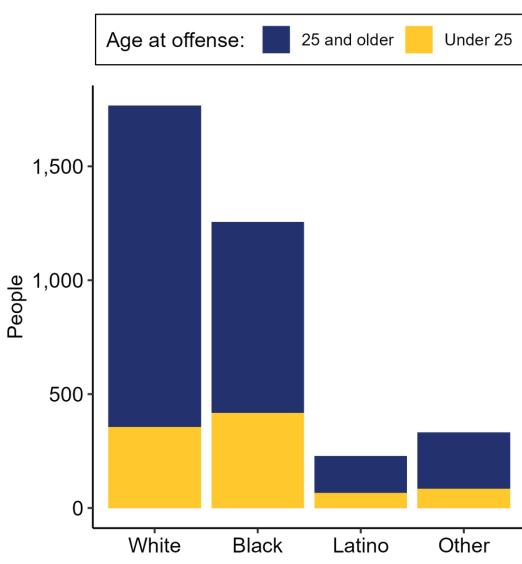
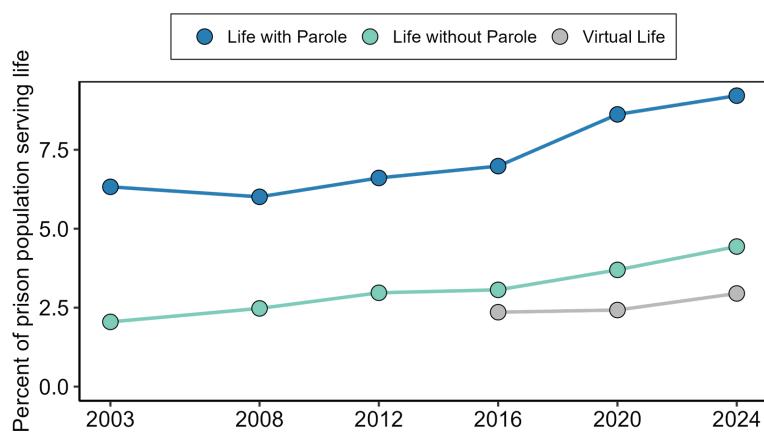
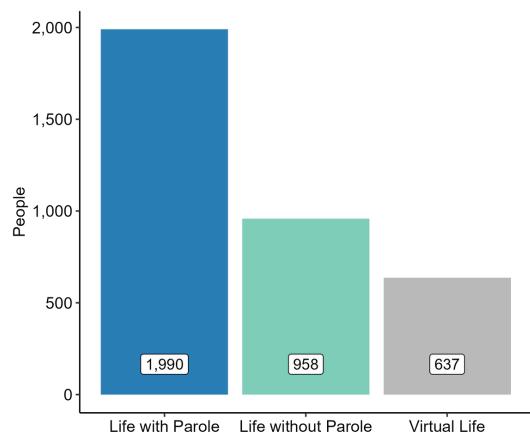


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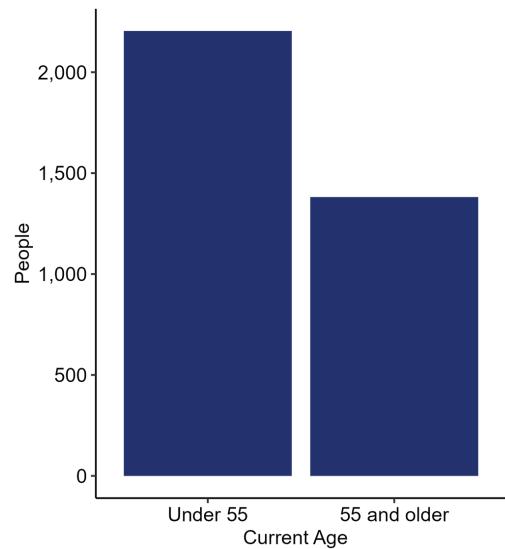


As of 2024, there were **3,585** people in Oklahoma serving a life sentence, **17%** of the total prison population. This makes New York the **19th** highest ranked state by proportion of incarcerated people serving life sentences.



People of color make up **36%** of the population in Oklahoma but **51%** of people serving life sentences. **33%** of Black people and **30%** of Latinos serving life sentences were **under the age of 25** at the time of offense.

**39%** 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.