

What are the impacts of Covid and priorities for recovery?

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**Health
COVID**

**Health
Non-COVID**

Society

Economy



Neighbourhood belonging

Neighbourhood help

Volunteering

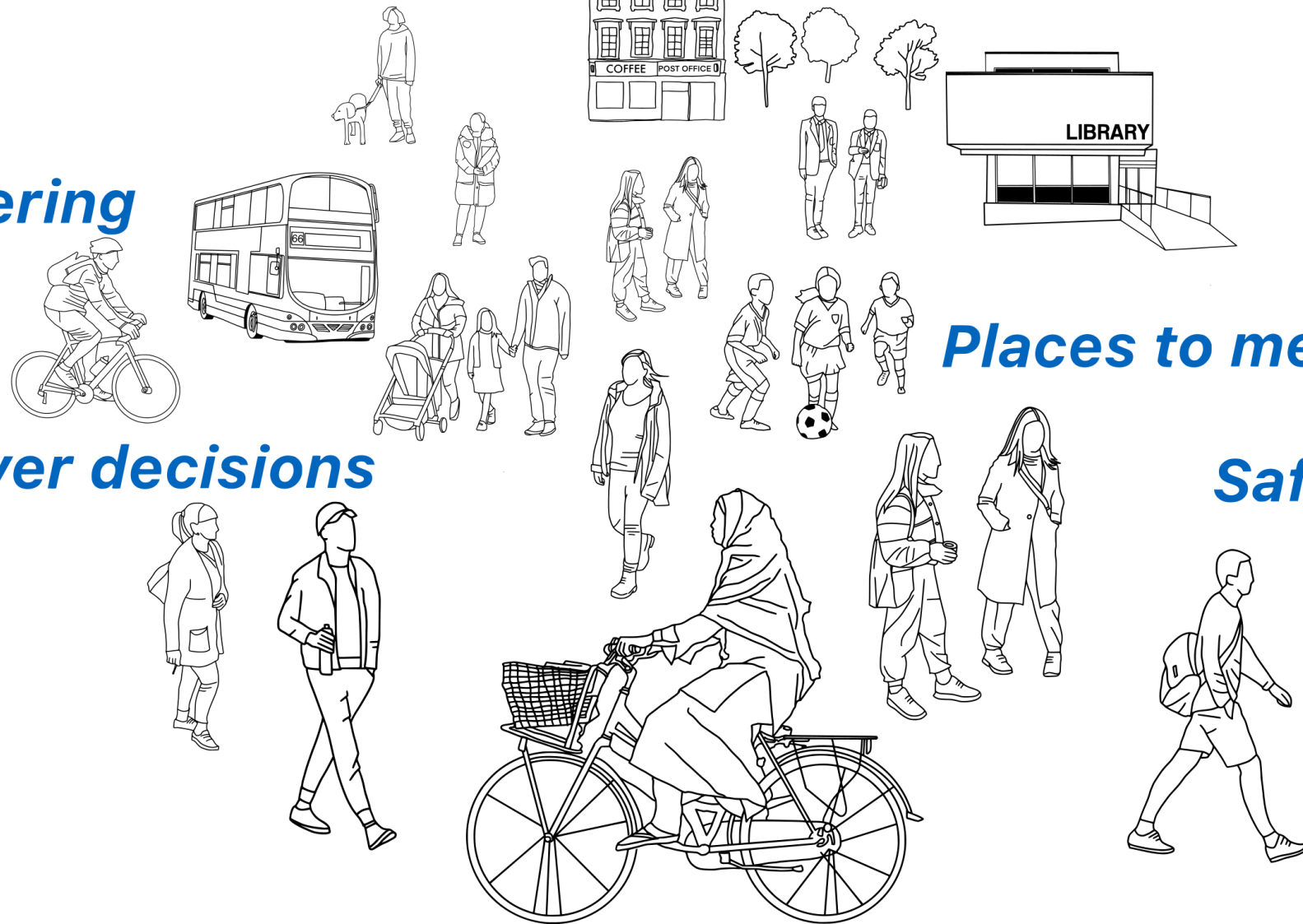
Places to meet

Power over decisions

Safety

Loneliness and isolation

Happiness and anxiety





Family and friends interactions

Workplaces, schools, HE/FE

Businesses

Social contact, and gatherings

Culture and leisure events

Funerals, weddings, christenings

Libraries, communal spaces

Holidays, travel and movement

Are people coping?

Can people stay safe?

Where are people having difficulty?

