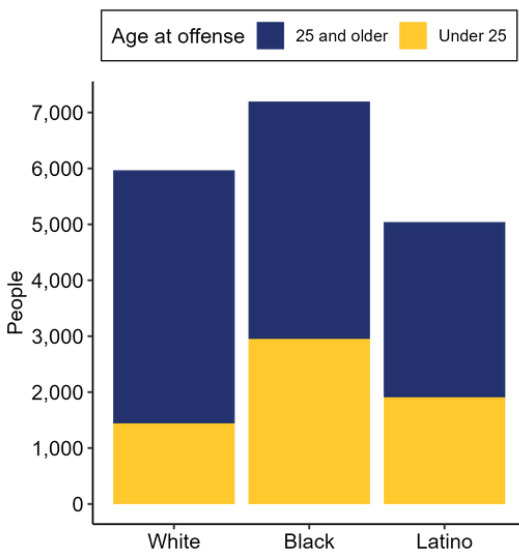
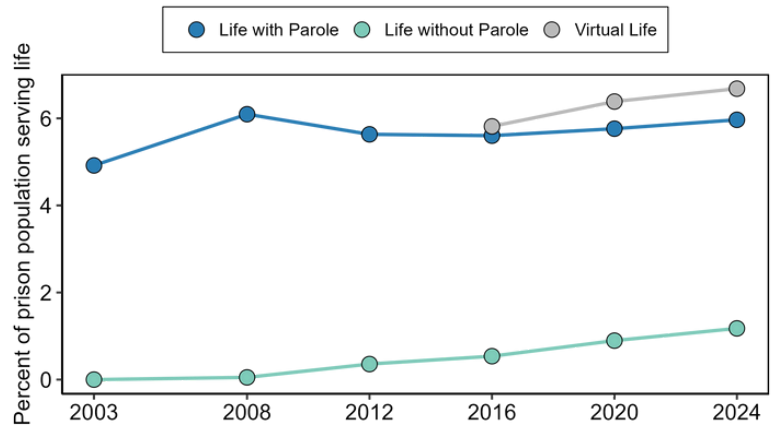
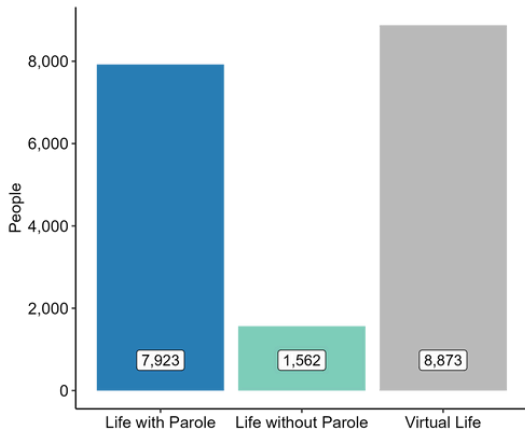


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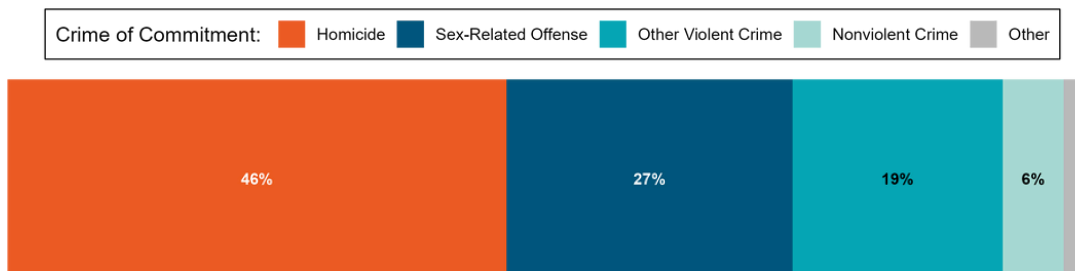
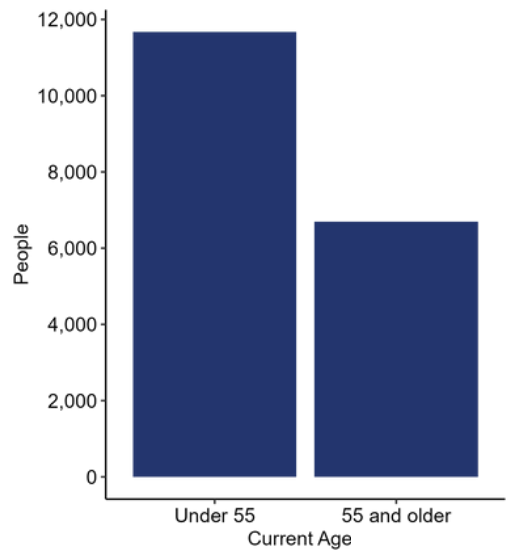


As of 2024, there were **18,358** people in Texas serving a life sentence, **14%** of the total prison population. This makes Texas the **29th** highest ranked state by proportion of incarcerated people serving life sentences.



People of color make up **50%** of the population in Texas but **68%** of people serving life sentences. **41%** of Black people and **38%** of Latinos serving life sentences were **under the age of 25** at the time of offense.

36% 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.