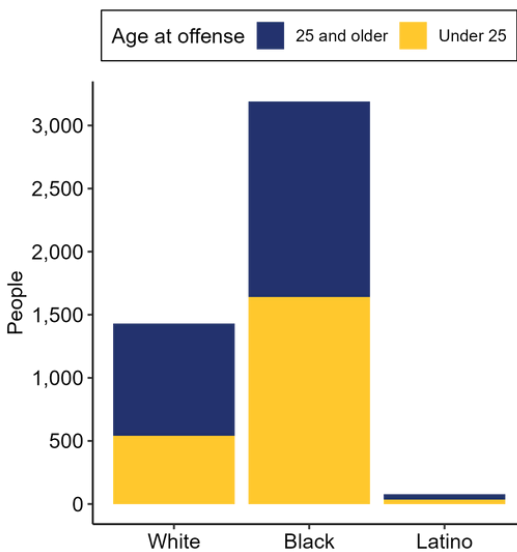
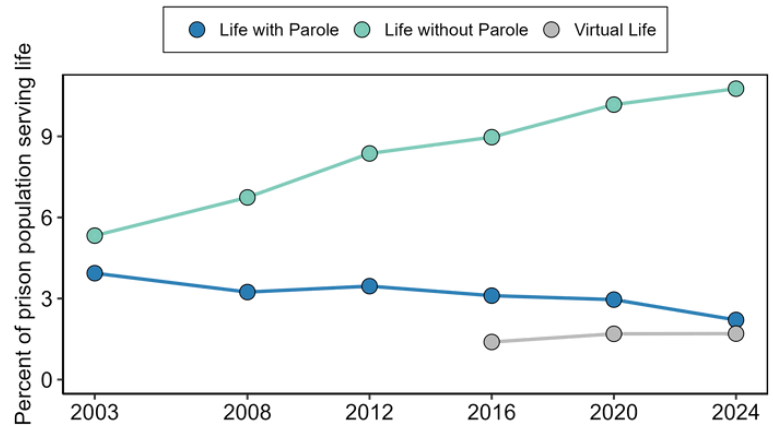
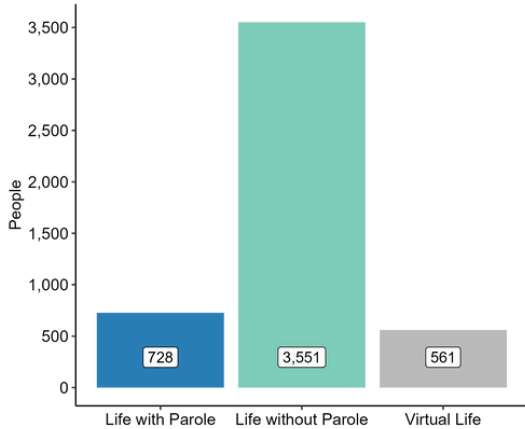


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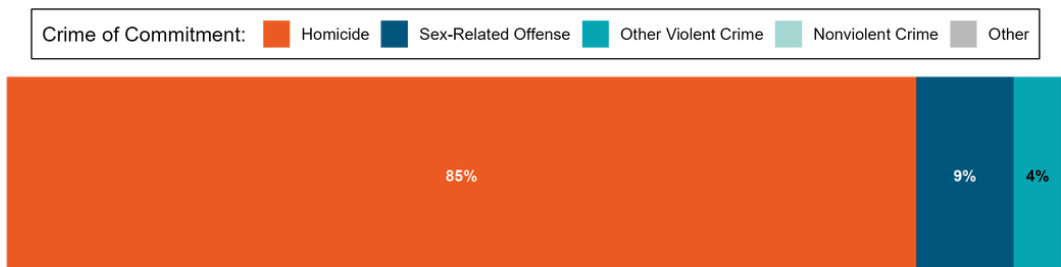
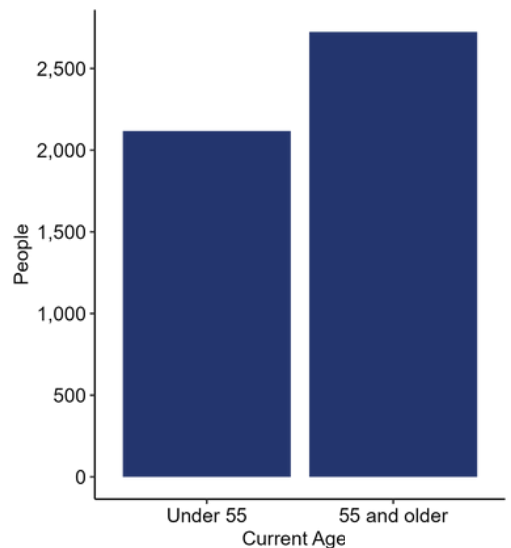


As of 2024, there were **4,840** people in Michigan serving a life sentence, **15%** of the total prison population. This makes Michigan the **25th** highest ranked state by proportion of incarcerated people serving life sentences.



Black people make up **15%** of the population in Michigan but **66%** of people serving life sentences. **51%** of Black people serving life sentences were **under the age of 25** at the time of offense.

56% of people serving life are **55 or older**.



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