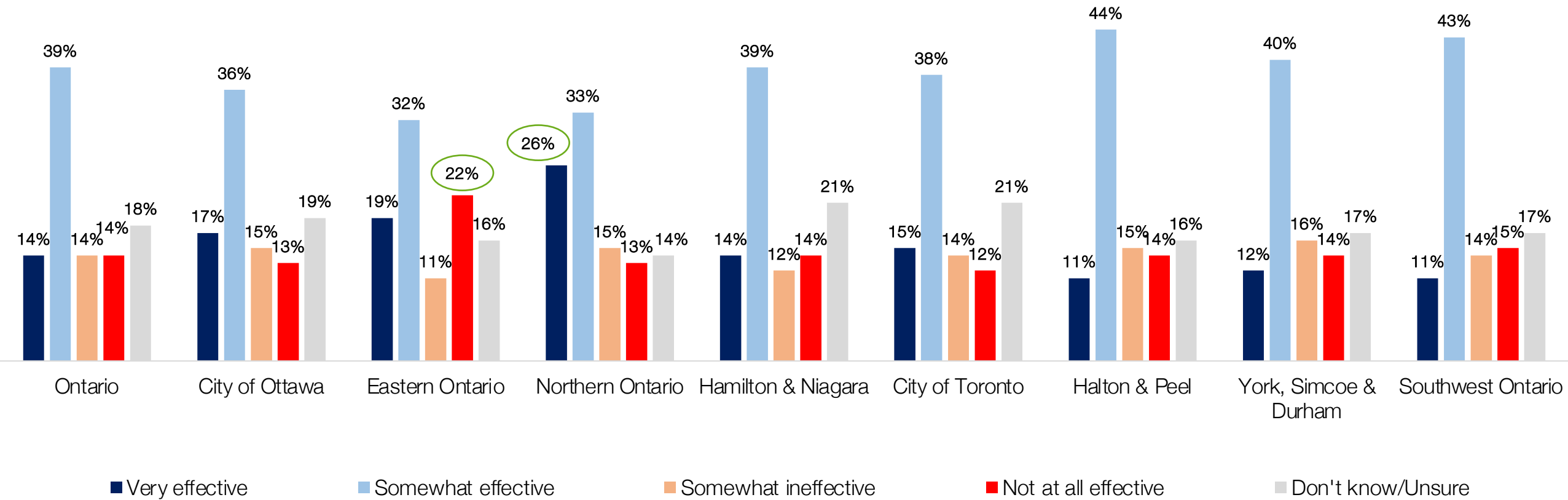
2 to 1, respondents believed a dedicated revenue stream would be effective in improving mental health and addiction services. Younger respondents were more of this view compared to older respondents.



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

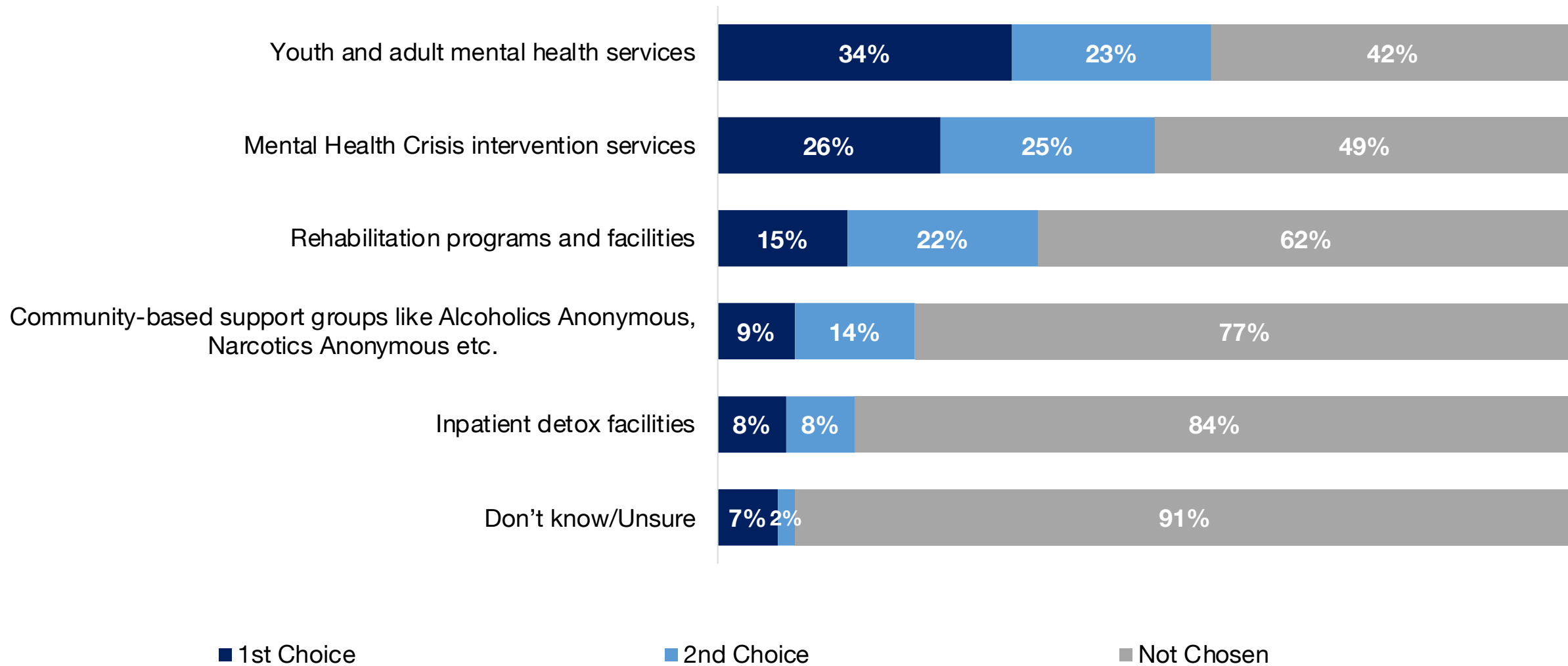
# Perceived effectiveness of a dedicated revenue stream to improve mental health and addiction services

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



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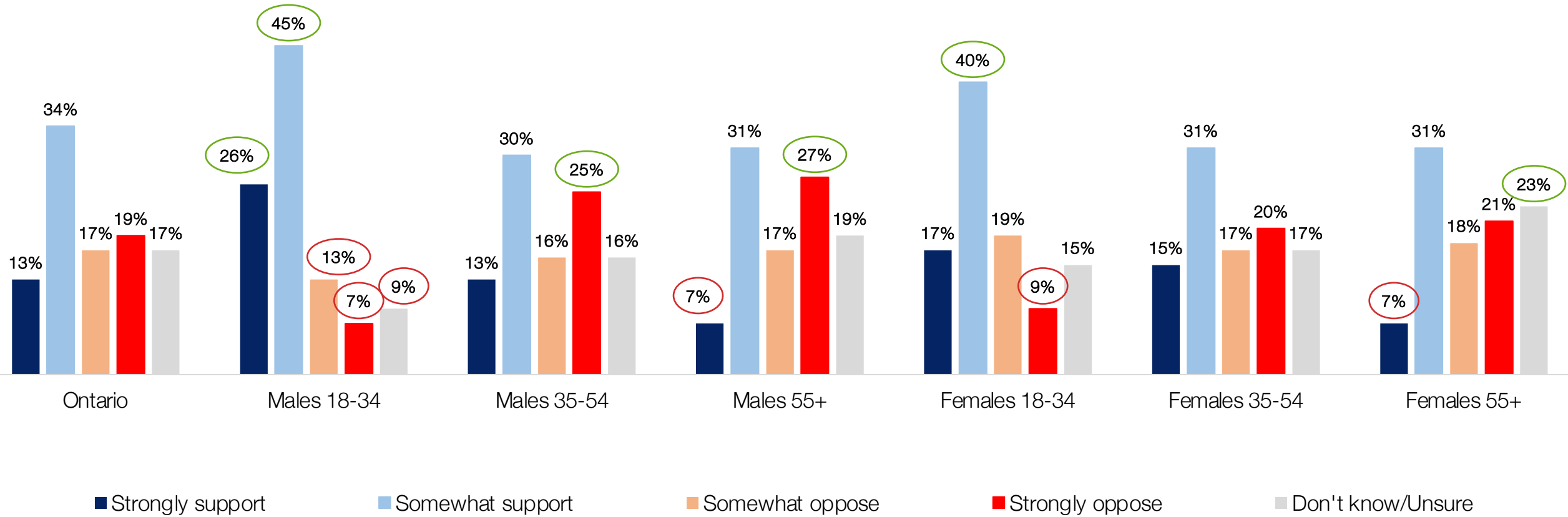
## i Top 2 choices: Mental health and addiction services that should be prioritized with new funding



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

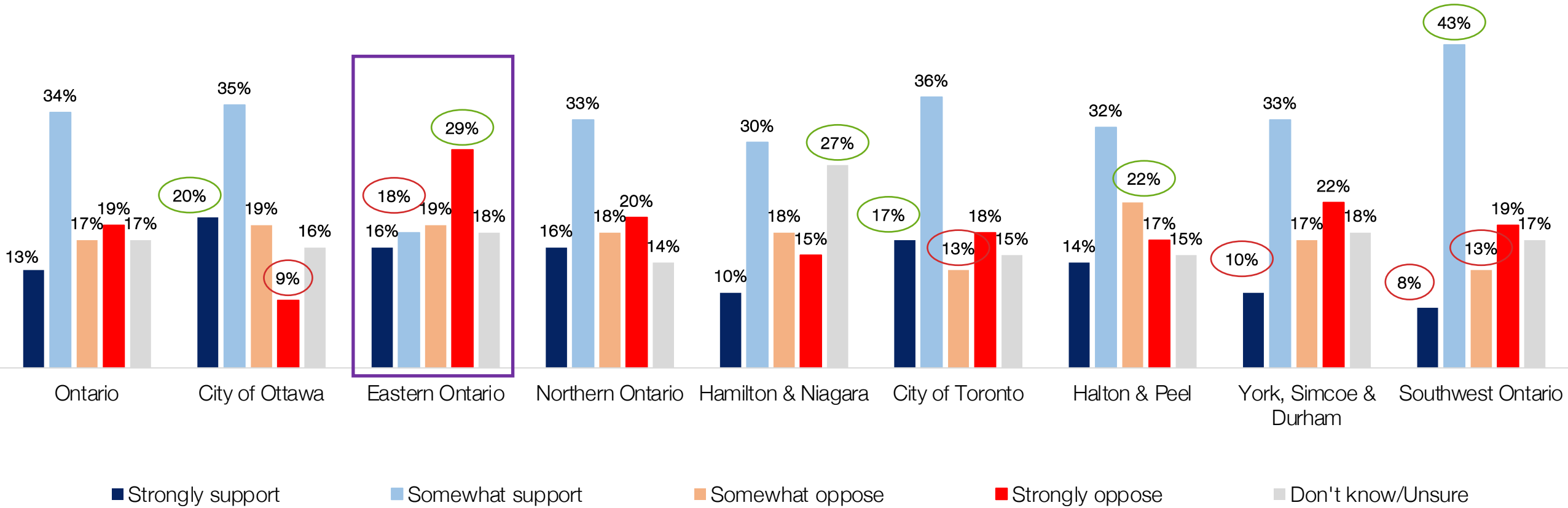
Age and Gender

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.