Data about people -
from administrative systems



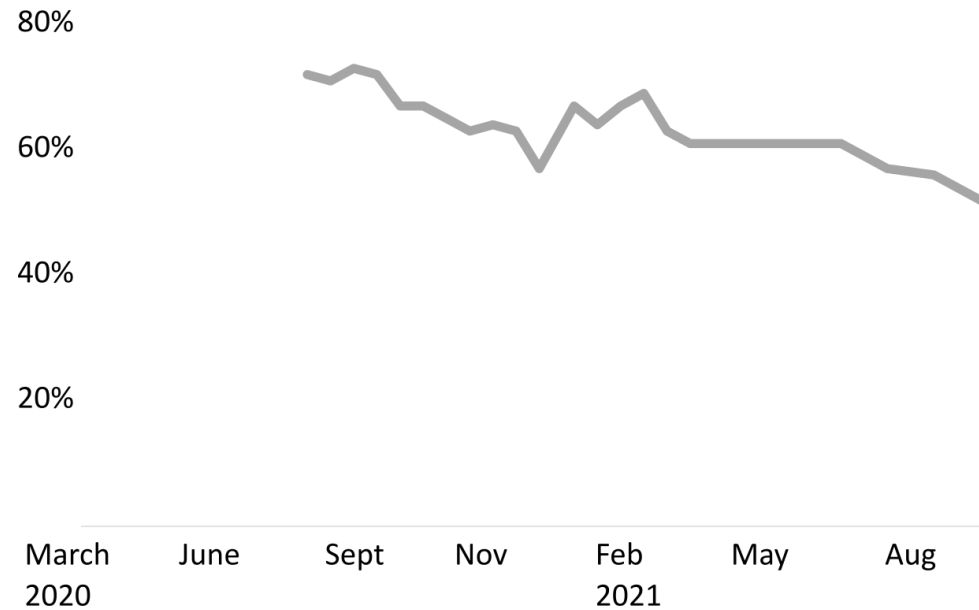
Accounts from
experience



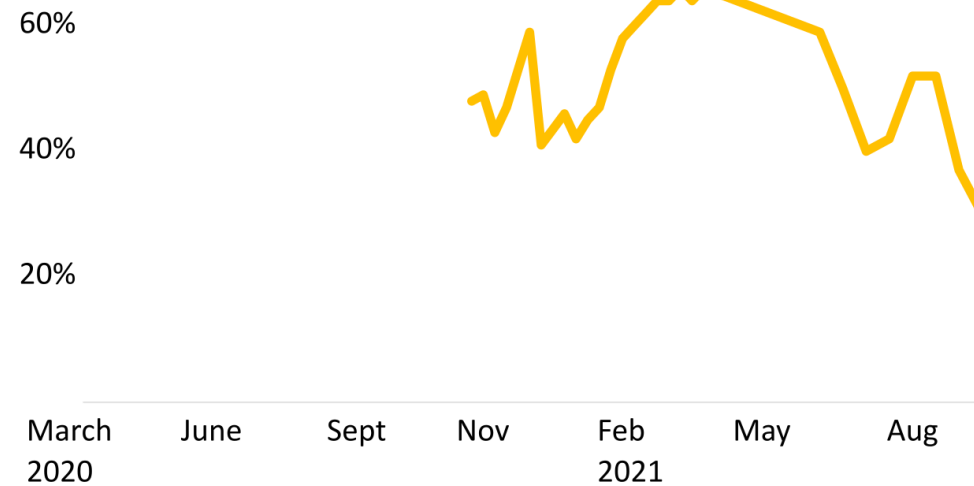
Surveys



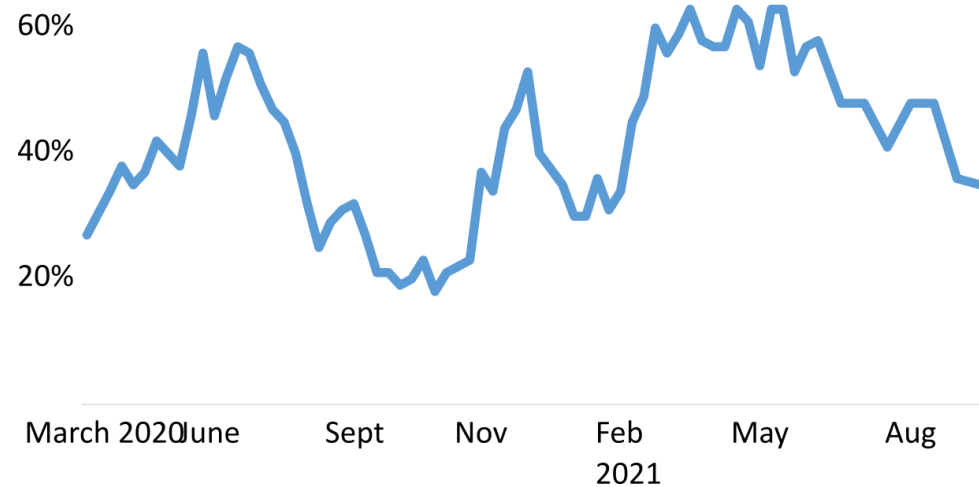
TRUST: % who trust the Scottish Government to provide information on Coronavirus



