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# **Public Opinion Tracking Research:** 20/12/21

## ABOUT THE RESEARCH

The research findings in this report are based on surveys by **Amárach Research** on behalf of the Department of Health.

The polls are conducted and reported on the same day using Amárach's SmartPoll panel and weighted to the demographics of the 18+ adult population.

Sample size (20/12/21): n=1,600

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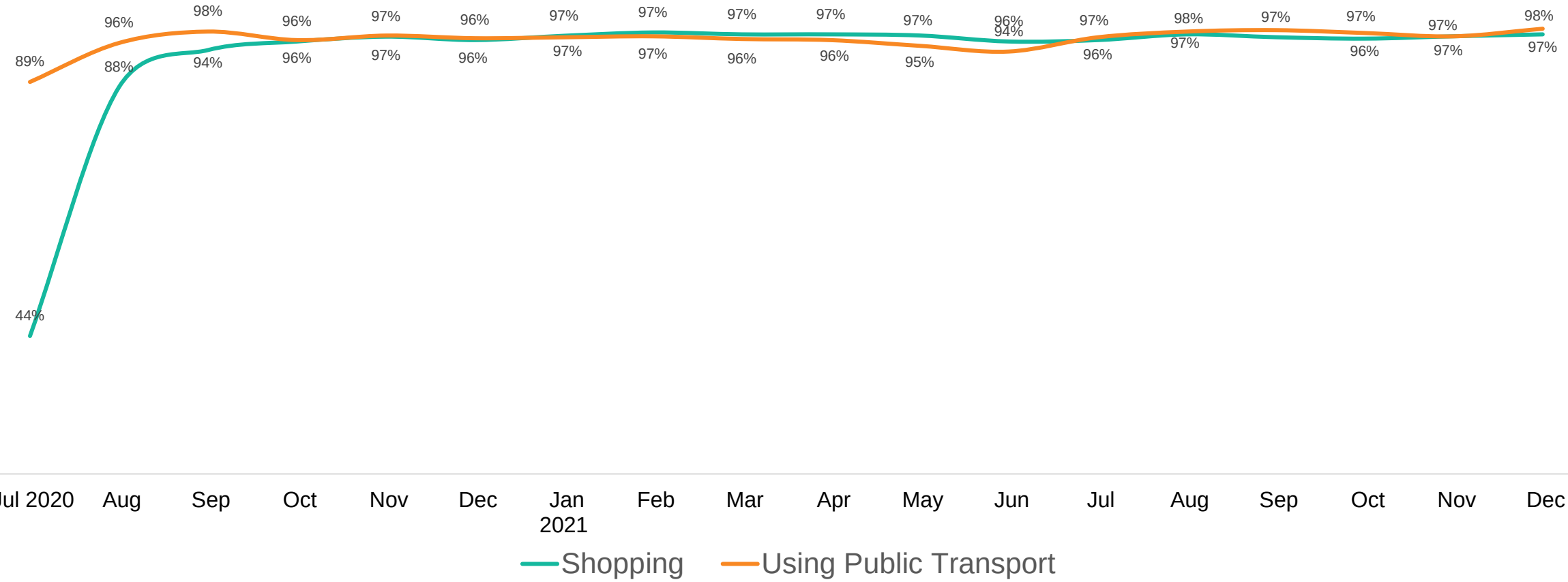
# Behavioural Change

# Face Mask Frequency

## Do you wear a face covering when you are…?

*Base: shoppers/users of public transport*

*% 'Every Time'*



# Following Recommendations - I

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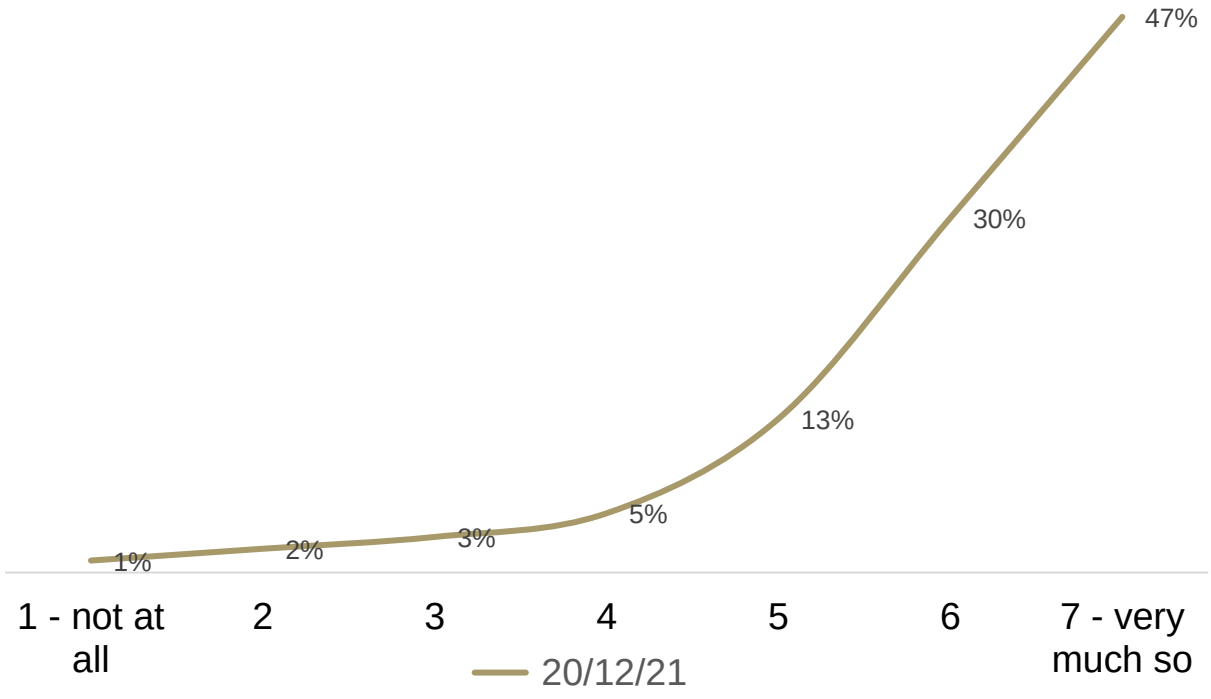
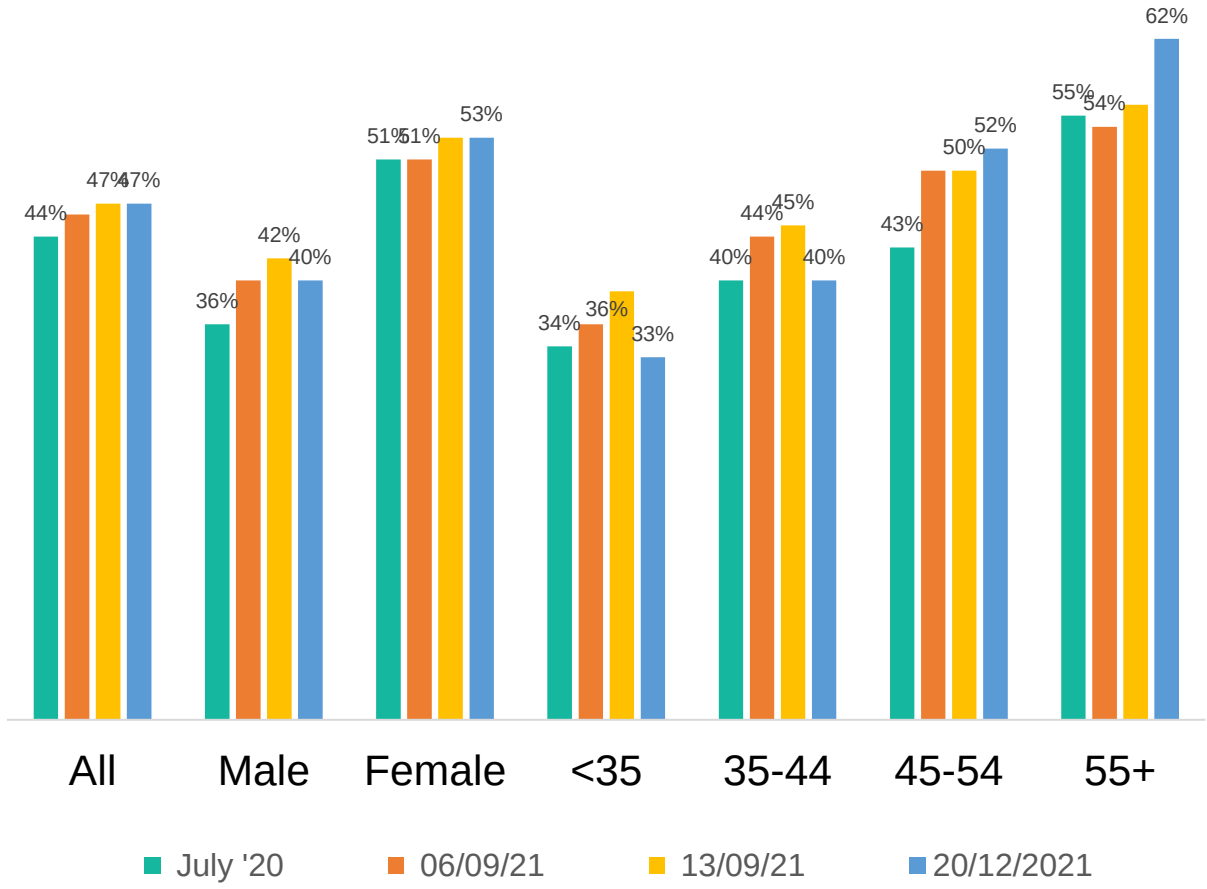



