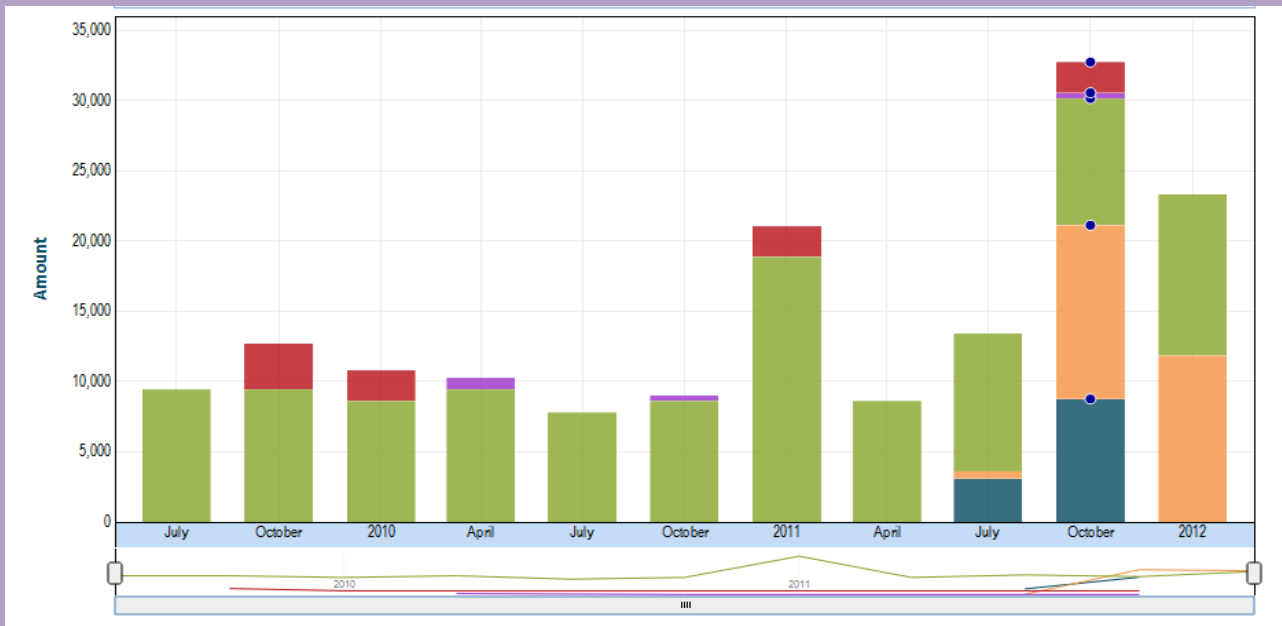


DRUG RELATED STATISTICS 2019



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Introduction

The main objective of this report is to provide current information on drug abuse and analyse trends of drug related statistics for planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating programmes effectively.

Specific Objectives are as follows,

1. To determine the incidence, prevalence and characteristics of drug users.
2. To monitor the trends and patterns in drug use and drug related arrests.

