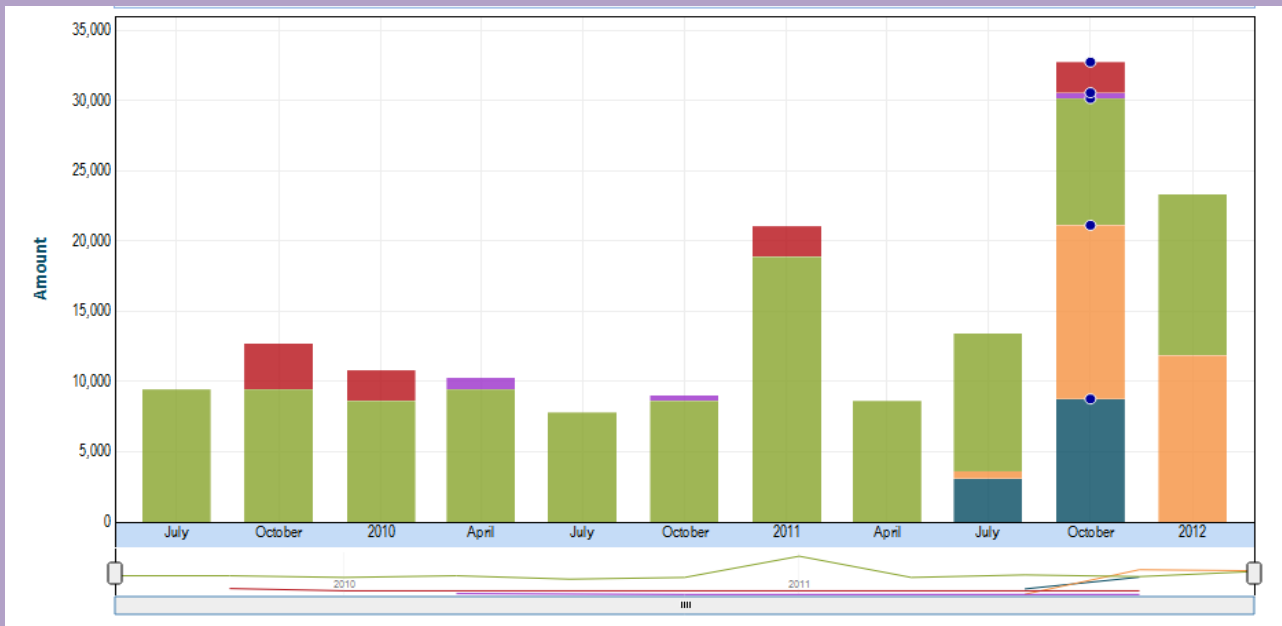


# DRUG RELATED STATISTICS

## January to July - 2020



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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

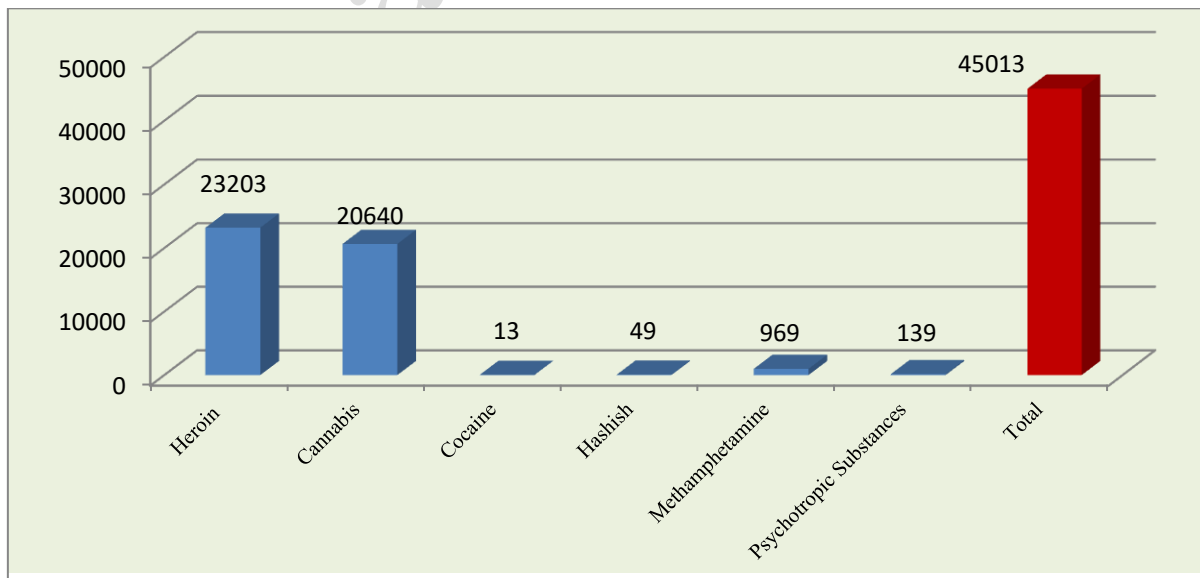
The total number of persons of drug related arrests was 45,013 from January to July in 2020. Among them, there were 23,203 (51.55%) persons for heroin related arrests and 20,640 (45.85%) persons for cannabis related arrests. In addition, 969 persons for methamphetamine, 139 persons for psychotropic substances, 49 persons for hashish and 13 persons for cocaine were arrested.