# Following Recommendations - II

Demographics: % 7 – very much so

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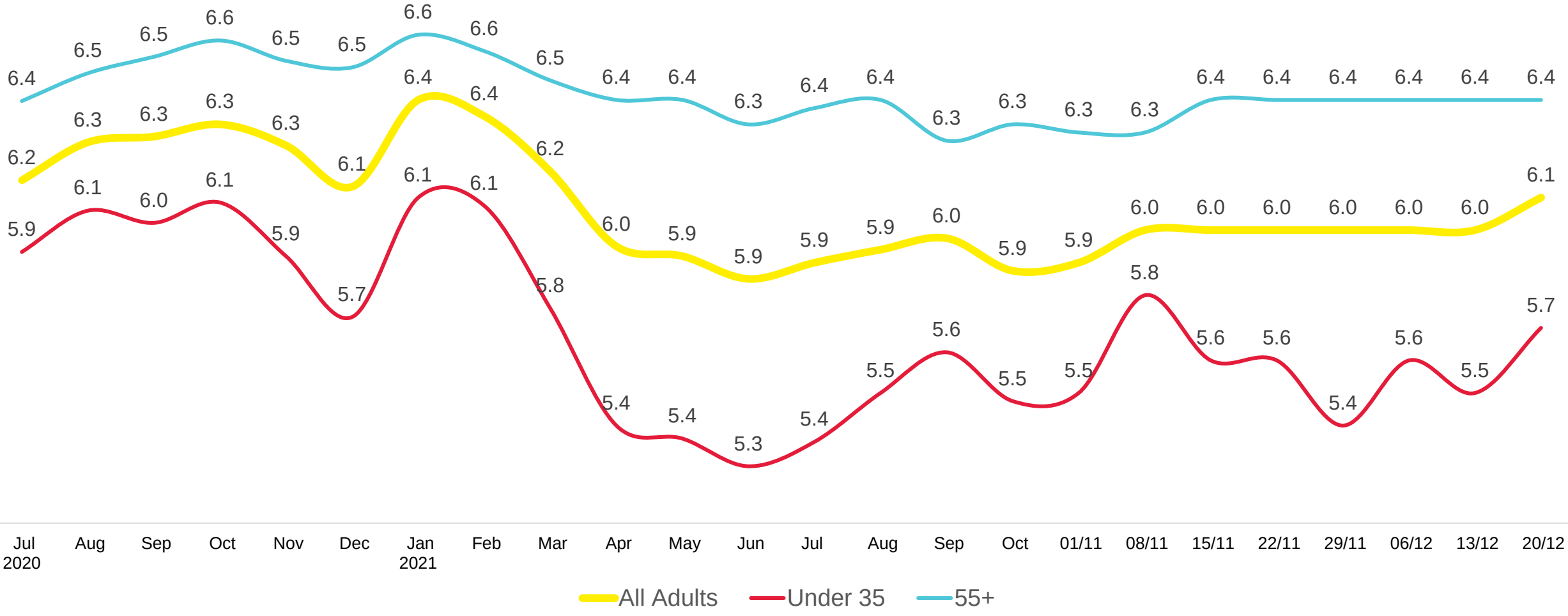
# Following Recommendations – III

To what extent do you follow the recommendations from the Department of Health and HSE to prevent spread of coronavirus? Scale of 1-7: Mean Scores

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# Safe Behaviours – I

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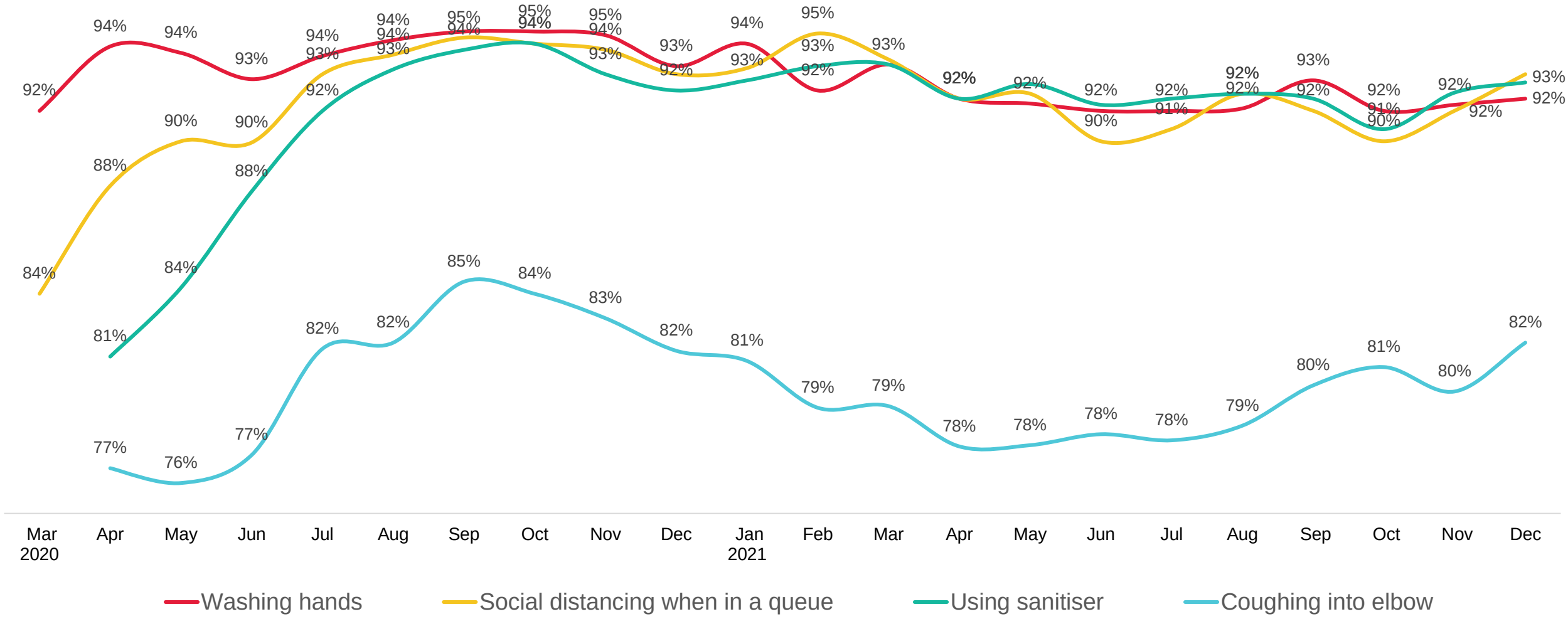


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# Safe Behaviours – II

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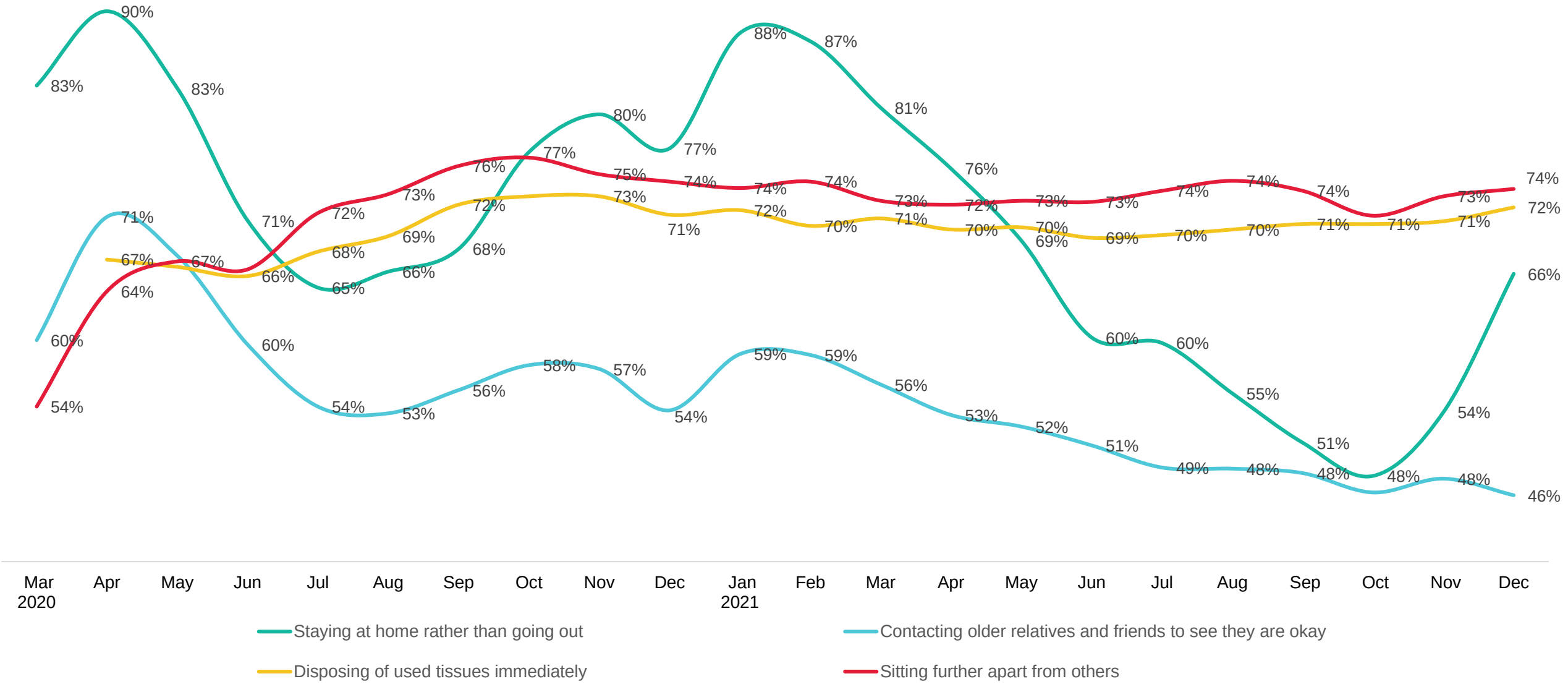