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DRUG RELATED ARRESTS

Drug Related Arrests by Drug

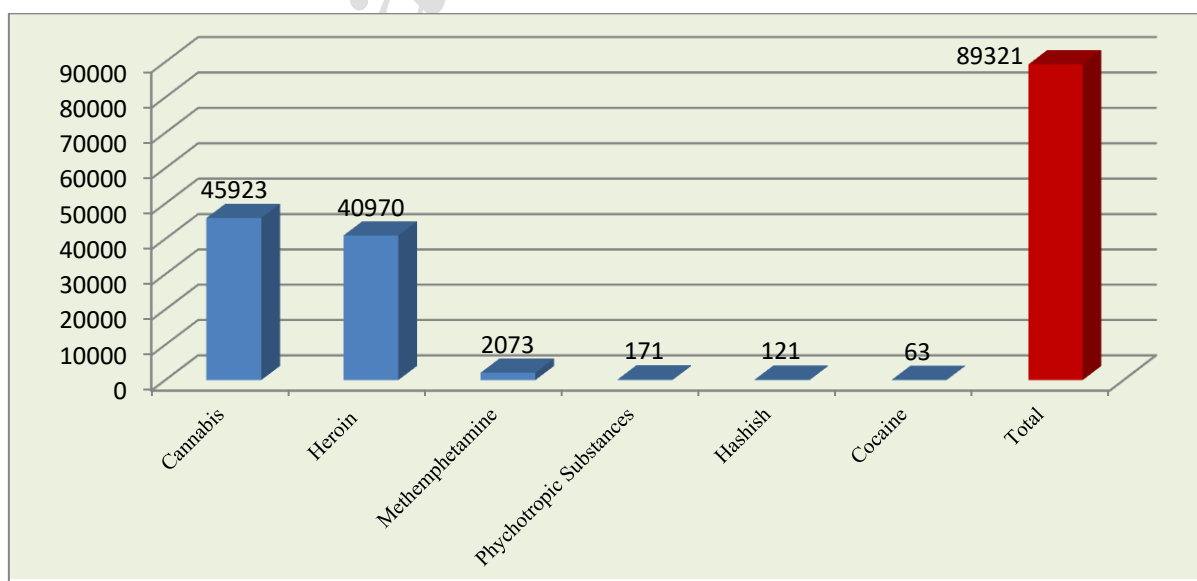
The total number of persons of drug related arrests was 89,321 in 2019. Among them, there were 45,923 (51.41%) persons for cannabis related arrests and 40,970 (45.87%) persons for heroin related arrests. In addition, 2073 persons for methamphetamine, 171 persons for psychotropic substances, 121 persons for hashish and 63 persons for cocaine were arrested in 2019.

Table 01- Drug Related Arrests by Drug

| Type of Drug | Frequency | % |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Heroin | 40,970 | 45.87 |
| Cannabis | 45,923 | 51.41 |
| Cocaine | 63 | 0.07 |
| Hashish | 121 | 0.14 |
| Methamphetamine | 2073 | 2.32 |
| Psychotropic Substances | 171 | 0.19 |
| Total | 89,321 | 100 |

Source: Police Narcotics Bureau

Graph No: 01 - Drug Related Arrests by Drug



Source: Police Narcotics Bureau

Drug Related Arrests by District

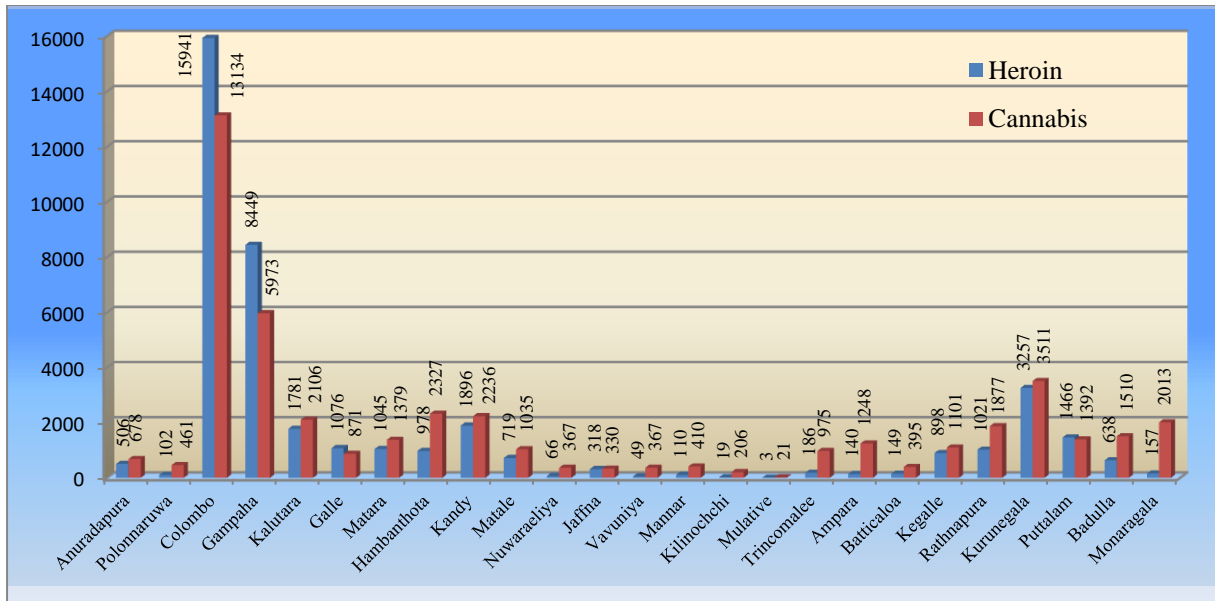
By considering the total number of arrests, highest number of drug related arrestees, 30,809 (34.49%) were reported from Colombo district followed by 16.50 % of arrestees from Gampaha district, 7.59 % of arrestees from Kurunegala district and 4.65 % of arrestees from Kandy district. Lowest number of drug related arrestees, 26 (0.03%) were reported from Mulativu district.

