



# DRUG RELATED STATISTICS - 2020



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## Introduction

The main objective of this report is to provide analysis on drug related arrests statistics for planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating of drug control 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**

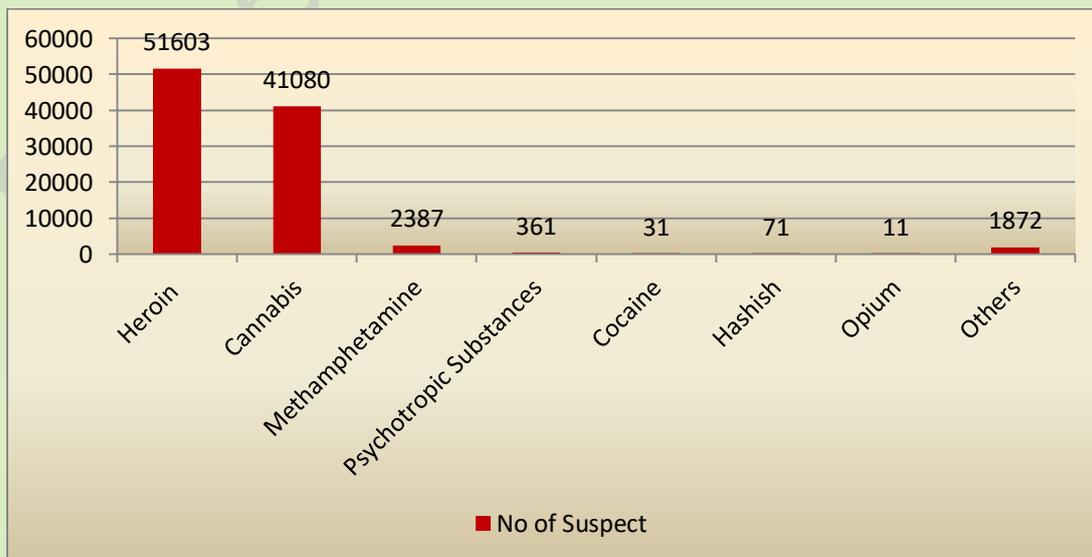
The total number of persons of drug related arrests was 97,416 in 2020. Among them, there were 51,603 (53.0%) persons for heroin related arrests and 41,080 (42.2%) persons for cannabis related arrests. In addition, 2,387 (2.5%) persons for methamphetamine, 361 persons for psychotropic substances, 71 persons for hashish and 31 persons were arrested for cocaine.

**Table 01-Drug Related Arrests by Drug**

Type of Drug	No of Suspect	%
Heroin	51603	53.0%
Cannabis	41080	42.2%
Methamphetamine	2387	2.5%
Psychotropic Substances	361	0.4%
Cocaine	31	0.0%
Hashish	71	0.1%
Opium	11	0.0%
Others	1872	1.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>97416</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Police Narcotic Bureau

