



PRISON POPULATION OF PAKISTAN **2023**
DATA DASHBOARD



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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

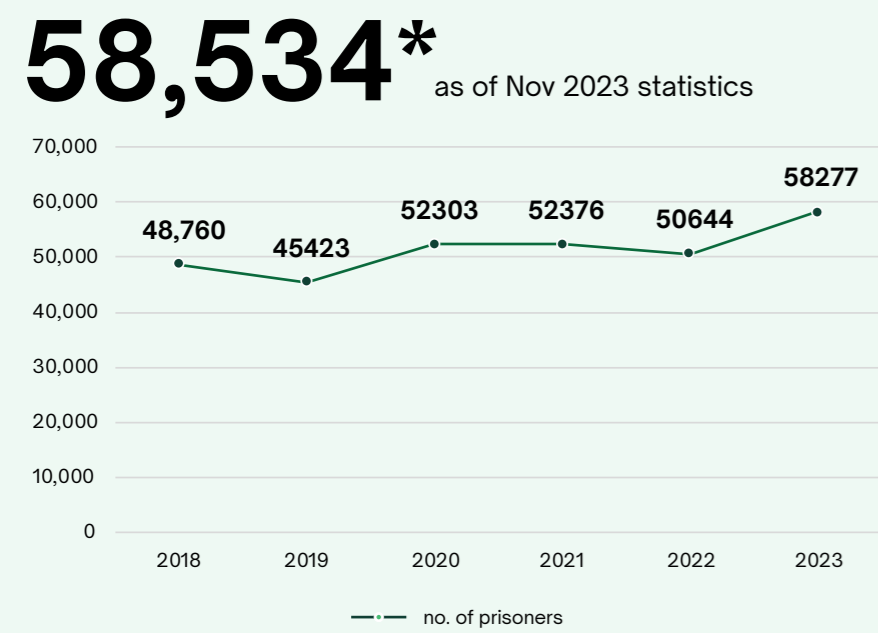
The key findings of the data analysis point towards a range of issues prevalent in Pakistani prisons which include, but are not limited to, overcrowding, significantly long under-trial periods, lack of infrastructure, problem of housing women/ juveniles and inadequate medical facilities. The continuous rise in the prison population has resulted in an even lower jail capacity. Thus, the current prison situation is in dire need of reform to ensure a basic standard of living for those serving their prison sentences.

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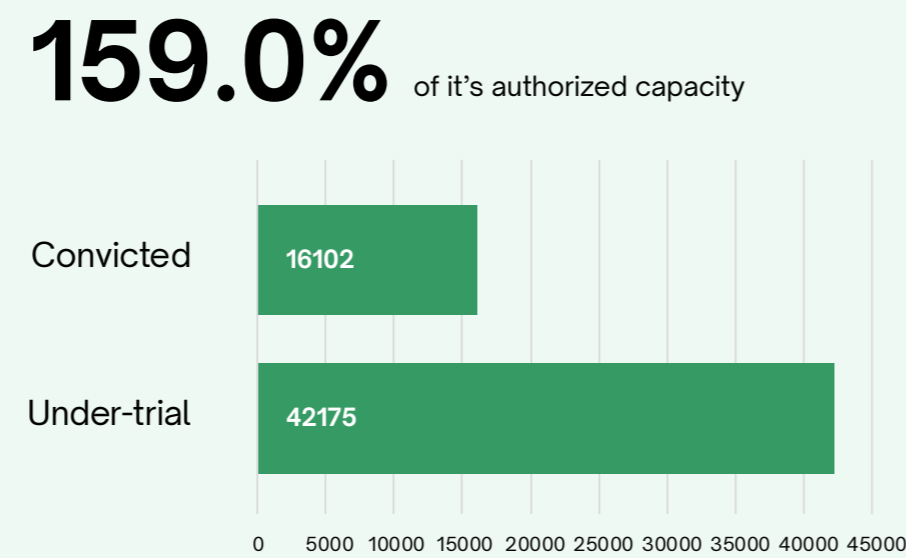
PUNJAB