Table 02- Drug Related Arrests by District

| District | Heroin | % | Cannabis | % | Cocaine | % | Hashish | % | Methamphetamine | % | Psychotropic Substances | % | Total | % |
|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Anuradapura | 506 | 1.24 | 678 | 1.48 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 4 | 0.19 | 2 | 1.17 | 1190 | 1.33 |
| Polonnaruwa | 102 | 0.25 | 461 | 1.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 563 | 0.63 |
| Colombo | 15941 | 38.91 | 13134 | 28.60 | 27 | 42.86 | 67 | 55.37 | 1566 | 75.54 | 74 | 43.27 | 30809 | 34.49 |
| Gampaha | 8449 | 20.62 | 5973 | 13.01 | 9 | 14.29 | 6 | 4.96 | 275 | 13.27 | 26 | 15.20 | 14738 | 16.50 |
| Kalutara | 1781 | 4.35 | 2106 | 4.59 | 1 | 1.59 | 2 | 1.65 | 28 | 1.35 | 18 | 10.53 | 3936 | 4.41 |
| Galle | 1076 | 2.63 | 871 | 1.90 | 0 | 0.00 | 3 | 2.48 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 1950 | 2.18 |
| Matara | 1045 | 2.55 | 1379 | 3.00 | 22 | 34.92 | 10 | 8.26 | 4 | 0.19 | 3 | 1.75 | 2463 | 2.76 |
| Hambanthota | 978 | 2.39 | 2327 | 5.07 | 1 | 1.59 | 5 | 4.13 | 29 | 1.40 | 5 | 2.92 | 3345 | 3.74 |
| Kandy | 1896 | 4.63 | 2236 | 4.87 | 1 | 1.59 | 5 | 4.13 | 9 | 0.43 | 9 | 5.26 | 4156 | 4.65 |
| Matale | 719 | 1.75 | 1035 | 2.25 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.05 | 1 | 0.58 | 1756 | 1.97 |
| Nuwara Eliya | 66 | 0.16 | 367 | 0.80 | 1 | 1.59 | 7 | 5.79 | 3 | 0.14 | 0 | 0.00 | 444 | 0.50 |
| Jaffna | 318 | 0.78 | 330 | 0.72 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.05 | 0 | 0.00 | 649 | 0.73 |
| Vavuniya | 49 | 0.12 | 367 | 0.80 | 0 | 0.00 | 2 | 1.65 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 418 | 0.47 |
| Mannar | 110 | 0.27 | 410 | 0.89 | 1 | 1.59 | 1 | 0.83 | 16 | 0.77 | 0 | 0.00 | 538 | 0.60 |
| Kilinochchi | 19 | 0.05 | 206 | 0.45 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.05 | 0 | 0.00 | 226 | 0.25 |
| Mulativu | 3 | 0.01 | 21 | 0.05 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 2 | 0.10 | 0 | 0.00 | 26 | 0.03 |
| Trincomalee | 186 | 0.45 | 975 | 2.12 | 0 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.83 | 3 | 0.14 | 3 | 1.75 | 1168 | 1.31 |
| Ampara | 140 | 0.34 | 1248 | 2.72 | 0 | 0.00 | 2 | 1.65 | 1 | 0.05 | 1 | 0.58 | 1392 | 1.56 |
| Batticaloa | 149 | 0.36 | 395 | 0.86 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 10 | 0.48 | 3 | 1.75 | 557 | 0.62 |
| Kegalle | 898 | 2.19 | 1101 | 2.40 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 24 | 1.16 | 3 | 1.75 | 2026 | 2.27 |
| Ratnapura | 1021 | 2.49 | 1877 | 4.09 | 0 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.83 | 22 | 1.06 | 5 | 2.92 | 2926 | 3.28 |
| Kurunegala | 3257 | 7.95 | 3511 | 7.65 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 3 | 0.14 | 9 | 5.26 | 6780 | 7.59 |
| Puttalam | 1466 | 3.58 | 1392 | 3.03 | 0 | 0.00 | 5 | 4.13 | 60 | 2.89 | 6 | 3.51 | 2929 | 3.28 |
| Badulla | 638 | 1.56 | 1510 | 3.29 | 0 | 0.00 | 4 | 3.31 | 8 | 0.39 | 2 | 1.17 | 2162 | 2.42 |
| Monaragala | 157 | 0.38 | 2013 | 4.38 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 3 | 0.14 | 1 | 0.58 | 2174 | 2.43 |
| Total | 40970 | 100 | 45923 | 100 | 63 | 100 | 121 | 100 | 2073 | 100 | 171 | 100 | 89321 | 100 |

