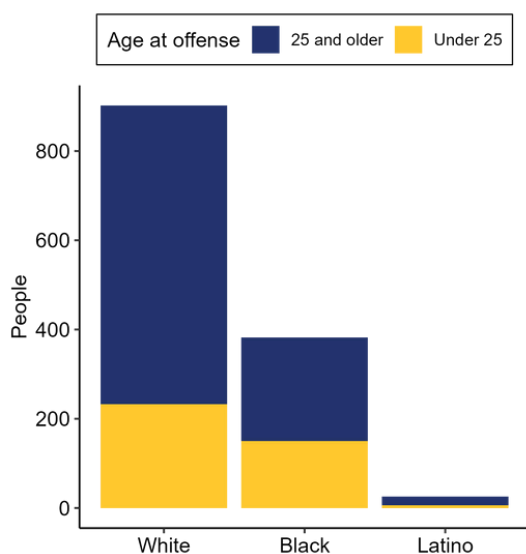
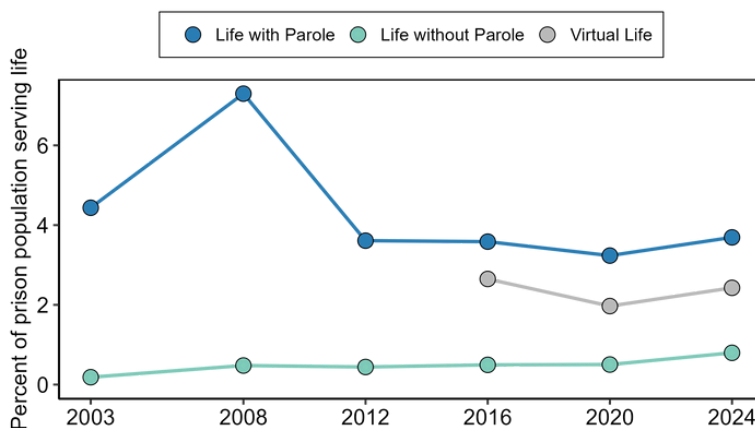
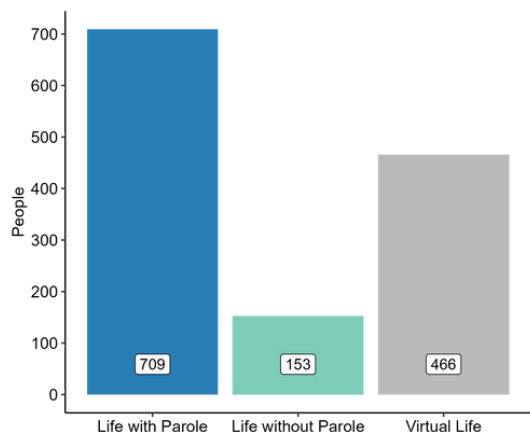


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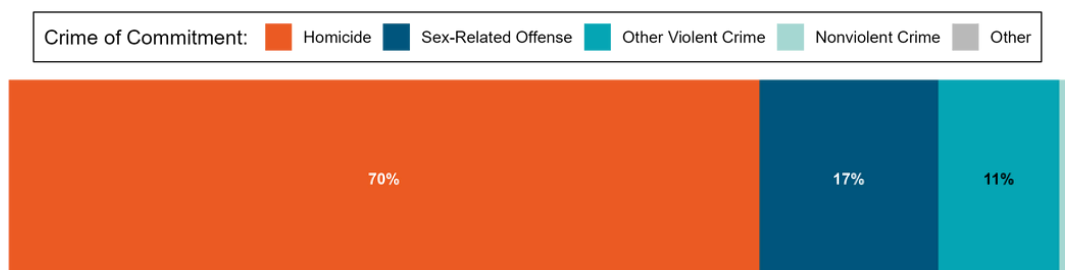
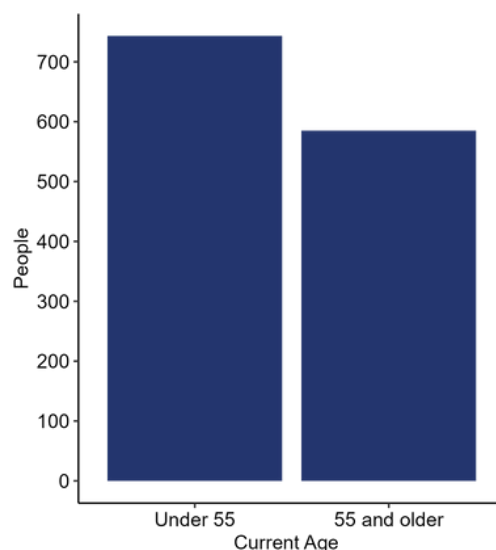


As of 2024, there were **1,328** people in Kentucky serving a life sentence, **7%** of the total prison population. This makes Kentucky the **44th** highest ranked state by proportion of incarcerated people serving life sentences.



Black people make up **10%** of the population in Kentucky but **29%** of people serving life sentences. **39%** of Black people serving life sentences were **under the age of 25** at the time of offense.

44% 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