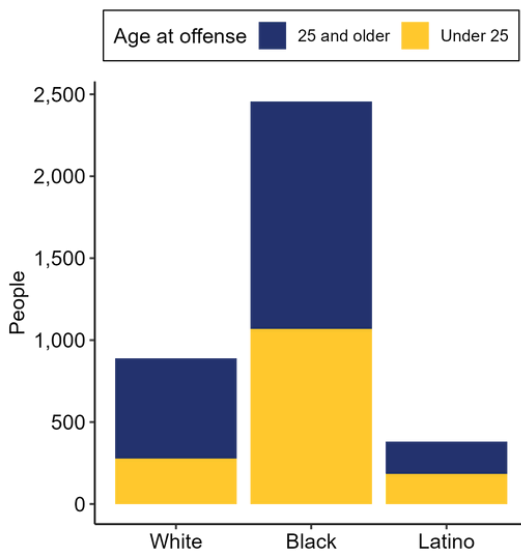
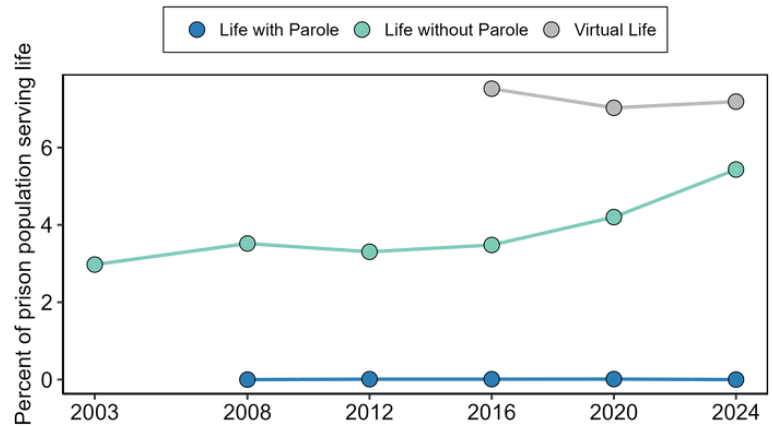
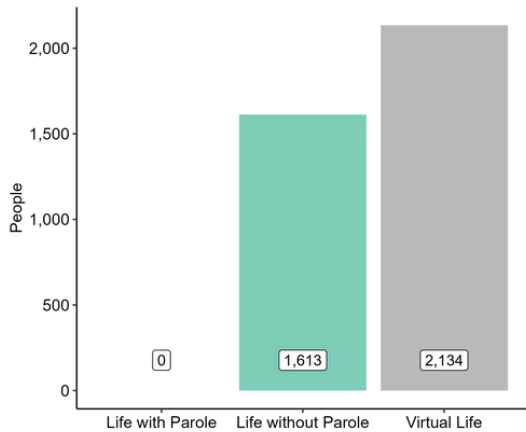


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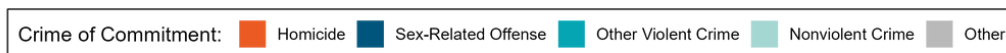
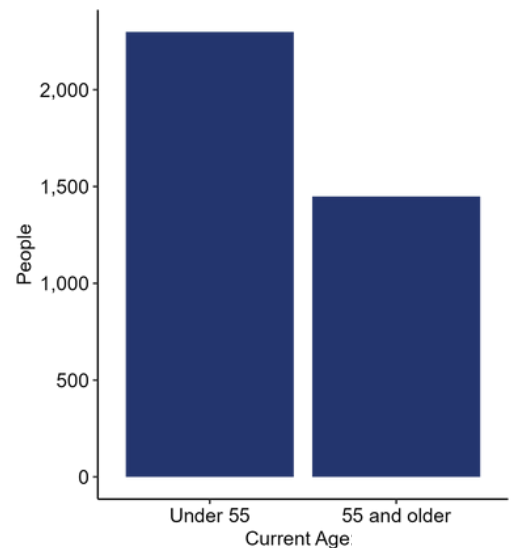


As of 2024, there were **3,747** people in Illinois serving a life sentence, **13%** of the total prison population. This makes Illinois the **32nd** highest ranked state by proportion of incarcerated people serving life sentences.



People of color make up **39%** of the population in Illinois but **76%** of people serving life sentences. **44%** of Black people and **48%** of Latinos serving life sentences were **under the age of 25** at the time of offense.

39% of people serving life are **55 or older**.



*Data Note: Virtual Life is defined as a sentence of 50 years or more and this data was first collected in 2016