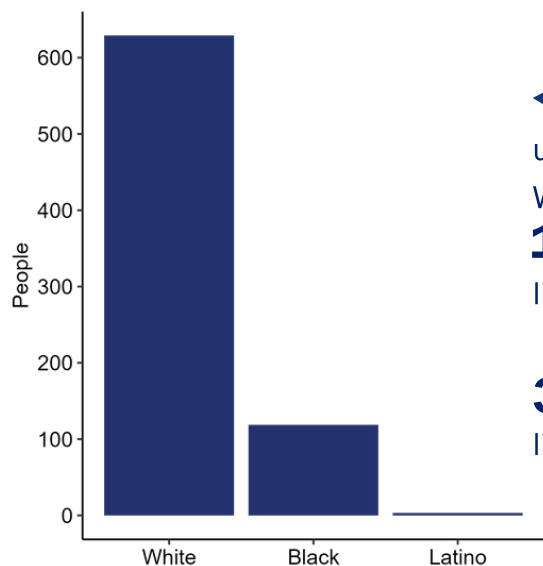
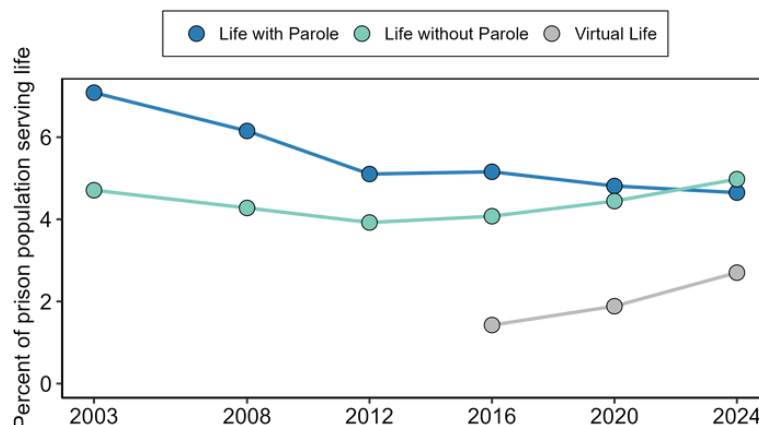
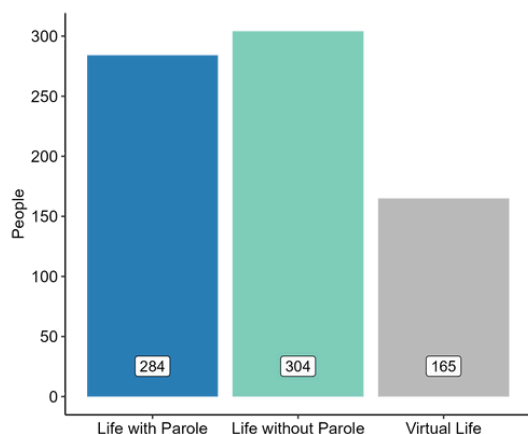


# Life Imprisonment in West Virginia

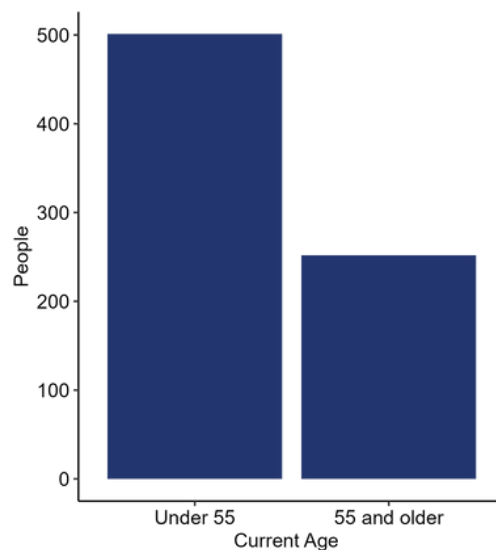


As of 2024, there were **753** people in West Virginia serving a life sentence, **12%** of the total prison population. This makes West Virginia the **33rd** highest ranked state by proportion of incarcerated people serving life sentences.



People of color make up **5%** of the population in West Virginia but **16%** of people serving life sentences.

**34%** 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.