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

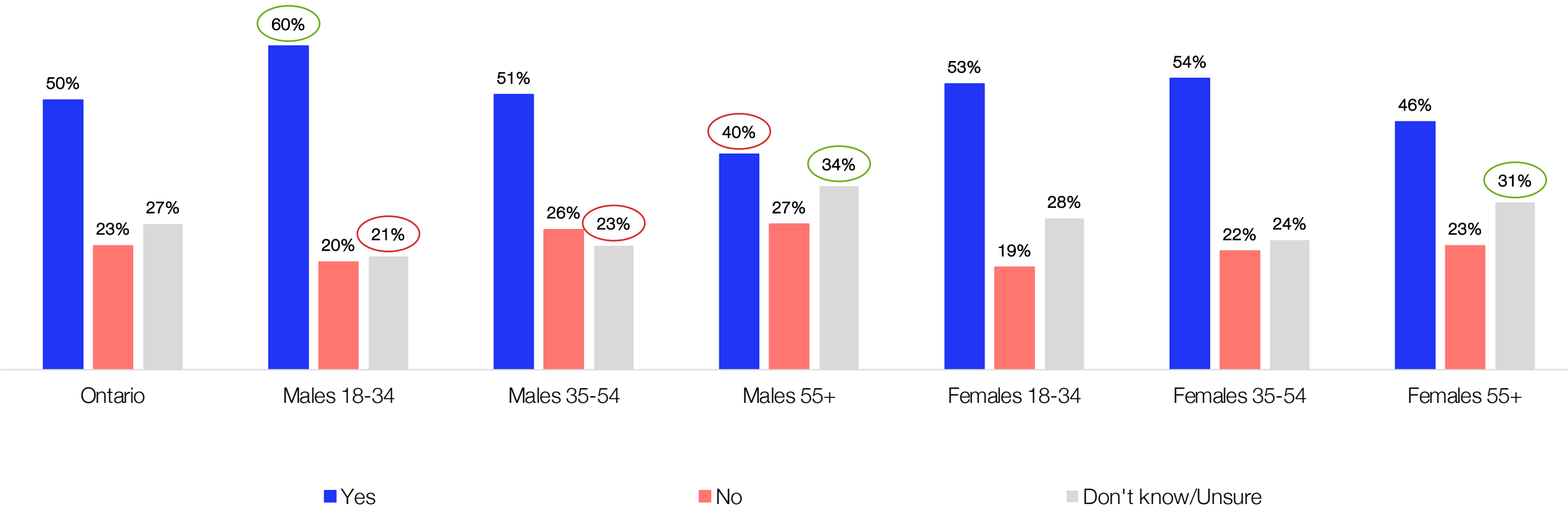
Except those respondents residing in Eastern region (not including the City of Ottawa), the remaining respondents broke out roughly the same way in the question.



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

Age and Gender

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

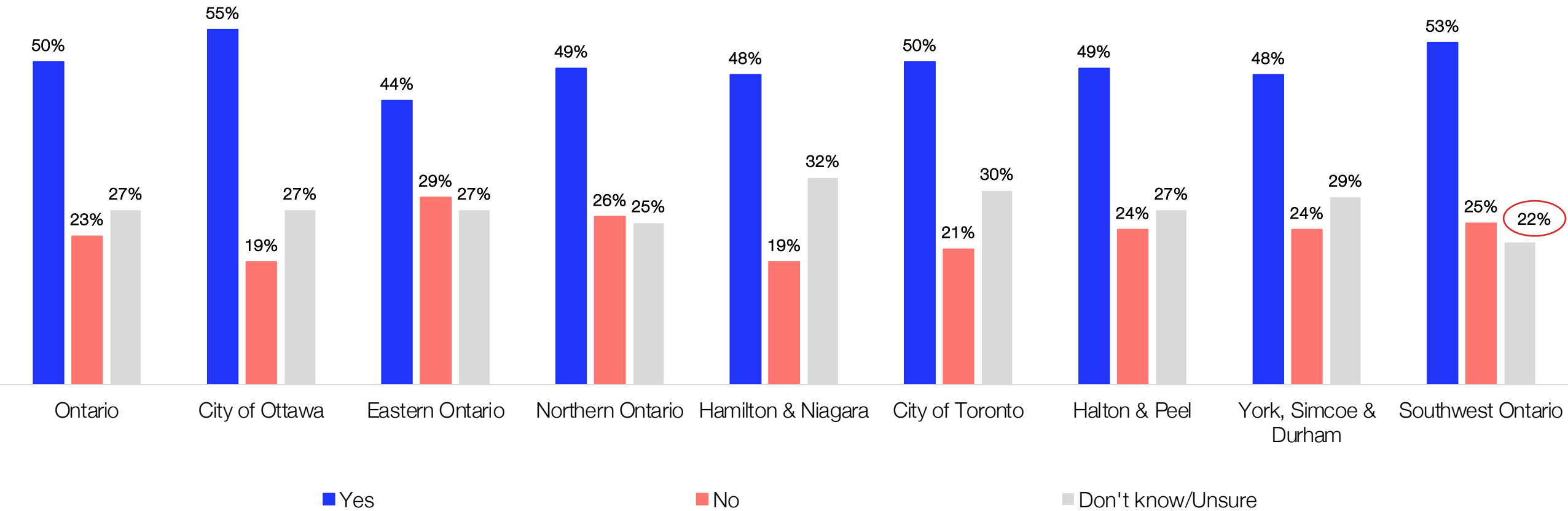


Q15 - Do you think building new brick-and-mortar facilities for mental health and addiction services is necessary in Ontario? Base = 2027

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

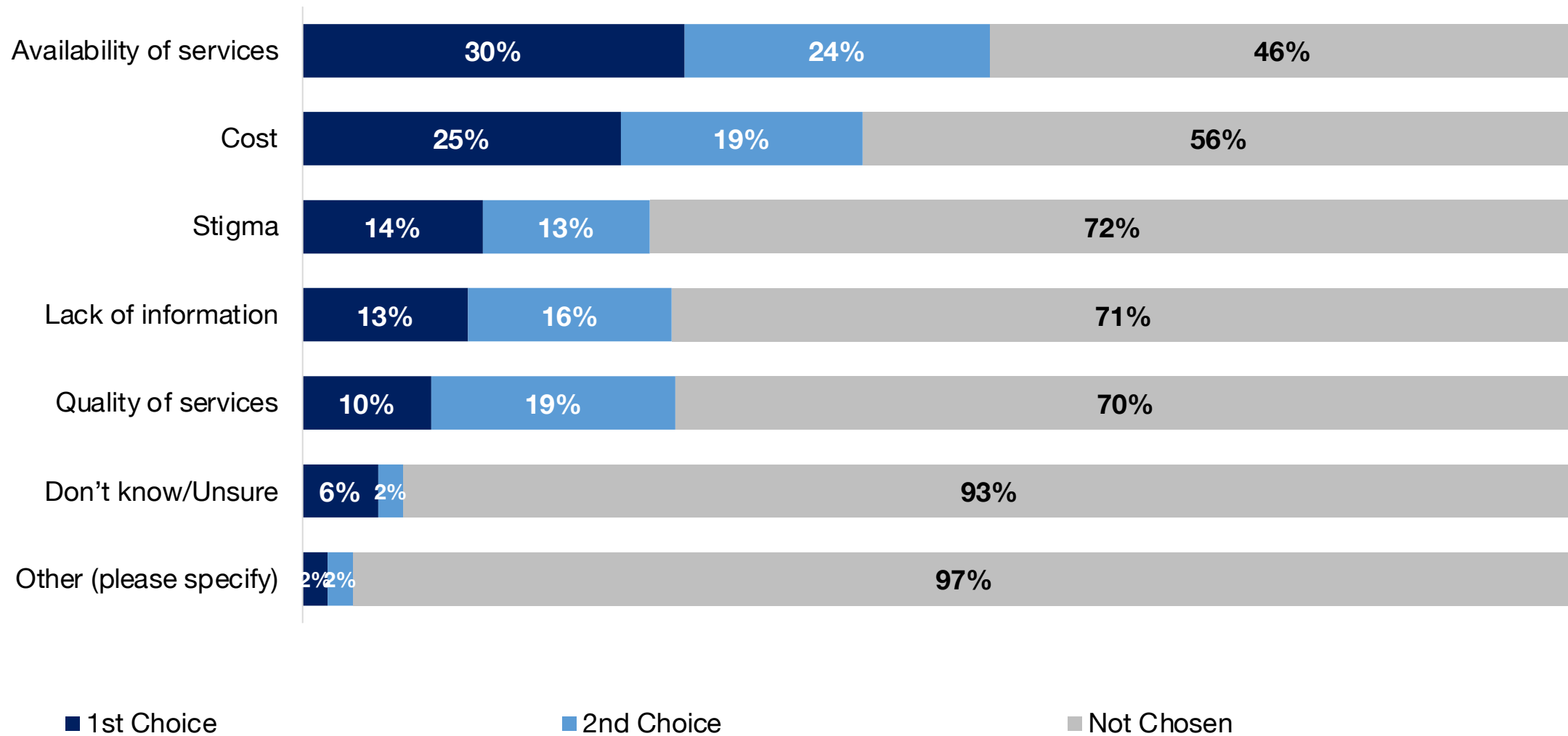
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Results were consistent across the regions of Ontario.