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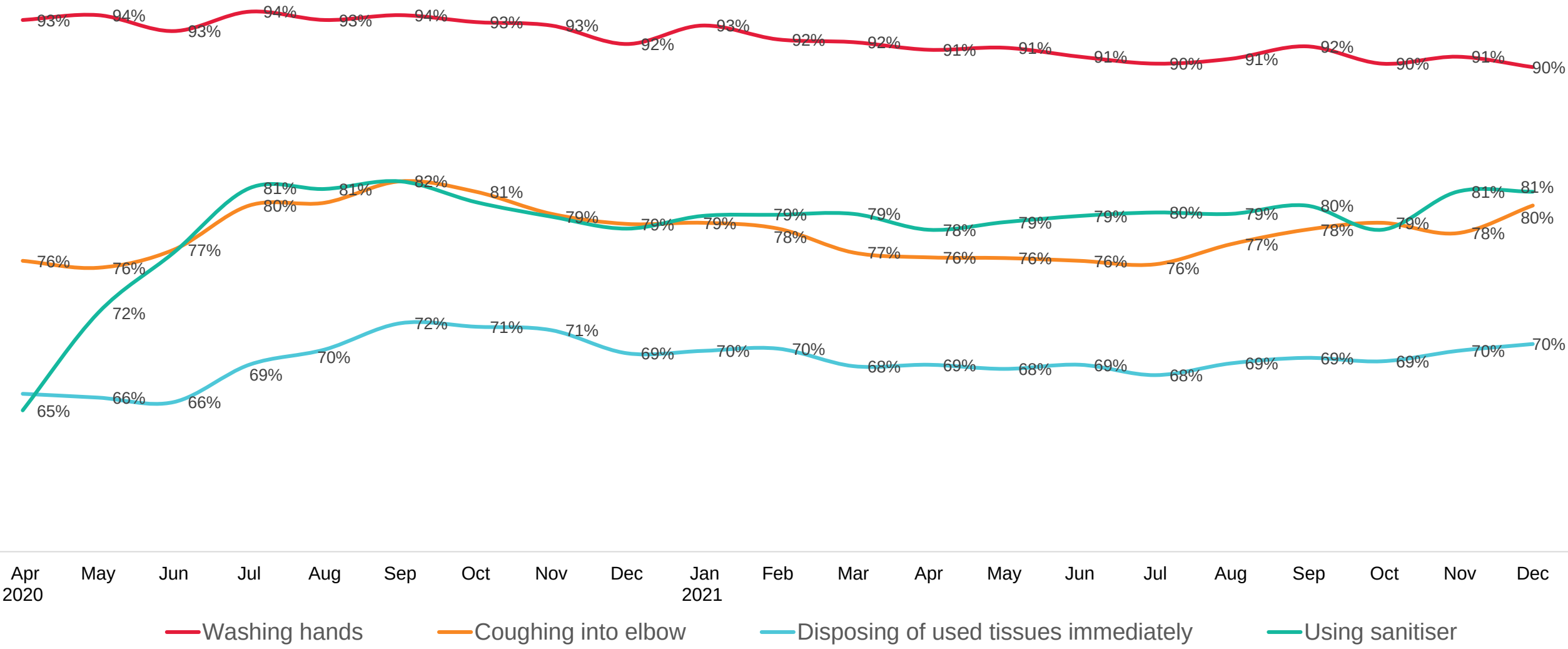


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# Future Behaviours – II

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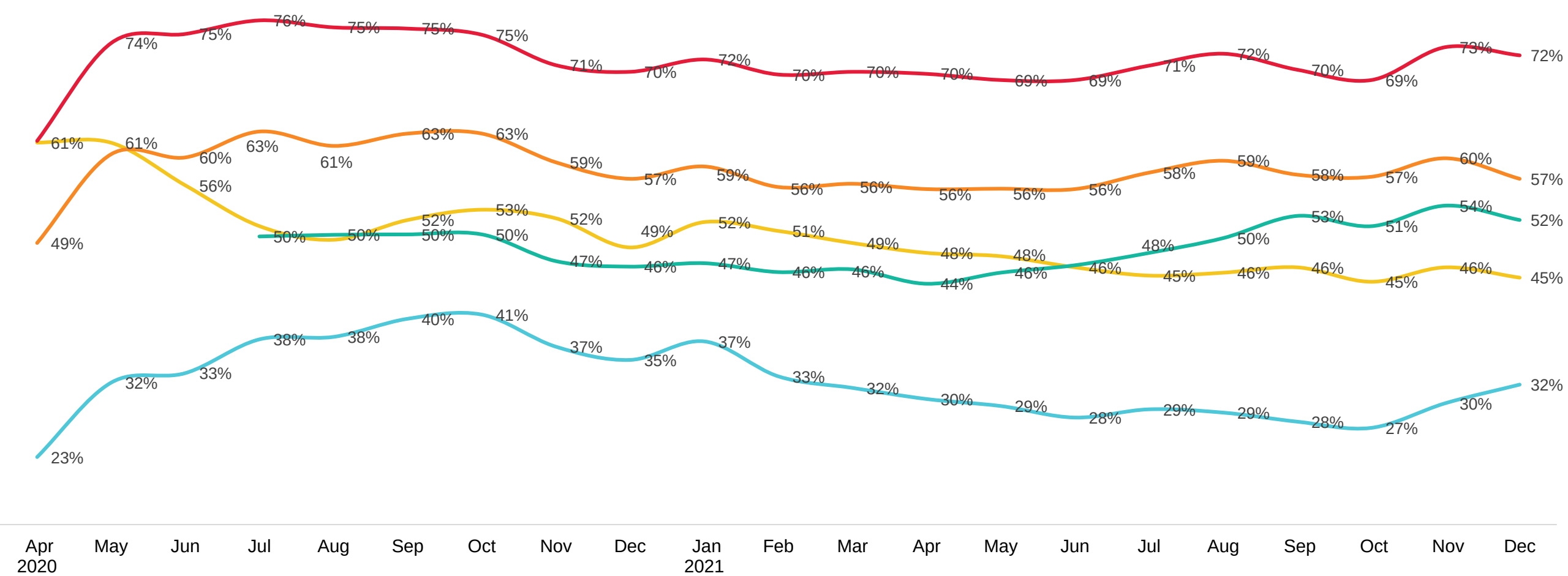


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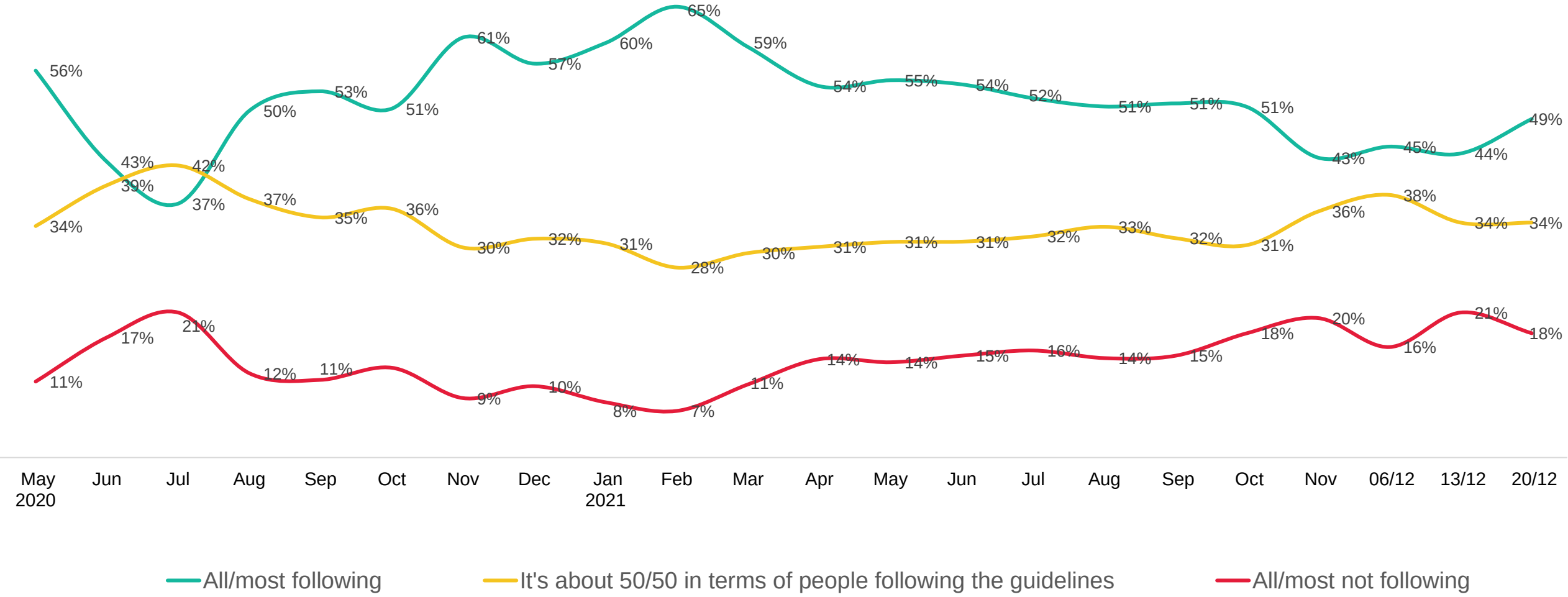
# Socially Distanced