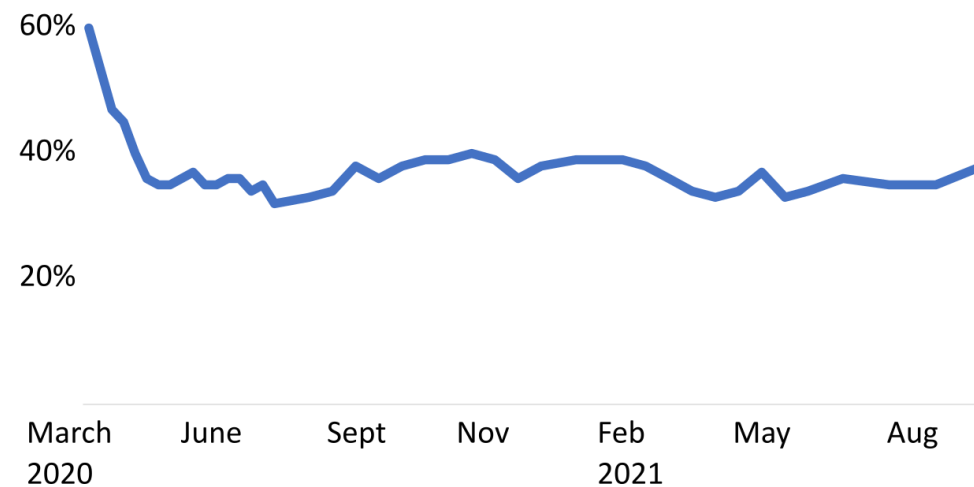
PERCEIVED EFFECTIVENESS OF RESPONSE: % who 'strongly' or 'tend to' agree the rules/restrictions are working



OPTIMISM: % who agree 'things will get better soon'

