

Oregon COVID-19 Survey Findings

Stay at home restrictions and conditions for reopening the economy

Data release 1 of 3

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Research purpose

- To assess Oregonians support for the state's stay at home restrictions and the conditions to allow businesses, schools and other places to reopen.
- This is the first of three data releases for this survey. Topics for the next data releases will be:
 - Oregonians' expectations about when it will be safe to participate in normal activities (e.g., dine in a restaurant, attend a sporting event, go to a library) and the criteria they will use to determine safety.
 - Oregonians' opinions and experiences of the healthcare system, and their support for releasing people from prisons and jails to manage COVID-19.

Methodology

- Online survey of N=900 Oregonians ages 18+
- Conducted April 17–21, 2020; 15 minutes to complete
- Quotas and statistical weighting by gender, age, education, race, area of the state and political affiliation to match Oregon's general population
- Margin of error $\pm 3.3\%$ for full sample; $\pm 4.6\%$ for split sampled questions (N=450)
- Due to rounding, some totals may differ by ± 1 from the sum of separate responses

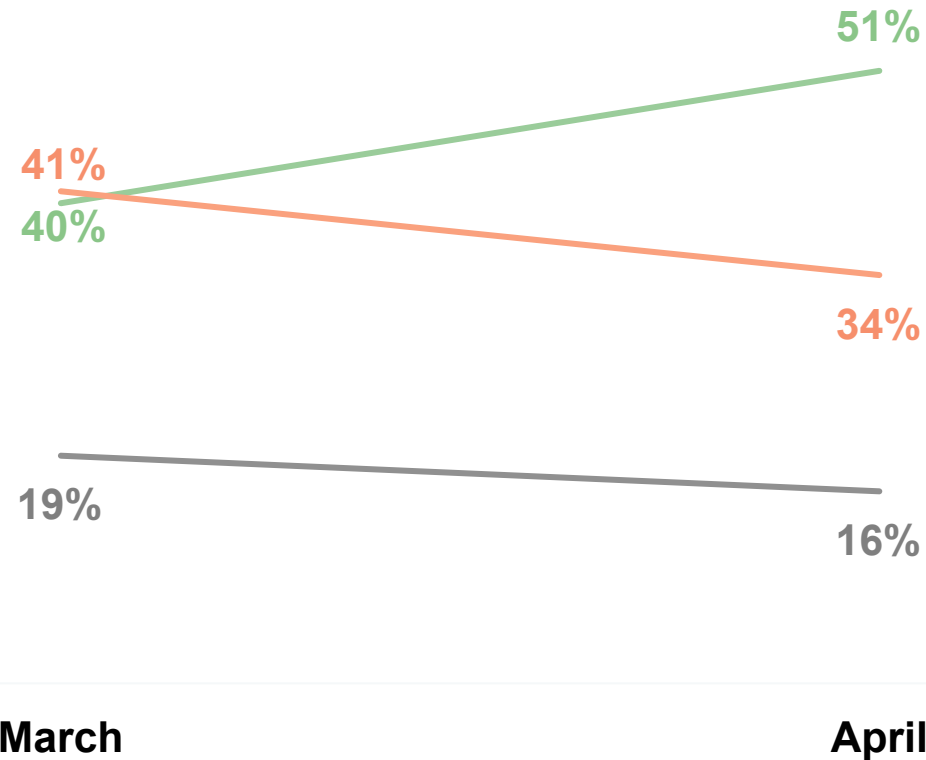
Data comparisons

- This is the second DHM Research COVID-19 survey. The first was conducted from March 24–30, 2020. Where applicable benchmark data are presented.
- The March survey had the same demographic profile, with a sample size of 507 and $\pm 4.4\%$ margin of error.

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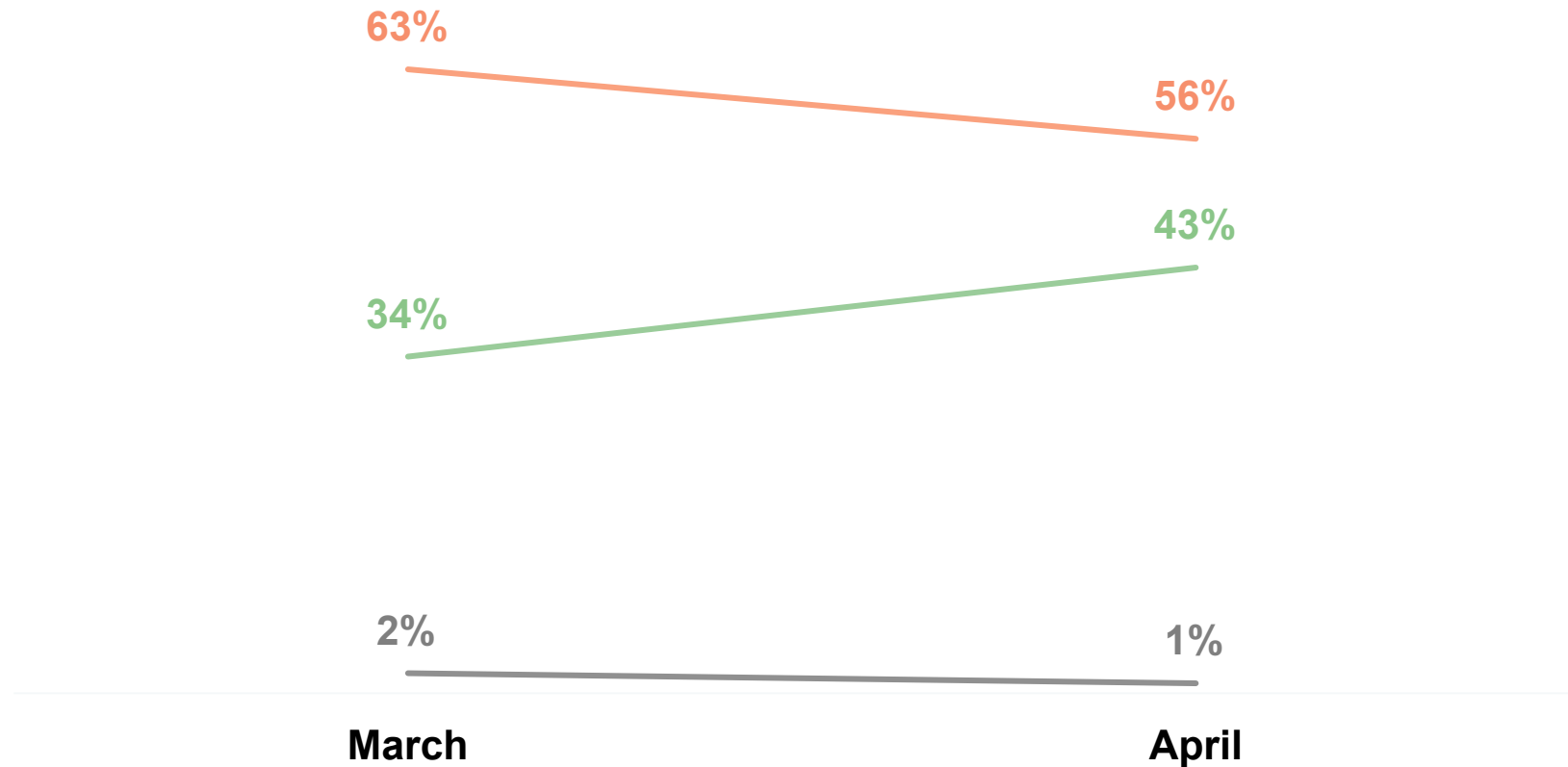
51% of Oregonians now say the state is headed in the right direction, an 11-point increase from last month.