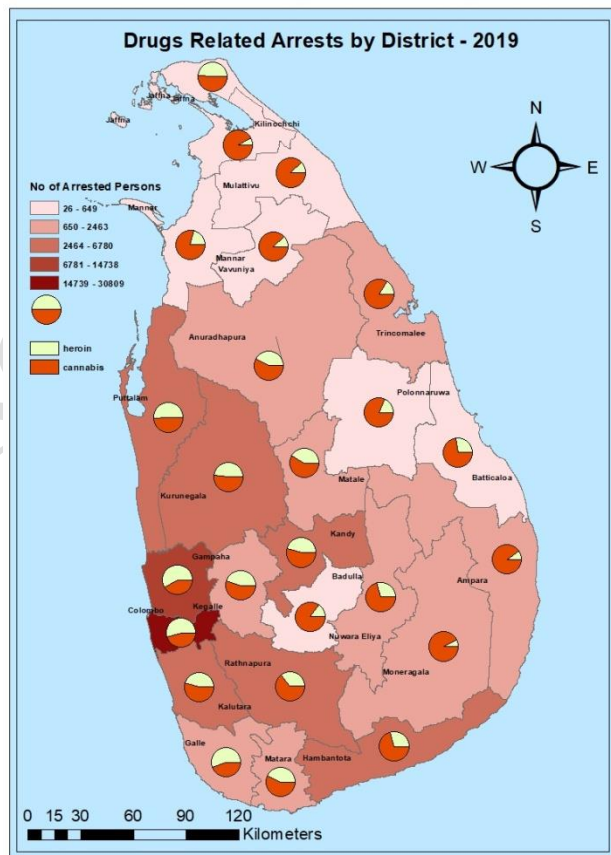
Source: Police Narcotics Bureau

Graph No: 02 - Drug Related Arrests by District



Source: Police Narcotics Bureau

Map No: 01 – Drug related arrests by district



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Drug Related Arrests by Province