## Which of the following best describes the extent to which you think people in general are following the social distancing guidelines?

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# Emotional Wellbeing

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# Emotional Wellbeing – I

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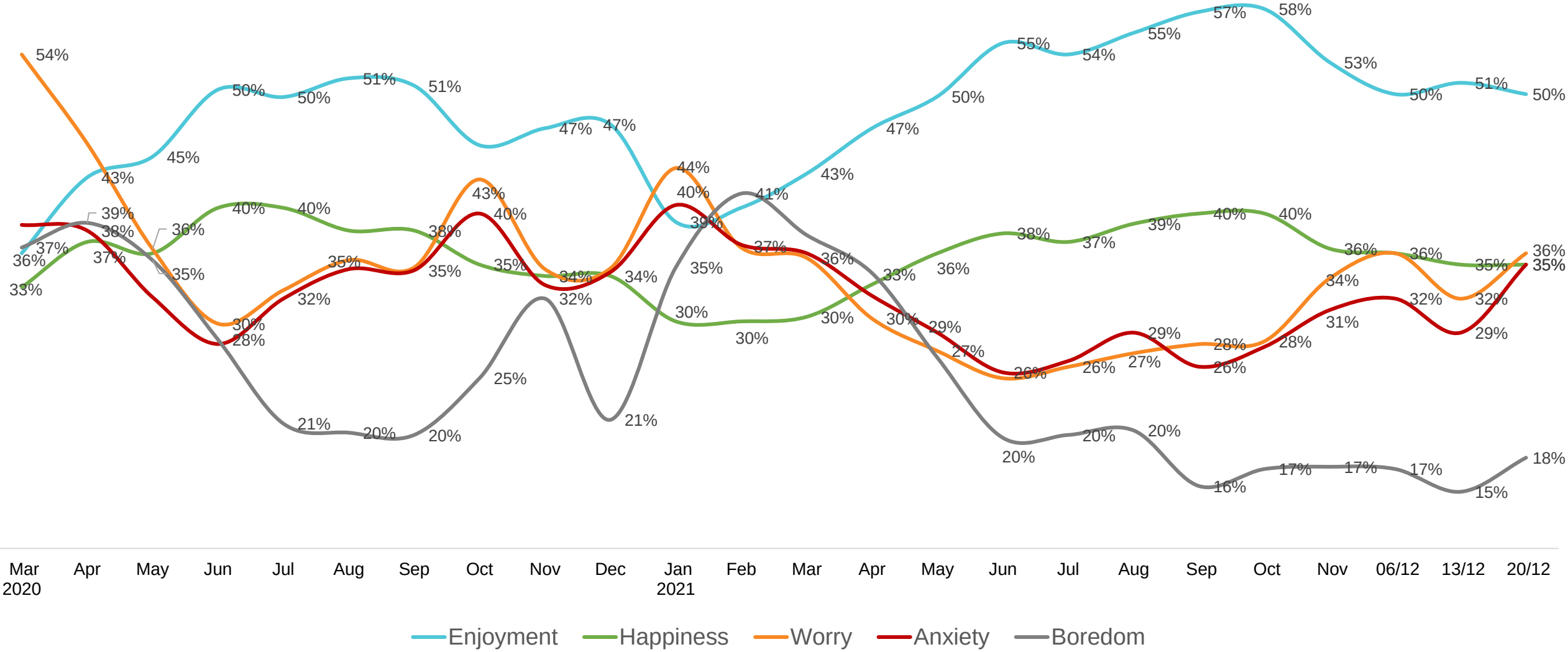


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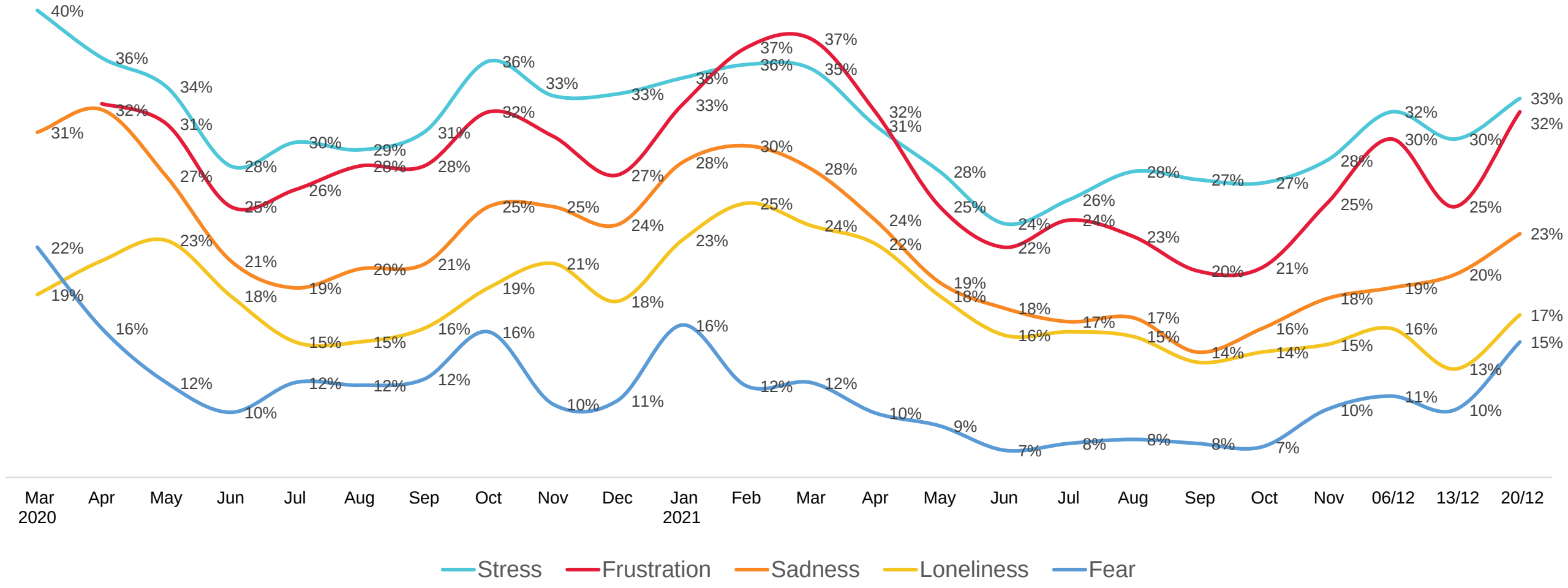


