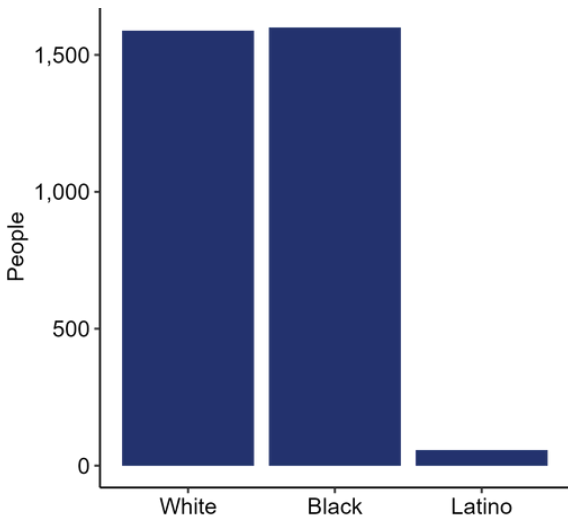
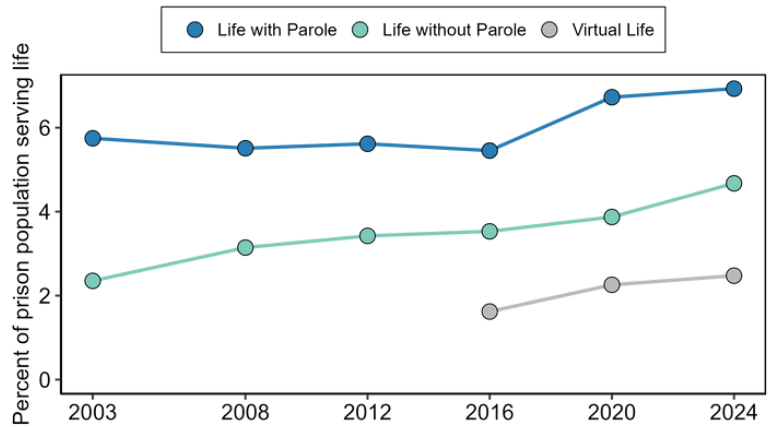
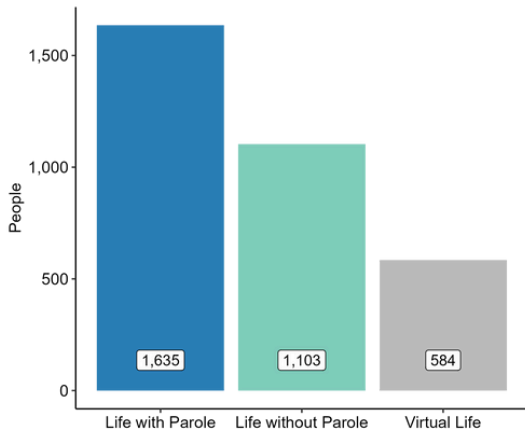


# Life Imprisonment in Missouri

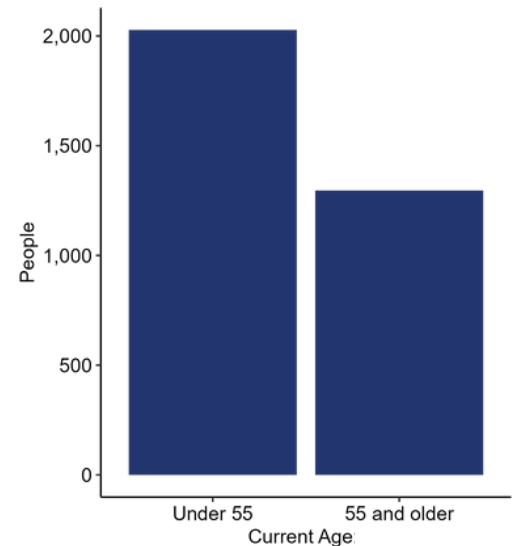


As of 2024, there were **3,322** people in Missouri serving a life sentence, **14%** of the total prison population. This makes Missouri the **28th** highest ranked state by proportion of incarcerated people serving life sentences.



Black people make up **13%** of the population in Mississippi but **49%** of people serving life sentences.

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



Crime of Commitment: Homicide Sex-Related Offense Other Violent Crime Nonviolent Crime Other



\*Data Note: Virtual Life is defined as a sentence of 50 years or more. This data was first collected in 2016. Missouri also didn't provide data for age at offense