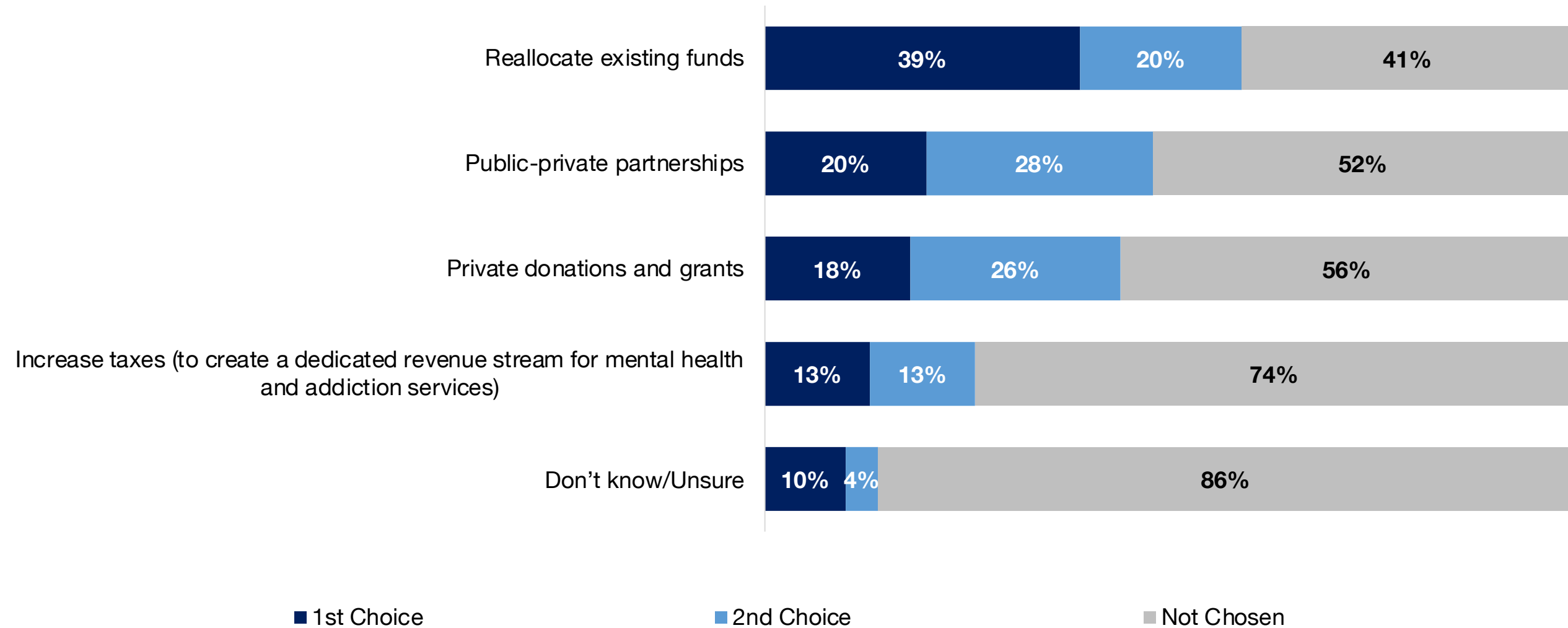
Q15 - Do you think building new brick-and-mortar facilities for mental health and addiction services is necessary in Ontario? Base = 2027

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





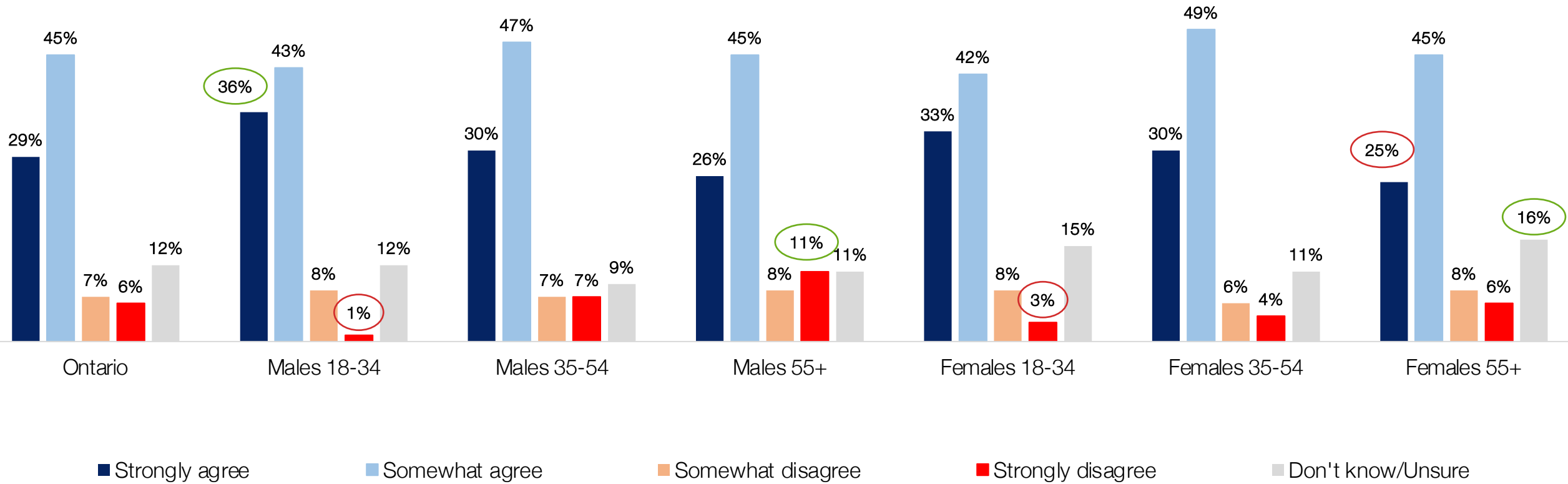
## i Top 2 choices: How government should sustain the funding for mental health and addictions services



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

Age and Gender

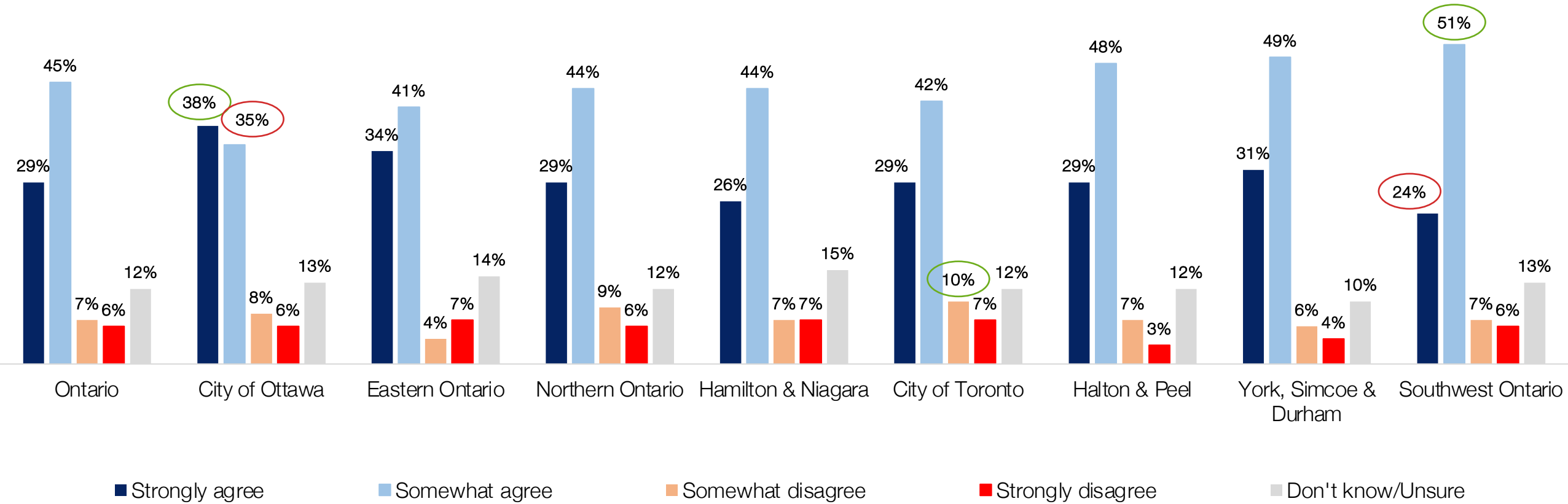
3 out of 4 respondents agreed that the government of Ontario should explore partnerships with private organization to fund mental health and addiction services.



Q18 - Do you agree or disagree that the government of Ontario should explore partnerships with private organizations to fund mental health and addiction services? Base = 2027

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

Findings were consistent across the regions of Ontario.

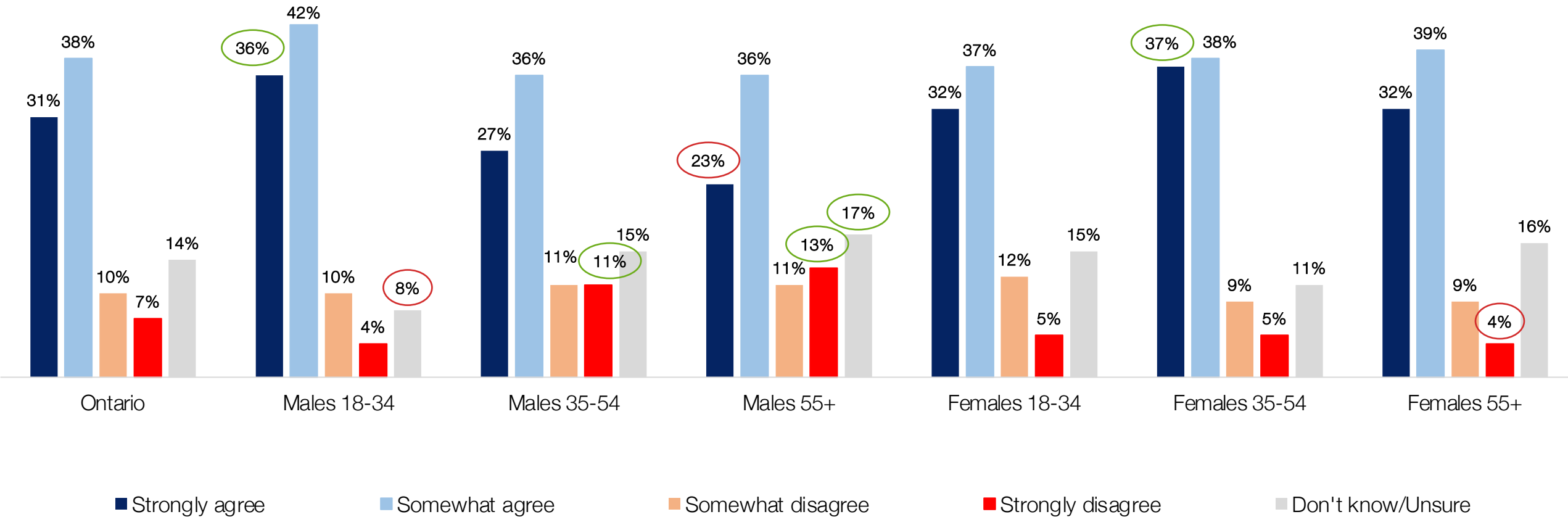


Q18 - Do you agree or disagree that the government of Ontario should explore partnerships with private organizations to fund mental health and addiction services? Base = 2027