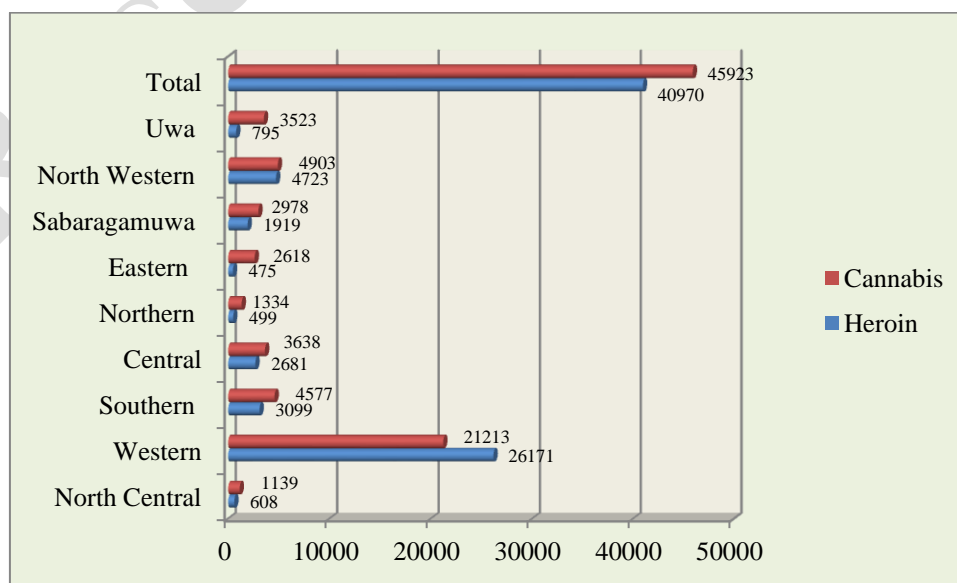
Majority of the drug related arrests, 49,483 (55.40 %), was reported from the Western province followed by 9709 (10.87%) of arrests from North Western and 7758 (8.69%) of arrests from Southern province. Lowest number of drug related arrests, 1753 (1.96%) was reported from North Central Province.

