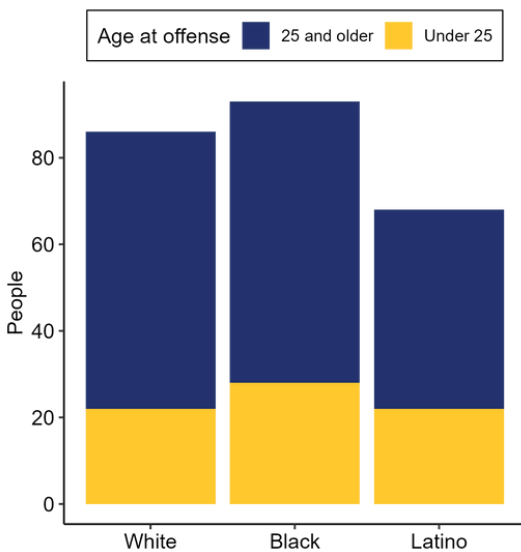
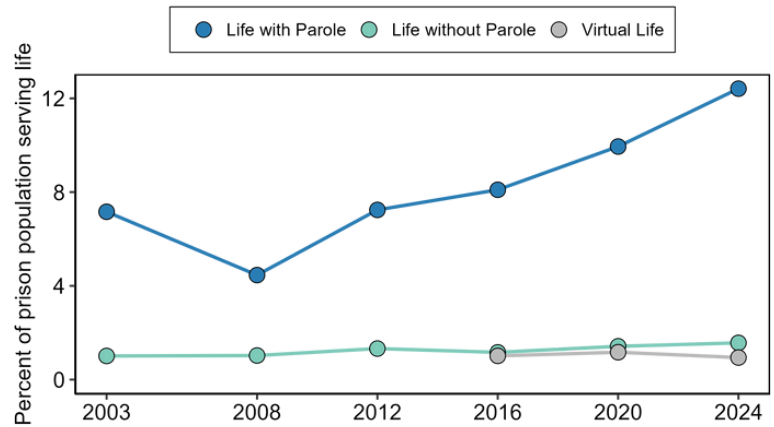
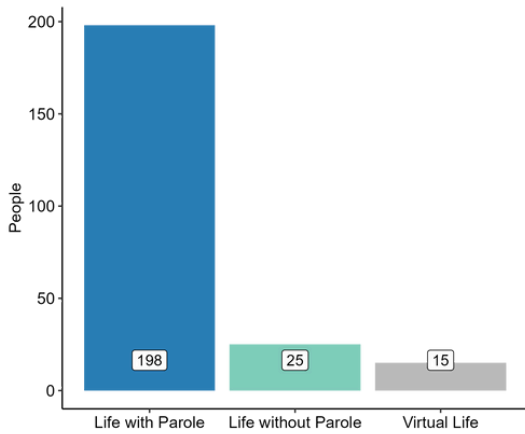


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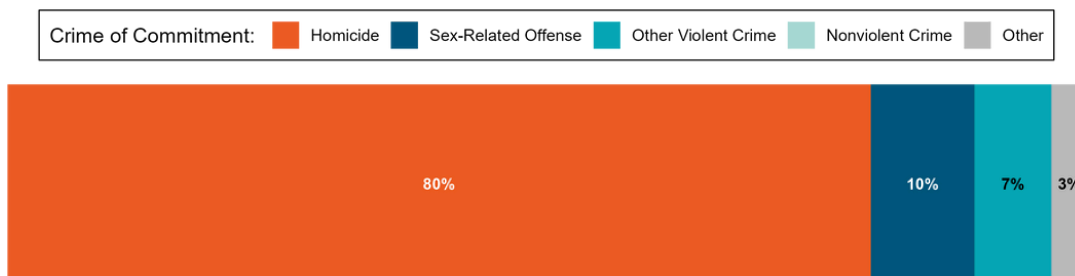
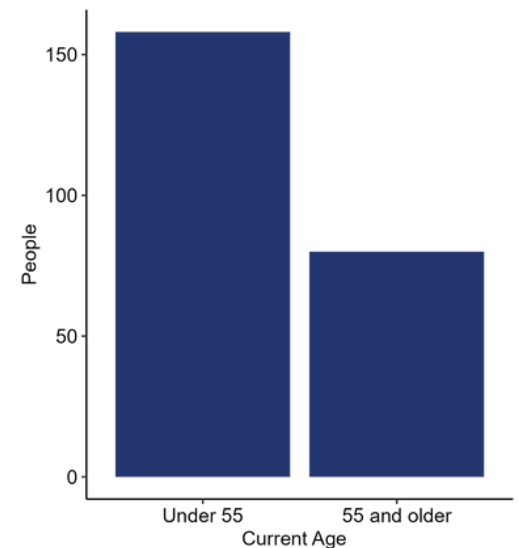


As of 2024, there were **238** people in Rhode Island serving a life sentence, **15%** of the total prison population. This makes Rhode Island the **24th** highest ranked state by proportion of incarcerated people serving life sentences.



People of color make up **29%** of the population in Rhode Island but **67%** of people serving life sentences. **30%** of Black people and **32%** of Latinos serving life sentences were **under the age of 25** at the time of offense.

34% 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.