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

Age and Gender

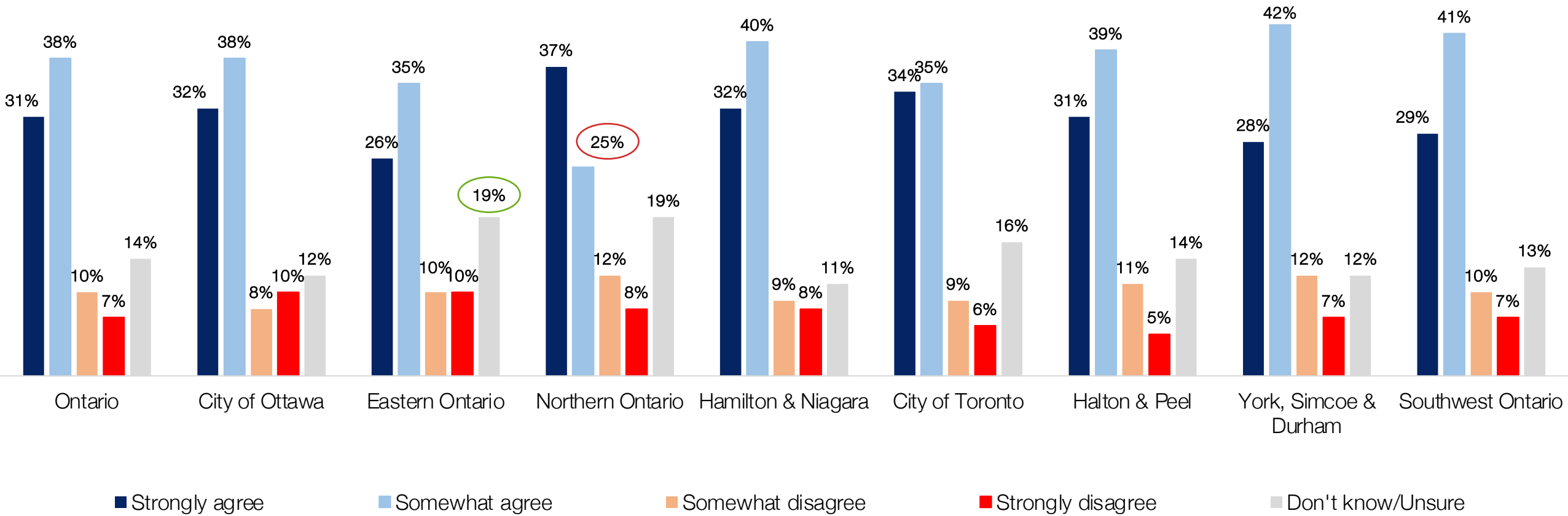
7 out of 10 respondents agreed that larger corporations should contribute a portion of their profits to fund mental health and addictions.



Q19 - Do you agree or disagree that larger corporations operating in Ontario should contribute a portion of their profits a new tax to fund mental health and addiction services? Base = 2027

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

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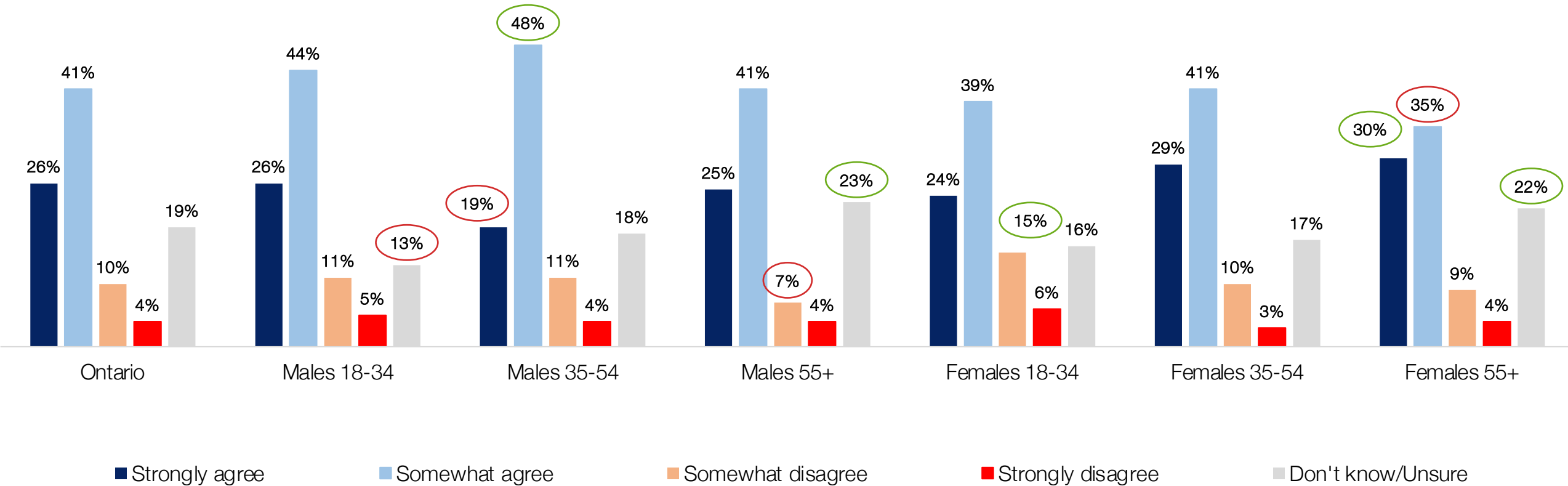


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## Agree/ disagree that laws in Ontario need to change for involuntary patients

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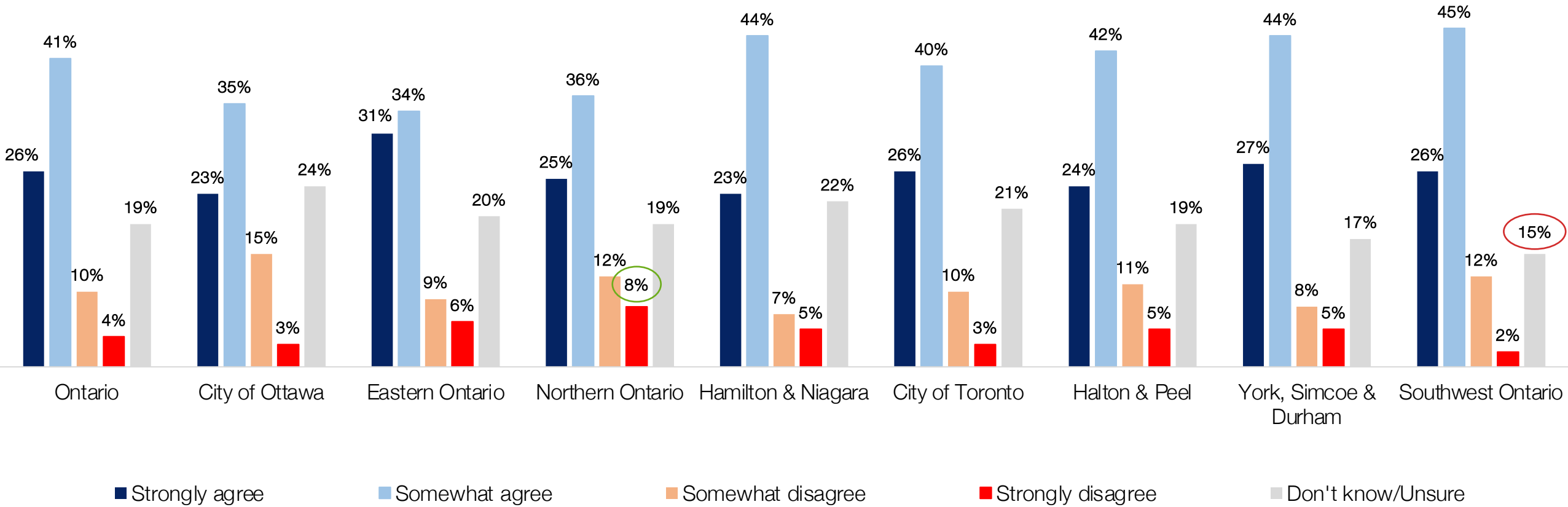
2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s of respondents agreed the laws in Ontario needed to change so that families and physicians could provide mental health and addiction treatment to involuntary patients.



Q20 - Do you agree or disagree that the laws in Ontario need to change so that families and physicians can provide mental health and addictions treatment to involuntary patients? Base = 2027

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

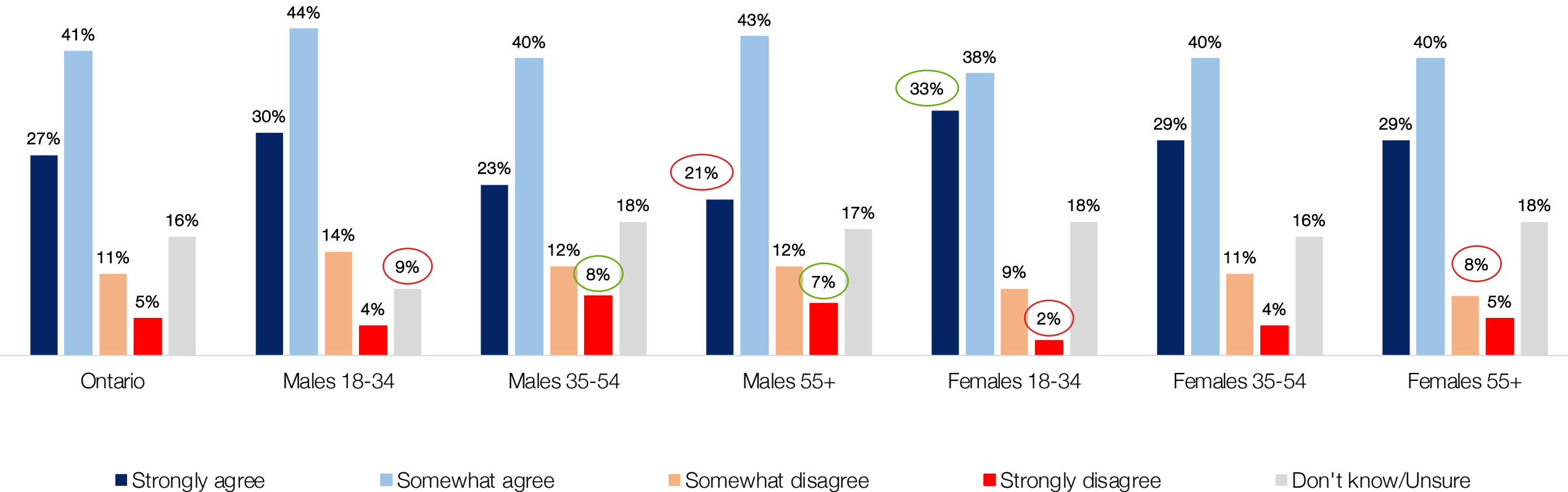
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# Agree/ disagree that "Drug Treatment Courts" should be offered more widely in Ontario

7 out of 10 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.