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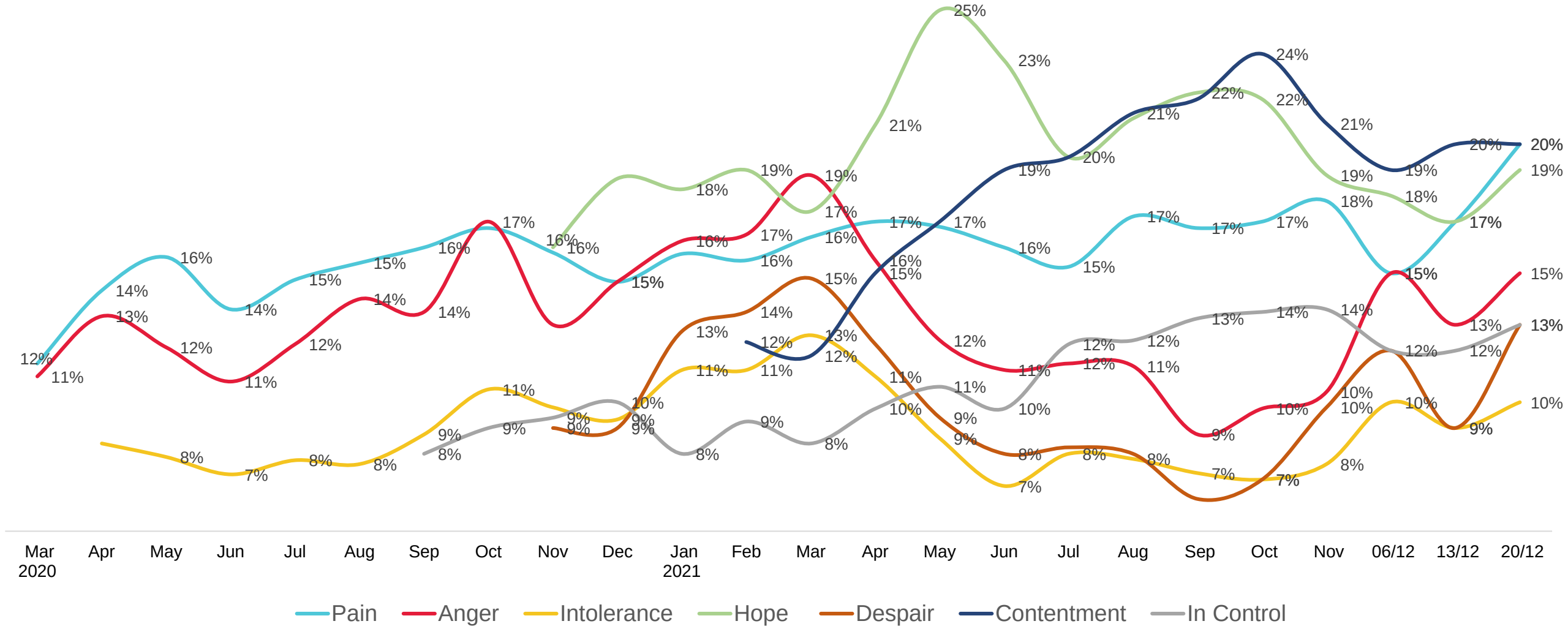


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# Risk Perceptions

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# Worry Index

## How worried are you personally about the Coronavirus?

On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is not at all worried and 10 is extremely worried:
Weekly Average Score

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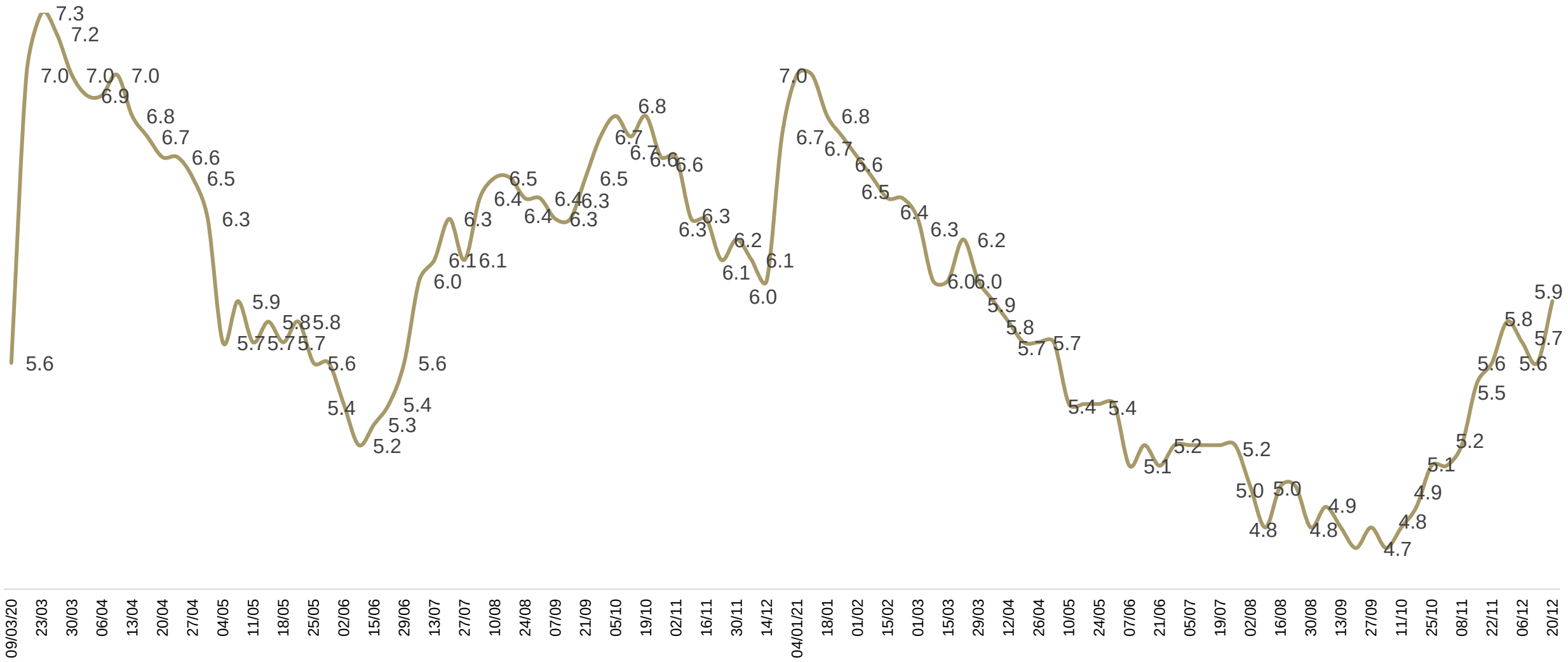


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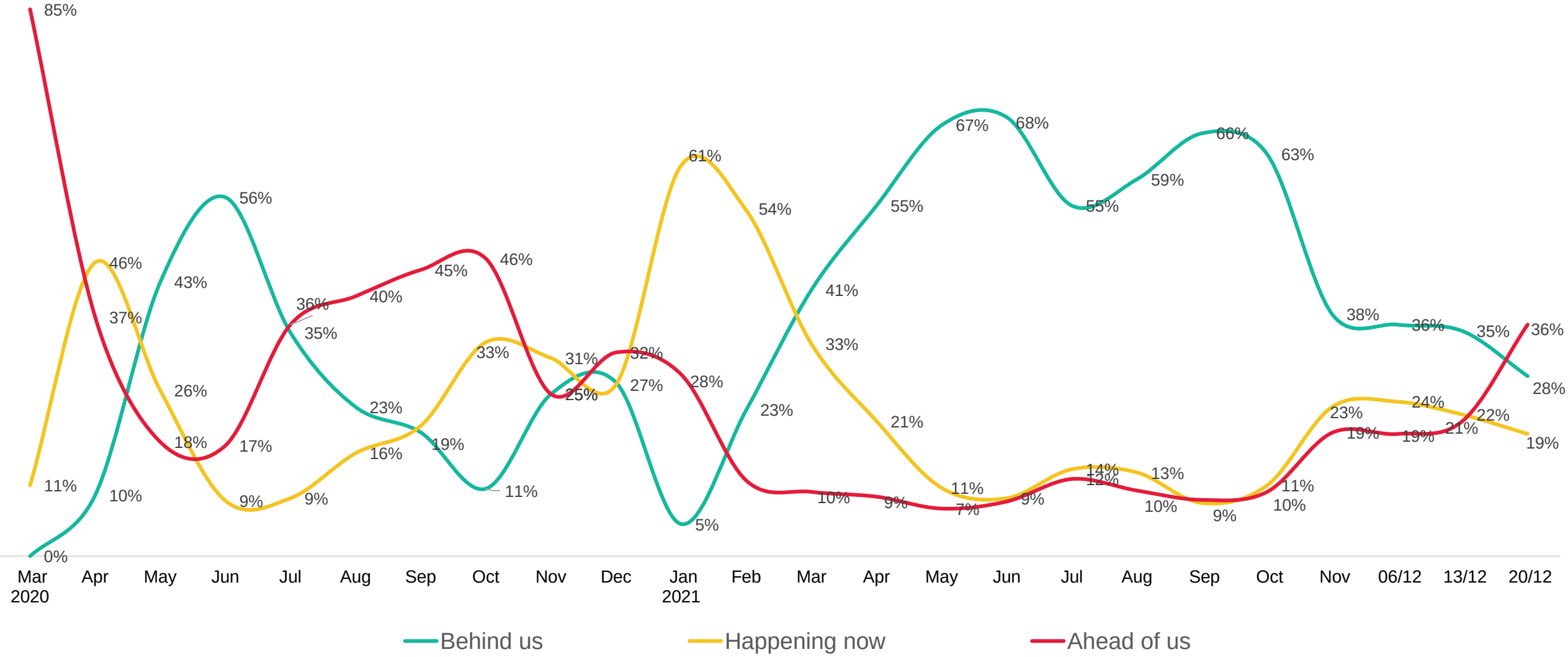
# Pandemic Stage