Table 03 - Drug Related Arrests by Province

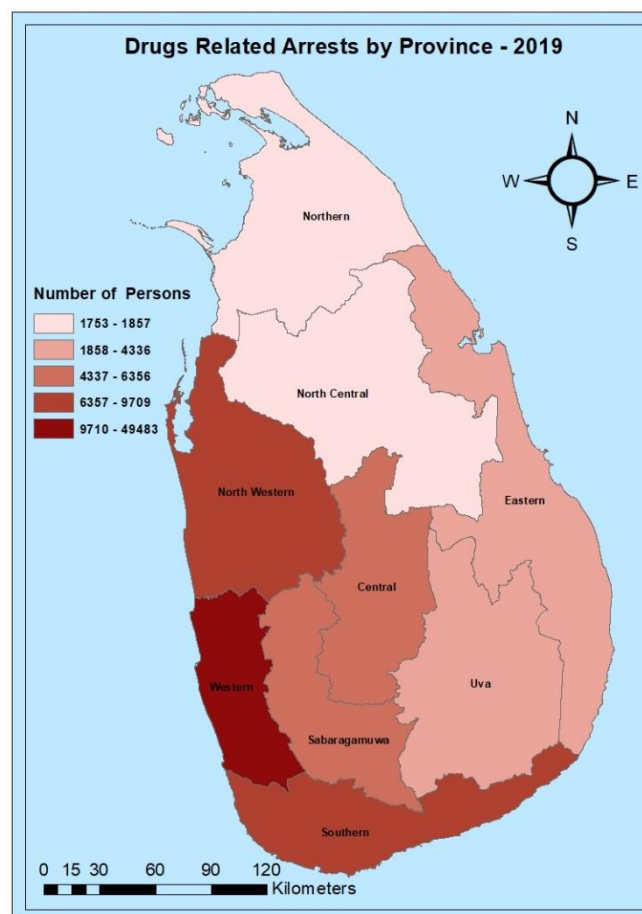
| Province | Heroin | % | Cannabis | % | Cocaine | % | Hashish | % | Methamphetamine | % | Phychootropic Substances | % | Total | % |
|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| North Central | 608 | 1.48 | 1139 | 2.48 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 4 | 0.19 | 2 | 1.17 | 1753 | 1.96 |
| Western | 26171 | 63.88 | 21213 | 46.19 | 37 | 58.73 | 75 | 61.98 | 1869 | 90.16 | 118 | 69.01 | 49483 | 55.40 |
| Southern | 3099 | 7.56 | 4577 | 9.97 | 23 | 36.51 | 18 | 14.88 | 33 | 1.59 | 8 | 4.68 | 7758 | 8.69 |
| Central | 2681 | 6.54 | 3638 | 7.92 | 2 | 3.17 | 12 | 9.92 | 13 | 0.63 | 10 | 5.85 | 6356 | 7.12 |
| Northern | 499 | 1.22 | 1334 | 2.90 | 1 | 1.59 | 3 | 2.48 | 20 | 0.96 | 0 | 0.00 | 1857 | 2.08 |
| Eastern | 475 | 1.16 | 2618 | 5.70 | 0 | 0.00 | 3 | 2.48 | 14 | 0.68 | 7 | 4.09 | 3117 | 3.49 |
| Sabaragamuwa | 1919 | 4.68 | 2978 | 6.48 | 0 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.83 | 46 | 2.22 | 8 | 4.68 | 4952 | 5.54 |
| North Western | 4723 | 11.53 | 4903 | 10.68 | 0 | 0.00 | 5 | 4.13 | 63 | 3.04 | 15 | 8.77 | 9709 | 10.87 |
| Uwa | 795 | 1.94 | 3523 | 7.67 | 0 | 0.00 | 4 | 3.31 | 11 | 0.53 | 3 | 1.75 | 4336 | 4.85 |
| Total | 40970 | 100 | 45923 | 100 | 63 | 100 | 121 | 100 | 2073 | 100 | 171 | 100 | 89321 | 100 |

Source: Police Narcotics Bureau

Graph No: 03 Drug Related Arrests by Province



Source: Police Narcotics Bureau

Map No: 02 – Drug related arrests by province

Source: Police Narcotics Bureau

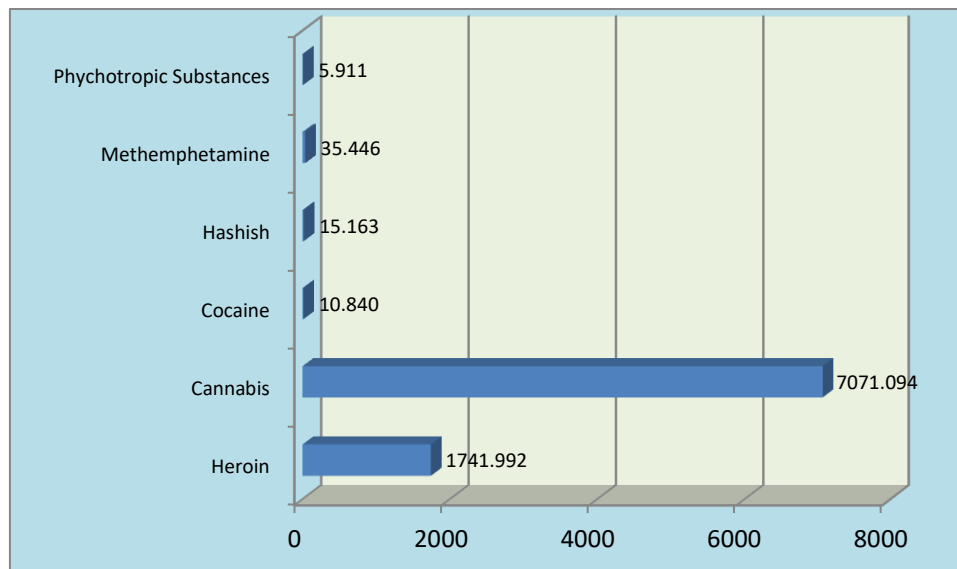
Seized Quantity of Drugs (Kg)