**Graph No: 01 - Drug Related Arrests by Drug**



Source: Police Narcotic Bureau

**Drug Related Arrests by District**

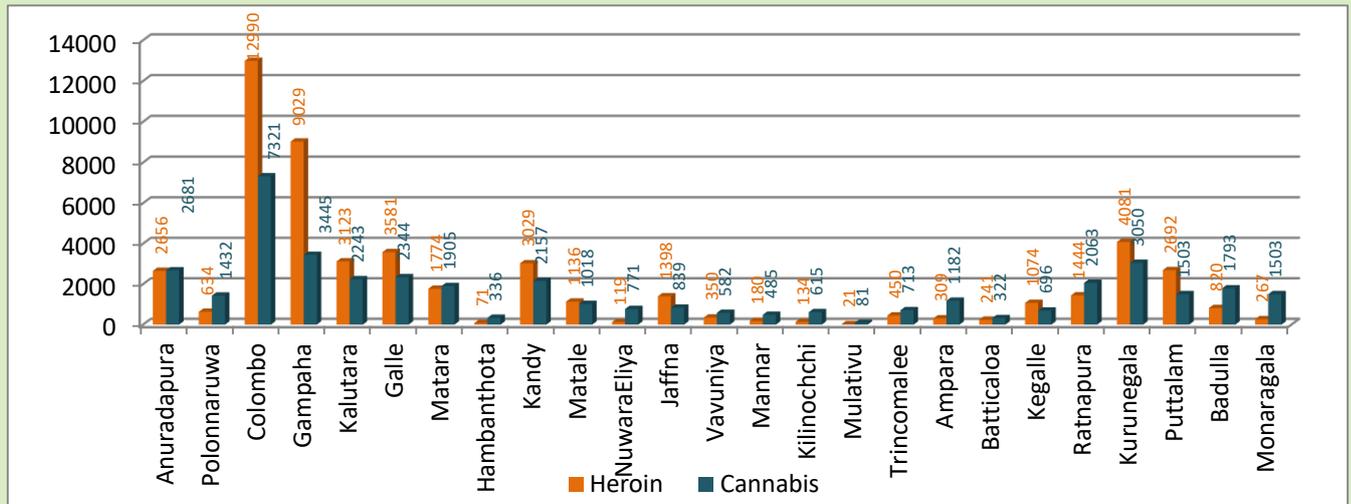
By considering the total number of arrests, highest number of arrested persons, 22,619 (23.2%) were reported from Colombo district followed by (12,988) 13.3 % of arrested persons from Gampaha district, 7.5 % of arrested persons from Kurunegala district and 6.1 % of persons from Galle district. Lowest number of arrested persons, (0.1%) were reported from Mulativu district.

**Table 02- Drug Related Arrests by District**

District	Heroin	Cannabis	Methamphetamine	Psychotropic Substances	Cocaine	Hashish	Opium							
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%							
Anuradapura	2656	5%	2681	7%	4	0%	18	5%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Polonnaruwa	634	1%	1432	3%	7	0%	4	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Colombo	12990	25%	7321	18%	1767	74%	201	56%	15	48%	18	25%	0	0%
Gampaha	9029	17%	3445	8%	327	14%	22	6%	3	10%	15	21%	3	27%
Kalutara	3123	6%	2243	5%	61	3%	14	4%	1	3%	5	7%	0	0%
Galle	3581	7%	2344	6%	14	1%	9	2%	2	6%	2	3%	0	0%
Matara	1774	3%	1905	5%	55	2%	20	6%	4	13%	5	7%	1	9%
Hambanthota	71	0%	336	1%	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Kandy	3029	6%	2157	5%	9	0%	15	4%	0	0%	6	8%	4	36%
Matale	1136	2%	1018	2%	13	1%	5	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
NuwaraEliya	119	0%	771	2%	1	0%	4	1%	0	0%	13	18%	0	0%
Jaffna	1398	3%	839	2%	6	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Vavuniya	350	1%	582	1%	6	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Mannar	180	0%	485	1%	9	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	4%	0	0%
Kilinochchi	134	0%	615	1%	7	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Mulativu	21	0%	81	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Trincomalee	450	1%	713	2%	9	0%	9	2%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%
Ampara	309	1%	1182	3%	8	0%	0	0%	5	16%	1	1%	0	0%
Batticaloa	241	0%	322	1%	33	1%	6	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Kegalle	1074	2%	696	2%	3	0%	5	1%	0	0%	0	0%	2	18%
Ratnapura	1444	3%	2063	5%	7	0%	21	6%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%
Kurunegala	4081	8%	3050	7%	5	0%	2	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%
Puttalam	2692	5%	1503	4%	17	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Badulla	820	2%	1793	4%	17	1%	4	1%	0	0%	1	1%	1	9%
Monaragala	267	1%	1503	4%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>51603</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>41080</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2387</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Police Narcotic Bureau