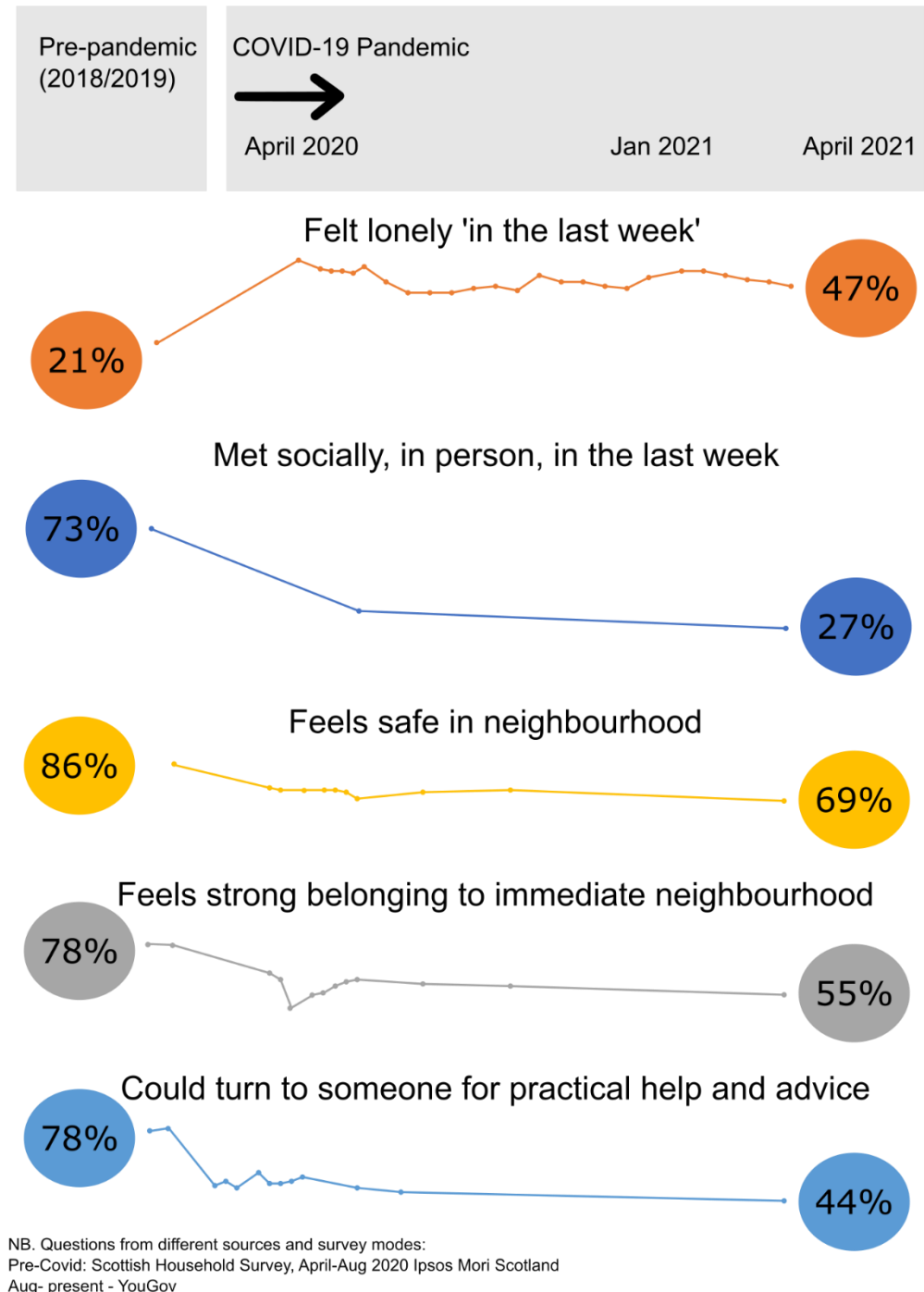


ANXIETY: % reporting high (6-10/10) levels of anxiety