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

Type of Drug	Frequency	%
Heroin	23203	51.55
Cannabis	20640	45.85
Cocaine	13	0.03
Hashish	49	0.11
Methamphetamine	969	2.15
Psychotropic Substances	139	0.31
Total	45013	100

Source: Police Narcotics Bureau

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



Source: Police Narcotics Bureau

## Drug Related Arrests by District

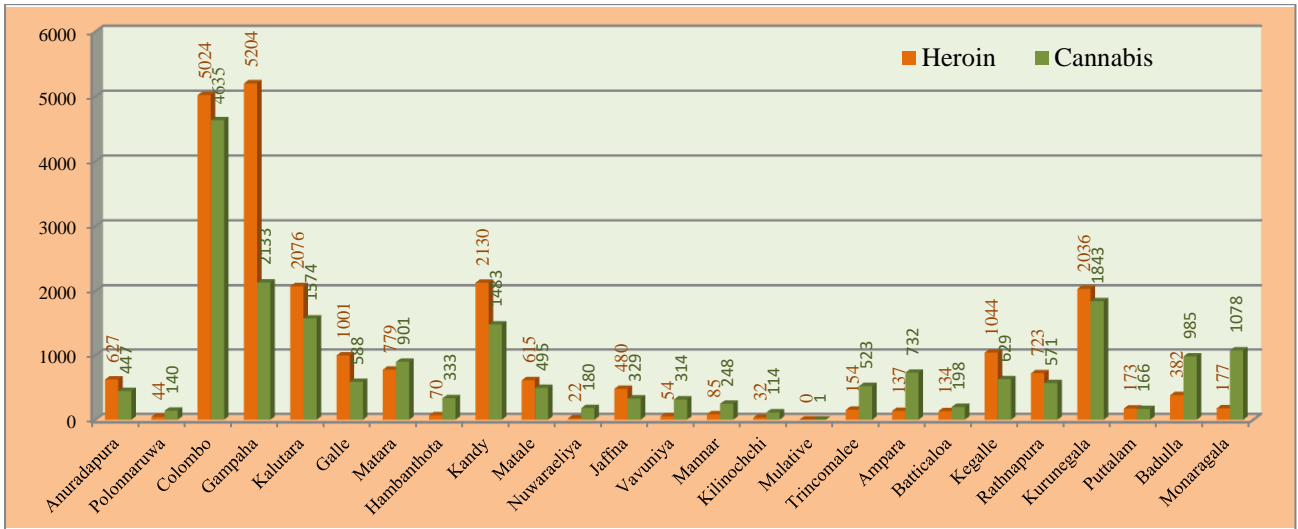
By considering the total number of arrests, highest number of drug related arrested persons, 10,330 (22.95%) were reported from Colombo district followed by 16.85 % of arrested persons from Gampaha district, 8.62 % of arrested persons from Kurunegala district and 8.22 % of arrested persons from Kalutara district. Lowest number of drug related arrested persons, 1 (0.002%) were reported from Mulativu district.