Right direction / Wrong track / Don't know



56% of Oregonians now say that they are worried about their financial situation, a 7-point decline from last month.

Very, somewhat / Not too, not at all / Don't know



40% of households have lost a job or income due to COVID-19

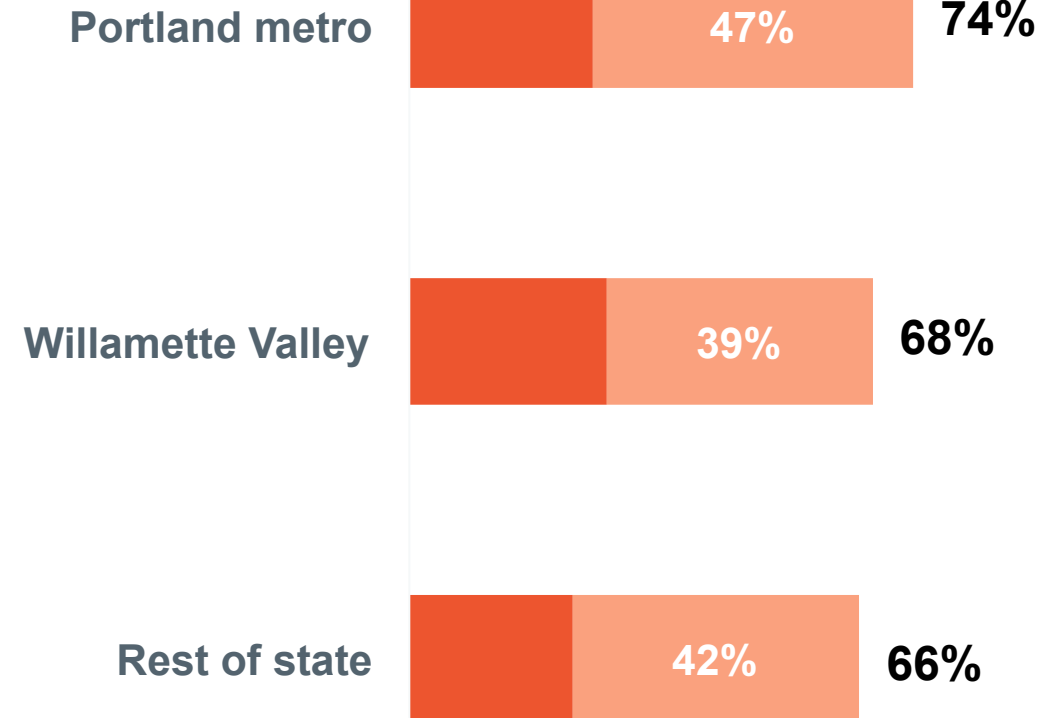
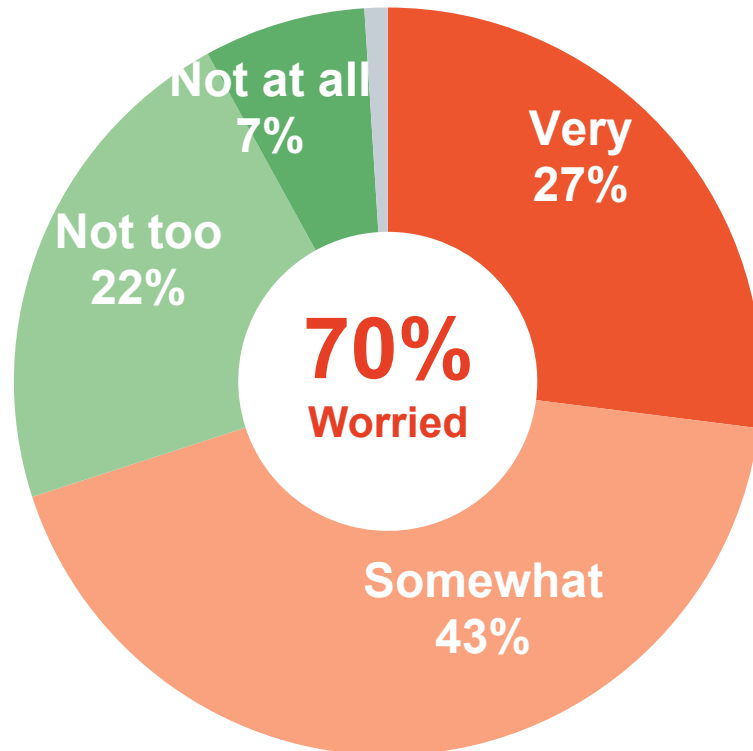
Have your or a household member _____ because of the COVID-19 outbreak