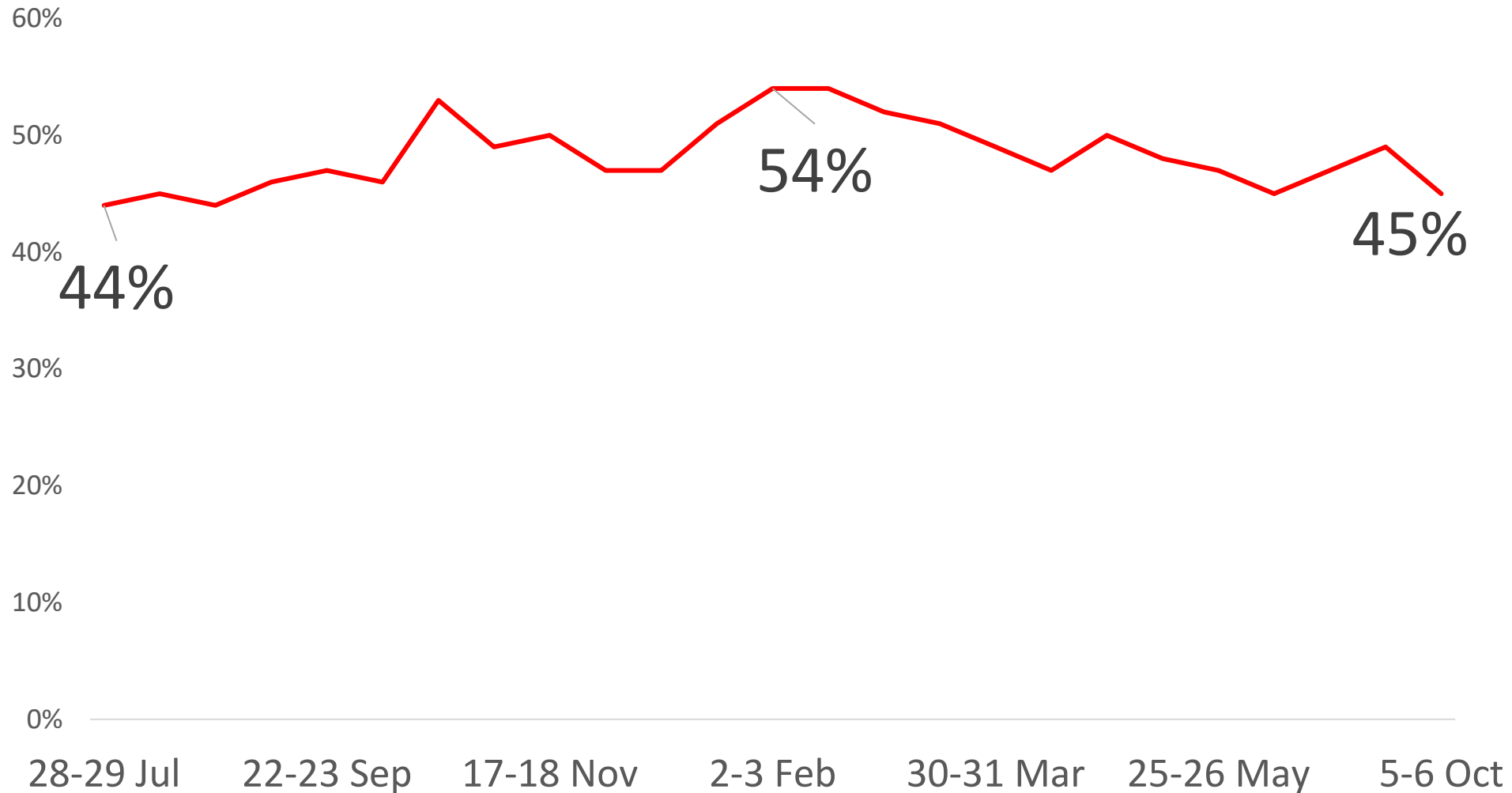
Source:
[YouGov](#)
[Scotland](#)

