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

### Time Served by Offense Type

#### Violent

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### Time Served Drivers

- **25% total change**
- **12% change (sentence length)**
- **13% change (% sentence served)**

#### Percent Change

- **-34% total change**
- **13% total change**
- **-3% total change**

### Offender Costs

- **$1,909**
  - Average cost of one month in prison, FY 2010
- **$13,177**
  - Average cost of keeping offenders in prison longer
- **$115.9M**
  - Total state cost of keeping offenders released in 2009 in prison longer

**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.