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

District	Heroin	%	Cannabis	%	Cocaine	%	Hashish	%	Methamphetamine	%	Psychotropic Substances	%	Total	%
Anuradapura	627	2.70	447	2.17	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1074	2.39
Polonnaruwa	44	0.19	140	0.68	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.10	0	0.00	185	0.41
Colombo	5024	21.65	4635	22.46	5	38.46	13	26.53	569	58.72	84	60.43	10330	22.95
Gampaha	5204	22.43	2133	10.33	3	23.08	15	30.61	219	22.60	10	7.19	7584	16.85
Kalutara	2076	8.95	1574	7.63	0	0.00	5	10.20	42	4.33	2	1.44	3699	8.22
Galle	1001	4.31	588	2.85	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.31	1	0.72	1593	3.54
Matara	779	3.36	901	4.37	4	30.77	2	4.08	32	3.30	3	2.16	1721	3.82
Hambanthota	70	0.30	333	1.61	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.21	0	0.00	405	0.90
Kandy	2130	9.18	1483	7.19	0	0.00	6	12.24	6	0.62	11	7.91	3636	8.08
Matale	615	2.65	495	2.40	0	0.00	0	0.00	7	0.72	0	0.00	1117	2.48
Nuwara Eliya	22	0.09	180	0.87	0	0.00	3	6.12	1	0.10	0	0.00	206	0.46
Jaffna	480	2.07	329	1.59	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.72	810	1.80
Vavuniya	54	0.23	314	1.52	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.52	0	0.00	373	0.83
Mannar	85	0.37	248	1.20	0	0.00	3	6.12	5	0.52	0	0.00	341	0.76
Kilinochchi	32	0.14	114	0.55	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	146	0.32
Mulativu	0	0.00	1	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.002
Trincomalee	154	0.66	523	2.53	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	0.62	6	4.32	689	1.53
Ampara	137	0.59	732	3.55	1	7.69	1	2.04	5	0.52	0	0.00	876	1.95
Batticaloa	134	0.58	198	0.96	0	0.00	0	0.00	27	2.79	5	3.60	364	0.81
Kegalle	1044	4.50	629	3.05	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	0.62	8	5.76	1687	3.75
Ratnapura	723	3.12	571	2.77	0	0.00	1	2.04	7	0.72	8	5.76	1310	2.91
Kurunegala	2036	8.77	1843	8.93	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.21	0	0.00	3881	8.62
Puttalam	173	0.75	166	0.80	0	0.00	0	0.00	17	1.75	0	0.00	356	0.79
Badulla	382	1.65	985	4.77	0	0.00	0	0.00	7	0.72	0	0.00	1374	3.05
Monaragala	177	0.76	1078	5.22	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1255	2.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>23203</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>20640</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>45013</b>	<b>100</b>

