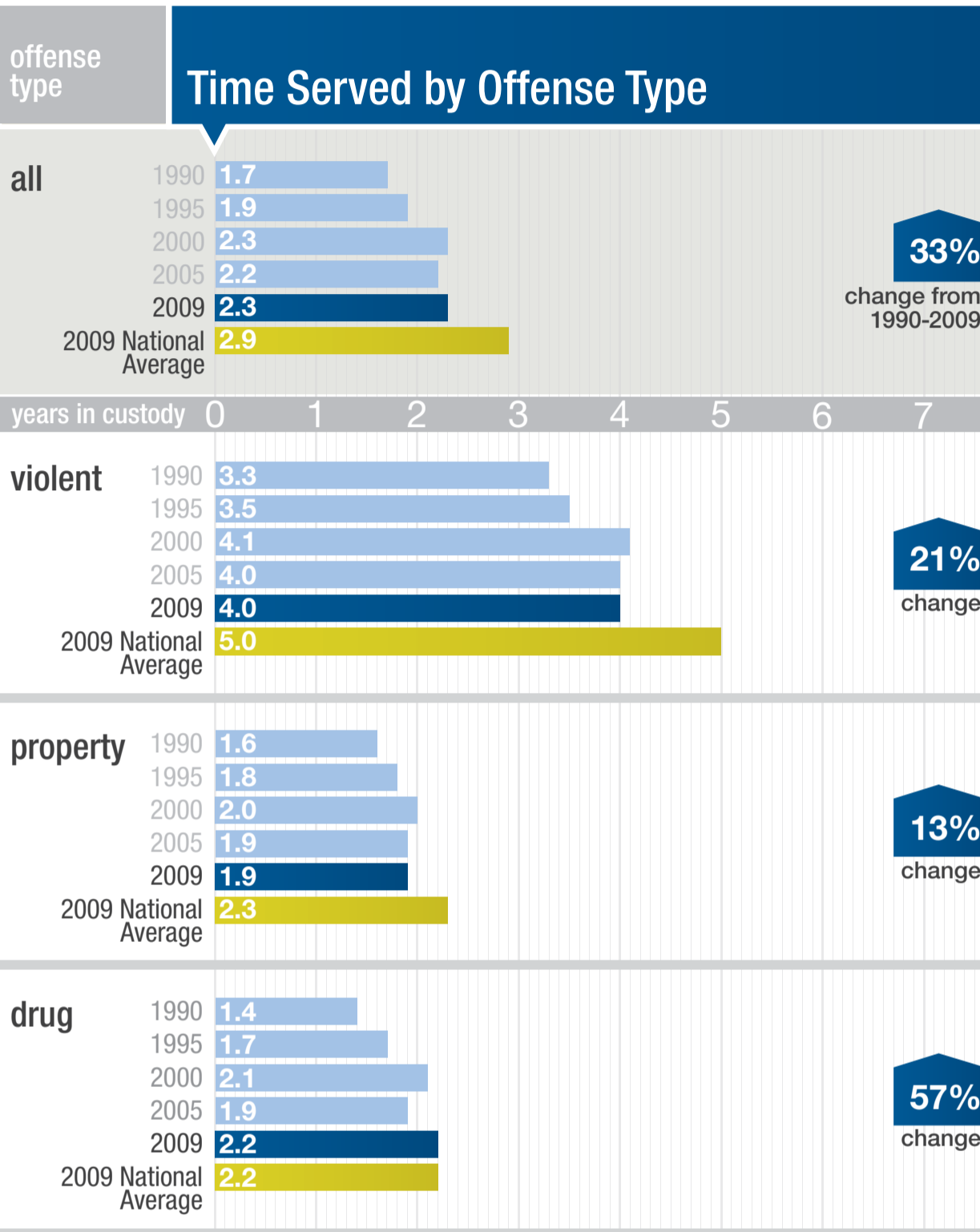


Time Served

South Carolina



The average offender released in 2009 served **2.3 years** in custody, **33% more** than the average offender released in 1990.



