

State of the State Survey Winter-Spring 2020

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Whitmer's approval soars;

**COVID-19 hurts consumer
finances.**

About SOSS Waves 79a and 79b

79a: February 2020

79b: May 2020

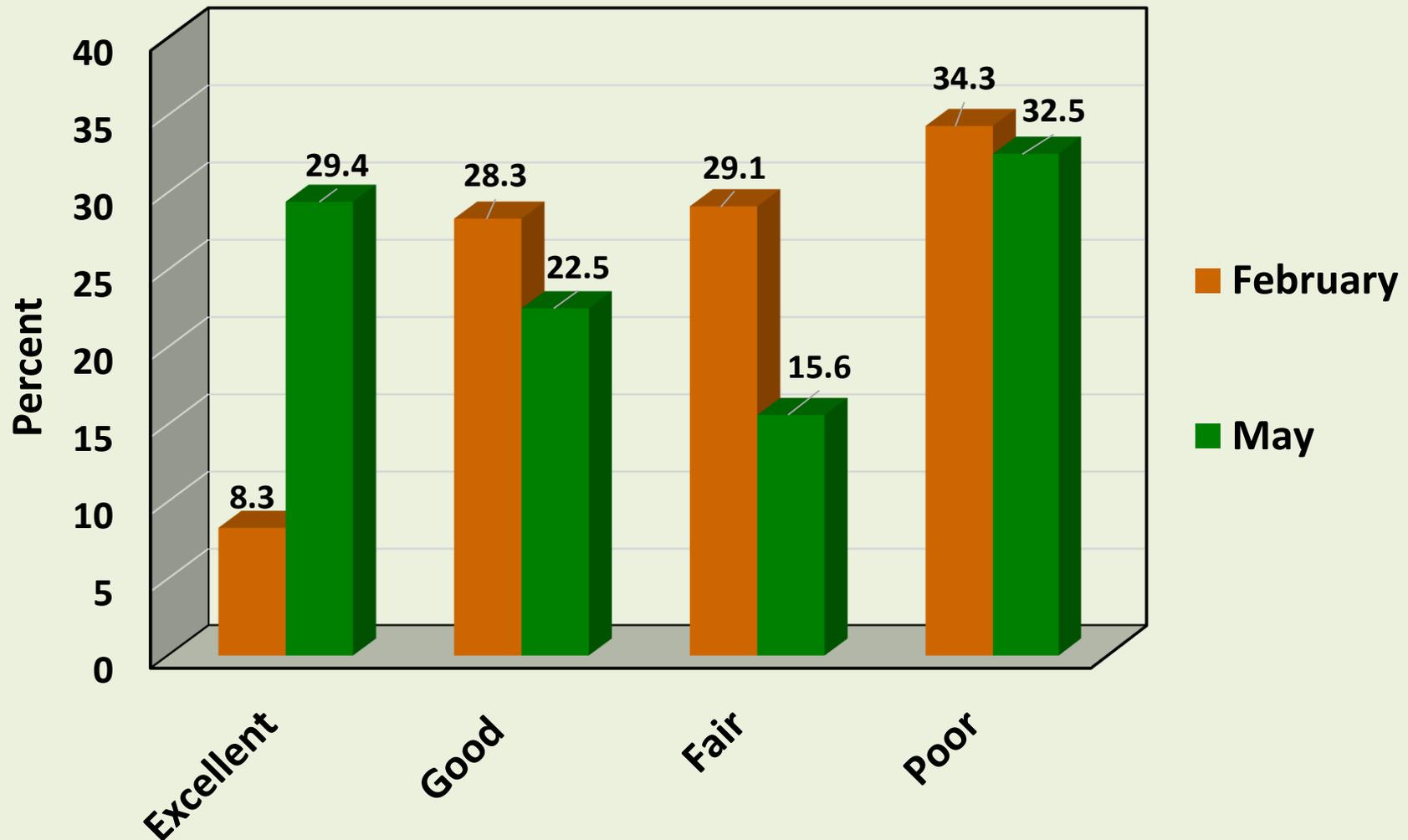
1000 Respondents to Each Survey

Margin of Error: $\pm 3.1\%$

In February, Governor Gretchen Whitmer received a rating of “excellent” or “good” from 36.6% of Michigan residents.

By May, those favorable ratings had jumped to 51.9%.