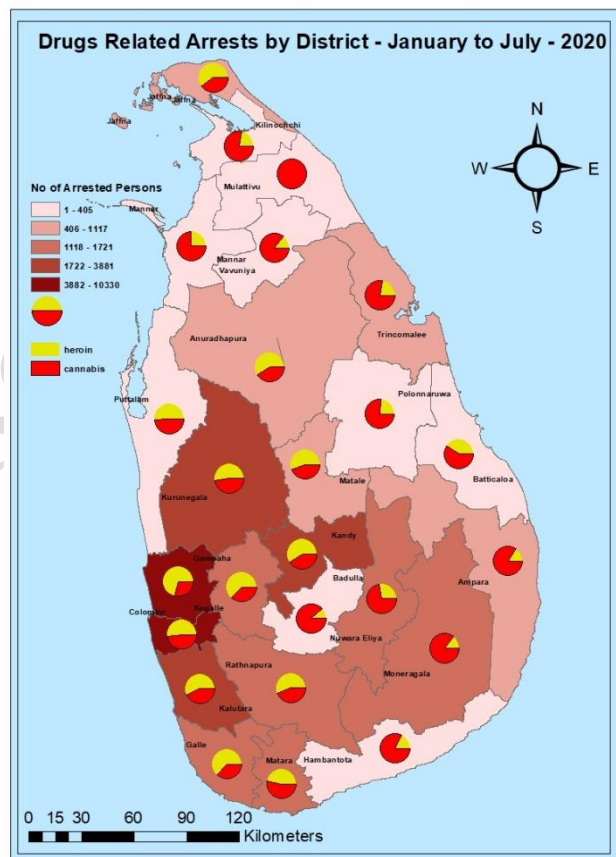
Source: Police Narcotics Bureau

**Graph No: 02 - Drug Related Arrests by District**



Source: Police Narcotics Bureau

**Map No: 01 – Drug related arrests by district**



Source: Police Narcotics Bureau

### Drug Related Arrests by Province

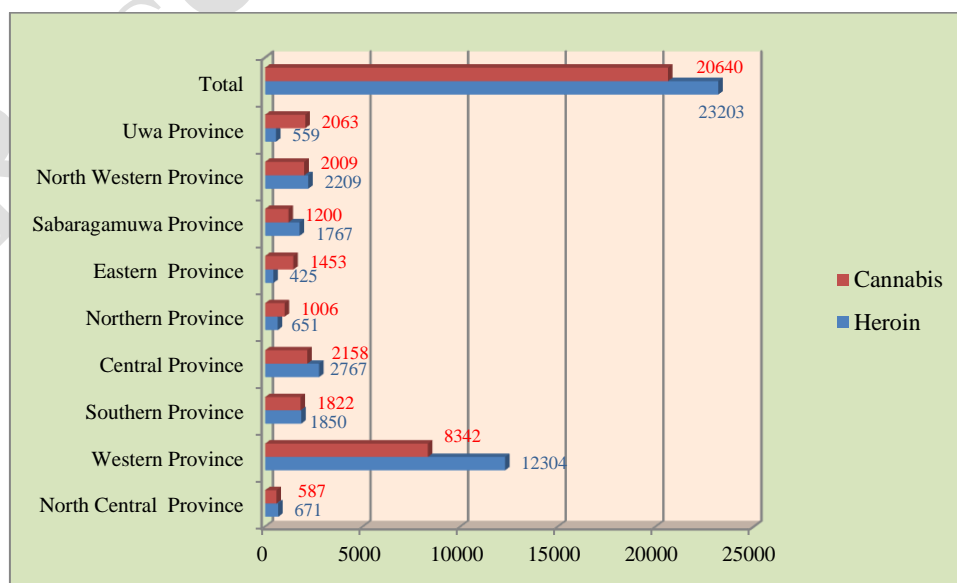
Majority of the drug related arrests, 21,613 (48.02 %), was reported from the Western province followed by 4959 (11.02%) of arrests from Central province and 4237 (9.41%) of arrests from North Western province. Lowest number of drug related arrests, 1259 (2.80%) was reported from North Central Province.

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

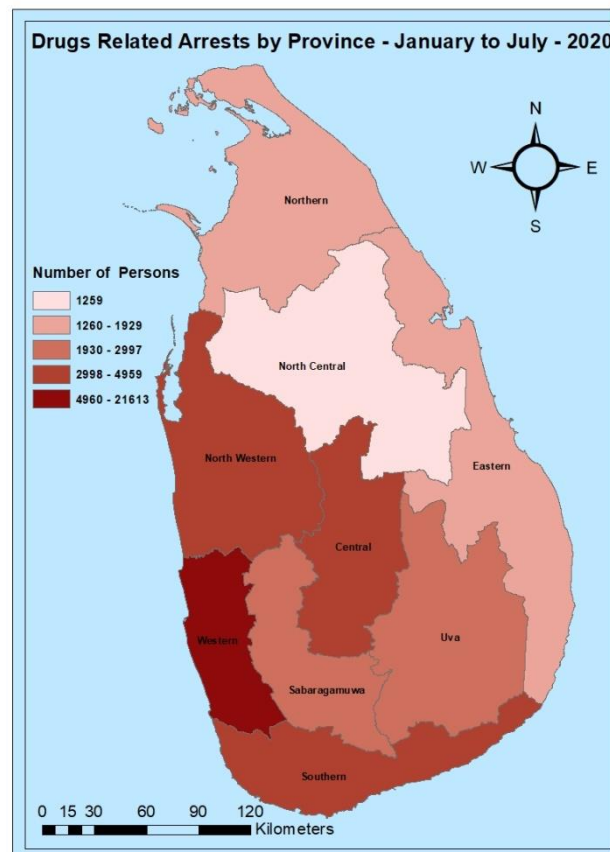
Province	Heroin	%	Cannabis	%	Cocaine	%	Hashish	%	Methamphetamine	%	Psychotropic Substances	%	Total	%
North Central	671	2.89	587	2.84	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.10	0	0.00	1259	2.80
Western	12304	53.03	8342	40.42	8	61.54	33	67.35	830	85.66	96	69.06	21613	48.02
Southern	1850	7.97	1822	8.83	4	30.77	2	4.08	37	3.82	4	2.88	3719	8.26
Central	2767	11.93	2158	10.46	0	0.00	9	18.37	14	1.44	11	7.91	4959	11.02
Northern	651	2.81	1006	4.87	0	0.00	3	6.12	10	1.03	1	0.72	1671	3.71
Eastern	425	1.83	1453	7.04	1	7.69	1	2.04	38	3.92	11	7.91	1929	4.29
Sabaragamuwa	1767	7.62	1200	5.81	0	0.00	1	2.04	13	1.34	16	11.51	2997	6.66
North Western	2209	9.52	2009	9.73	0	0.00	0	0.00	19	1.96	0	0.00	4237	9.41
Uwa	559	2.41	2063	10.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	7	0.72	0	0.00	2629	5.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>23203</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>20640</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>45013</b>	<b>100</b>