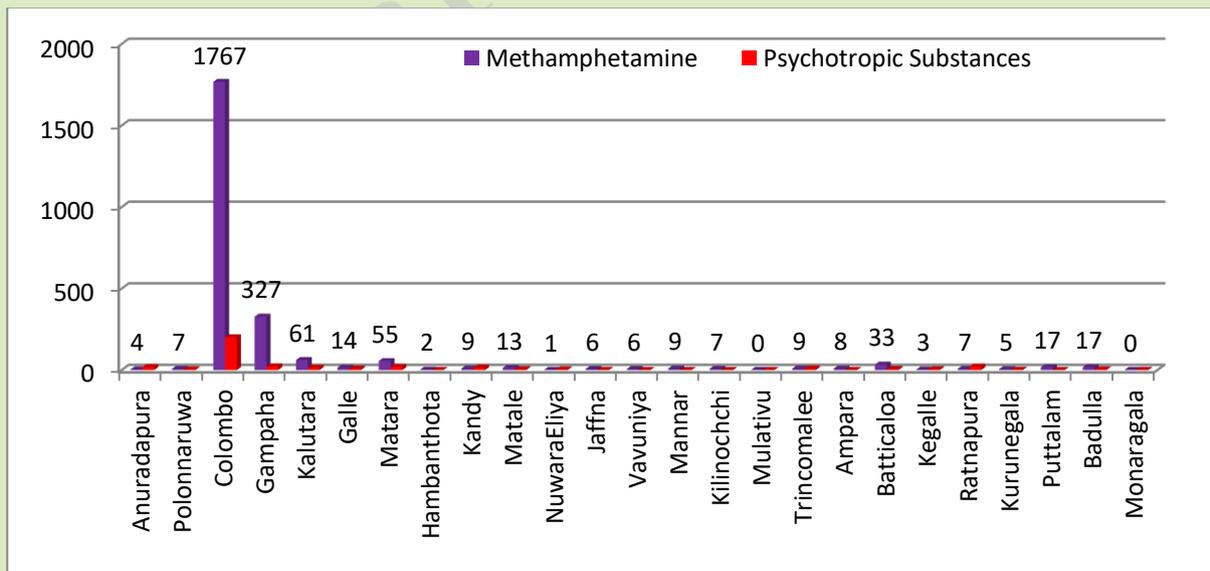
Graph No: 02 - Heroin and Cannabis Related Arrests by District



Source: Police Narcotics Bureau

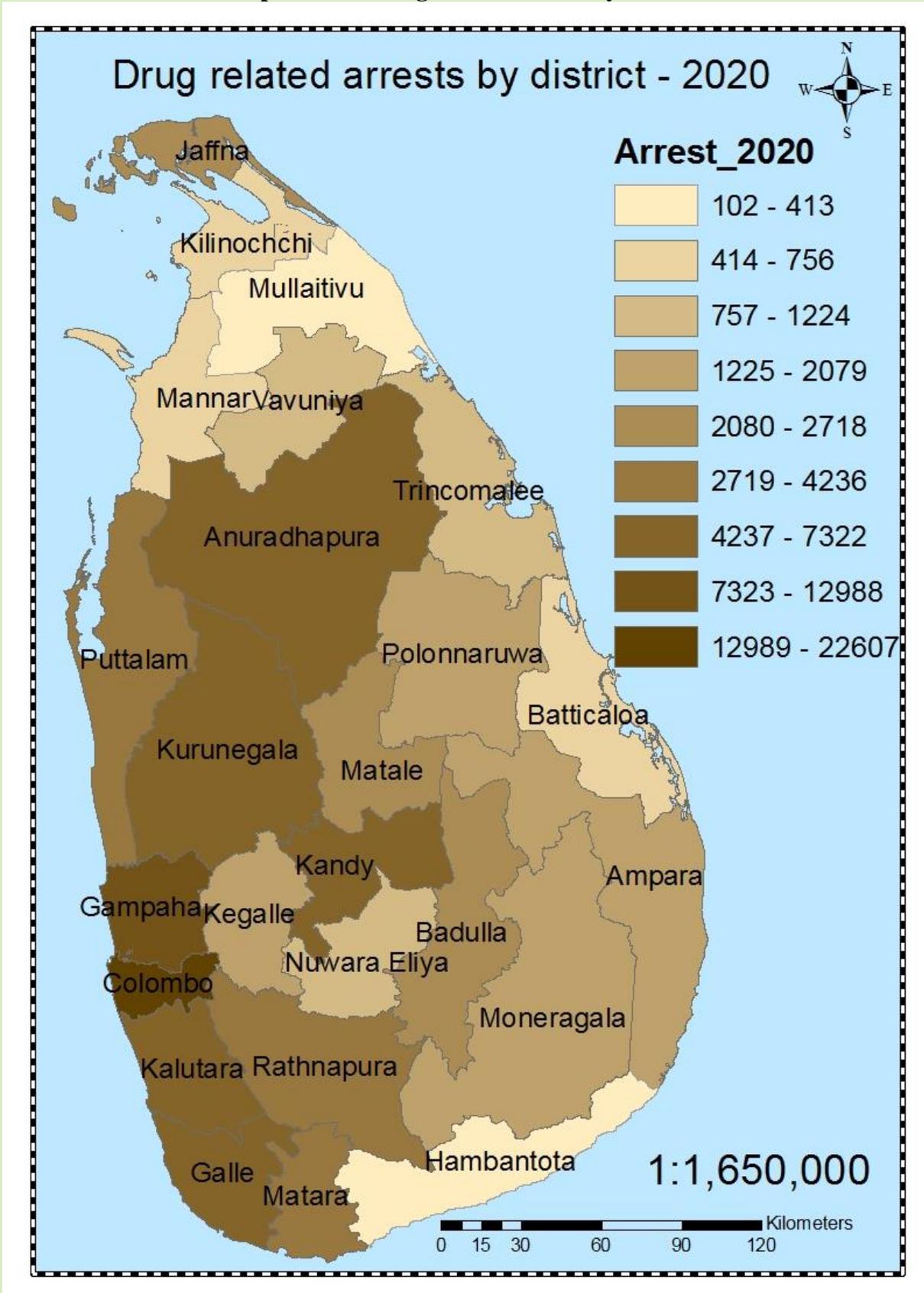
Highest number of heroin related arrested persons, 12,990 (25%) were reported from Colombo district followed by 9,029 (17%) persons from Gampaha district, 4,081 (8%) of arrested persons from Kurunegala district and 3,581 (7 %) of persons from Galle district. In addition to heroin, there has been an emerging trend on methamphetamine related arrests in 2020 compared to the last year. The highest numbers of methamphetamine arrests were reported from the Colombo district (1,767) 74% followed by Gampaha (327) 14% and Kalutara (61).

