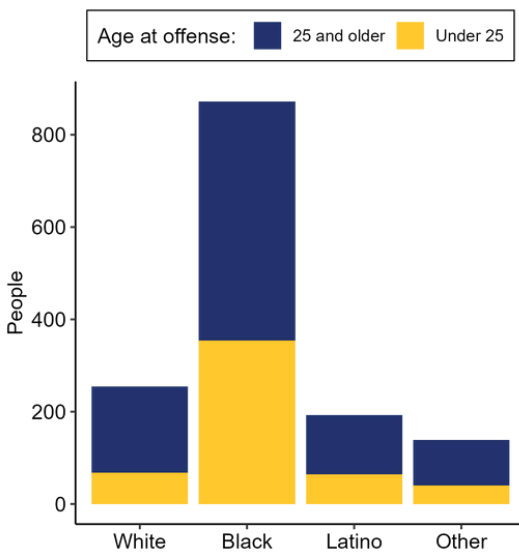
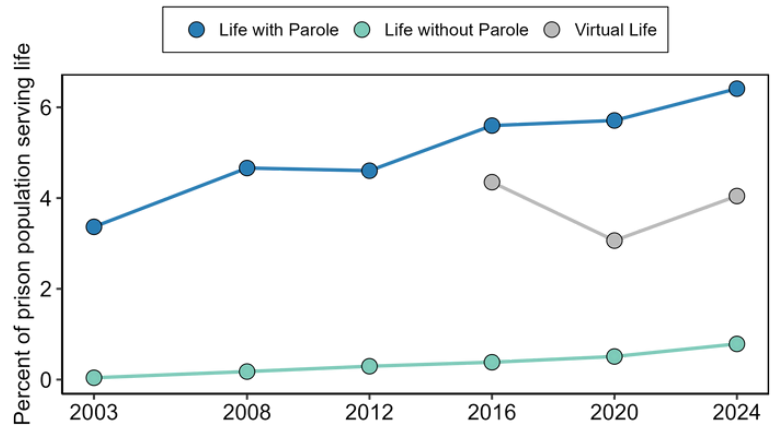
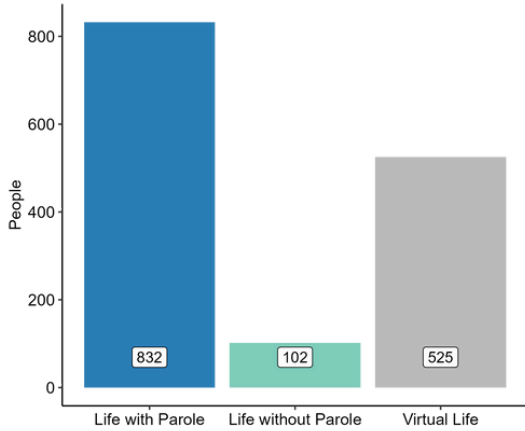


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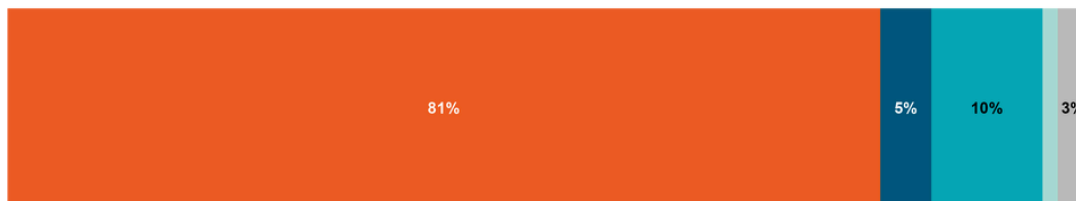
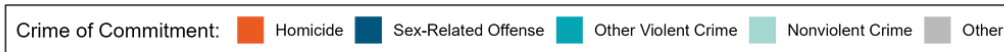
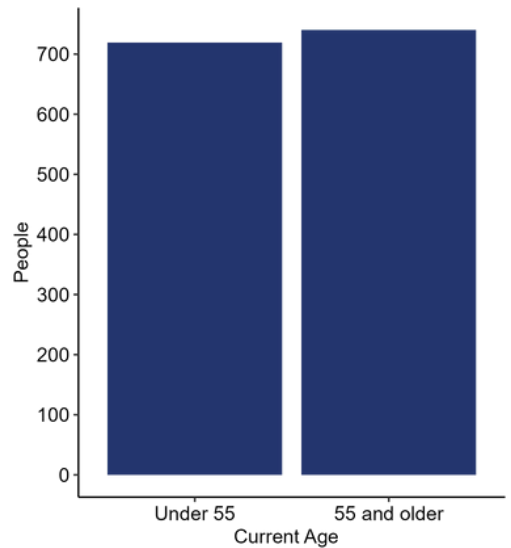


As of 2024, there were **1,459** people in New Jersey serving a life sentence, **11%** of the total prison population. This makes New Jersey the **36th** highest ranked state by proportion of incarcerated people serving life sentences.



People of color make up **45%** of the population in New Jersey but **83%** of people serving life sentences. **41%** of Black people and **33%** of Latinos serving life sentences were **under the age of 25** at the time of offense.

**51%** 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.