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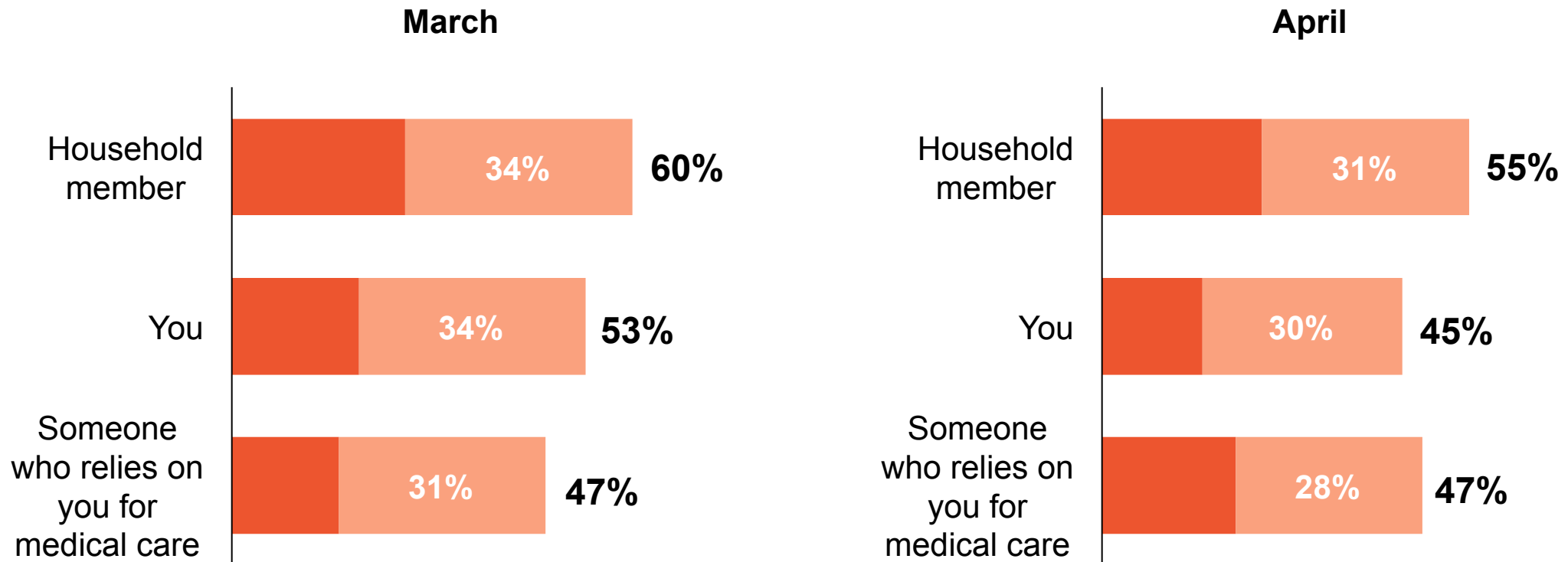
70% of Oregonians are worried about the spread of COVID-19 in their community.

How worried are you about the spread of COVID-19 in your community?