Graph No: 03 –Methamphetamine and psychotropic substances Related Arrests by Districts



Source: Police Narcotic Bureau

Map No: 01 – Drug related arrests by district



Source: Police Narcotic Bureau

**Drug Related Arrests by Province**

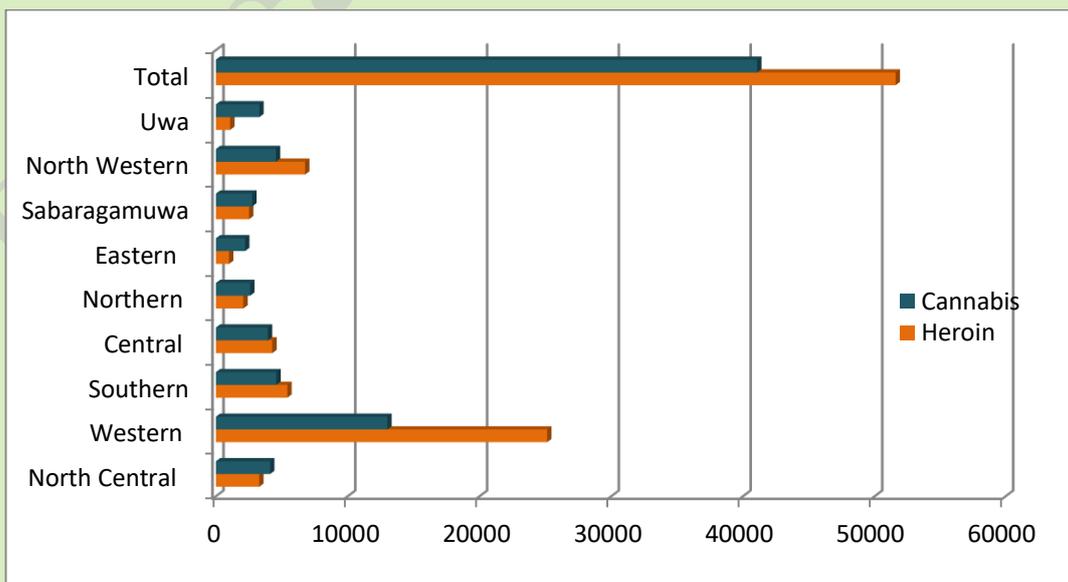
Majority of the drug related arrests, 41,170 (42 %), was reported from Western province followed by 11,558 (12%) of arrests from North Western and 10,162(10%) of arrests from Southern province. Lowest number of drug related arrests, 3380 (3%) was reported from Eastern Province.