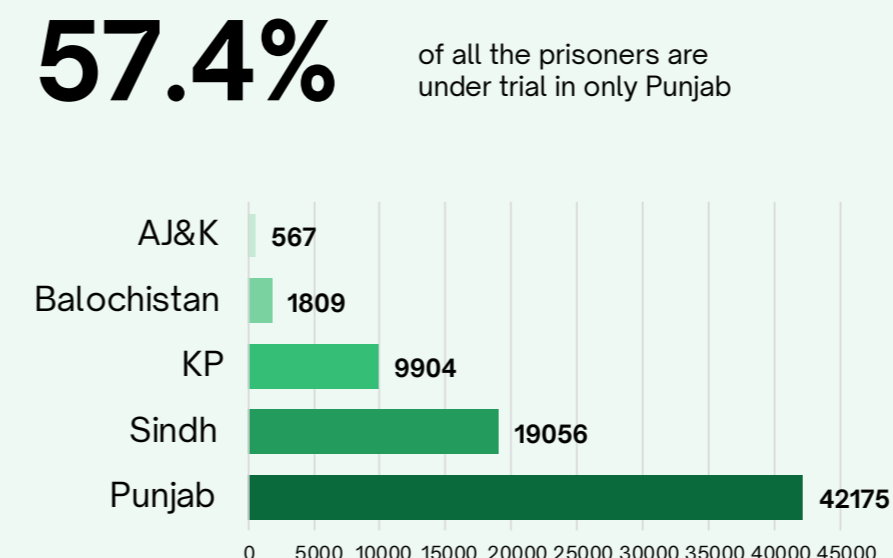
Prison Population Trend



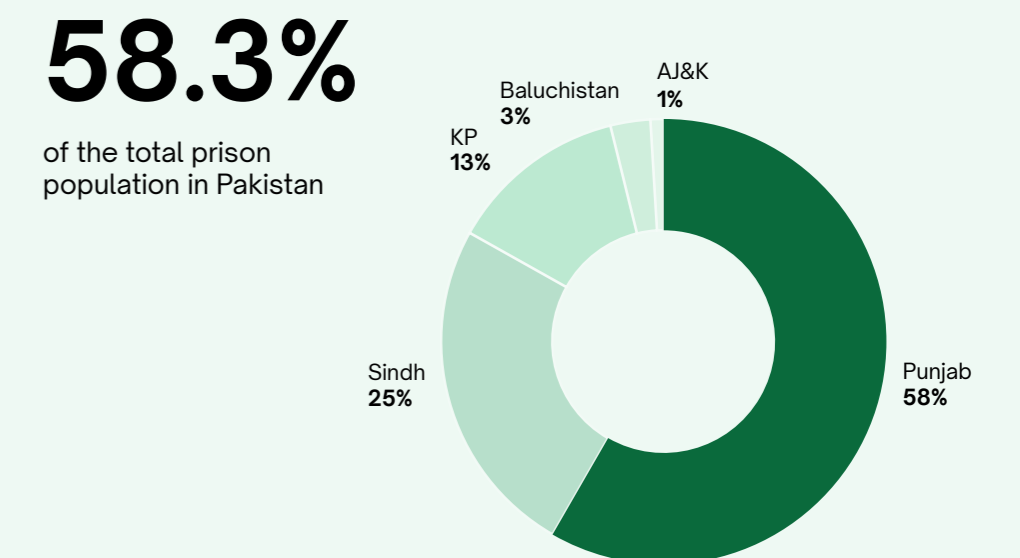
Operating Rate



Under Trial Prisoners



Prison Population in Punjab



TOTAL JAILS

44

CAPACITY

38,306 as of Nov 2023 statistics

OVERCROWDED JAILS

28 out of 44 as per Nov '23 statistics

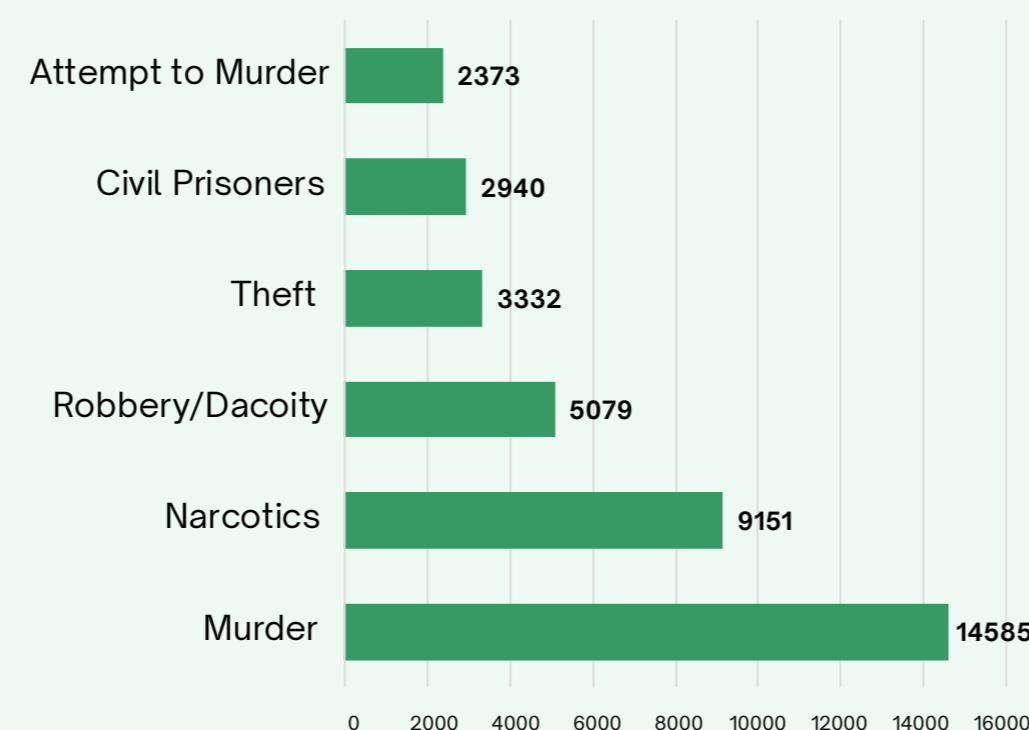
PRISONERS

58,277 as of Nov 2023 statistics

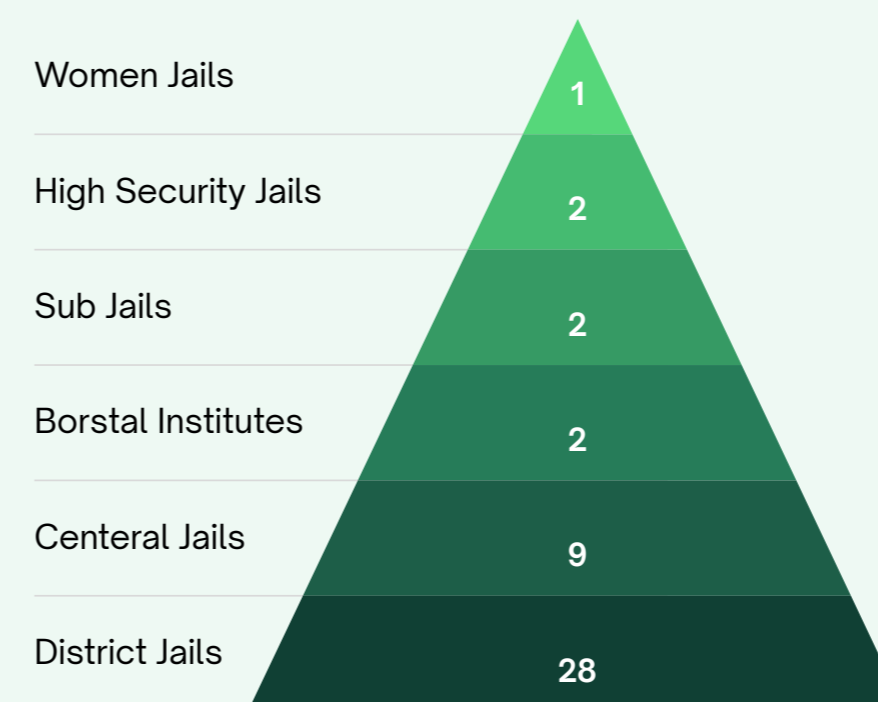
UNDER-TRIAL PERCENTAGE

57.4%

Top Offences