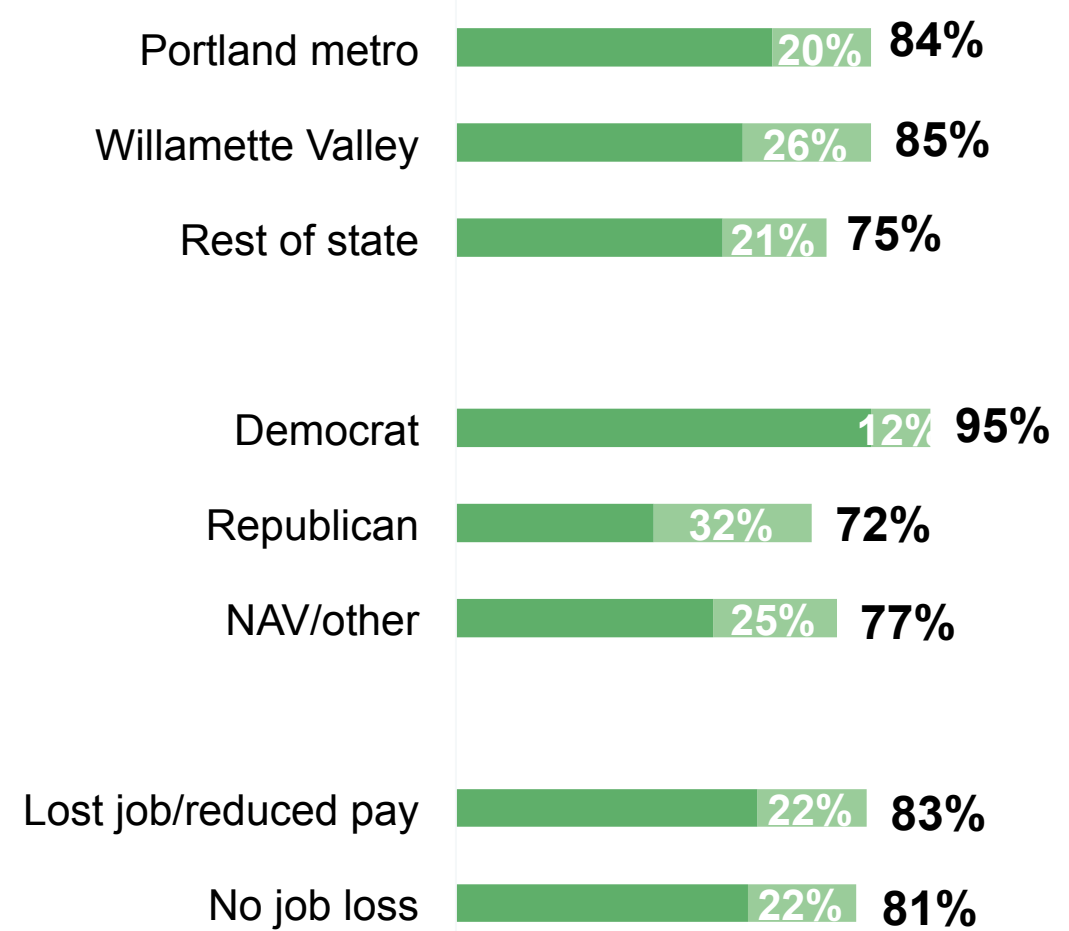
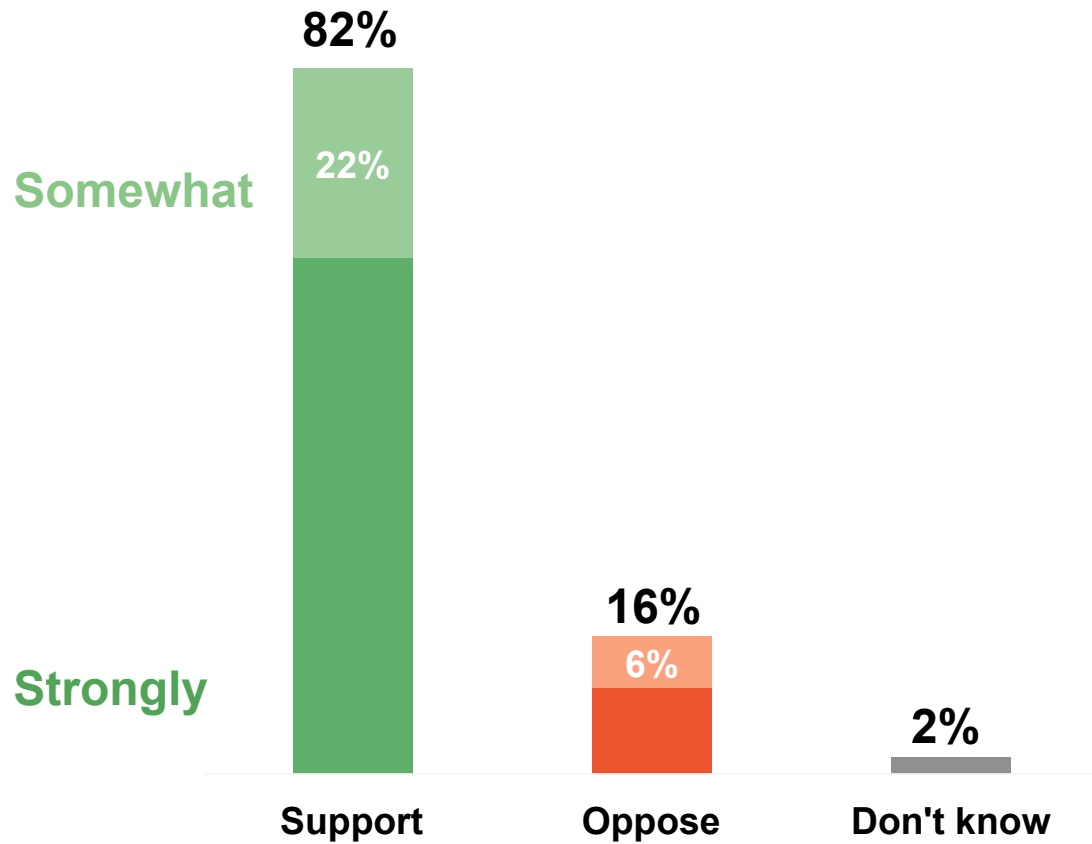
There is a slight decrease in concern about COVID-19 infections in April.

How concerned are you that the following people will become infected by COVID-19?



STAY AT HOME

Support for Oregon's stay at home orders is strong and broad.

