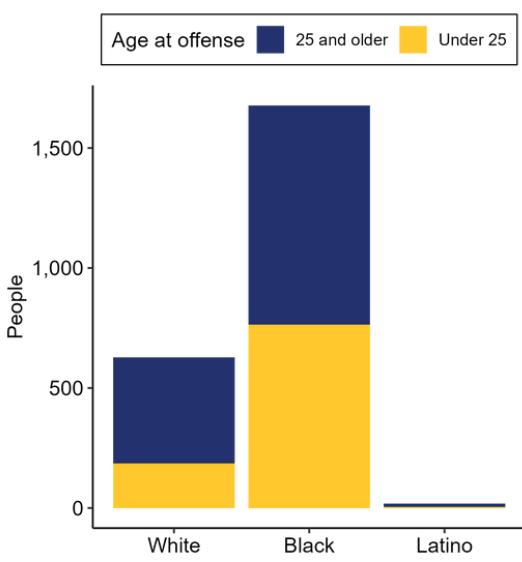
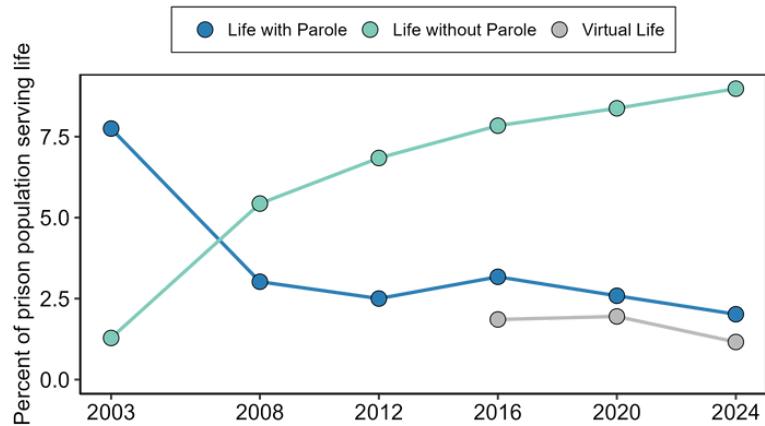
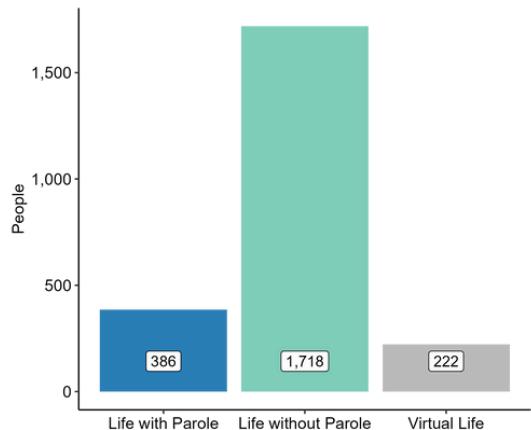


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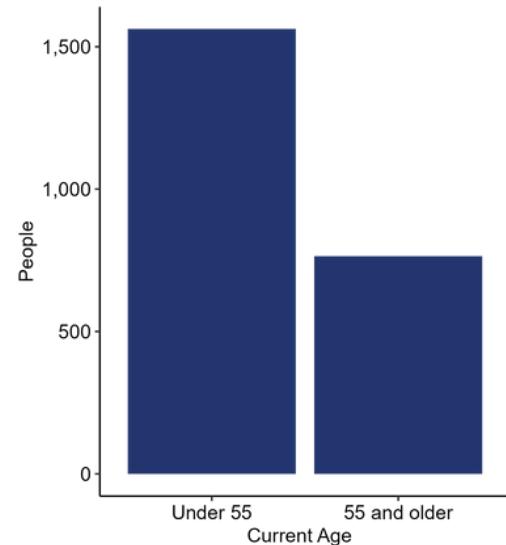


As of 2024, there were **2,326** people in Mississippi serving a life sentence, **12%** of the total prison population. This makes Mississippi the **34th** highest ranked state by proportion of incarcerated people serving life sentences.



Black people make up **38%** of the population in Mississippi but **72%** of people serving life sentences. **46%** of Black people serving life sentences were **under the age of 25** at the time of offense.

33% 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.