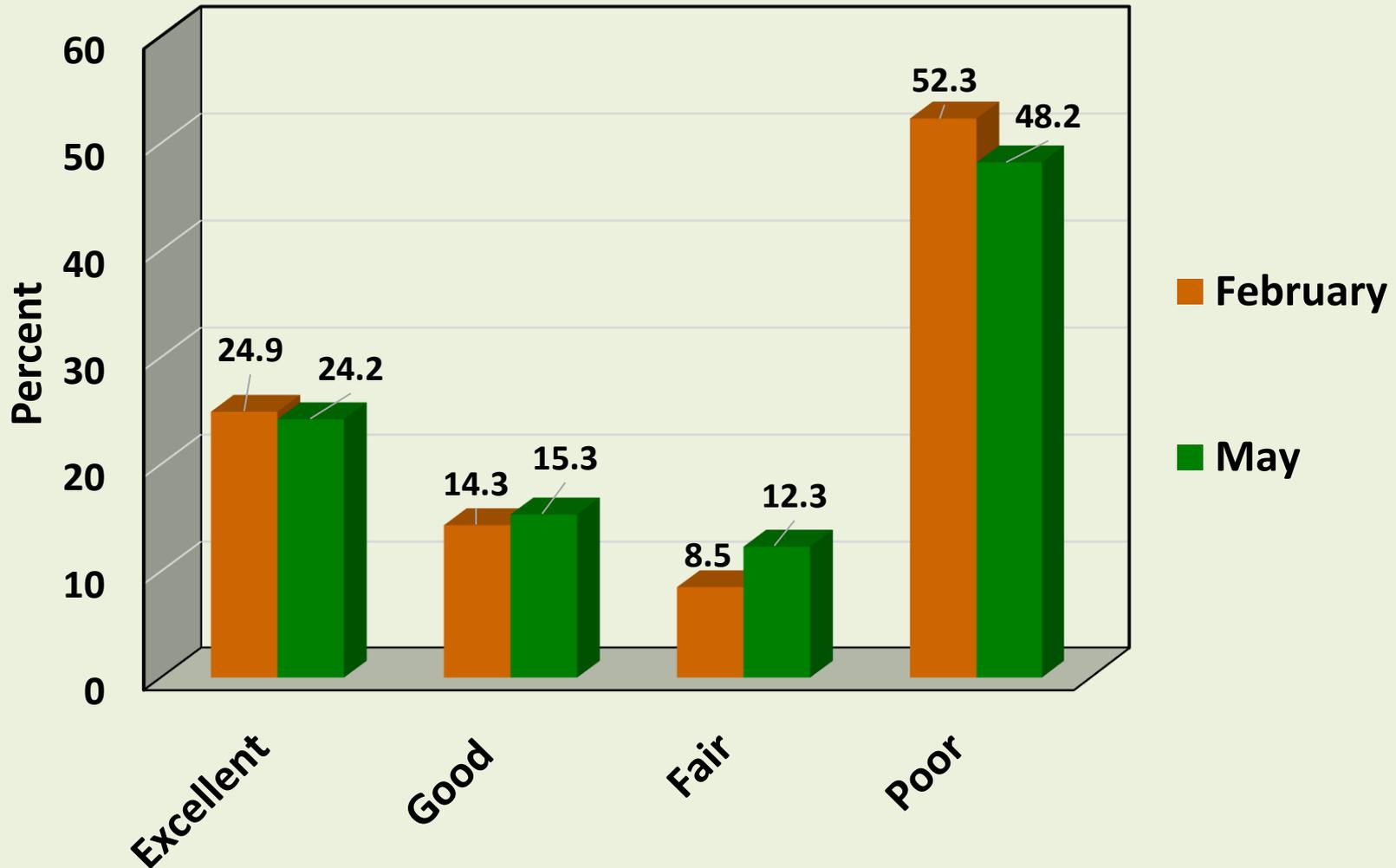
Michigan Residents' Ratings of Governor Whitmer's Performance, Winter-Spring 2020



President Donald Trump's favorable ratings changed very little from February to May. He received ratings of "excellent" or "good" from 39.2% of Michigan residents in February, and 39.5% in May.

About half of survey respondents gave Trump a "poor" rating.

Michigan Residents' Ratings of President Trump's Performance, Winter-Spring 2020



When we look beneath the statewide averages, the ratings for Trump and Whitmer reveal stark differences in attitudes, by race, sex, and party affiliation.