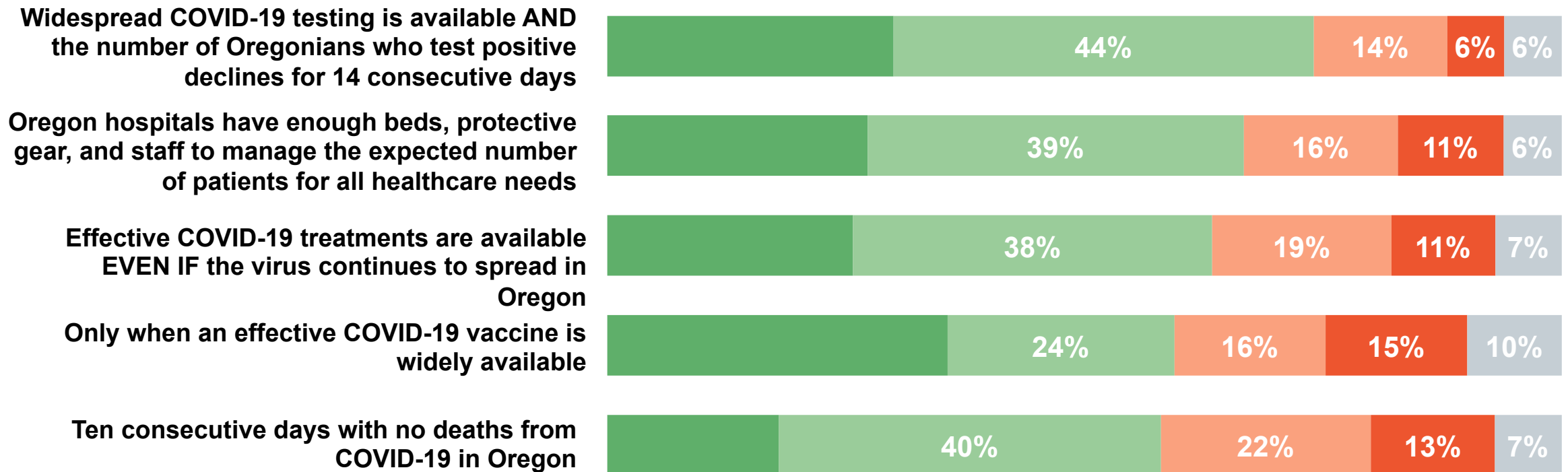


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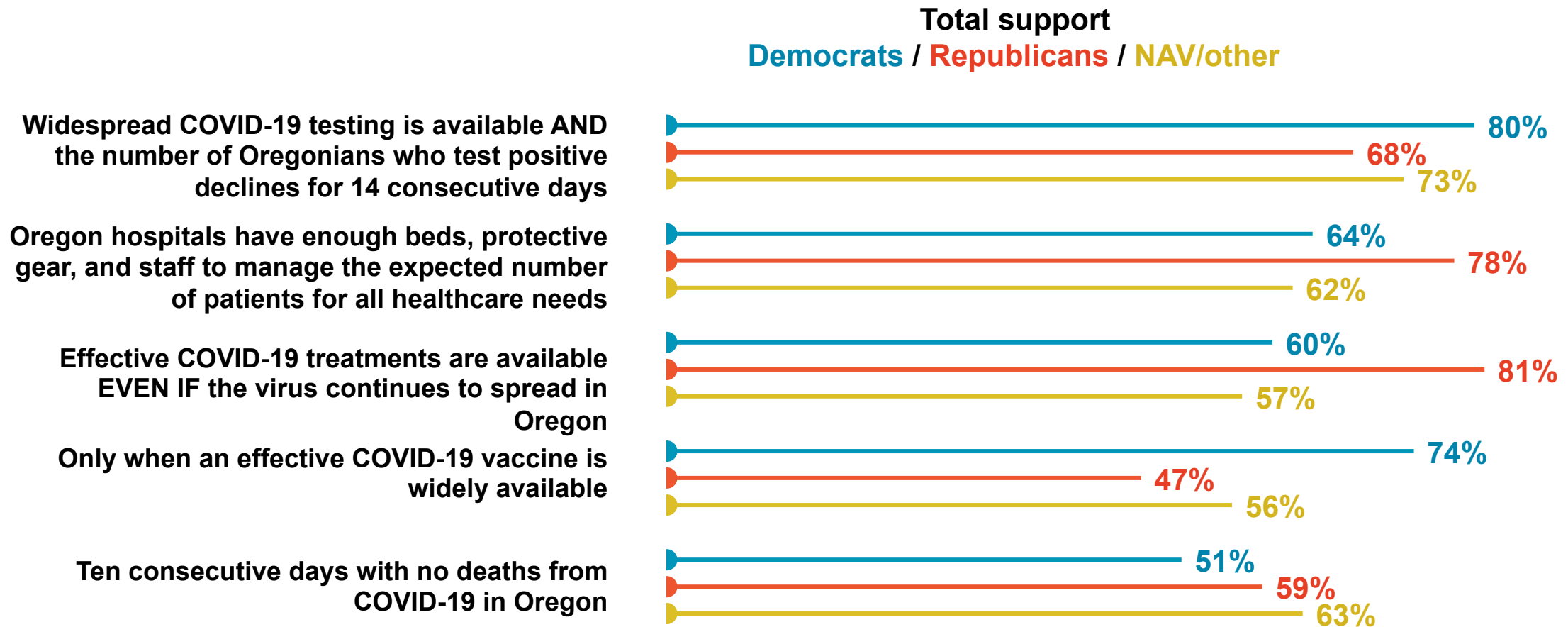
To reopen, most Oregonians want to see testing widely available with positive cases declining, hospital capacity, and effective treatments.

Top Tier: Conditions to allow businesses, schools and other places to open

Strongly support → Strongly oppose

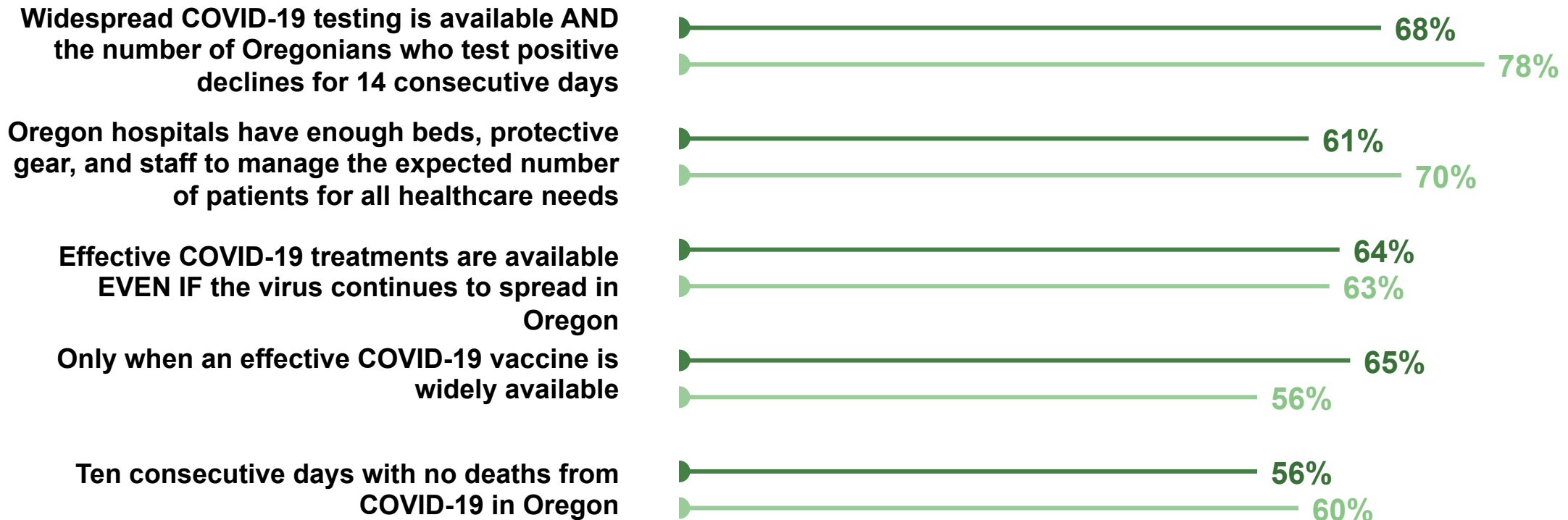


Republicans strongly in support of reopening when testing is widely available. Democrats want testing and positive cases to decline.

