What can time series teach us about social trends?

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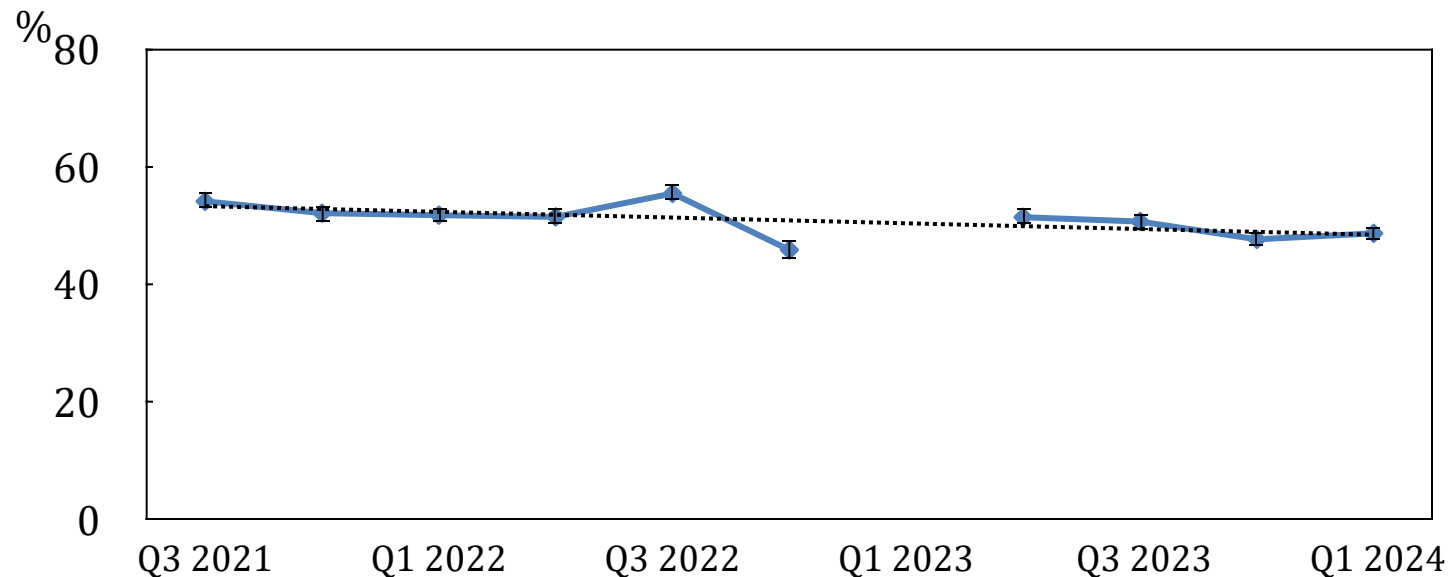
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Life satisfaction

Question: "Using a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means "very dissatisfied" and
10 means "very satisfied", how do you feel about your life as a whole right now?"

Indicator: **High life satisfaction** defined as answer of 8 to 10

Percent reporting high life satisfaction, Canadians aged 15 or older, 2021 to 2024.

Gradual decrease
of 2 percentage
points per year

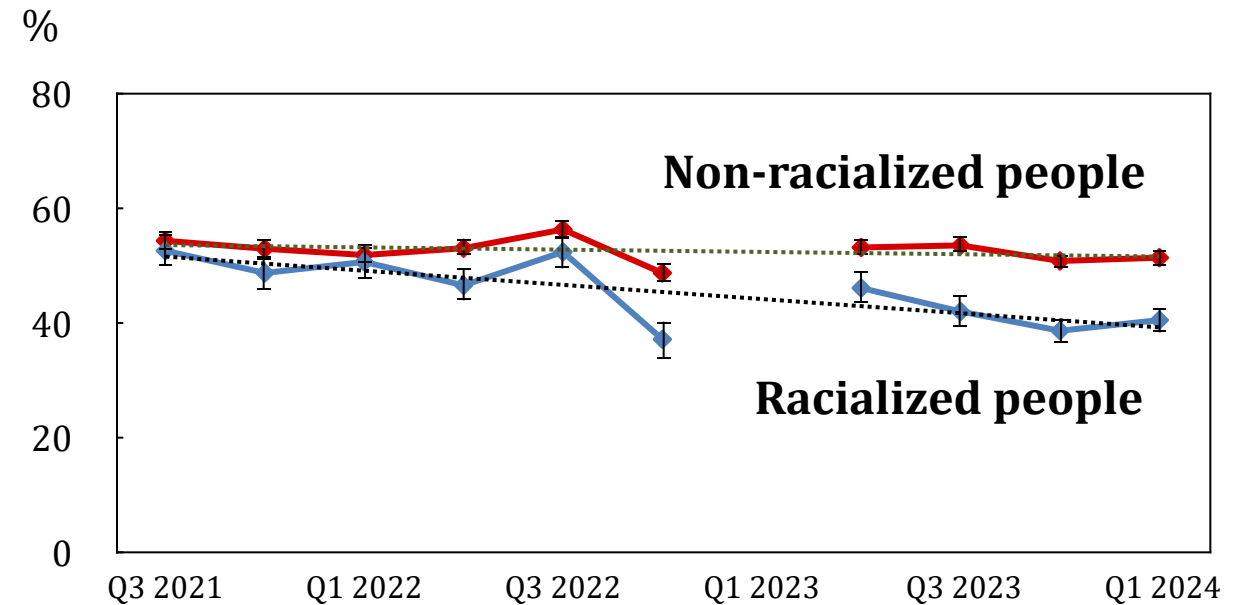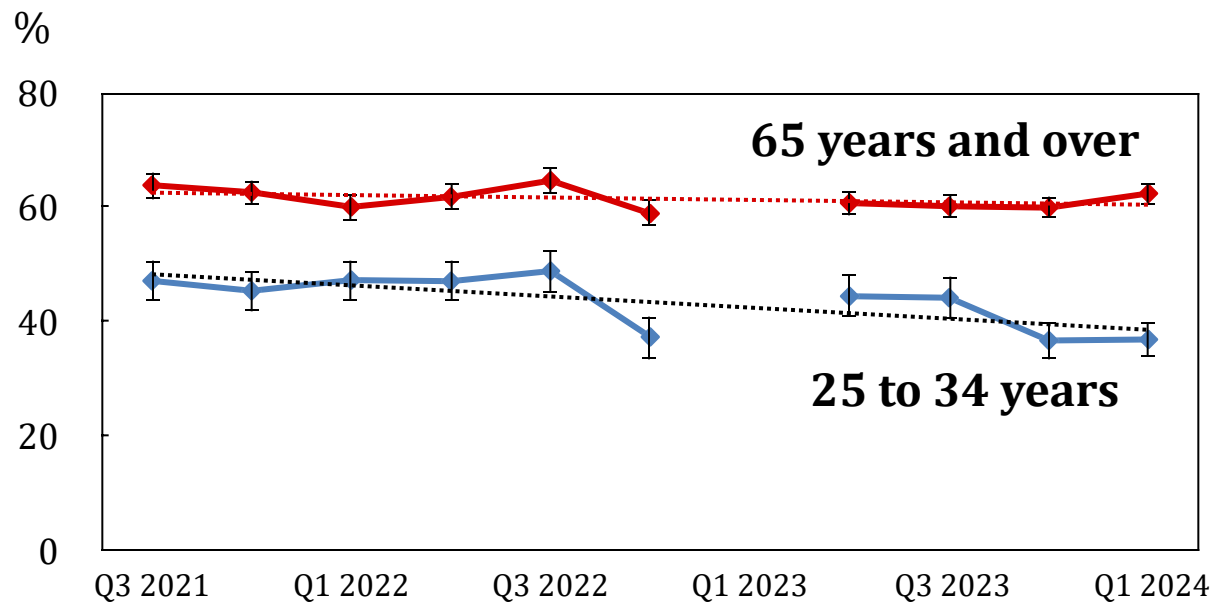Source: Canadian Social Survey, waves 2 to 12, Statistics Canada