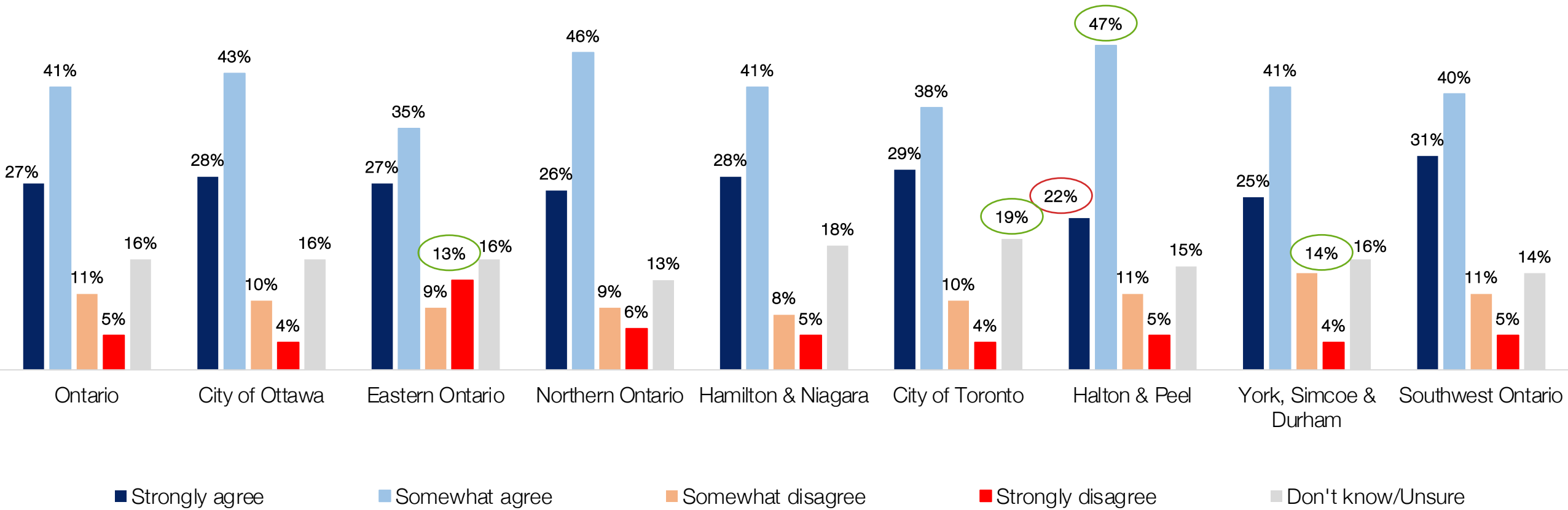


**Q21 - Drug Treatment Courts provide judicially-supervised treatment instead of incarcerating individuals who have a substance use problem that is related to their criminal activities (e.g., drug-related offences such as drug possession, use, or non-commercial trafficking and/or property offences committed to support their drug use). Do you agree or disagree that "Drug Treatment Courts" should be offered more widely throughout Ontario? Base = 2027**



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**BY EMAIL**

RE: Bill 173, Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, 2024

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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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August 15, 2024

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**RE: Notice of Motion – Councillor Stedall – The Canada Community-Building Fund**

Dear Prime Minister:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on August 14, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

**Motion No 24-366 – Notice of Motion - Councillor Stedall - The Canada Community-Building Fund**  
Moved by Councillor Stedall  
Seconded by Councillor McCue

Whereas the City of Quinte West is entering into an agreement to receive Canada Community-Building Funds, which is administered by the Association of Ontario Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) on behalf of the Federal government;

And whereas the funding allocations are less that 2% year over year for the next 5 years;

And whereas the amounts allocated in the past 5 years were less than 2% year over year;

And whereas non-residential construction price inflation has risen by 29% since the end of 2020 and municipalities are facing soaring costs for infrastructure projects without a corresponding growth in revenue;

And whereas there is a requirement for municipalities to complete an asset management plan and a housing needs analysis;

And whereas both of these plans show the large funding gap between infrastructure and housing needs and funds available from property taxation;

And whereas The City of Quinte West has over \$1.5 billion in core infrastructure assets and, like other municipalities, its infrastructure is aging and in need of upgrades and replacement;

And whereas The City's Asset Management Plan requires \$37 million annually to maintain existing assets which, based on current available funding, is resulting in an annual infrastructure deficit of over \$17.1 million;

And whereas municipalities are facing a gap in federal infrastructure funding as the 10-year Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program has come to an end;

Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Quinte West calls on the Federal Government to provide a supplement to the allocations provided to municipalities under the AMO CBBF agreement for 2024 - 2028 for the same amount that was allocated, effectively doubling the allocation for those years;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to MFOA, AMO, MP Ryan Williams, and Federal Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland, and all Municipalities in Ontario.  
**Carried**

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Virginia LaTour', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Virginia LaTour,  
Deputy City Clerk

cc: Donna Herridge, Executive Director, MFOA  
Colin Best, President, AMO  
Ryan Williams, MP, Bay of Quinte  
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
All Municipalities of Ontario

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# RITSON ROAD REIMAGINED

Matt Durnan

The vision for the redevelopment of a former school site in Oshawa that **Durham Region** purchased in 2022 with the intention of creating significant affordable housing on it continues to evolve, with a demonstration plan now contemplating the development of a mixed-use, mixed-income, mid-rise community on the roughly two-hectare site.

At a July 31 virtual public meeting, Durham Region presented a demonstration plan for the 2.1-hectare site at 300 Ritson Road South in Oshawa, which currently accommodates the vacant Ritson Road Public School, a 100-year-old building that has not been in operation since 2012 and that is designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and.

The demonstration plan proposes a scenario that would entail the development of hundreds of new residential units within at least five new

mid-rise buildings and a townhouse block, and the creation of a new pedestrian-friendly publicly accessible open space on the site. The former school building itself, which has heritage

status, would be retained to accommodate community uses in addition to a number of dwelling units.

In 2023, the Region retained **LURA Consulting** to undertake a rigorous public

engagement process for the site to inform the direction for future development, with the 2023 vision contemplating the development of 400 new affordable dwelling units and conversion of the vacant school building into a community hub (See: “*Redeveloping Ritson Road*”, *Novae Res Urbis GTHA*, July 19, 2023). The current vision for the site increases the number of residential units targeted for it substantially and seeks to activate the public realm at grade with

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Aerial photo showing the location of site at 300 Ritson Road South in Oshawa where Durham Region is envisioning a new mixed-use, mixed-income, mid-rise community. The site is currently occupied by the vacant Ritson Road Public School, a 100-year-old building that is designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The school building would be retained as part of the redevelopment of the site and reimagined as a community hub, while also potentially accommodating residential units.

SOURCE: CITY OF OSHAWA

## UPCOMING DATES

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## ■ PROVINCE INVESTS \$3.46 MILLION IN EXPANSION OF LOCAL MASS TIMBER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

# A SHOT IN THE ARM FOR WOOD



Lana Hall

A recent multi-million-dollar provincial investment in Ontario mass timber manufacturing could help the building sector embrace more engineered wood construction projects, while supporting communities that manufacture these products. As builders increasingly look to increase use of more sustainable construction materials while trying to shorten construction timelines, boosting the local mass timber supply chain could help solve both these challenges, say industry experts.

Late last month the **Province of Ontario** announced it would be investing \$3.46 million in St. Thomas-based mass timber manufacturer **Element5** to help the facility expand operations. According to a statement released by the Province, the investment will more than triple the company's production capacity, creating 32 new jobs, increasing revenues by over 300

per cent, and boosting export sales by nearly 600 per cent.

Element5 is Ontario's first certified manufacturer of cross-laminated timber, a material that falls under the umbrella of 'mass timber', a collective term given to a variety of engineered, wood-based structural building materials. In recent years, mass timber has gained recognition in Europe and North America as a building material both for its ability to sequester more carbon than the concrete and steel normally used in building construction and its ability to be prefabricated and ready to assemble, significantly reducing construction time.

In 2015, the Province of Ontario amended its building code to permit the development of six-storey mass timber structures, and in April of this year, it announced it would be amending the code to increase that permitted height

to 18 storeys. But despite these allowances, mass timber construction hasn't had quite the take-up its proponents were hoping for, according to **West End Homebuilders Association** (WEHB) CEO **Mike Collins-Williams**. He says part of this lacklustre take-up is caused by local supply problems.

"There's been a chicken-and-an-egg situation in which there was lack of folks building mass timber, so you didn't have the supply chain existing because there was a lack of demand," Collins-Williams told *NRU*. "But then on the other side, you had a lack of supply chain, meaning those that were potentially interested in building the product couldn't get the product."

According to Collins-Williams, some early Canadian adopters of mass timber structures were importing

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material from as far away as Austria. The investment in local mass timber production will hopefully change that, allowing for more local activity in the mass timber construction space, he says. “The [supply chain] existed previously, but this is definitely a shot in the arm.”

Amid a higher-interest rate environment for many construction and development projects, having mass timber easily available can speed up projects because the materials are prefabricated, says Collins-Williams. “They can go up faster in terms of the speed to build, which does reduce some carrying costs and financing costs, which is certainly a major concern.”

The Province’s Element5 investment could also support economic development in municipalities outside of Toronto, says the **University of Toronto’s Mass Timber Institute (MTI)** director **Anne Koven**. “It’s very important that we divert some of the wealth that we have in Toronto into areas such as St. Thomas and to more rural, remote local economies,” she told *NRU*.

“And one very exciting part of mass timber is that we can build fairly honest, highly-digitized fabricating and manufacturing facilities

in smaller regions and municipalities ... I would like to see Element5s all across Canada—a small-to-medium sized enterprise that is working with a fantastic, sustainable construction product.”

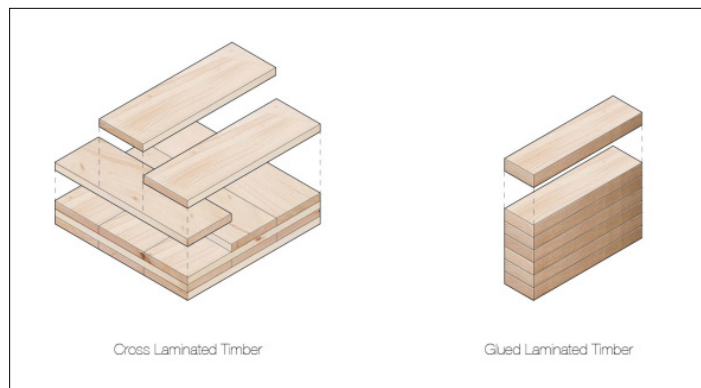
The investment is part of the provincial government’s Advanced Wood Construction Action Plan, a strategy currently

under development that’s designed to increase the use of local wood materials in the construction of mid-rise and tall multi-family residential, commercial and industrial buildings.

“The draft Advanced Wood Construction Action Plan marks a significant milestone for Ontario and for St. Thomas. By increasing the use of Ontario wood and promoting its market share in construction, we are demonstrating our commitment to sustainability and innovation,” said **City of St. Thomas Mayor Joe Preston** in

the provincial press release on its investment.