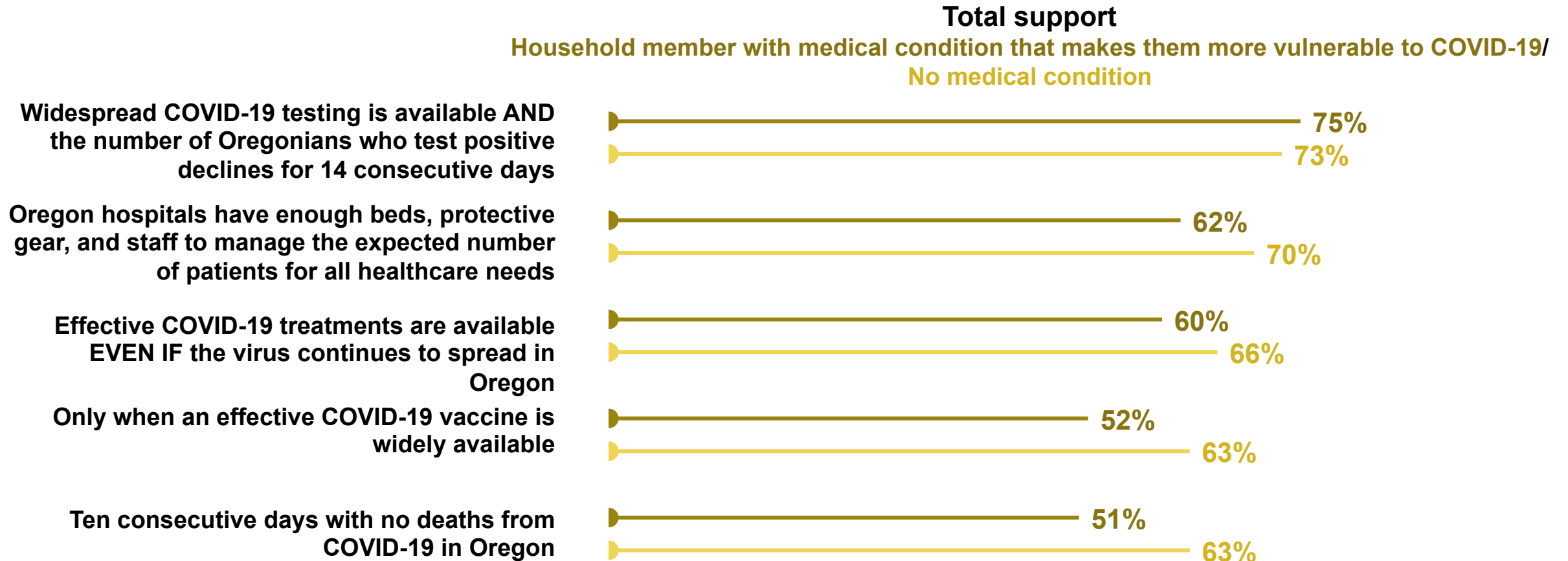


There is little difference in support for reopening based on these conditions between households that have lost jobs and income and those that have not.

Total support
 Household lost job or pay/hours reduced / No household job or income loss



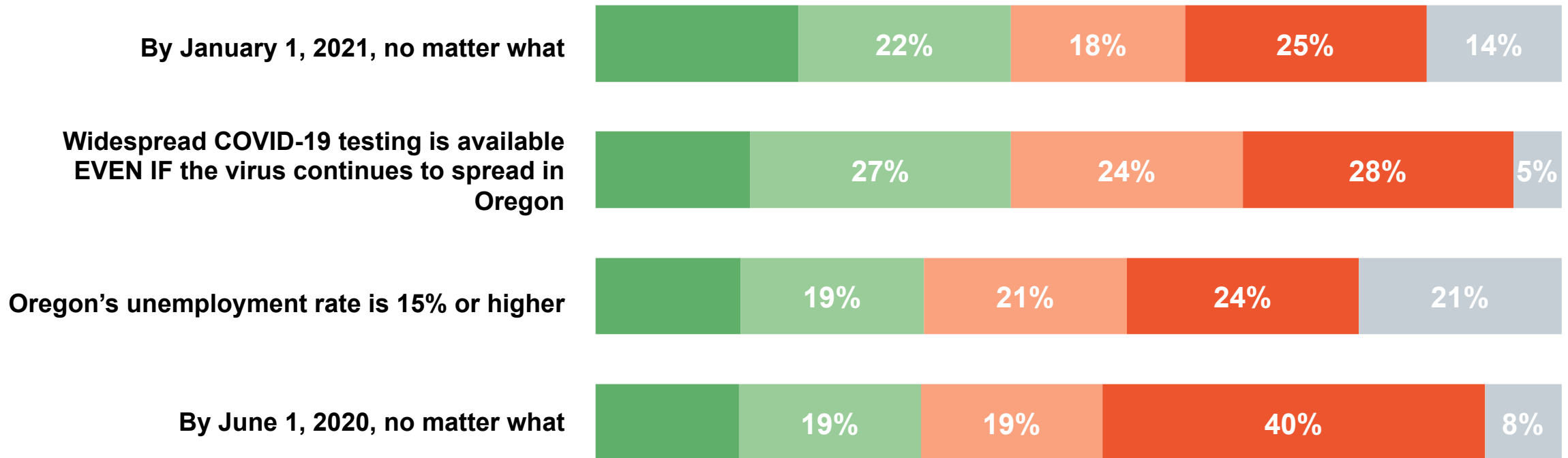
Households with medical issues are somewhat less supportive of reopening if these conditions are met.