## Do you feel that the worst of the Coronavirus crisis in Ireland is:



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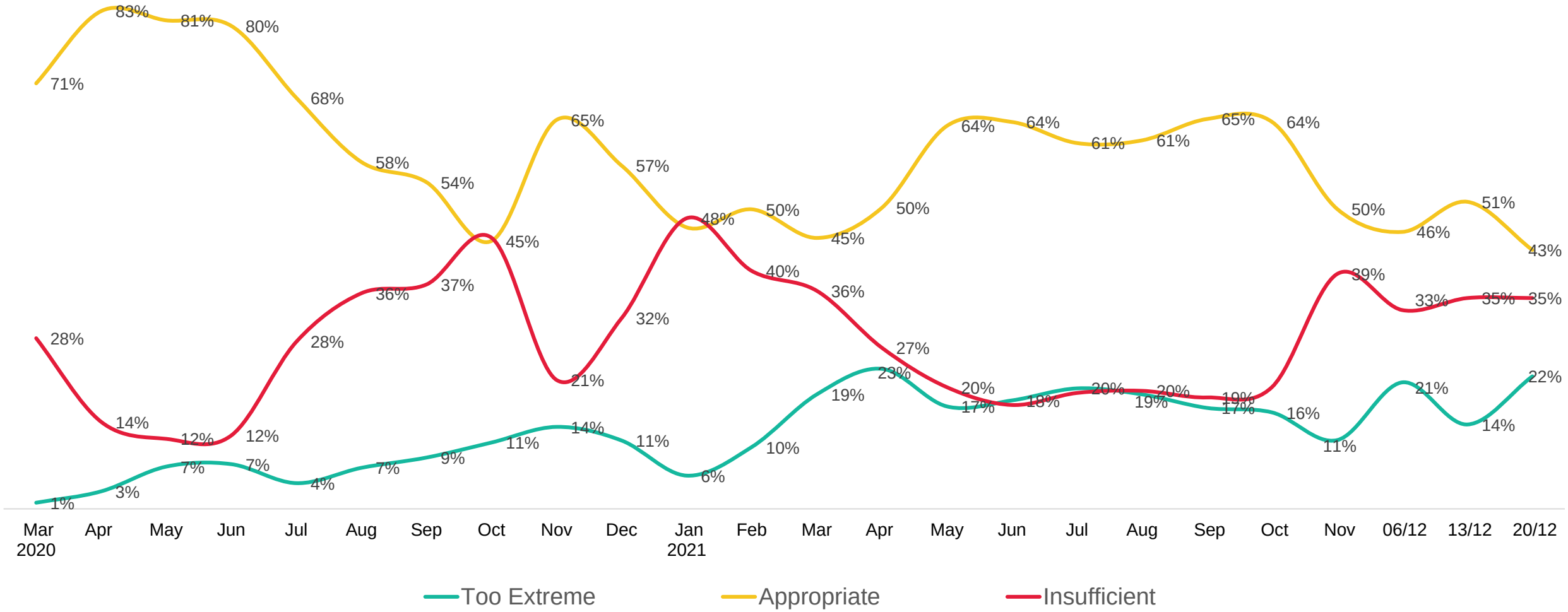
# Policy Preferences

# Going Too Far?

## Do you think the reaction of the government to the current coronavirus outbreak is appropriate too extreme or not sufficient?



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# Social Distancing

## Do you think the current government measures on social distancing are:

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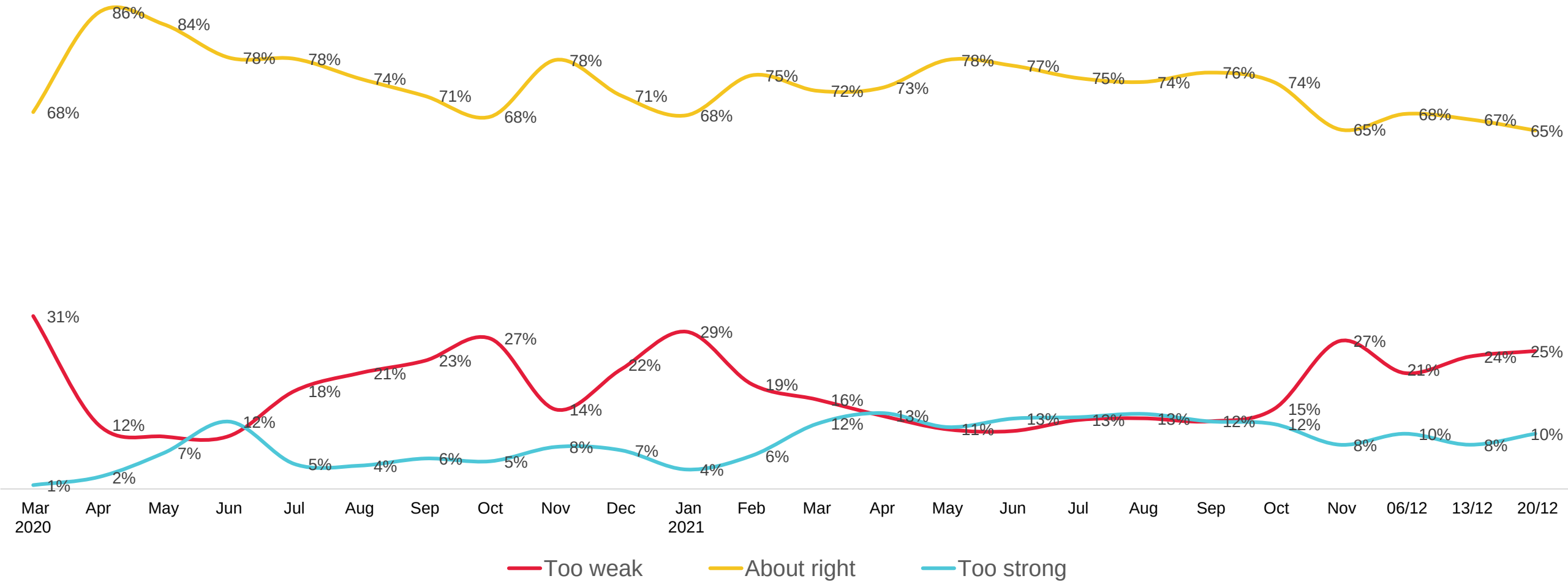


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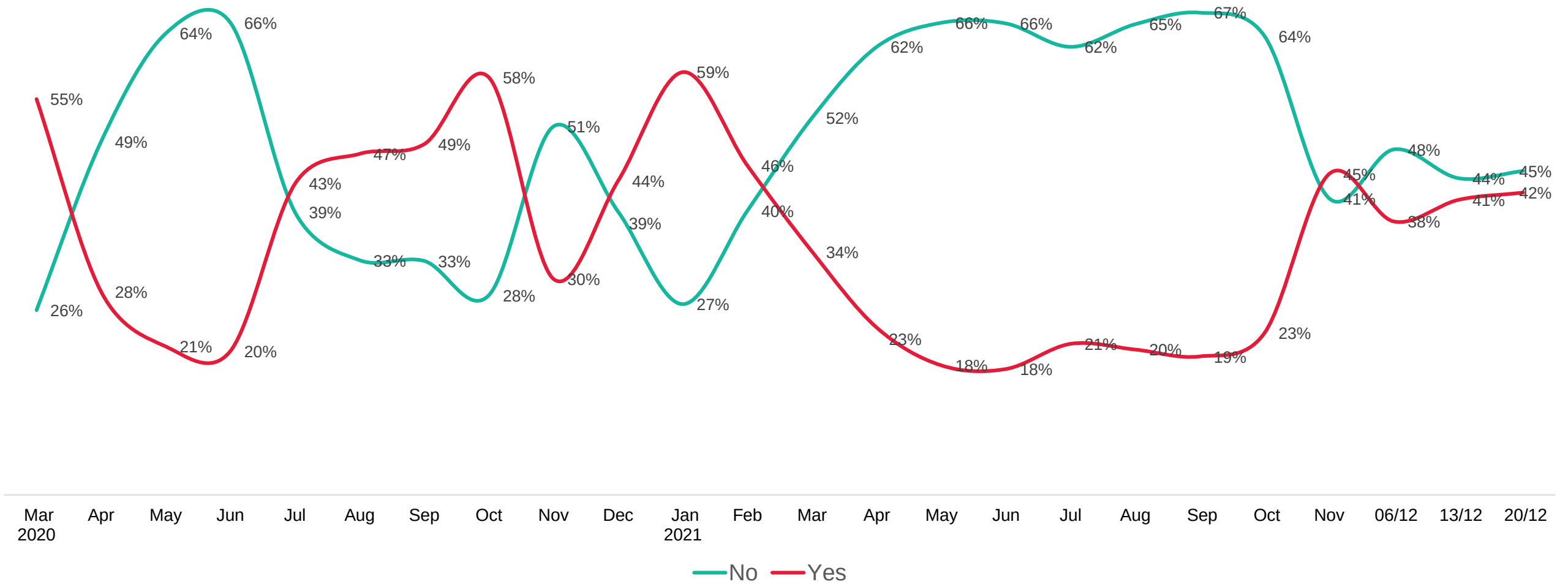
# Go Further?

