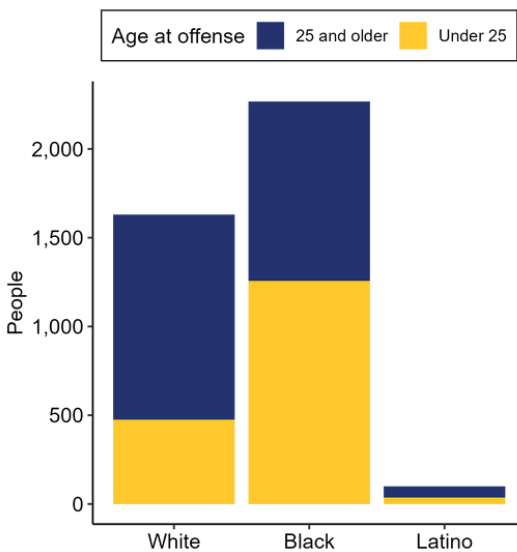
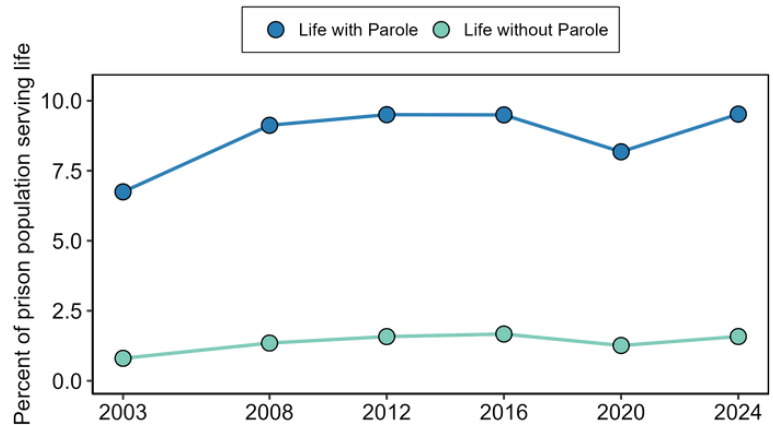
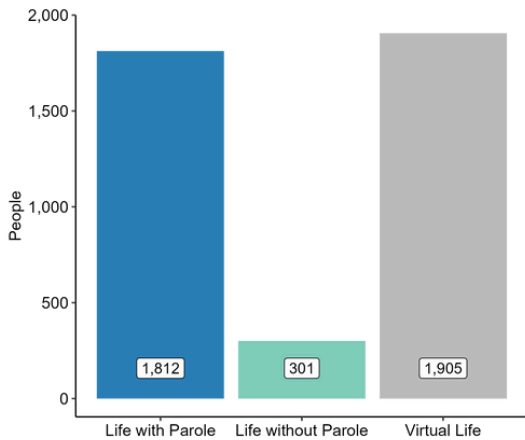


# Life Imprisonment in Tennessee

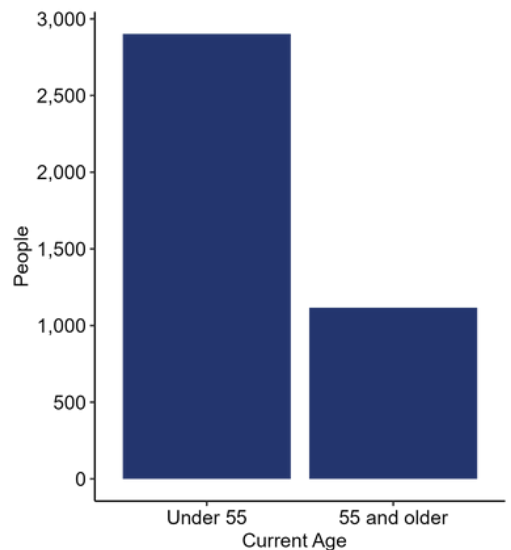


As of 2024, there were **4,018** people in Tennessee serving a life sentence, **21%** of the total prison population. This makes Tennessee the **9th** highest ranked state by proportion of incarcerated people serving life sentences.

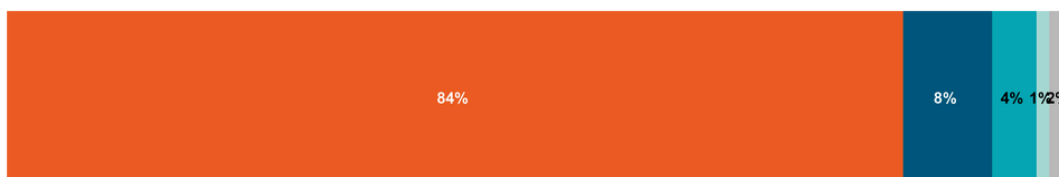


Black people make up **17%** of the population in Tennessee but **56%** of people serving life sentences. **56%** of Black people serving life sentences were **under the age of 25** at the time of offense.

**28%** 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.