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

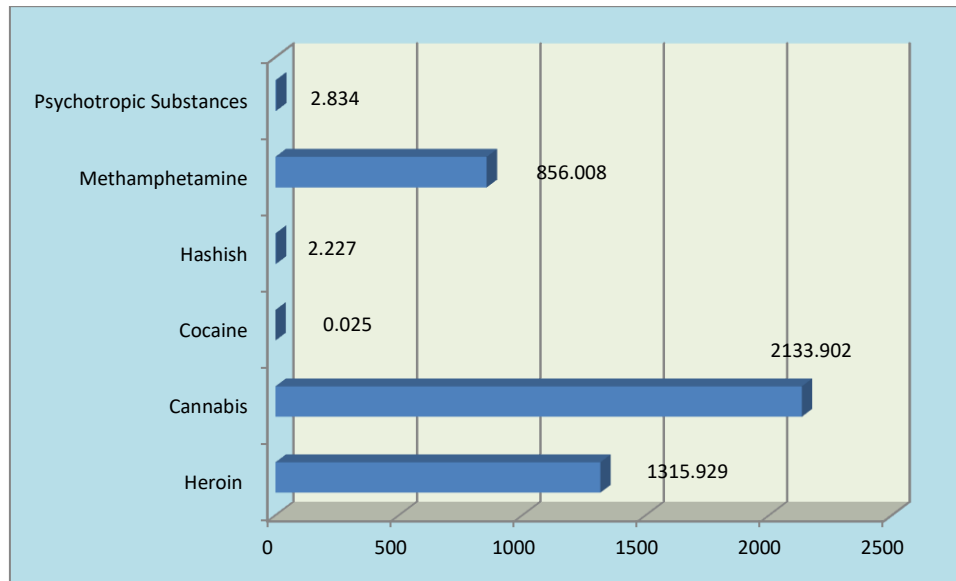
**Seized Quantity of Drugs (Kg)**

By considering the seized quantity of drugs Island-wide, 1,315.929 kg of heroin and 2,133.902 kg of cannabis were seized from January to July in 2020. In addition, 0.025 kg of cocaine, 2.227 kg of hashish, 856.008 kg of methamphetamine and 2.834 kg of psychotropic substances were seized. Also 4425 of capsule and 20,820 of tablets were seized as psychotropic substances during the considered period.

**Table 04- Seized Quantity of Drugs**

<b>Drug</b>	<b>Seized quantity (Kg)</b>
Heroin	1315.929
Cannabis	2133.902
Cocaine	0.025
Hashish	2.227
Methamphetamine	856.008
Psychotropic Substances	2.834 (Capsule -4425 , Tablets - 20,820)

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 1044 recorded persons who obtained treatment facilities from January to July in 2020. Among them, majority (99.5%) of persons was male. By considering distribution of district of them, highest number of persons (317) arrived from Gampaha district and next highest number of persons (295) arrived from Colombo district.

By considering the reported data of treatment agencies, 311 (29.8%) of persons were obtained treatment facility from the treatment centers of National Dangerous Drugs Control Board and 127 (12.2%) of persons were obtained treatment from Drug Rehabilitation Programme for prisoners in department of Prisons. Also, 188 (18%) persons from private treatment agencies and 418 (40%) persons from Kandakadu treatment and rehabilitation center of Bureau of the Commissioner General of Rehabilitation (BCGR) were obtained treatment facilities from January to July in 2020.