“This initiative not only positions Ontario as a leader in advanced wood construction and manufacturing, but also supports broader provincial goals related to housing and the environment.” 🌱



Top: Graphic showing the difference between cross-laminated and glue-laminated timber products, both produced by St. Thomas-based mass timber manufacturer Element5. Last month, the Province of Ontario announced it would be investing \$3.46 million towards the expansion of operations at Element5. The investment could as much as triple the firm’s production capacity for mass timber construction materials. ‘Mass timber’ is a collective term given to a variety of engineered wood products that meet the same structural regulations as concrete and other building materials, but sequester more carbon and can be sold pre-fabricated, shortening construction timelines.

SOURCE: MASS TIMBER INSTITUTE



Bottom: Rendering of a mixed-income development planned for a site at 1113-1125 Dundas Street West in Toronto. The project will be the first mass-timber building constructed on a City-of-Toronto-owned site as part of the City’s Mass Timber Pilot Project. Construction sector experts say mass-timber projects are more sustainable than traditional steel and concrete-based buildings, and often are quicker to build, as mass timber products can be sold pre-assembled. The planned expansion of the St. Thomas-based Element5’s operations in Ontario should make it much easier for developers of Ontario-based construction projects to obtain mass timber for their buildings.

ARCHITECT: BROOK MCLROY  
SOURCE: CITY OF TORONTO



# CHANGING SHAPES AND SIZES



**Matt Durnan**

A mid-rise residential development proposed for a site in Mississauga’s Streetsville neighbourhood would bring significantly more housing units to a vacant site than a previous proposal for it that contemplated developing it with a block of townhouses.

**Montcrest Asset Management** (formerly NYX Tannery LP) recently submitted official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications for a site at 51 and 57 Tannery Street and 208 Emby Drive. Montcrest is seeking to permit the development of two mid-rise buildings standing 12 and 14 storeys atop a shared six-storey podium. The proposed development would bring 633 new residential units to the neighbourhood.

The latest proposal from Montcrest marks a significant change from the applicant’s original submission in 2019 that sought to develop 155 townhouse units on the 1.8-hectare site. At that time, the site accommodated some low-rise light industrial buildings on its south end that have since been demolished and a large single-detached residential building that is slated for demolition.

This shift in the development proposal stands as one of numerous examples of development applications in municipalities across the province originally submitted before the COVID-19 pandemic that have been significantly revised after a wave of land use planning policy changes introduced by the Ontario government post-COVID

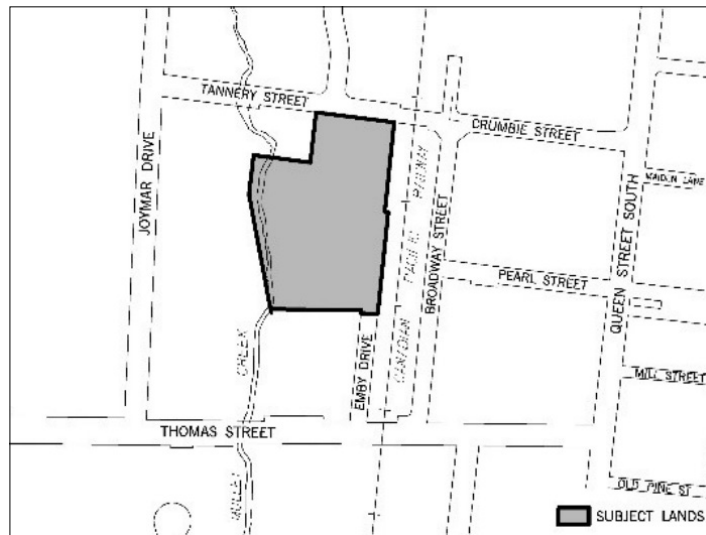
has pushed municipalities to increase housing supply across the board.

“Pre-COVID, this application was for a townhouse complex. And of course, as we know, almost all of the world shut down due to COVID. And now, we’re in this era where the push has been on for more housing, and now the applicant has come back with something

that is obviously significantly more than was originally proposed,” Mississauga Ward 11 councillor **Brad Butt** told *NRU*.

The Province has set a housing target for Mississauga of building 120,000 new residential units by 2031, and while major developments in the city, like the master-planned communities of Brightwater (See: “Changes on the Horizon?” *Novae Res Urbis GTHA*, August 14, 2024), Lakeview and

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Top: Map showing the location of the site at 51 and 57 Tannery Street and 208 Emby Drive in the Streetsville neighbourhood of Mississauga where Montcrest Asset Management is proposing to develop two mid-rise buildings standing 12 and 14 storeys atop a shared six-storey podium. The site previously accommodated low-rise light industrial buildings that have been demolished, while a large single-detached residential building remains on the site, slated to be demolished.

SOURCE: CITY OF MISSISSAUGA



Bottom: Photo of the site at 51 and 57 Tannery Street and 208 Emby Drive in the Streetsville neighbourhood of Mississauga where Montcrest Asset Management is proposing to develop two mid-rise buildings standing 12 and 14 storeys atop a shared six-storey podium. The site is currently mostly vacant, with a large single-detached home at the northeast of the site slated for demolition (left of image).

SOURCE: GOOGLE

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Rangeview (See: “Envisioning Homes on the Range”, *Novae Res Urbis GTHA*, December 6, 2023) in Port Credit will carry substantial parts of that load, the “Village in the City” that is Streetsville is also going to have its part to play.

Just a five-minute walk north from the Montcrest site is the Streetsville Centre Plaza. That site is subject to a major redevelopment proposal that would bring eight new mixed-use residential buildings of up to 15 storeys in height and hundreds of new residential units to a site that has long accommodated a popular local retail plaza (See: “Balancing Expectations”, *Novae Res Urbis GTHA*, July 5, 2023).

“This is a piece of land [the Montcrest site] that I think has some potential for more density and heights that we normally wouldn’t see in Streetsville. It’s not right on Queen Street, and the access points won’t be from Queen Street, so there’s a bit of a different traffic impact,” Butt said.

“But traffic is different now than it was pre-COVID. People don’t all leave at eight in the morning and come home at five. I know we have to be mindful of traffic, but at the same time, we recognize that Streetsville is going to be an area, among

others in Mississauga, that we’re looking for increased residential development, and housing is needed here in all shapes and sizes.”

Under Mississauga’s official plan, the site is within the Streetsville community node, which is intended to accommodate a mix of uses, but with lower densities and heights than found in the city’s major nodes.

“The site is designated ‘Residential High Density’, while a portion of the lands is within the ‘Greenlands’ designation associated with Mullet Creek. Generally, Residential High Density permits apartment dwellings as a principal use, as well as townhouses as long as they are accessory to an apartment dwelling on the same property,” **City of Mississauga** manager of planning and building **Aiden Stanley** told *NRU*.

“Furthermore, the site is

also within the Streetsville community node character area, and its policies promote a sense of community identity and focus whereby development that is compatible with and enhances the village character of Streetsville as a distinct established community is promoted through integration with the surrounding area.”

While there are policies in place that strive to maintain the village character that Streetsville is known for, the site on Tannery Street is just a 10-minute walk from the Streetsville GO station off of Thomas Street to the south.

The site is within a proposed MTSA (major transit station area) due to its close proximity to the Streetsville GO station, but the ward councillor says that there shouldn’t be concerns about the City trying to “build to the max” on this site, as GO transit service in Streetsville is nowhere close to what it is at the city’s two major GO stations in Clarkson and Port Credit.

“We don’t have a fully-functioning GO train service [in Streetsville] on the Milton line. It goes one way in the

morning, and one way in the afternoon. It’s only Monday to Friday, and only at rush hour times. That’s not really a full-service GO,” said Butt.

“You can’t really make the same argument for higher densities here that you can in Port Credit and Clarkson. You can’t make the argument that we can build a lot more density and everyone is just going to hop on the train, because that’s just not true. However, we do need to strike a balance and make sure this goes through the proper process and see what types of heights and densities are appropriate for this site.”

The application is still in its very early stages, with City of Mississauga planning staff still reviewing Montcrest’s submission. A report on the application with staff recommendations will come before Mississauga planning and development committee some time later this year. 🌸

Rendering of Montcrest Asset Management’s proposed mid-rise development at 51 and 57 Tannery Street and 208 Emby Drive in the Streetsville neighbourhood of Mississauga. The development would include buildings standing 12 and 14 storeys atop a shared six-storey podium and would contain a total of 633 new residential units. Montcrest (formerly NYX Tannery LP) had originally proposed to develop a block of 155 townhouses on the 1.8-hectare site in 2019, but recently submitted a new zoning by-law and official plan amendment applications to permit this more intense redevelopment of the site.

SOURCE: CITY OF MISSISSAUGA  
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# BUILDING CRITICAL MASS



Lana Hall

With an announcement that Hamilton-based **Mohawk College** will be expanding campus space into Burlington, **City of Burlington** staff hope an increased post-secondary presence in the city will attract talent and business to the area, and perhaps add to the attractiveness of the mixed-use communities slated for the lands around Burlington's three GO stations.

Last month, Mohawk College signed a Letter of Understanding with the City of Burlington and **Burlington Economic Development** to establish new learning hubs and campuses on sites across the city over the next several years. According to a statement released by the Burlington Economic Development, continuing shortages in Ontario's healthcare system, and growing demand for more people and training in the skilled trades and technology sectors are priorities for Mohawk College, which will require additional classrooms, labs, and research facilities to meet the demand in these areas of study.

As it stands, Burlington does not have a public community college within its boundaries, though Mohawk does have a "living classroom" within a long-term care facility in

Burlington where the college delivers training for some of its healthcare programs, including its personal support worker (PSW) and practical nursing programs.

As part of their work on the 'Burlington Strategic Plan 2015-2040,' City staff identified the addition of a post-secondary institution as a potential driver of economic growth for the city, says City of Burlington executive director of economic development **Anita Cassidy**. "When we [worked on the strategic plan] we went out to our stakeholders and said, 'What are we missing as a community?'"

Since then, the City of Burlington has also established a partnership with Hamilton-based **McMaster University's** DeGroote School of Business to provide space locally for MBA and executive education classes, while St. Catharines-based **Brock University** is set to open a satellite campus near Burlington's Upper Middle Road and Walker's Line in 2025.

Ideally, the expansion of Mohawk College will provide even more opportunities for students, while helping attract talent and businesses to the area, says Cassidy.

"We looked at the benefits of post-secondary institutions,

including those economic drivers that will happen with construction of new campuses," Cassidy told *NRU*. "And there's the long-term benefits to the business community that can tie in from a [research and development] and a talent perspective. Talent is a huge driver in attracting and retaining businesses."

Though Mohawk intends to continue developing experiential learning opportunities with existing businesses and facilities located throughout Burlington—such as the living classroom at the long-term care facility—Mohawk College president **Paul Armstrong** says its next expansion within Burlington will likely involve building a more "traditional" campus with ancillary student supports and services. "Our big priority right now is around a campus focused on high-demand programs with a focus on healthcare to begin."

Armstrong told *NRU* the college currently has no plans to build student housing along with a new campus, but he believes new learning facilities would likely attract students already living in Burlington, thereby taking pressure off both living and learning spaces in Hamilton.