Social capital has reduced during COVID








High levels of loneliness through the pandemic

People who said they felt lonely 'in the last week', all adults, July 2020 – Oct 2021



Source:
[YouGov](#)
[Scotland](#)

Sub-groups have different experiences and priorities

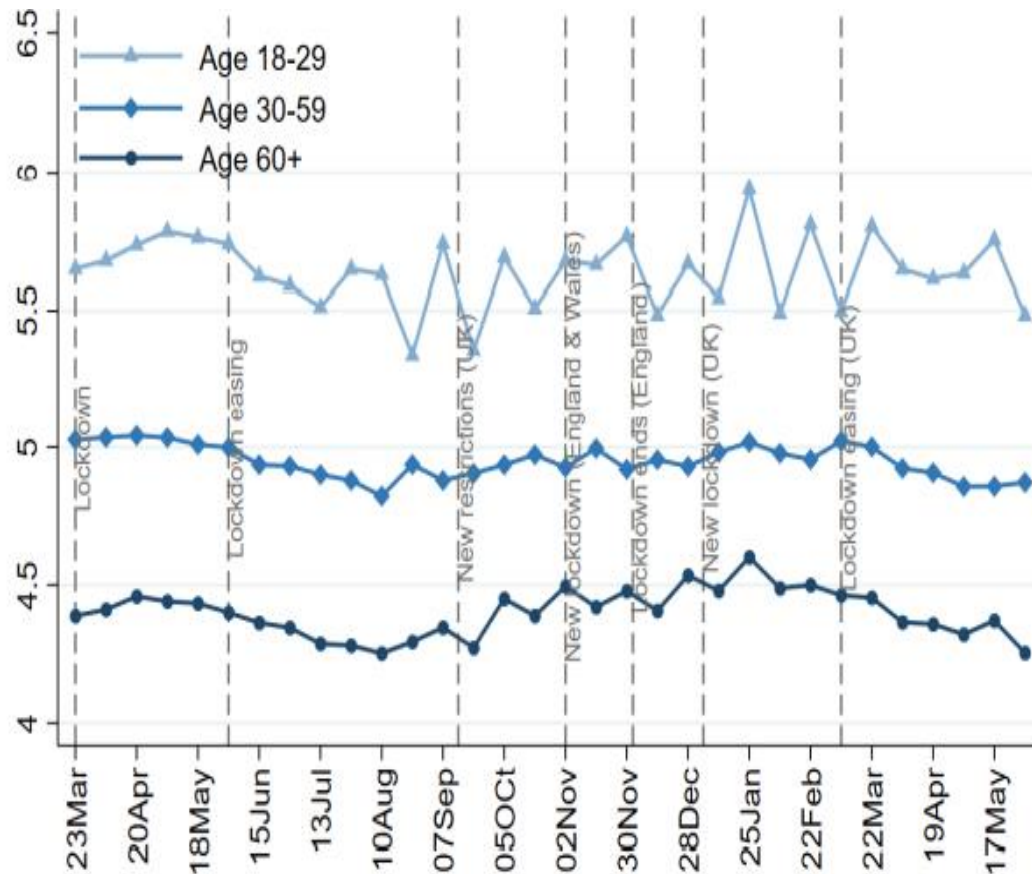
				
YOUNG PEOPLE	WOMEN	HOUSEHOLD INCOME	DISABILITY	LIVING SITUATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Higher loneliness• Disruption to education and employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Higher anxiety and worry• Caring responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Less likely find ways connecting nature• Digital divide	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manage less financially• Feel cut off	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Living alone - higher anxiety• Those children managing less well financially

Sources: Ipsos Mori Scotland, JRS Scotland

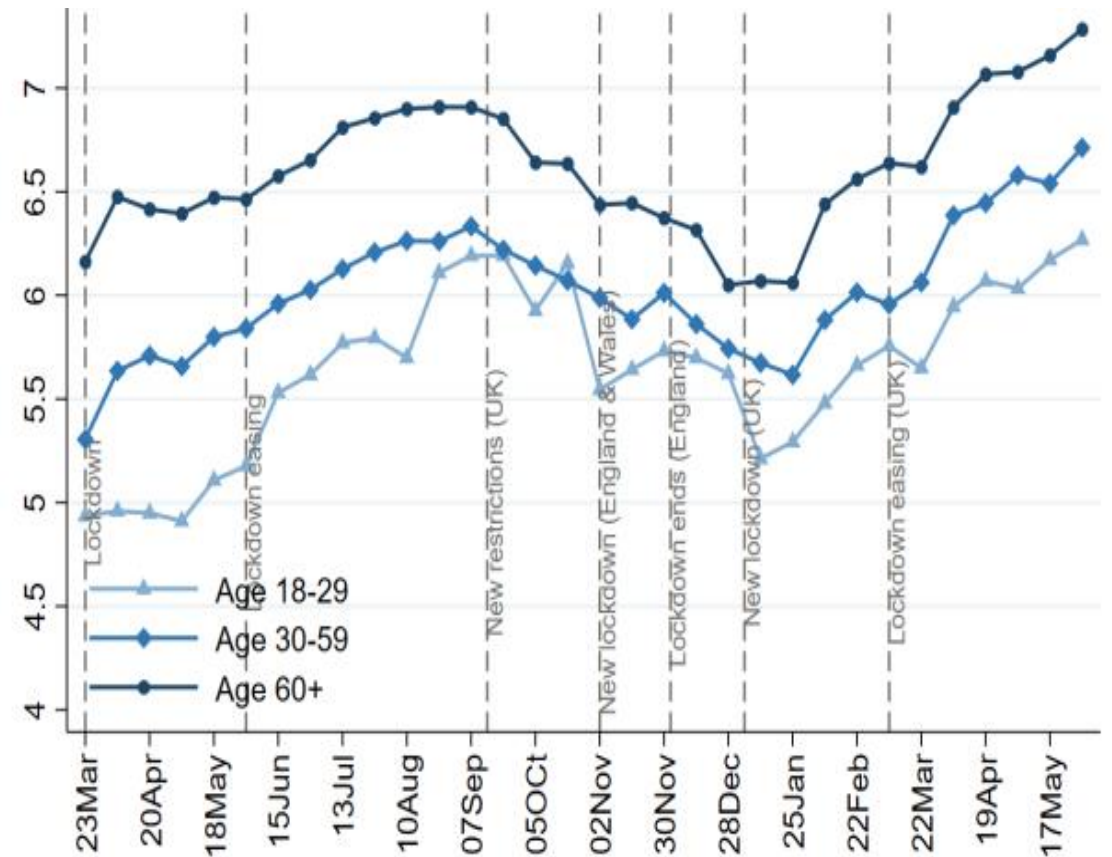
Young people have the highest loneliness, and lowest life-satisfaction

Source: UCL, [COVID-19 Social Study](#)