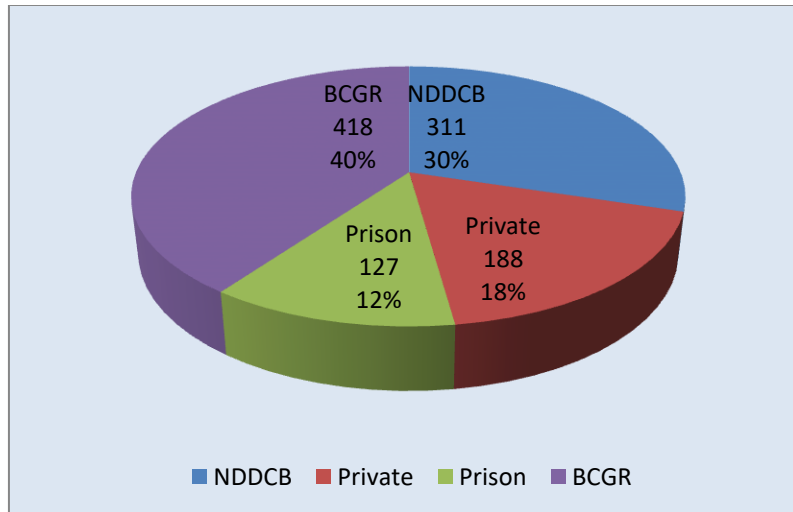
**Table 05 -Reported Drug Dependent persons for Treatment Facilities by Treatment Agency – From January to July in 2020**

Facility	NDDCB	Private	Prison	BCGR	Total
Number of persons	311	188	127	418	1,044
Percentage (%)	29.8	18	12.2	40	100

Source: Drug Abuse Monitoring System (DAMS), 2020



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



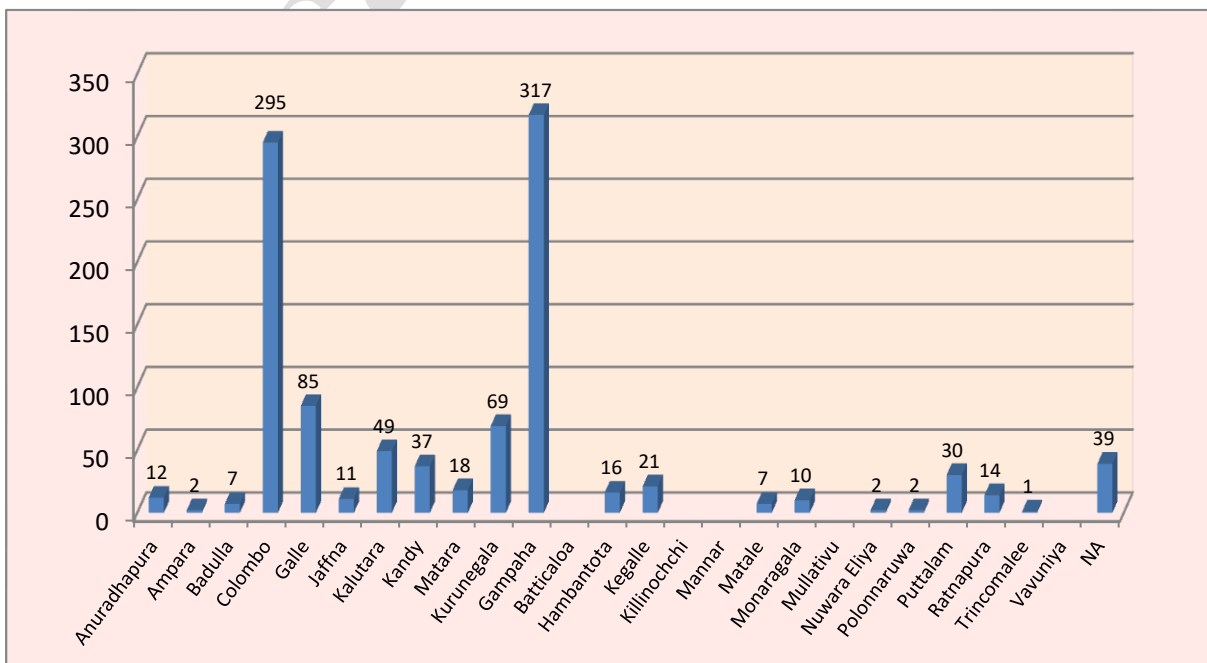
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**Table 06 - Reported Drug Dependent persons for Treatment Facilities by Gender – From January to July in 2020**

Gender	Number of persons	Percentage %
Female	5	0.5
Male	1,039	99.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: Drug Abuse Monitoring System (DAMS), 2020

**Graph 06 - Reported Drug Dependent Persons for Treatment Facilities by District – From January to July in 2020**



Source: Drug Abuse Monitoring System (DAMS), 2020