"We know that the programs in a community typically attract about 80-85 per cent of their

domestic enrolments from the local community, and so we actually feel that the majority of students will come from within Burlington and will be within commuting distance to the campus," he says. "We actually think this is going to better meet a local need that will allow more individuals in the Burlington community to access the kind of education they want and stay in the community."

Mohawk's expansion will roll out in phases over several years. While the exact locations being considered by Mohawk for new student learning spaces are confidential, Cassidy says the City of Burlington has suggested several potential locations around Burlington's three GO stations—Aldershot, Burlington and Appleby—which are already slated to see significant mixed-use development given their status as major transit station areas (MTSAs).

"It's where it makes sense for a lot of our post-secondary institutions to look at because it's got that GO train connectivity ... and having post-secondary institutions as part of those major transit station areas will be ideal," she says. "Those will be our preferred locations for them as we're looking at our city-building objectives." 🌱

# IN BRIEF

## Durham seeking public input on pedestrian-oriented spaces for Ritson school redevelopment

**Durham Region** is seeking public input that will be used to inform details of the public spaces that will be created for this redevelopment project. The Ritson School redevelopment will transform the site of the former Ritson Road Public School in Oshawa with a mix of uses, including sustainably built housing, preservation and reuse of the school building, and the provision of publicly accessible open space areas. Members of the public who wish to learn more about the redevelopment and to provide input on the development of its open spaces can participate in an online survey on the Durham Region website [here](#) until Wednesday, September 11. The results of the survey will be compiled into a summary report by local

independent consultant LURA Consulting.

## St. Catharines seeking feedback on proposed CIP amendments – rescheduled public meeting

The **City of St. Catharines** is proposing administrative amendments to its 2015 Community Improvement Plan (2015CIP) and its 2020 Community Improvement Plan (2020CIP) that would permit extensions of completion deadlines that have progressed substantially but have experienced minor delays due to project complexities. Key elements of the proposed amendments would include:

- criteria for permitting deadline extensions of greater than one year, subject to approval by city council
- criteria for permitting deadline extensions of one

year or less, subject to delegated staff approval

- establishing delegated authority for staff to approve short-term completion extensions
- establishing conditions for revoking approval of projects that have failed to execute a CIP agreement within a specified timeframe

The City will be holding a statutory public meeting on the proposed amendments to the CIPs on Monday, August 26 at 6:00 p.m. in St. Catharines council chambers at 50 Church Street, third floor. Electronic participation is also available. To learn more about the City of St. Catharines proposed CIP amendments and to access links for electronic participation in the August 26 meeting, please visit the City website [here](#).

## Government of Canada seeking input on an industrial housing strategy for homebuilding

The **Government of Canada** is seeking to identify avenues to expedite homebuilding, to collect new ideas to change how homes are built, and to bring down housing costs for Canadians. Industry stakeholders, members of the public and Indigenous rights holders are invited to participate in an online survey that will help shape a new industrial

strategy for homebuilding. To participate in the online survey informing an industrial strategy for homebuilding, please visit the Government of Canada website [here](#). The survey will be open until Friday, September 13. To learn more about the Government of Canada's consultation to collect ideas on how to accelerate innovation and productivity in Canada's homebuilding industry, please visit the Government of Canada website [here](#). 🌱



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community and commercial uses and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure.

“When the Region purchased the site [from **Durham District School Board**] in 2022, it purchased it as a strategic redevelopment opportunity. So we looked not only at the school itself, but the Region also owns

some neighbouring land as well,” Durham Region director of affordable housing development **Gary Muller** told *NRU*.

The Region had previously purchased a stretch of land to the south of the school site in order to accommodate the realignment of nearby Olive Avenue. With the addition

of the school site and the lands fronting Olive Avenue combined, this created an opportunity for more housing, with the most density fronting Olive Avenue.

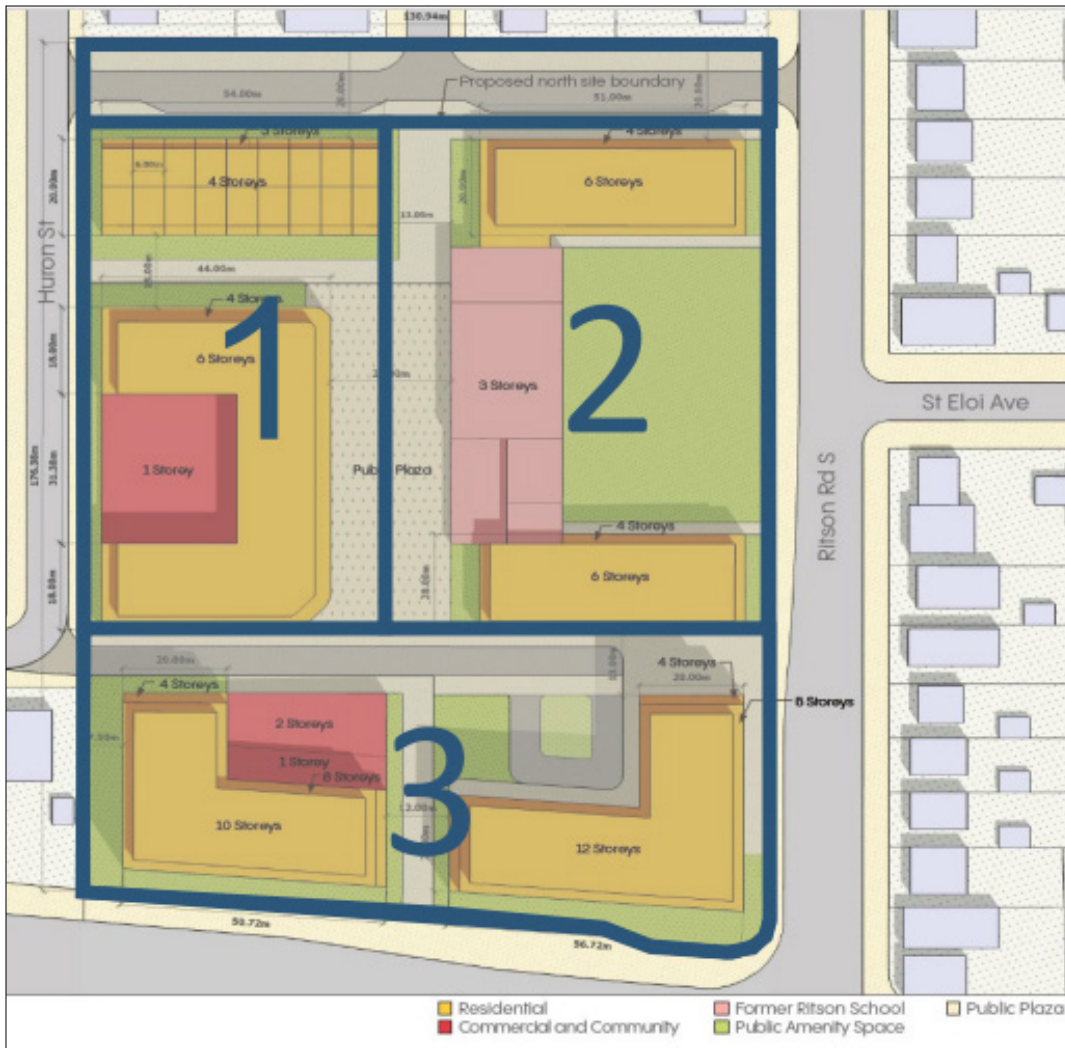
“We wanted to create a condition to make the redevelopment of this site as viable as possible. This is a large publicly-owned piece of land with a large building on it that has heritage significance that we’re mindful of it terms of the plans we wanted to prepare,” Muller said.

With the site being as

large as it is, the Region opted to move forward on the development of a demonstration plan that would plot out the potential redevelopment of the site in a phased manner. The demonstration plan proposes the creation of three different development blocks on the former school site, each with its own unique features that would work cohesively with the other blocks to create a new mixed-use community.

“What was presented [at the July 31 public meeting] was a demonstration plan, so nothing is written in stone, but this is the plan that the Region has come up with.

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Concept block plan for the roughly 2.1-hectare site at 300 Ritson Road in Oshawa as shown in Durham Region’s demonstration plan for the site. This plan would bring around 660 new residential units to the site across the three development blocks within both mid-rise and townhouse built forms. Block 1 would accommodate a six-storey mixed-use building and a block of four-storey townhouses. Block 2 is where the Ritson School building would be retained and two six-storey mixed-use buildings would be developed to flank the school on either side. A public plaza would be installed in a space overlapping Blocks 1 and 2. Block 3 would accommodate the largest share of the housing on the site, with the development of one 10 and one 12-storey mixed-use building there, accommodating a total of around 360 new residential units.

PLANNING CONSULTANT: SMART DENSITY  
SOURCE: CITY OF OSHTAWA

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We came up with the policy that utilizes the fact that this is near a [future] GO station and the **City of Oshawa** of course has targets for density of units per hectare and we had to work within that policy framework,” **Smart Density** architect **Naama Blonder** told *NRU*. Smart Density was the planning consultant for the demonstration plan.

“I think we have created something really special. We really celebrated the heritage building that will be repurposed for community

uses as well as some residential units within that school building.”

Central Oshawa is slated to get a new GO station in coming years, with 500 Howard Street tabbed as the location for the station – roughly one kilometre south of the Ritson School site.

The City of Oshawa is in the final stages of its MTSA [Major Transit Station Area] study for the 500 Howard Street site, but the prospect of a new GO station is already sparking an uptick in development interest in the area, with a large mixed-

use development proposed for a site at 144-155 First Avenue, along with the Ritson School site redevelopment.