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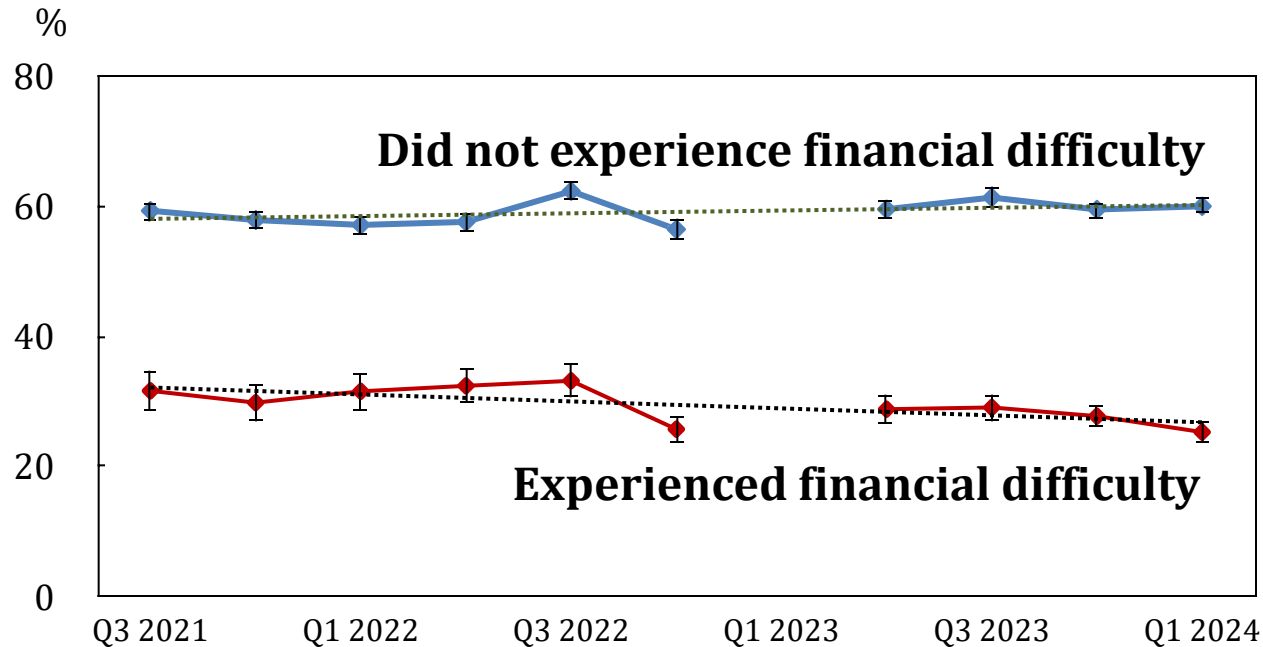Source: Canadian Social Survey, waves 2 to 12, Statistics Canada

Life satisfaction

Percent reporting high life satisfaction, Canadians aged 15 or older, 2021 to 2024.

Did not experience financial difficulty

Experienced financial difficulty

For more information:

Foran, Helen. 2024. Insights on Canadian Society. [Charting change: How time-series data provides insights on Canadian well-being (statcan.gc.ca)](#)

Financial difficulty: Individuals were considered to be experiencing financial difficulty if they reported that it was "difficult" or "very difficult" for their household to meet its financial needs in terms of transportation, housing, food, clothing, and other necessary expenses in the past 12 months.

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