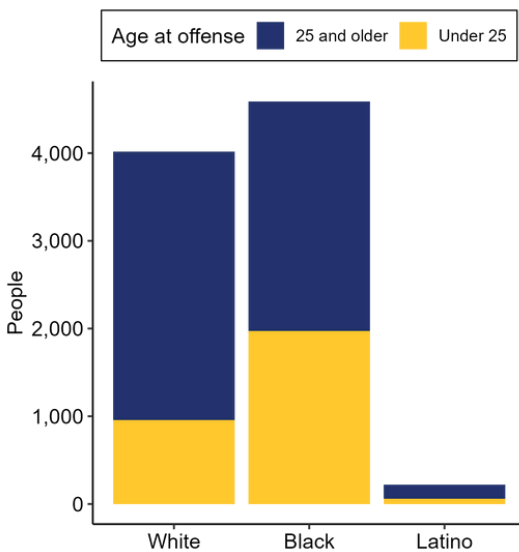
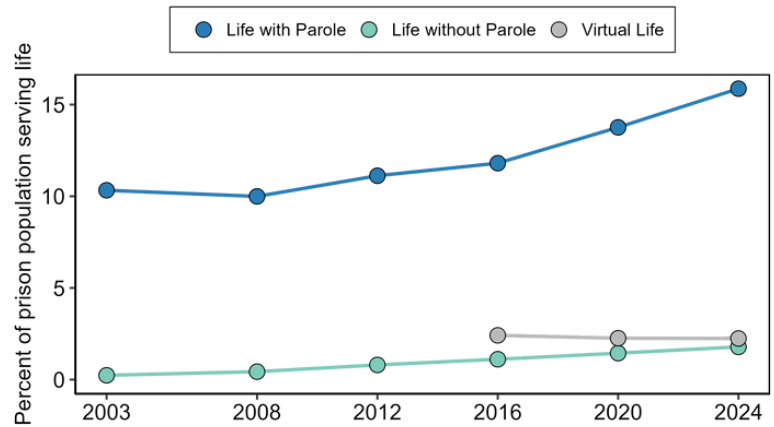
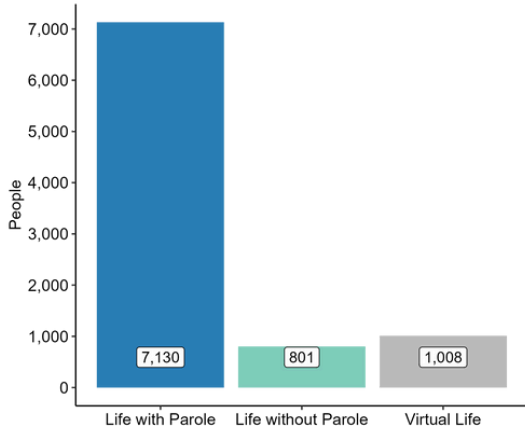


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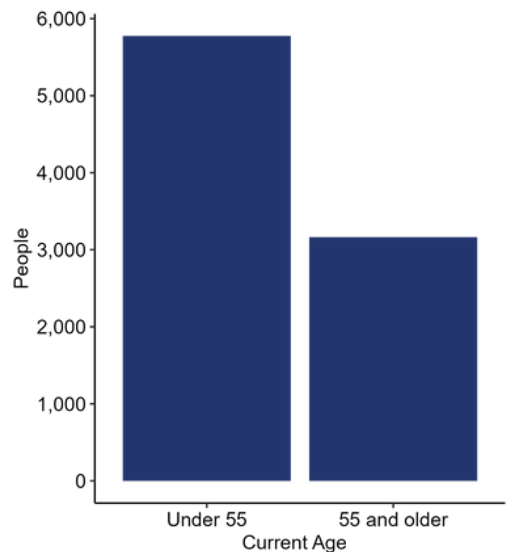


As of 2024, there were **8,939** people in Ohio serving a life sentence, **20%** of the total prison population. This makes Ohio the **13th** highest ranked state by proportion of incarcerated people serving life sentences.



Black people make up **14%** of the population in Ohio but **51%** of people serving life sentences. **43%** of Black people 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.