Loneliness

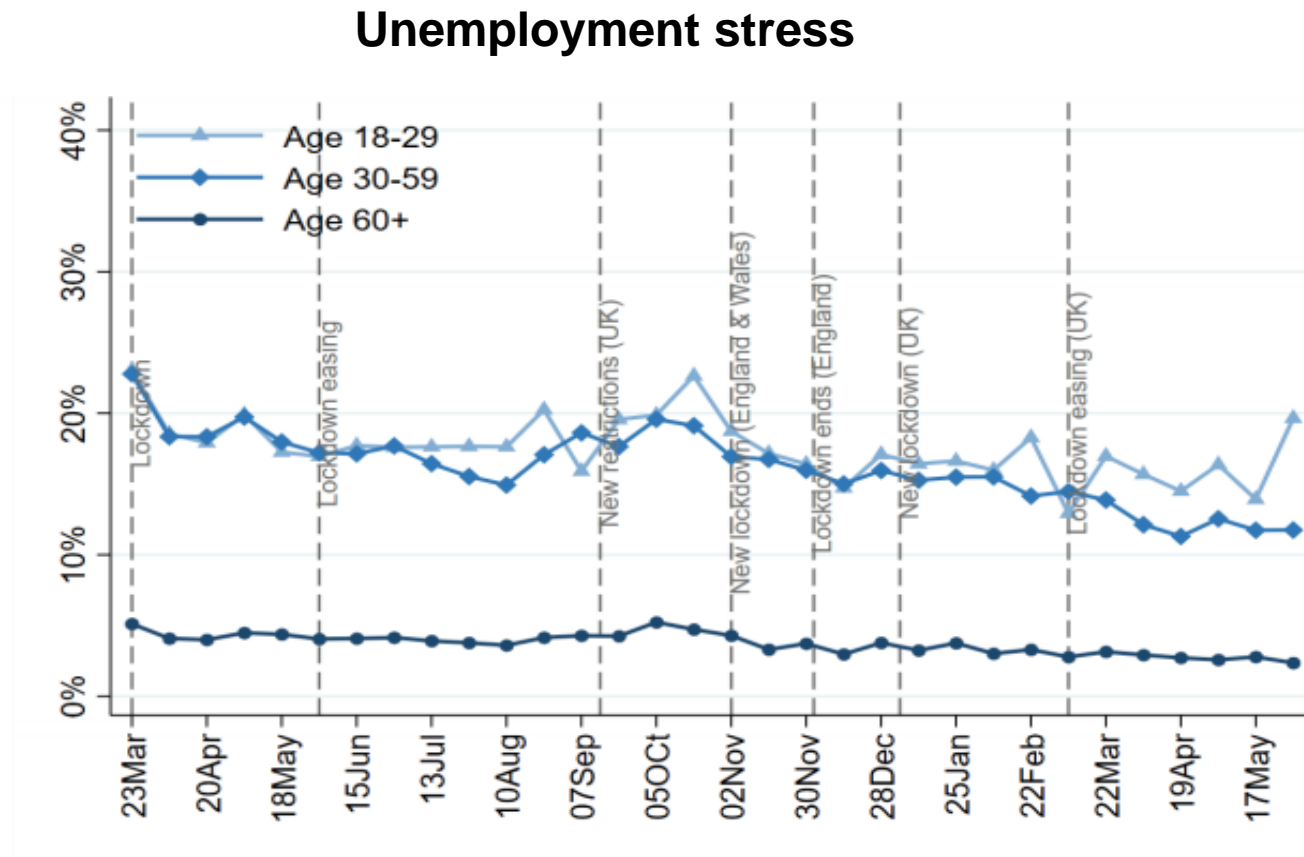


Life satisfaction



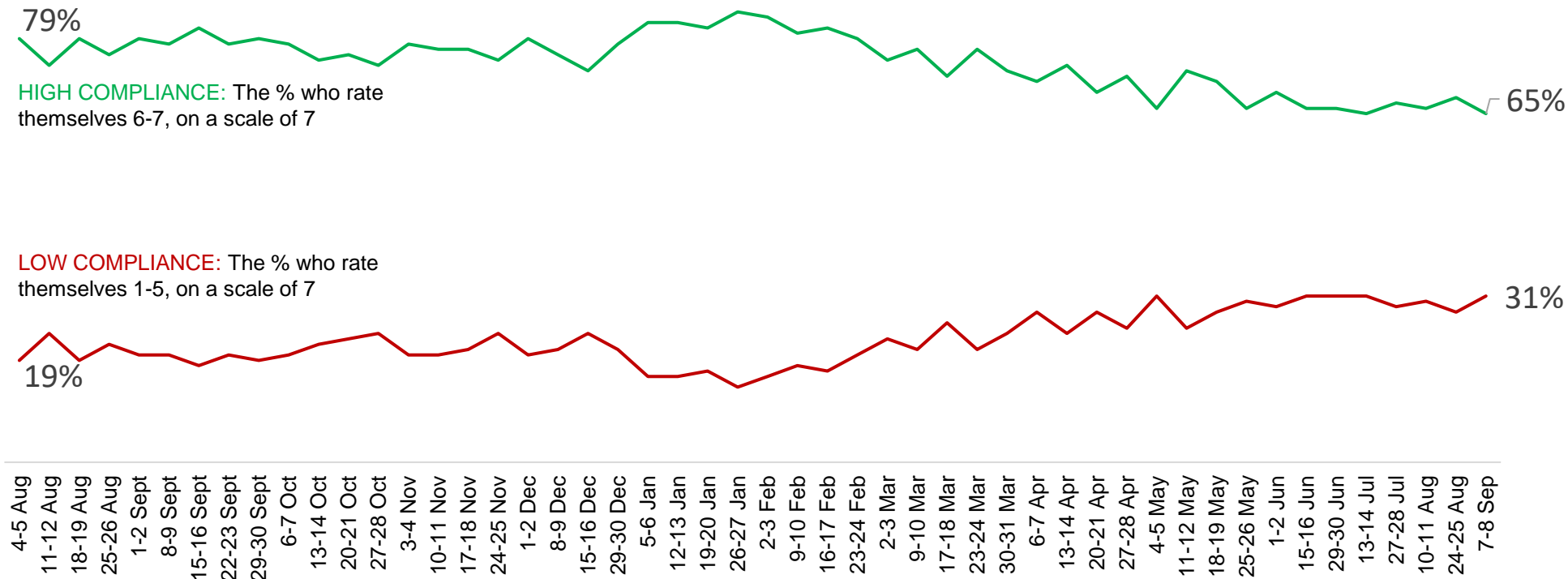
And increasing gap in unemployment stress between 18-29 and other age groups

Source: UCL, [COVID-19 Social Study](#)



There are high levels of self-reported compliance with rules and guidance

Self-reported high and low compliance, August 2020 – Sep 2021



But low levels of trust in other people....

“I don’t trust other people
to do what is needed to
keep the virus at bay”:

67% agree

11% disagree

Source: YouGov, Scotland [5-6 October, 2021](#)

“Having a toddler is difficult at the best of times. Both my partner and I are nurses, it has been difficult to obtain child care whilst observing lockdown policy. Also, engaging in activity with our child has been difficult”

Man aged 35-44, employed full time, not disabled



“It’s difficult not seeing the people that are most important to you face to face but we are lucky with today’s technology”

Woman aged 45-54, employed full time, disabled

“My parents are elderly and live 5 mins away from me. I am utterly desperate to be able to go into their house and sit down to have a cup of tea and a chat with them”

Woman aged 35-44, employed full time, disabled

“I work with individuals with Learning disability and they really struggle when the restrictions change as they find it confusing”

Woman aged 35-44, employed full time, not disabled



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Bottom-Up Research

“I miss seeing people so much. I miss the office, I miss my friends. I miss being a human”

Methods and data sources