**Table 03 - Drug Related Arrests by Provinces**

District	Heroin	%	Cannabis	%	Methamphetamine	%	Psychotropic Substances	%	Cocaine	%	Hashish	%	Opium	%
North Central	3290	6%	4113	10%	11	0%	22	6%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Western	25142	49%	13009	32%	2155	90%	237	66%	19	61%	38	54%	3	27%
Southern	5426	11%	4585	11%	71	3%	29	8%	6	19%	7	10%	1	9%
Central	4284	8%	3946	10%	23	1%	24	7%	0	0%	19	27%	4	36%
Northern	2083	4%	2602	6%	28	1%	1	0%	0	0%	3	4%	0	0%
Eastern	1000	2%	2217	5%	50	2%	15	4%	6	19%	1	1%	0	0%
Sabaragamuwa	2518	5%	2759	7%	10	0%	26	7%	0	0%	1	1%	2	18%
North Western	6773	13%	4553	11%	22	1%	2	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%
Uwa	1087	2%	3296	8%	17	1%	5	1%	0	0%	1	1%	1	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>51603</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>41080</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2387</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>

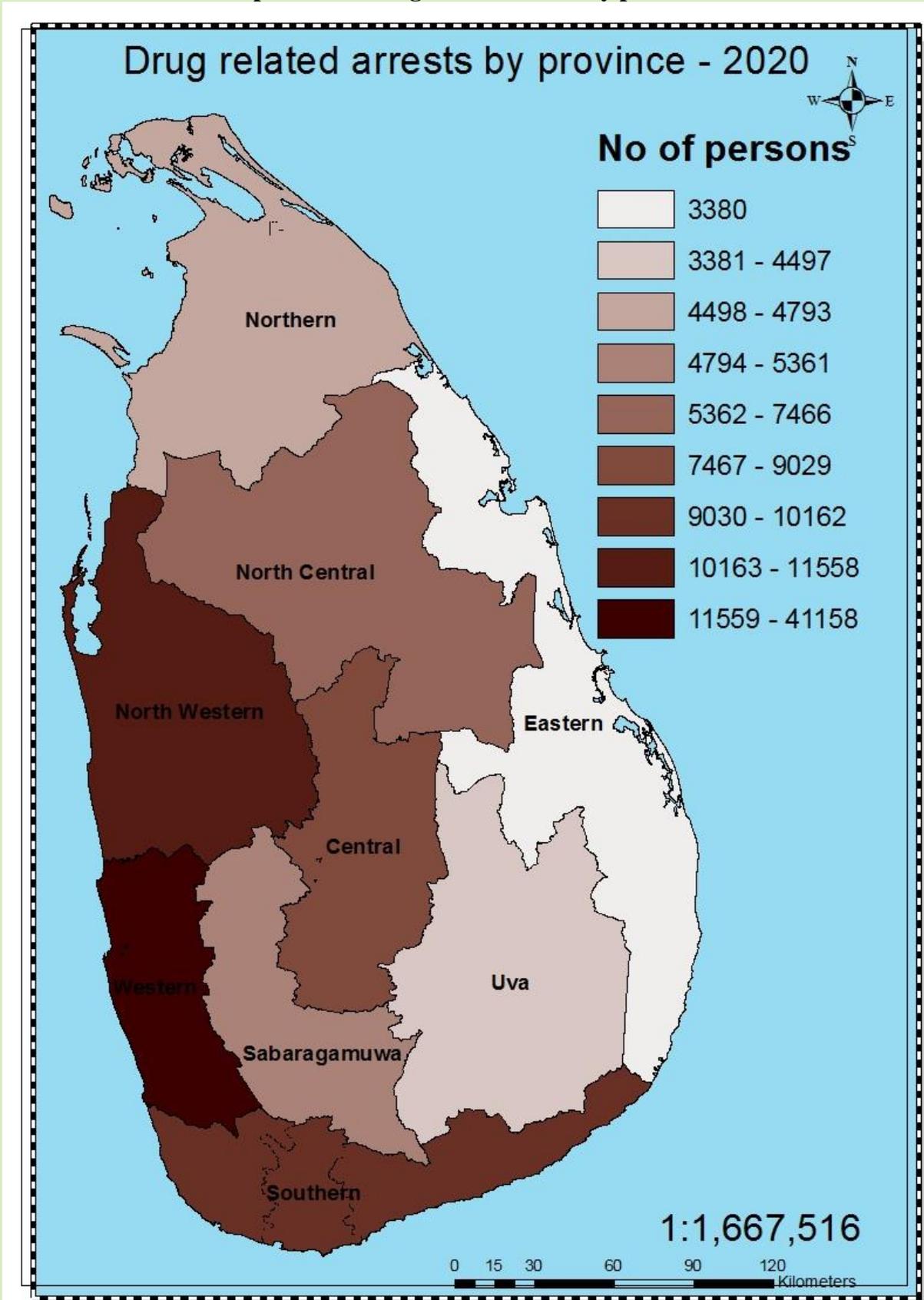
Source: Police Narcotics Bureau

