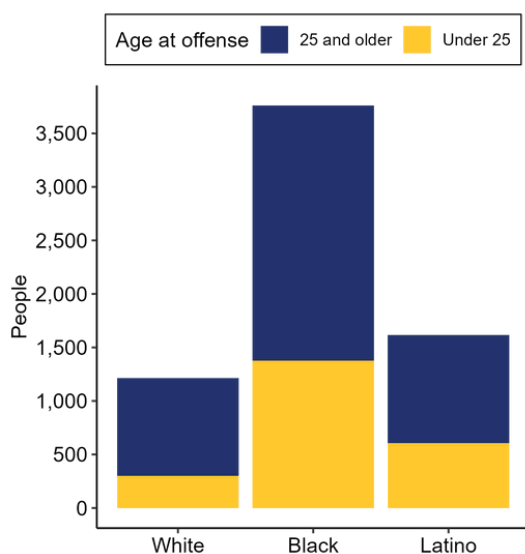
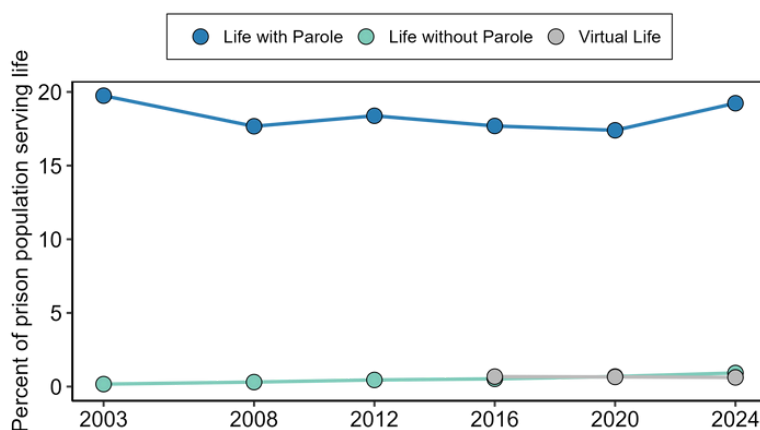
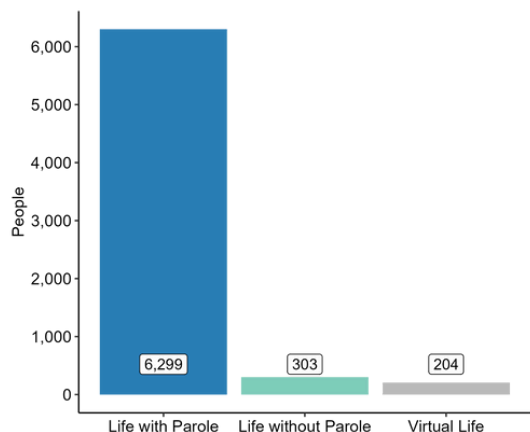


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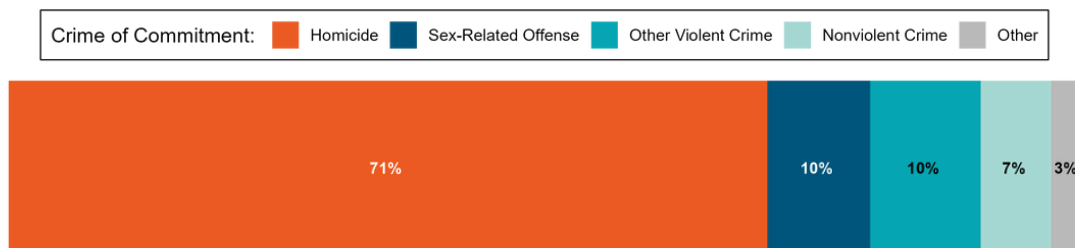
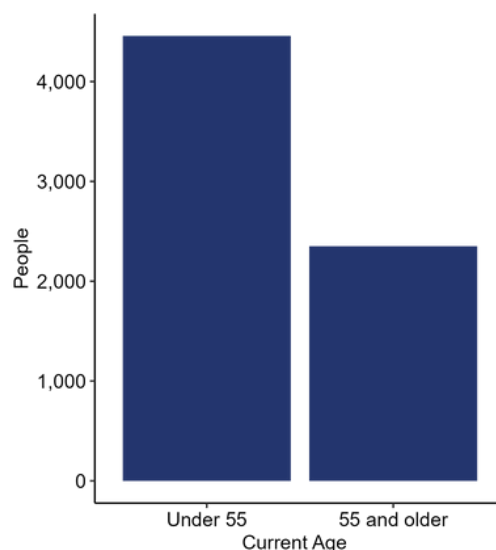


As of 2024, there were **6,806** people in New York serving a life sentence, **21%** of the total prison population. This makes New York the **11th** highest ranked state by proportion of incarcerated people serving life sentences.



People of color make up **45%** of the population in New York but **82%** of people serving life sentences. **37%** of Black people and **38%** of Latinos serving life sentences were **under the age of 25** at the time of offense.

35% 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.