Data sources	Online panel polling	Equalities breakdowns from telephone survey	Public engagement & qualitative research	Other data sources
	21 weeks of Ipsos MORI Global Tracker survey	Three waves of Ipsos MORI Scotland telephone survey	Consultation with third sector and community organisations	Public Health Scotland
				Transport Scotland
				Police Scotland
				Scottish Contact Survey
				ONS
				UCL Social Study
	71 weeks of YouGov survey (Communications Division)		Barriers to adherence online survey	ICJU (International evidence)
				Ipsos Mori opinion monitor
				Cabinet Office evidence summaries
				SPI-B evidence papers
				Think tanks
				SSA
Wellbeing interviews and focus groups with JRS				

Covid Recovery Strategy Update



What sort of recovery people want to see

People told us they want a recovery that



Achieves financial security for all



Supports health and wellbeing



Empowers communities and places



Addresses the harms caused by the pandemic



Is ambitious and transformational



Recognises the value of time and of social connections



Advances equality and strengthens rights



Starts from the individual



Involves people in decision making



Is evidence driven



Supports economic development

Our vision



By working together, we will:

1.

Address
the systemic
inequalities made
worse by Covid

2.

Make progress
towards a
wellbeing
economy

3.

Accelerate
inclusive
person-centred
public services

Our outcomes



**Financial security for
low income households**



**Wellbeing of Children
and Young People**



**Good, green jobs and
fair work**



**Rebuilding public
services**

The 'how' – measuring and delivering progress