**Graph No: 04 Drug related arrests by province**



Source: Police Narcotic Bureau

Map No: 02 – Drug related arrests by province



Source: Police Narcotic Bureau



**Seized Quantities of Drugs (Kg)**

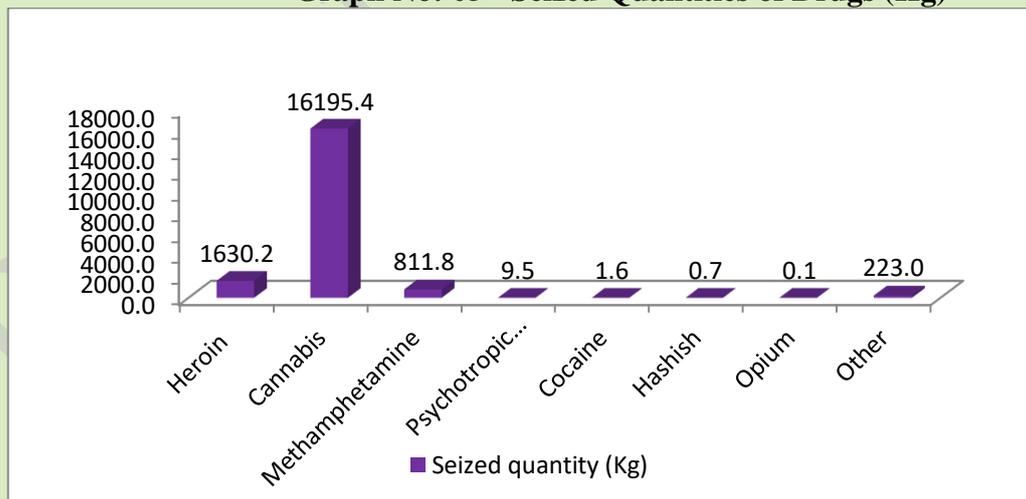
By considering the seized quantities of drugs Island-wide, 1,630.156 kg of heroin and 16,195.415 kg of cannabis were seized in 2020. In addition, 1.630kg of cocaine, 0.671kg of hashish, 811.8kg of methamphetamine and 9.491 kg of psychotropic substances were seized. Also 36,082 of capsule (pharmaceutical drugs) and 44,064 of tablets (pharmaceutical drugs and other psychoactive substance) were seized during the year 2020.

**Table 04- Seized Quantities of Drugs**

Drug	Seized quantity (Kg)
Heroin	1,630.156
Cannabis	16,195.415
Methamphetamine	811.8
Psychotropic Substances	9.491 (Capsule- 36082, Tablets-44064 )
Cocaine	1.630
Hashish	0.671
Opium	0.0769
Other	223.049

Source: Police Narcotic Bureau

**Graph No: 05 - Seized Quantities of Drugs (Kg)**



Source: Police Narcotic Bureau