\$1,909
Average cost of one month in prison, FY 2010

X

7 months
Additional time offenders released in 2009 served relative to 1990

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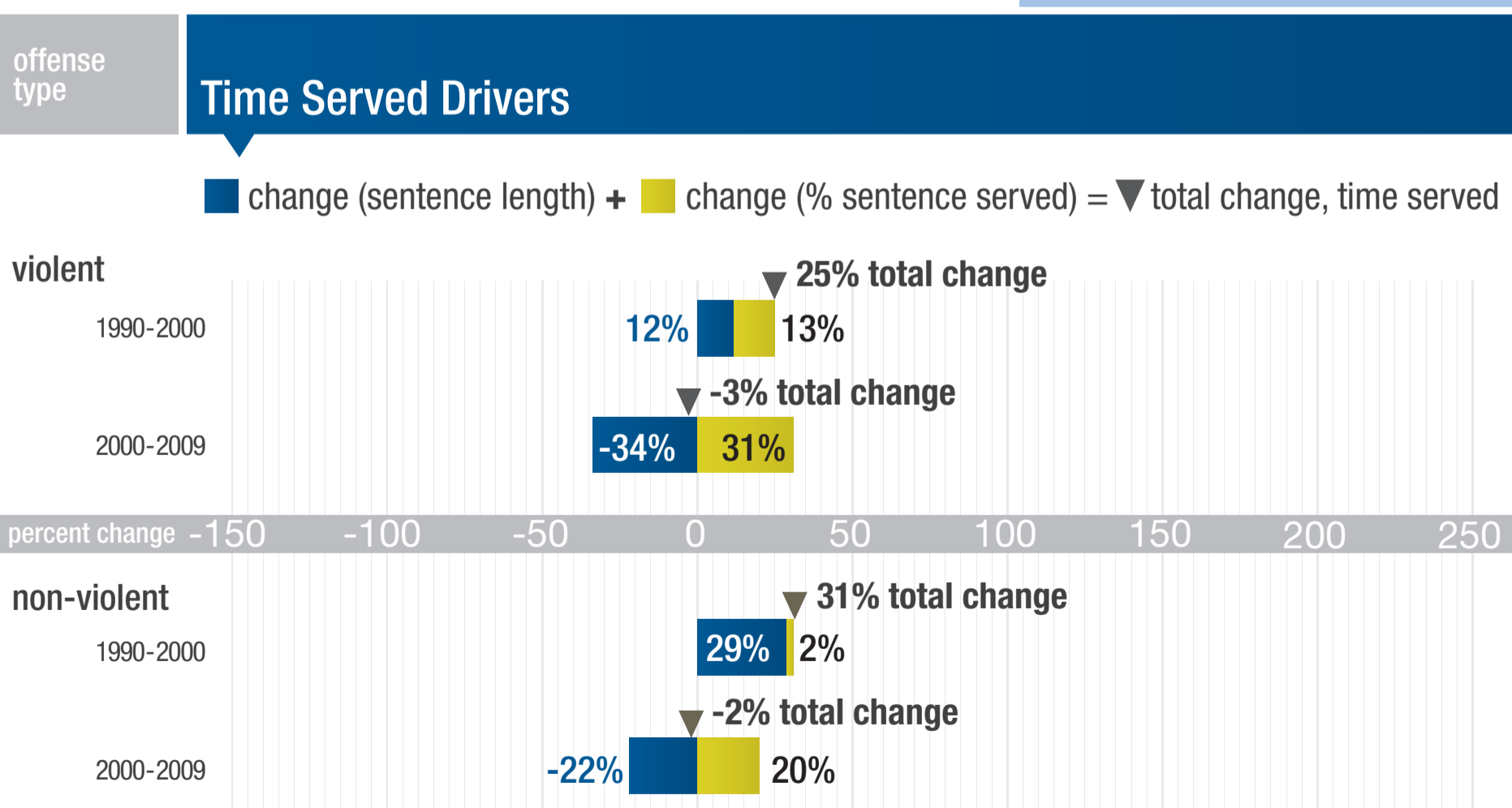
\$13,177
Average cost of keeping offenders in prison longer

X

8,795
Offenders released in 2009

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\$115.9M
Total state cost of keeping offenders released in 2009 in prison longer



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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 National Association of State Budget Officers FY2010 Actual Expenditures and Bureau of Justice Statistics National Prisoner Statistics 2010.