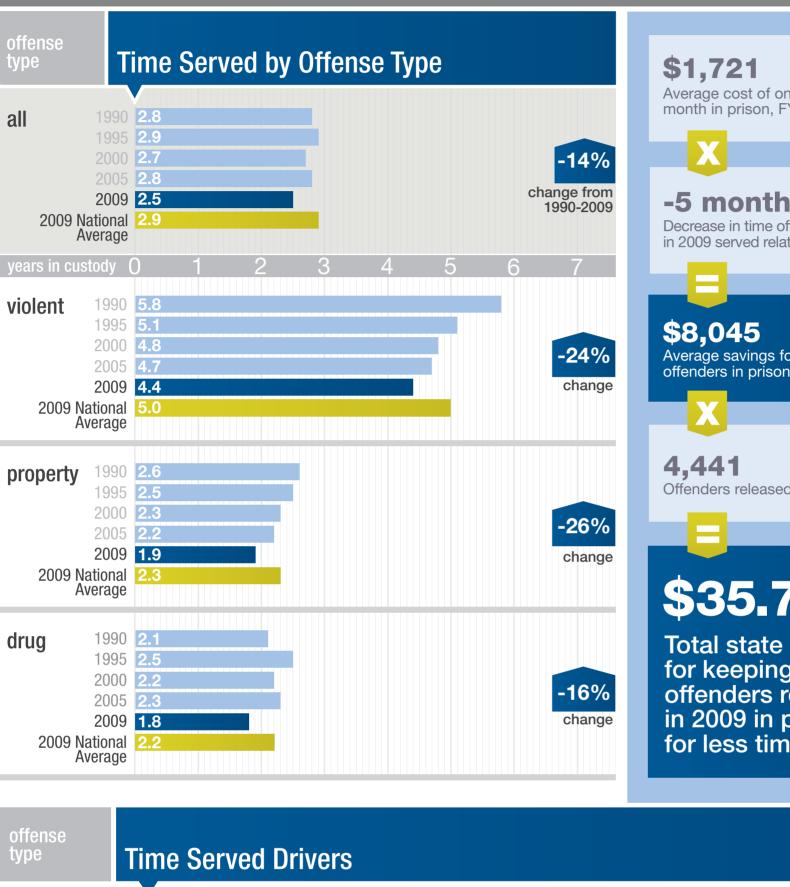
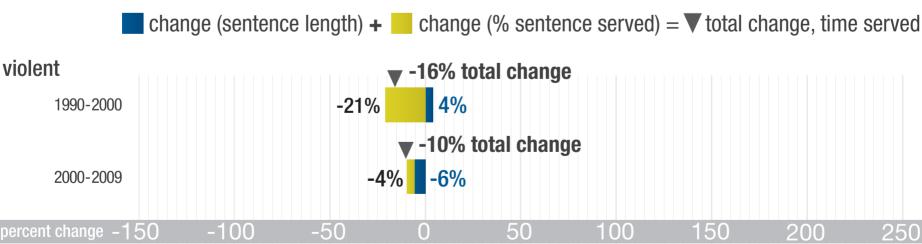
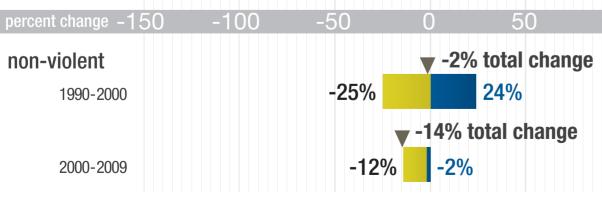


The average offender released in 2009 served 2.5 years in custody, 14% less than the average offender released in 1990.









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NOTES: Offenders released in a particular year here refers only to first releases in the year. First releases are offenders released from their original sentence, as opposed to offenders released onto parole, revoked to prison, and then re-released. Time served in custody includes both prison time and jail time counted towards a prison sentence. Time served drivers may not add to total change in time served due to rounding. See full report for additional notes.

SOURCES: All time served numbers from a Pew analysis of the National Corrections Reporting Program data. Prison cost data from the Vera Institute Price of Prisons (2012).