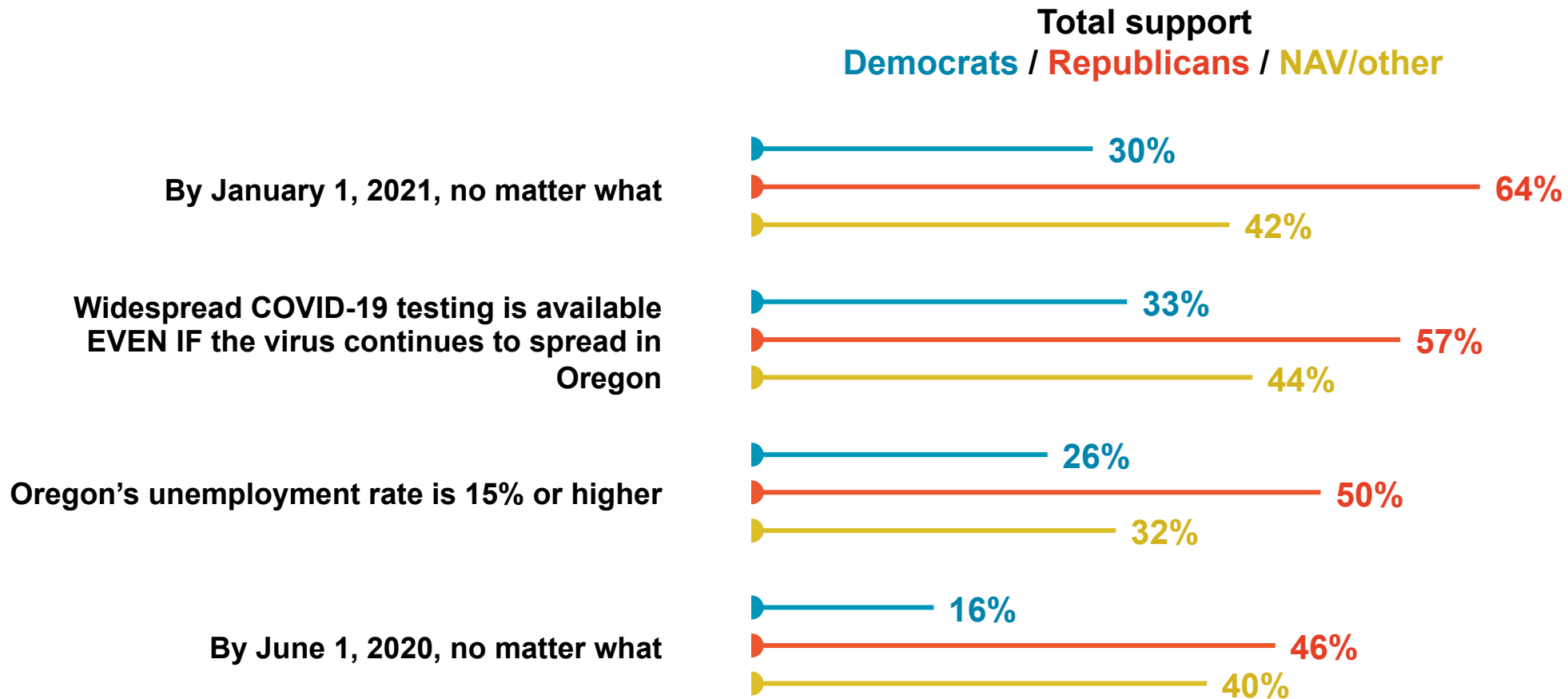
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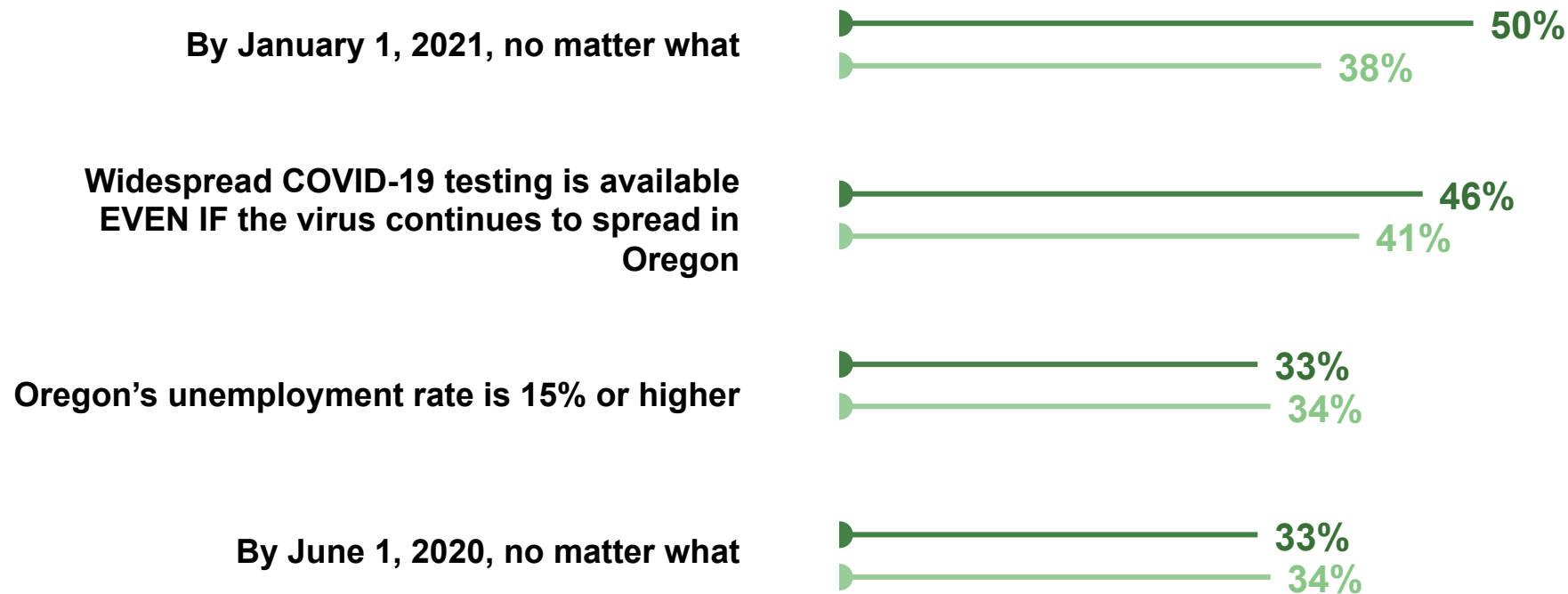


Republicans are more supportive of reopening deadlines, when testing is widely available and if unemployment is high.