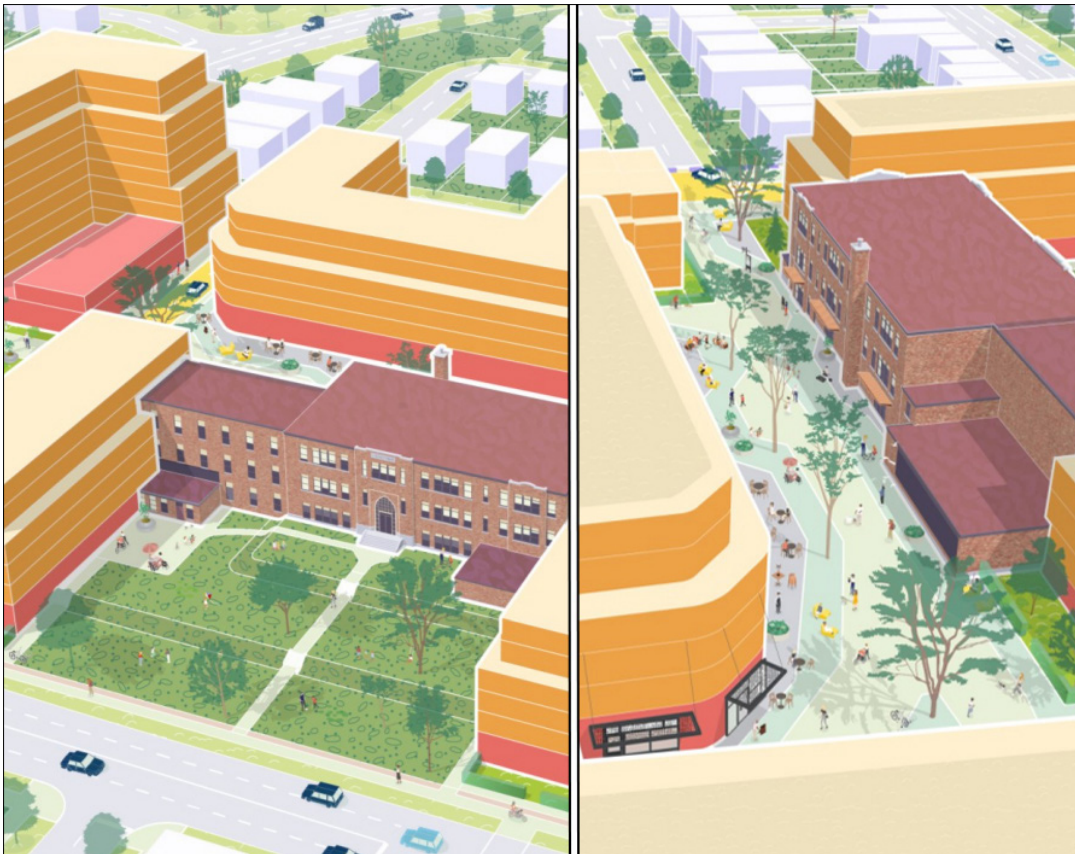
Contemplating the inclusion of residential units within the existing school building is one of the major evolutions of the planning vision for the site, as the initial 2023 proposal envisioned repurposing the school exclusively as a community hub that could include a childcare centre, seniors’ programming, Indigenous programming and other cultural services.

While the creation of a community hub on the site is still an integral feature of the site’s redevelopment vision, the scope of the redevelopment has been broadened significantly. The demonstration plan

now adopts a “people and pedestrians first” approach that envisions a new public plaza in the centre of the site, along with establishing a new public square on the lands at the front of the school building, fronting Ritson Road. Community and commercial uses are now contemplated at grade within the new mid-rise buildings throughout the site as well now. This change will activate the public realm and open the site up to visitors from the neighbourhoods surrounding the former school site.

“This is very clearly laid out, and we didn’t just take this site and cross it with roads and make it car-dominant. I think we designed something very well-thought-out and

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Renderings of the potential buildout of the Durham Region-owned former school site at 300 Ritson Road in Oshawa, including views of the green space and proposed public realm network. Shown in the rendering on the left is the front of the Ritson School building, which would be retained, flanked by two new six-storey mixed-use buildings. The area fronting the school building and Ritson Road would function as a large public greenspace. Shown in the rendering on the right is the rear of the Ritson School building (west) with a new public plaza that would bisect the site from north to south. The heritage-designated school building would serve as a community hub, possibly accommodating some residential units on the second floor, while the mixed-use building proposed to the west of the plaza would incorporate retail/commercial uses at grade and residential units above.

PLANNING CONSULTANT: SMART DENSITY  
SOURCE: CITY OF OSHAWA

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the people who attended the community meeting, it amazed us that they really responded to it and mentioned some of the precedents we used without us even mentioning them,” Blonder said.

“They referenced areas like Kensington Market and the Distillery District and we were aiming for that vibe of heritage and pedestrian-first public realm.”

That pedestrian-first public realm vibe would be achieved by including commercial, retail, and community uses at grade within the proposed mixed-use buildings, flanking the public plaza at the centre of the site, along with establishing pedestrian pathways and accommodating greenspace running north and south, bisecting the site.

The demonstration plan envisions buildings ranging from four storeys to up to 12 storeys in height, with the tallest buildings proposed for an area on the south end of the site within Block 3. The Block 3 buildings would range between 10 and 12 storeys in height, accommodating the largest chunk of housing on the site once fully built out. Block 1 would accommodate fewer dwelling units within a six-storey mixed-use building

featuring non-residential uses at grade, fronting the west side of the plaza. The Block would also accommodate a number of four-storey townhouses.

“The first block [Block 1] is actually the easiest piece of the site to deal with, and we have earmarked about 160 [dwelling] units within that space, which isn’t necessarily the highest yield on the site, but I think it’s appropriate given the location and scale,” Muller said.

“The second block, which is the one that incorporates the Ritson School building has two six-storey mid-rise buildings that sort of join the school and frame that open space along Ritson Road. This is intended to be a separate block because of the complexities associated with it, first and foremost being the school building. We want to be sensitive of its heritage status and be assured that any sort of connections to that building are done in a sensitive way.”

Block 2 would accommodate approximately 140 residential units within the two six-storey buildings flanking Ritson School, along with a potential additional 25 residential units to be housed within the school building itself.

“We certainly see [the community hub] happening on the ground floor of the school. And I think there is an opportunity on the upper floors to be thinking about having a residential presence there, and that’s the question we’re looking at now,” Muller said.


“It’s a very big building, it’s 40,000 square feet. And the ground floor is about 16,000 square feet, which is a significant amount of space for public and social-facing uses. I do think the upper floors present a residential opportunity, so we’re looking at that right now and how that ties into buildings that flank the school and making sure they all complement each other.”

Block 3 would be the final phase of the project and would bring 360 new residential units to the site within two mixed-use buildings standing 10 and 12 storeys on the southern-most portion of the site. This height and density was possible because the Region of Durham already owns the piece of property to the south of the school site, which, when combined with the southern-most portion of the school site, creates a space large enough in area to form Block 3.

While the total dwelling unit count being contemplated today is substantially higher than what the Region was considering a year ago – growing from 400 to 660 units – there may be a lower number

of affordable units achievable. The initial 2023 vision for the site had been exploring the potential for all 400 dwelling units to be earmarked as affordable housing.

“Right now, we’re looking at a minimum of 30 per cent of the units being affordable [around 198 of the 660 units], and that is sort of the minimum requirement. We understand that we want to create a mixed-income community here, and we also want to ensure that the development is actually [economically] feasible. We saw this as mixed-market purpose-built rental,” said Muller.

For more information on the Ritson School Project, please visit the Durham Region website [here](#). 

# OLT NEWS

## SETTLEMENT APPROVED IN APPEAL OF VAUGHAN GOLF COURSE REDEVELOPMENT

In a July 22 decision, OLT Vice-Chair **Steven Cooke** allowed an appeal, in part, by **Friends to Keep Vaughan Green Inc.** (FKVG) against the **City of Vaughan's** approval of official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications by **Clubhouse Developments Inc.** for 20 Lloyd Street, 241 Wycliffe Avenue and 737 & 757 Clarence Street.

The lands in question

comprise a 118-hectare property containing the former Board of Trade golf course. In December 2019, Clubhouse filed applications for official plan and zoning by-law amendments (OPA and ZBA) as well as for draft plan of subdivision (DPOS). Collectively, the applications would permit the redevelopment of the former golf course with a total of 1,215 residential units in a mix of single-detached, townhouse, and apartment forms, a new public road network,

stormwater management ponds, and the dedication of 72.5 hectares of land to public authorities for parks and open space.

In February 2022 Vaughan city council approved the OPA, ZBA and DPOS to implement a revised proposal for the development of 662 residential units—including 526 single-detached and 136 townhouse dwellings—in addition to the previously proposed conveyance of 72.5 hectares open space, and other roads and infrastructure.

The OPA and ZBA were subsequently appealed by FKVG and by local resident **Hatem Abou El Nile**. Clubhouse brought a motion to dismiss the appeals on the basis that they did not disclose valid land use planning grounds. In a May 2023 decision, the Tribunal dismissed El Nile's appeals, but ruled that FKVG's appeals were valid.

As a result of subsequent further discussions among the parties, a settlement was reached on the basis of the inclusion of enhanced rear yard buffers of between five and 10 metres for some of the proposed dwelling lots adjoining existing properties located around the perimeter of the development lands. As a result of the settlement, the future owners of the enhanced buffer lots will be required to maintain healthy trees within the buffers in perpetuity.

To give effect to the settlement, an amended ZBA would be brought forward, and FKVG's appeal of the OPA application withdrawn.

The Tribunal held a written settlement hearing where it considered evidence from Clubhouse's planner **Billy Tung (KLM Planning Partners)**, in support of the

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settlement. Based on Tung's uncontested evidence, the Tribunal found the settlement to be appropriate and to represent good planning, and approved the amended ZBA.

Solicitors involved in this decision were **Mark Flowers** and **Kyle Gossen (Davies Howe)** representing Clubhouse Developments

Inc., **Pitman Patterson** and **Andrew Baker (Borden Ladner Gervais)** and **Zaynab Al-waadh** representing the City of Vaughan, and **David Donnelly (Donnelly Law)** representing Friends to Keep Vaughan Green Inc. [See *OLT Case No. [OLT-22-002905](#)*.] 

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## PEOPLE

The **Ontario Home Builders Association (OHBA)** has appointed **Kirstin Jensen** as its vice president of policy, advocacy & relationships, effective September 3. This is a new position at the OHBA. Jensen began serving as an external policy and strategy advisor to the OHBA in February of this year. Previously, Jensen has served as political chief of staff, deputy chief of staff, and

director of policy for the **Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**. She has also served as **West End Home Builders' Association** manager of planning and government relations, and earlier in her career, as a staff member in the planning departments of the **City of Niagara Falls** and the **City of St. Catharines**.

The **Government of Canada** has launched a consultation to inform the creation of an industrial housing strategy for homebuilding (see In Brief, this issue). It has convened an expert panel consisting of experts from Canada's homebuilding industry to support the consultation and to advise federal innovation, science and industry Minister **Francois-Phillipe Champagne** and federal minister of housing,

infrastructure and communities **Sean Fraser** on how best to boost the capacity of the housing industry. The housing experts named to the panel are as follows: **Canadian Home Builders' Association** CEO **Kevin Lee**; **University of Ottawa** adjunct professor **Carolyn Whitzman**; **Royal Bank of Canada** vice president of real estate lending **Emma Kozak**; **Association des professionnels**

**de la construction et l'habitation du Quebec** vice president **Isabelle Demers**; and **Modular Housing Association Prairie Provinces** director **Bryce Nugent**.



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August 21, 2024

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**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](mailto:belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca) or by phone at (705) 869-4232.

Yours truly,



Belinda Ketchabaw  
CAO Clerk Treasurer  
Township of Nairn and Hyman

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Cc:

Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines  
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Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. Collins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brianna Collins, P.Eng.  
Director of Public Works

cc: All Ontario municipalities

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## 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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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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Honourable Doug Ford

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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,

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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