Attitudes by Race and Gender

Views of Michigan Residents by Race and Sex, May 2020

	State of Michigan	Women	Men	Whites	Blacks
Whitmer “Excellent” or Good	51.9%	58.4%	44.8%	47.3%	82.9%
Trump “Excellent” or Good	39.5%	35.0%	44.6%	43.1%	21.4%

Attitudes by Political Party



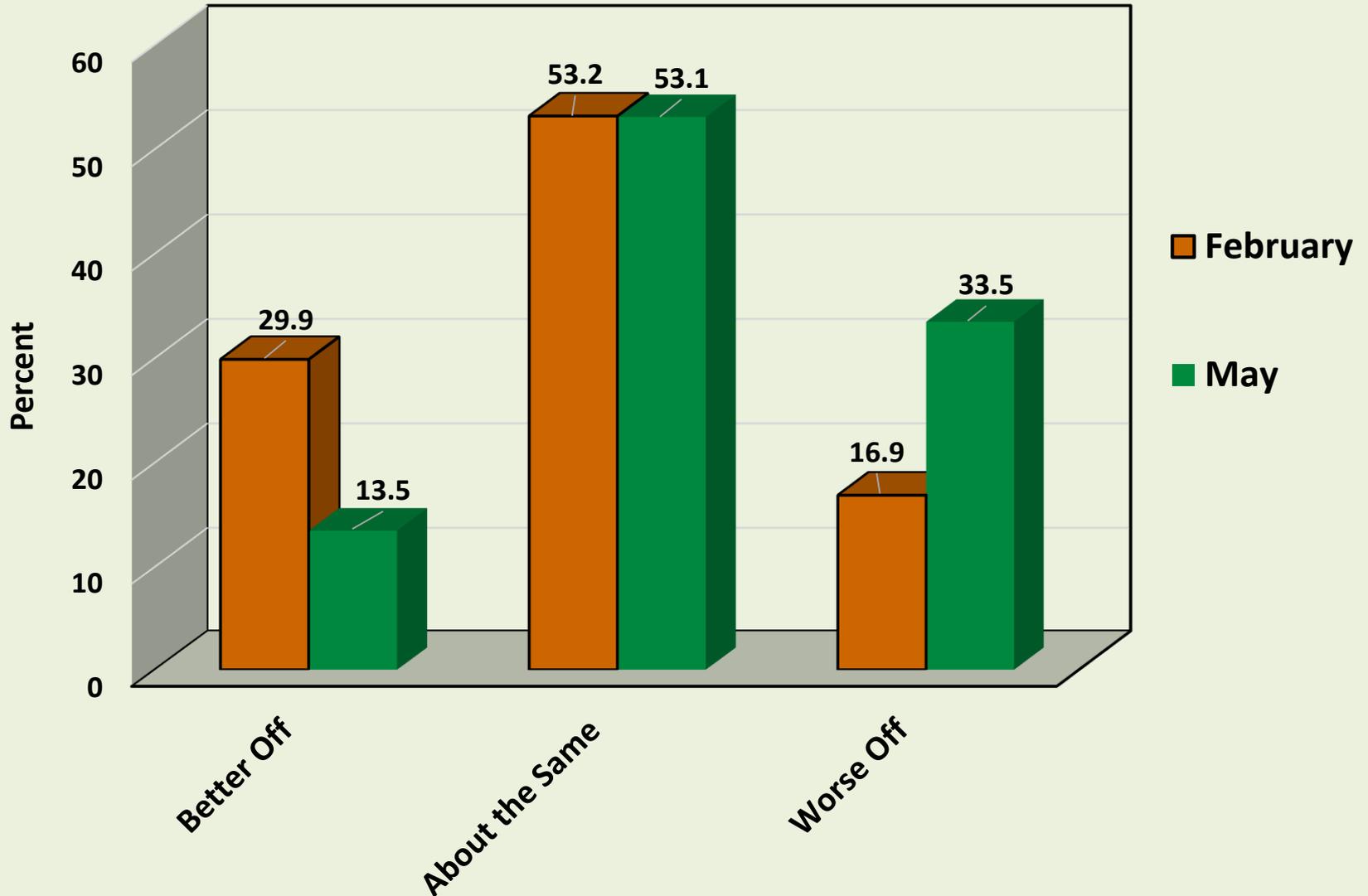
Views of Michigan Residents by Political Party

	State of Michigan	Republican	Independent	Democrat
Whitmer “Excellent” or Good”	51.9%	15.7%	44.8%	85.9%
Trump “Excellent” or Good”	39.5%	84.6%	38.3%	7.7%

Between February and May, the fraction who say they are *better off than one year ago* decreased by 16 percentage points.

