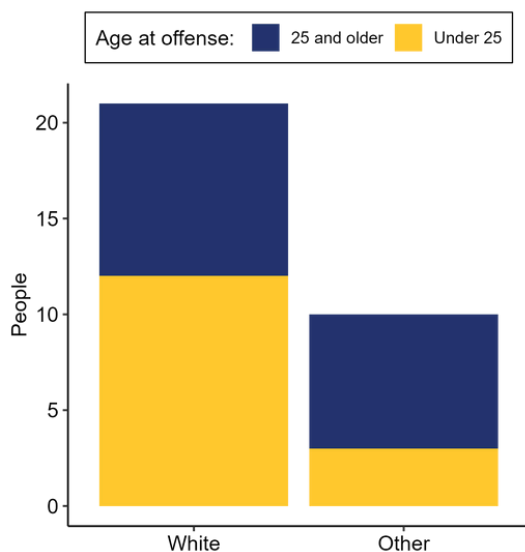
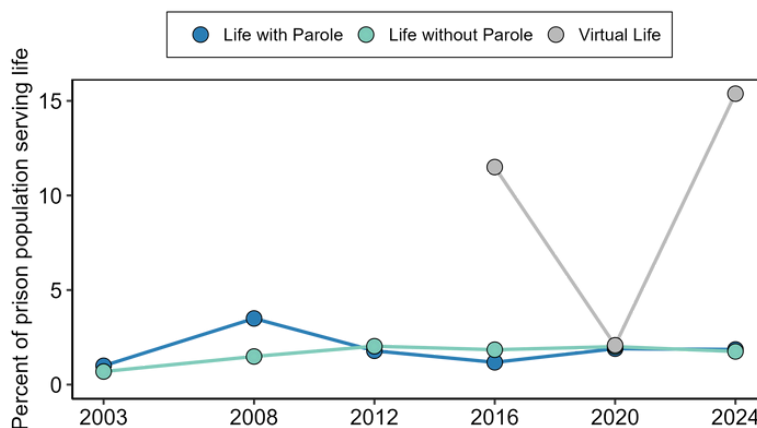
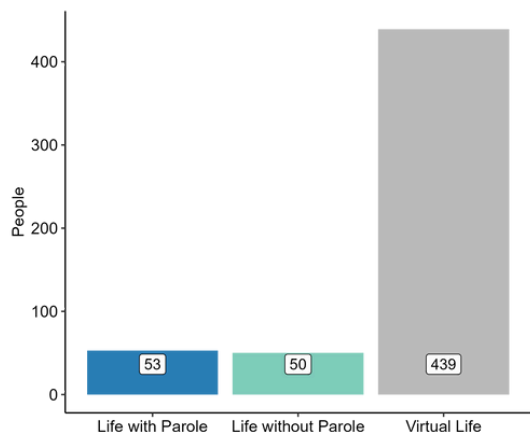


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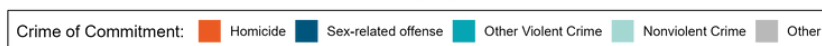
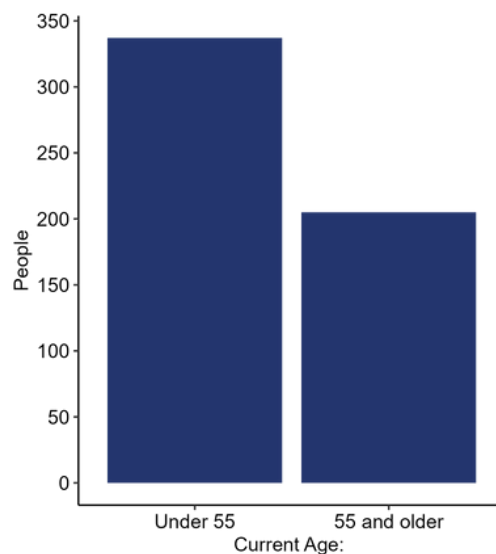


As of 2024, there were **542** people in Montana serving a life sentence, **19%** of the total prison population. This makes Montana the **15th** highest ranked state by proportion of incarcerated people serving life sentences.



People of color make up **15%** of the population in Montana but **32%** of people serving life sentences. **30%** of people of color serving life sentences were **under the age of 25** at the time of offense.

**38%** 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.