## Do you think there should be more restrictions?



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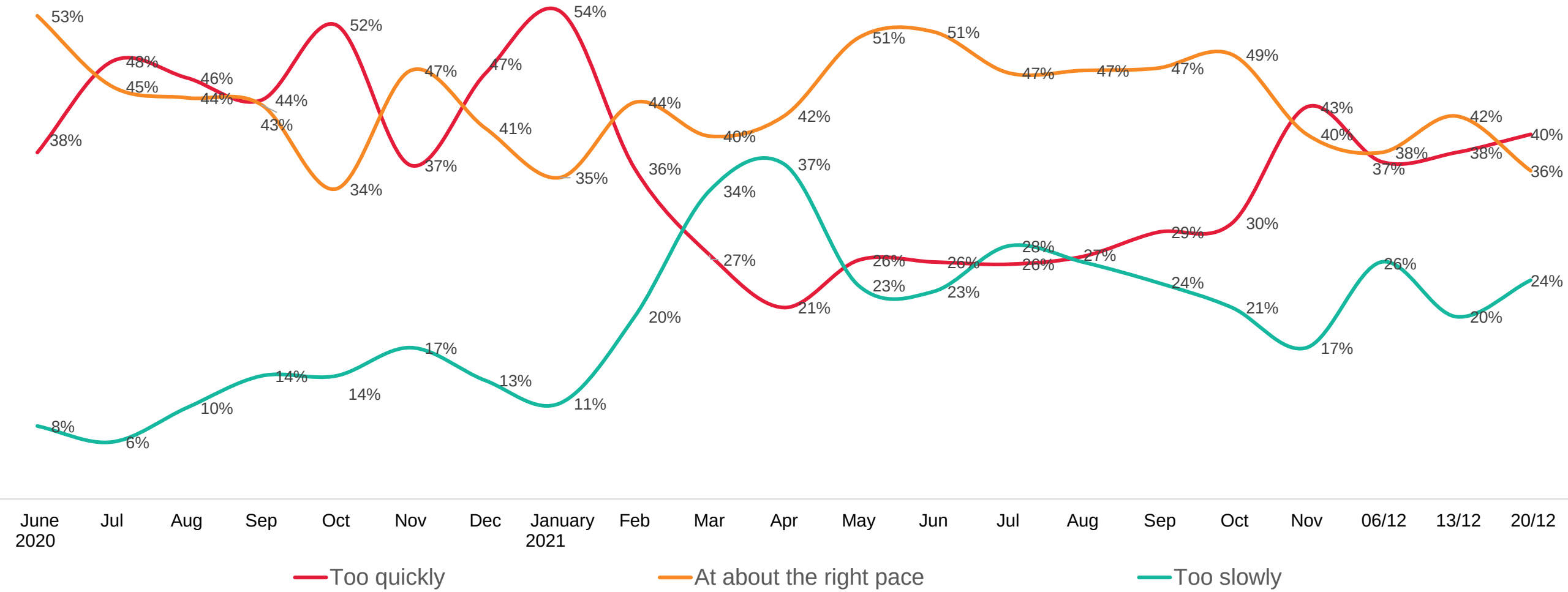
# Returning to Normal

## On balance, do you think that Ireland is trying to return to normal:

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# Information & Communications

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# Covid-19 Information Sources

## Where are you currently getting trusted information on Covid-19 from?

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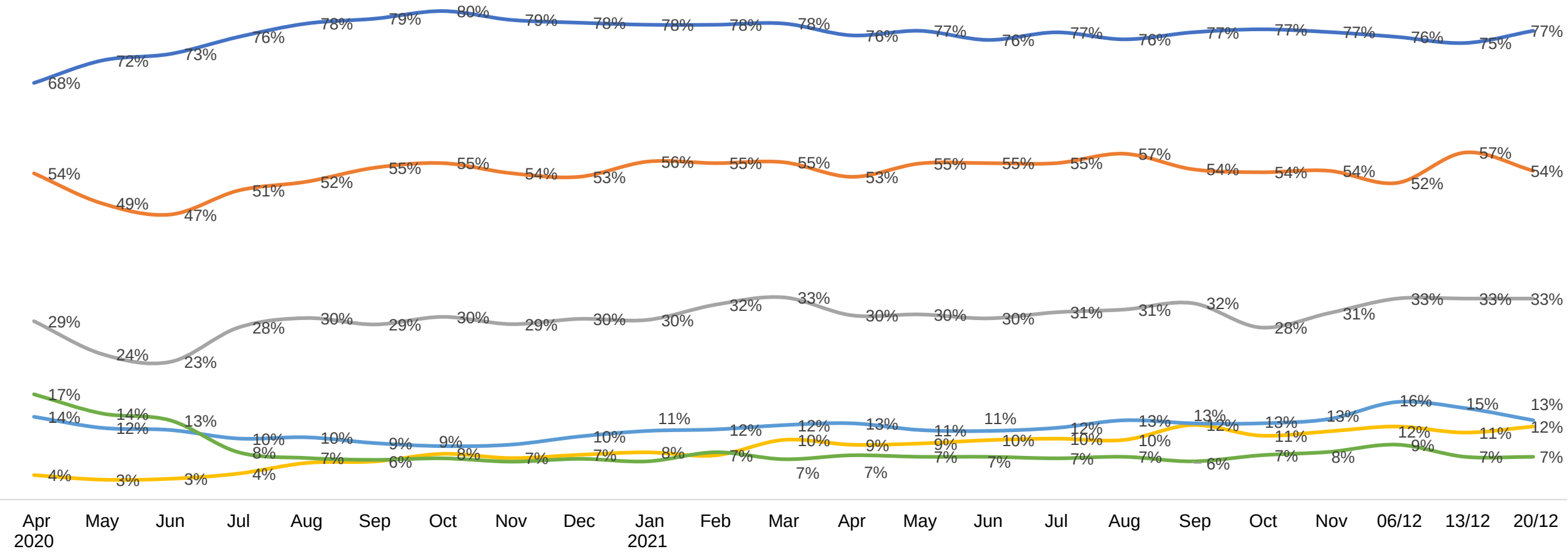


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# Media Consumption

## How often are you checking the news about Coronavirus (on TV, radio the internet apps etc)?

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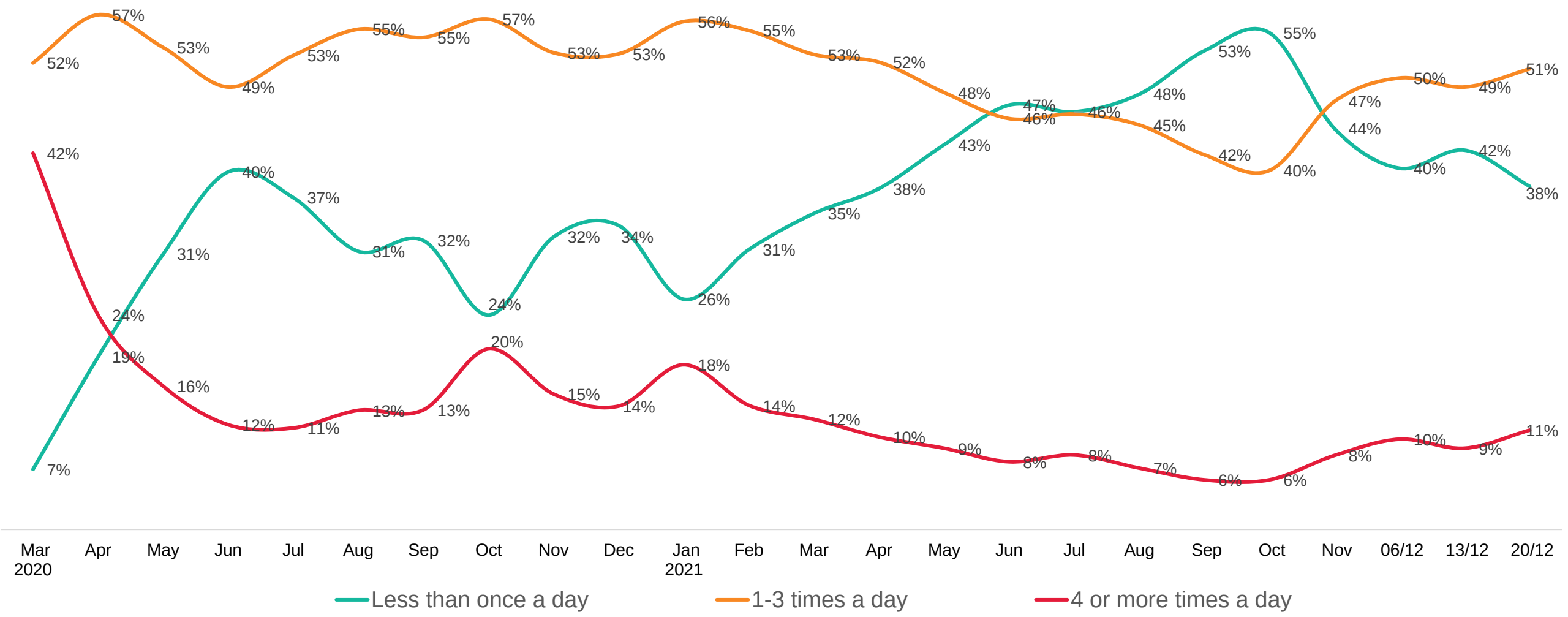


