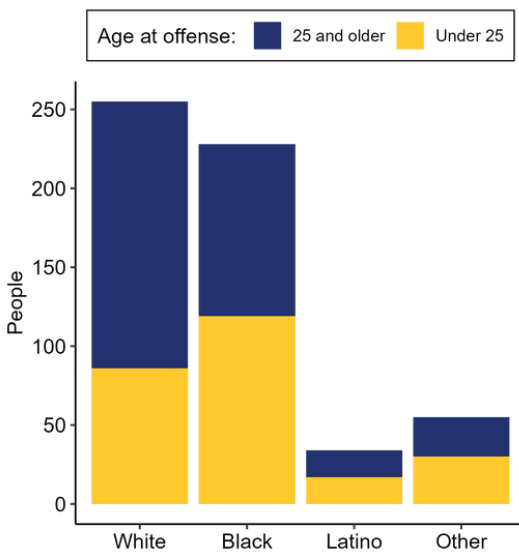
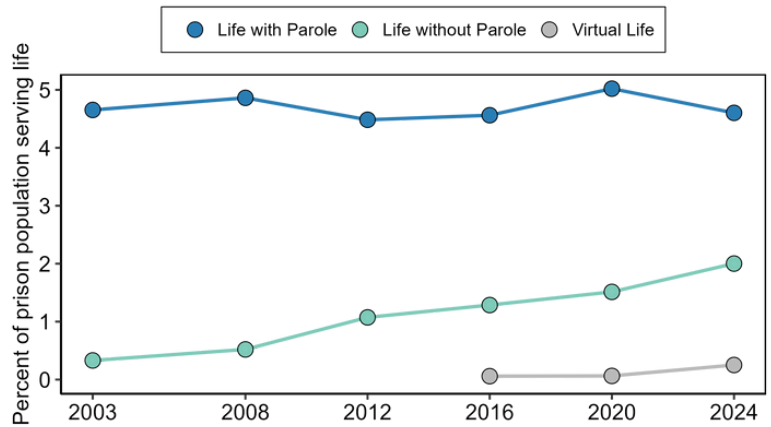
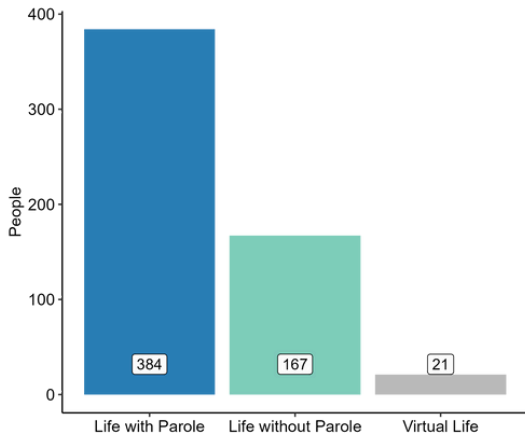


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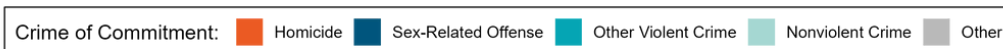
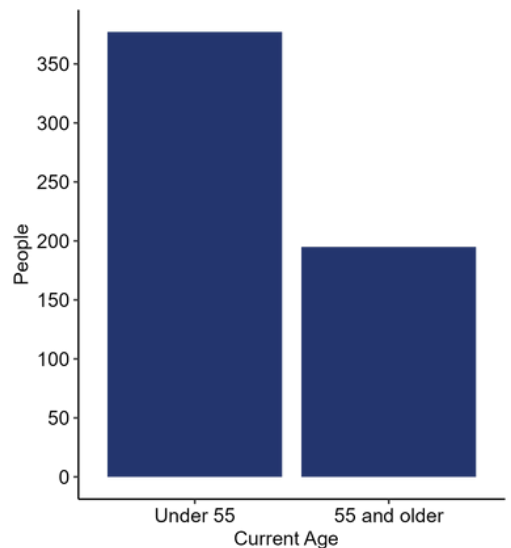


As of 2024, there were **572** people in Minnesota serving a life sentence, **7%** of the total prison population. This makes Minnesota the **45th** highest ranked state by proportion of incarcerated people serving life sentences.



Black people make up **9%** of the population in Minnesota but **40%** of people serving life sentences. **52%** of Black people serving life sentences were **under the age of 25** at the time of offense.

34% 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.