By considering the seized quantity of drugs Island-wide, 1741.992 kg of heroin and 7071 kg of cannabis were seized in 2019. In addition, 10.84 kg of cocaine, 15.16 kg of hashish, 35.446 kg of methamphetamine and 5.91 kg of psychotropic substances were seized. Also 570 of capsule and 275572 of tablets were seized as psychotropic substances during the considered period.

Table 04- Seized Quantity of Drugs

| Drug | Seized quantity (Kg) |
|-------------------------|--|
| Heroin | 1,741.992 |
| Cannabis | 7,071.094 |
| Cocaine | 10.840 |
| Hashish | 15.163 |
| Methamphetamine | 35.446 |
| Psychotropic Substances | 5.911 (Capsule -570 , Tablets - 275572) |

Source: Police Narcotics Bureau

Graph No: 04 - Seized Quantity of Drugs (Kg)

Source: Police Narcotics Bureau

Treatment Admissions

The government and non-government organizations involved in drug treatment services in Sri Lanka. There were 3585 recorded persons who obtained treatment facilities in 2019. Among them, majority (99.6%) of persons was male. By considering distribution of district of them, highest number of persons (1129) arrived from Gampaha district and next highest number of persons (919) arrived from Colombo district.

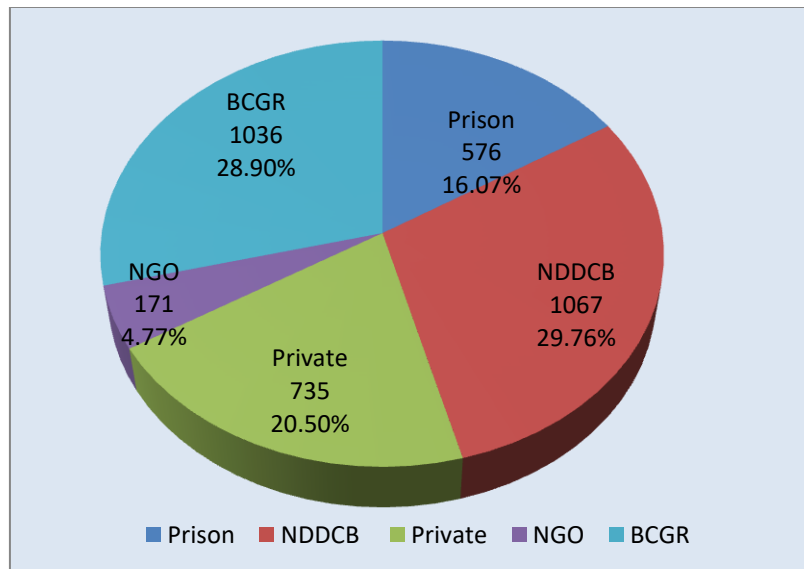
By considering the reported data of treatment agencies, 1067 (29.76%) of persons were obtained treatment facility from the treatment centers of National Dangerous Drugs Control Board and 576 (16.07%) of persons were obtained treatment from Drug Rehabilitation Programme for prisoners in department of Prisons. Also, 735 (20.50%) persons from private treatment agencies, 171 (4.77%) persons from NGO and 1036 (28.90%) persons from Kandakadu treatment and rehabilitation center of Bureau of the Commissioner General of Rehabilitation (BCGR) were obtained treatment facilities in 2019.