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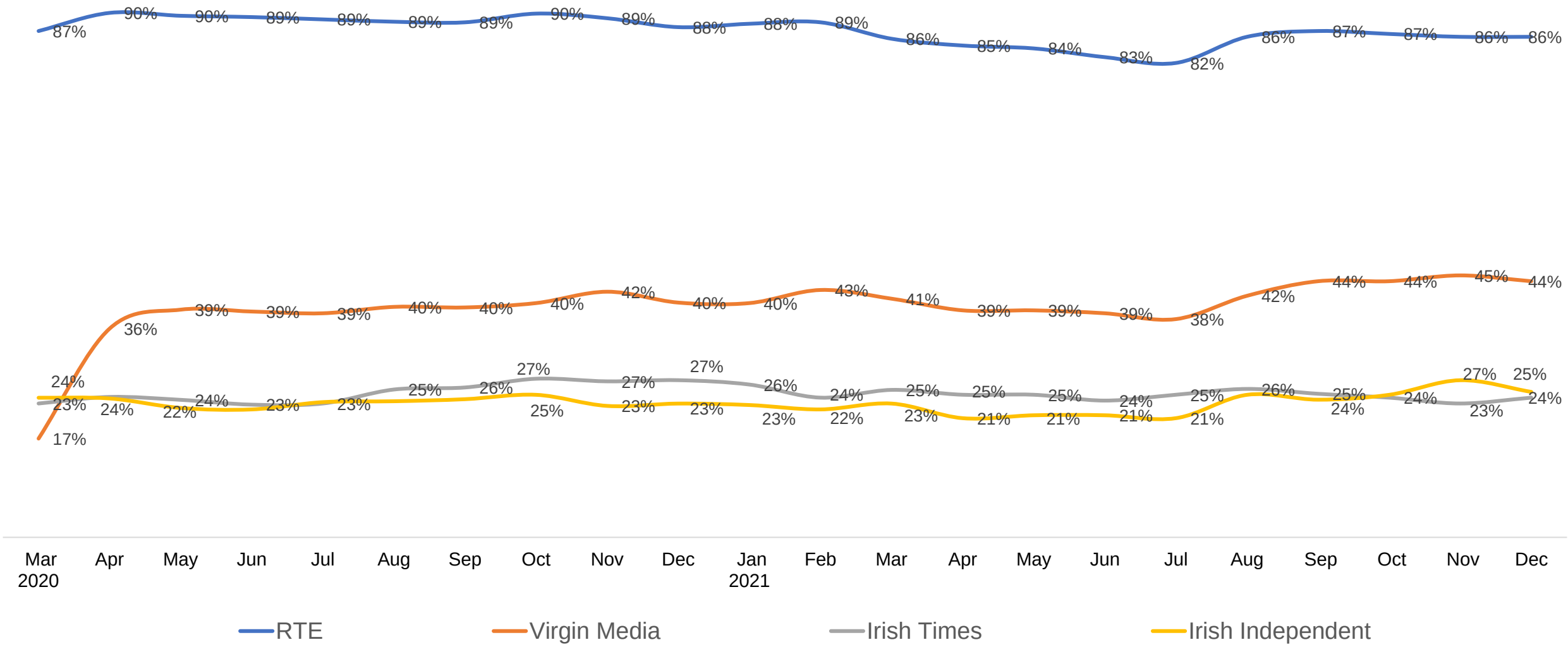


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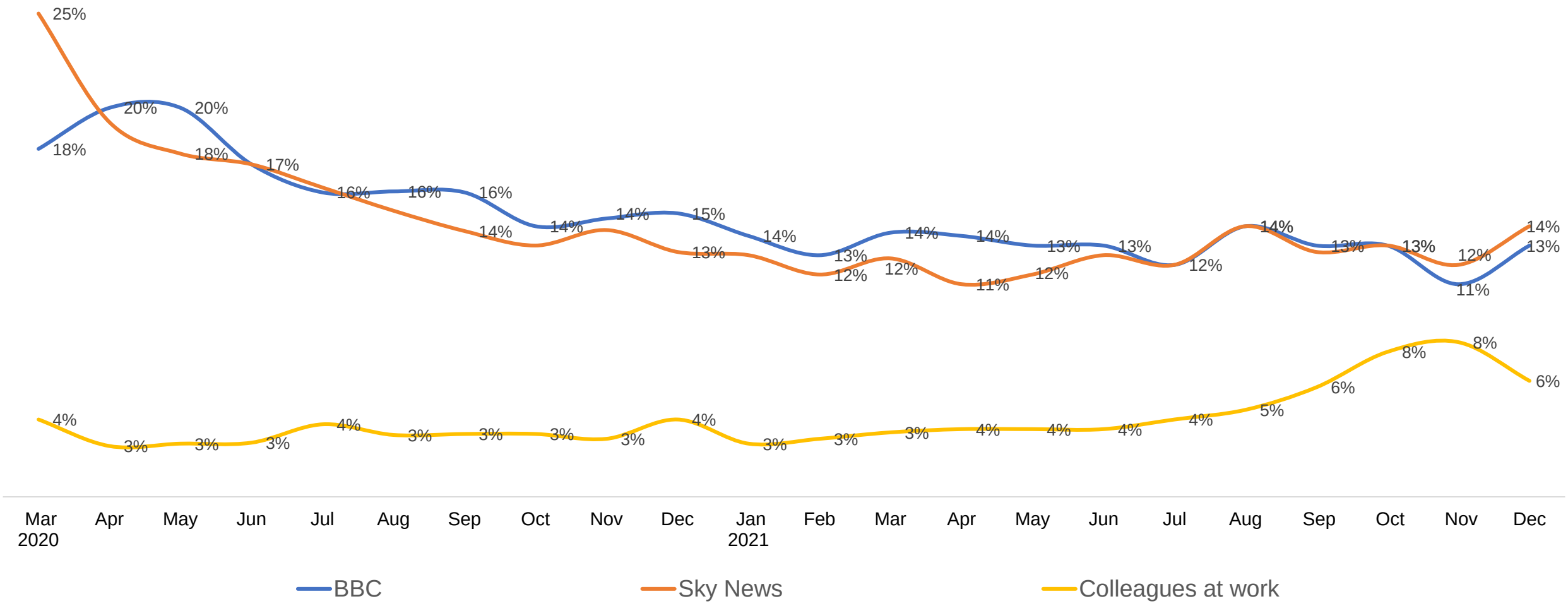


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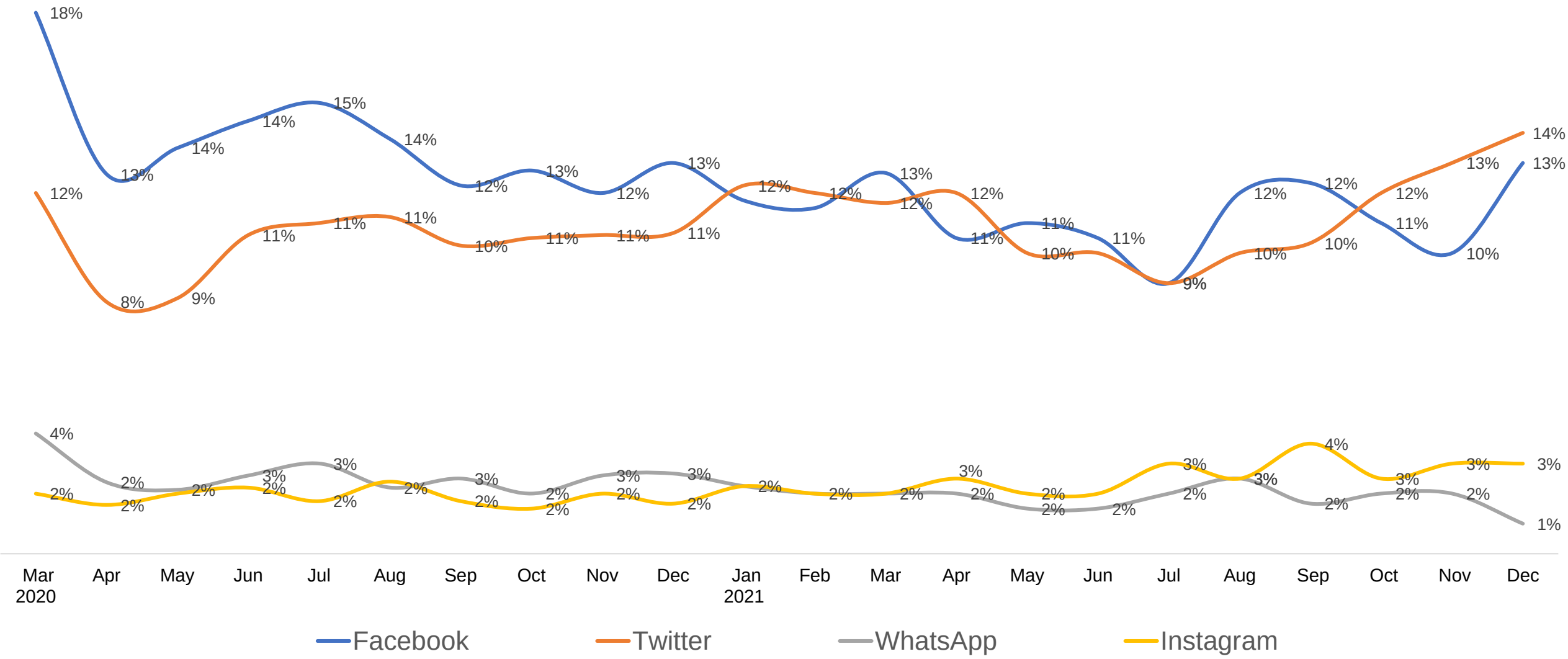


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