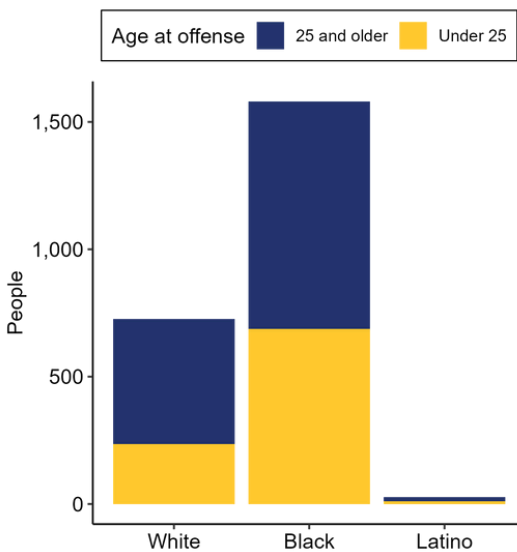
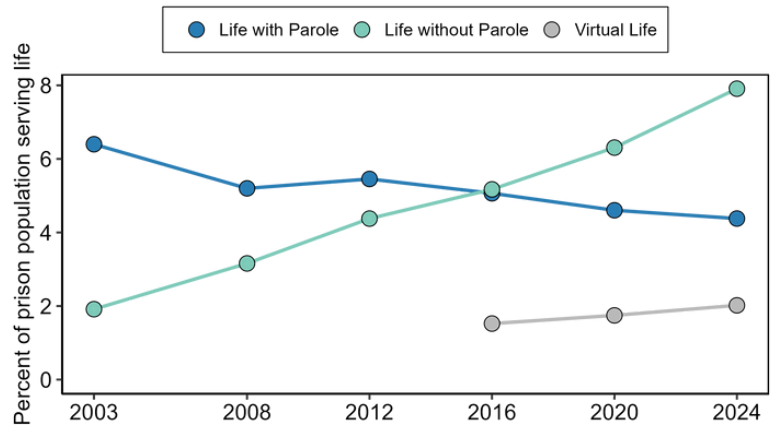
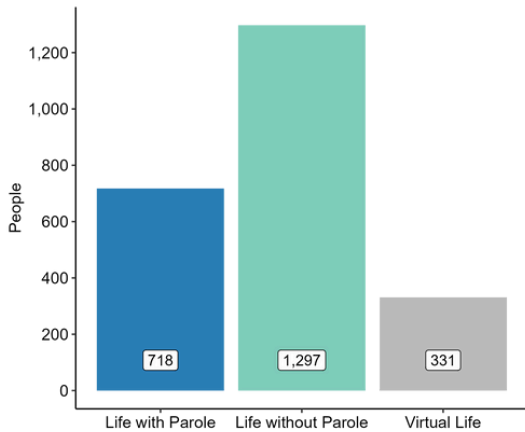


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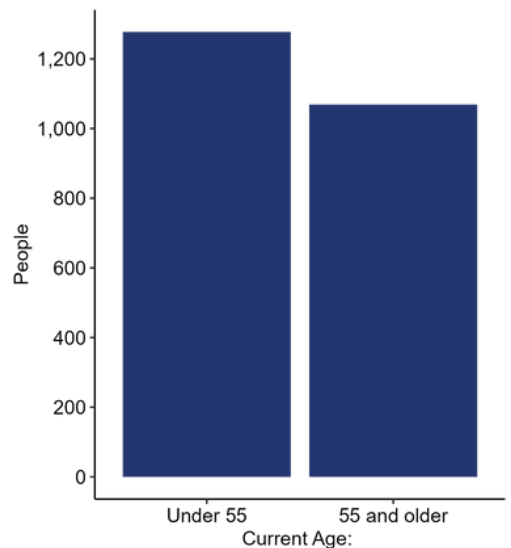


As of 2024, there were **2,346** people in South Carolina serving a life sentence, **14%** of the total prison population. This makes South Carolina the **28th** highest ranked state by proportion of incarcerated people serving life sentences.



Black people make up **27%** of the population in South Carolina but **67%** of people serving life sentences. **44%** of Black people serving life sentences were **under the age of 25** at the time of offense.

46% of people serving life are **55 or older**.



Crime of Commitment: Homicide, Sex-related offense, Other Violent Crime, Nonviolent Crime, Other



*Data Note: Virtual Life is defined as a sentence of 50 years or more. This data was first collected in 2016.