Table 05 -Reported Drug Dependent persons for Treatment Facilities by Treatment Agency - 2019

| Facility | NDDCB | NGO | Private | Prison | BCGR | Total |
|-------------------|-------|------|---------|--------|-------|-------|
| Number of persons | 1067 | 171 | 735 | 576 | 1036 | 3585 |
| Percentage (%) | 29.76 | 4.77 | 20.50 | 16.07 | 28.90 | 100.0 |

Source: Drug Abuse Monitoring System (DAMS), 2019

Graph No: 05 - Reported Drug Dependent persons for Treatment Facilities



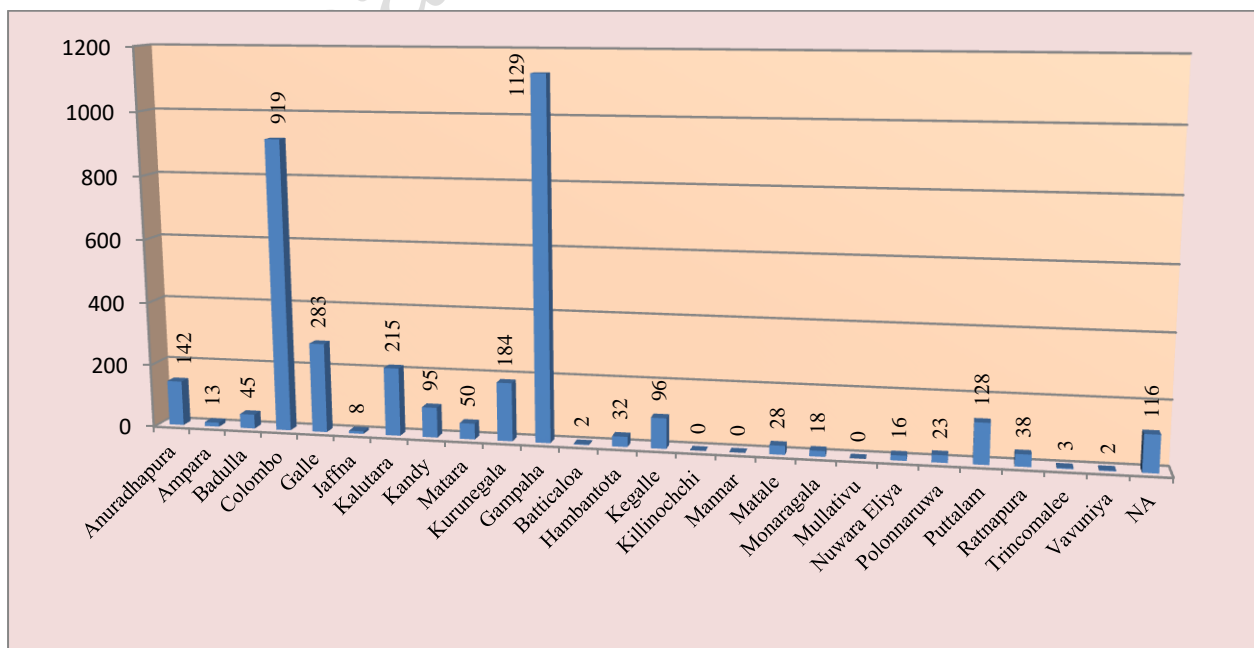
Source: Drug Abuse Monitoring System (DAMS), 2019

Table 06 - Reported Drug Dependent persons for Treatment Facilities by Gender - 2019

| Gender | Number of persons | Percentage % |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Female | 16 | 0.4 |
| Male | 3569 | 99.6 |
| Total | 3585 | 100 |

Source: Drug Abuse Monitoring System (DAMS), 2019

Graph 06 - Reported Drug Dependent Persons for Treatment Facilities by District - 2019



Source: Drug Abuse Monitoring System (DAMS), 2019