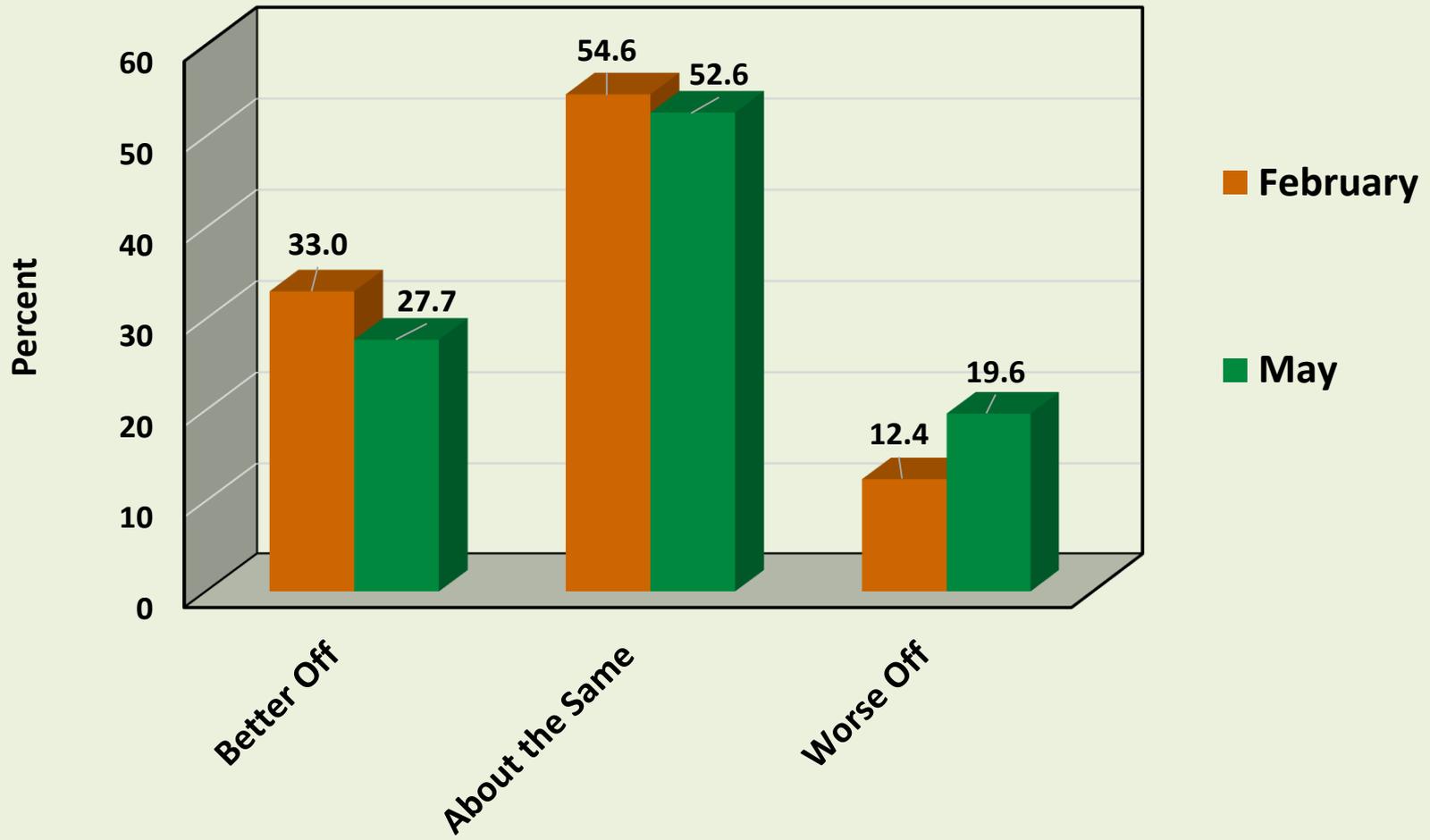
The fraction who say they are *worse off than one year ago* increased by about the same amount.

Michigan Residents' Beliefs About Whether They Are Better Off Than One Year Ago, Winter-Spring 2020



Michigan residents' assessment of whether they will be *better off one year from now also deteriorated.*

Michigan Residents' Beliefs About Whether They Will Be Better Off One Year From Now, Winter-Spring 2020



Reports of current financial situation, for different groups of Michigan residents, May 2020:

	<u>“Excellent” or “Good”</u>	<u>“Not So Good” or “Poor”</u>
State of Michigan	45.6%	17.6%
Men	49.5	14.5
Women	42.0	20.5
Aged 65 and Over	58.6	10.5
Aged 30-64	41.0	21.7
Aged 18-29	43.2	14.1

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	<u>“Excellent” or “Good”</u>	<u>“Not So Good” or “Poor”</u>
State of Michigan	45.6%	17.6%
Republican	50.3	10.0
Independent	45.3	21.1
Democrat	43.2	20.2
Income Above \$100K	76.2	4.5
Income \$50K - \$100K	53.1	9.6
Income \$20K - \$50K	36.8	18.0
Income Below \$20K	19.1	46.3

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