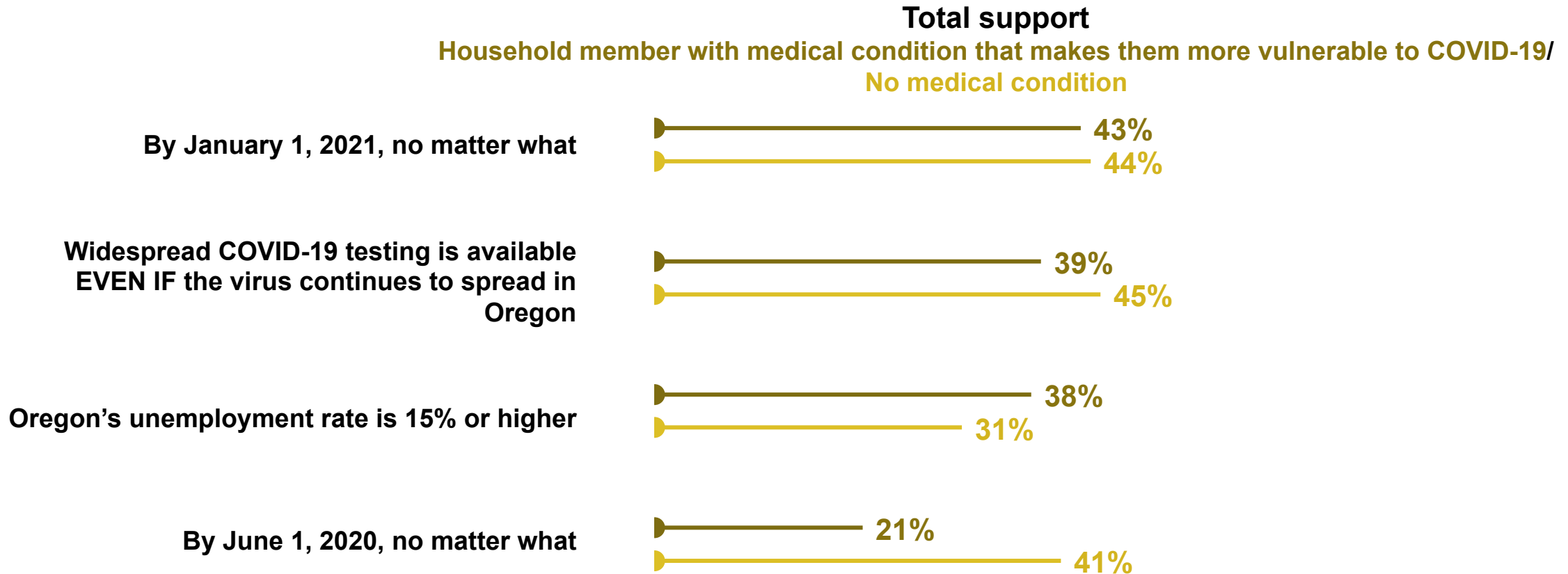


Households that have lost a job or income are no more likely to support reopening by June but are more supportive by January 2021.

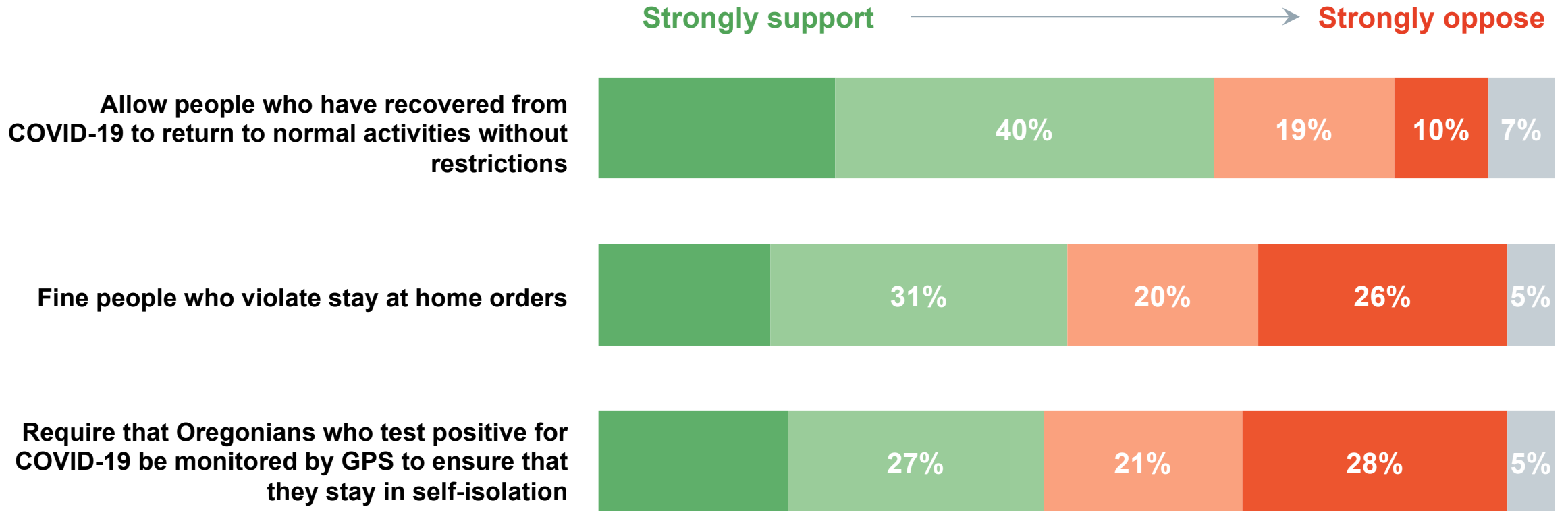
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Households that have someone with a medical condition are less supportive of allowing reopening by June.



Additional policies to consider for allowing businesses, schools and other place to open.



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