Year 2023 Prisons Breakdown



Key Findings:

- 28 out of 44 jails in Punjab are overcrowded.
- 72.4% of the prisoners in Punjab are still under-trial.
- 27 out of 28 overcrowded jails have more than 70% of under-trial prisoners.
- There are 2400 prisoners on death row in Punjab.
- Juveniles: 745 (out of which 78.9% are under trial)
- Women: 998 (out of which 79% are under trial)

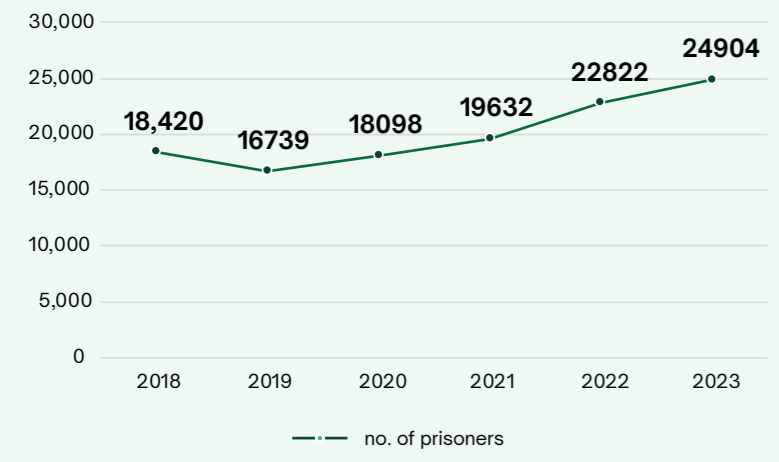
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SINDH



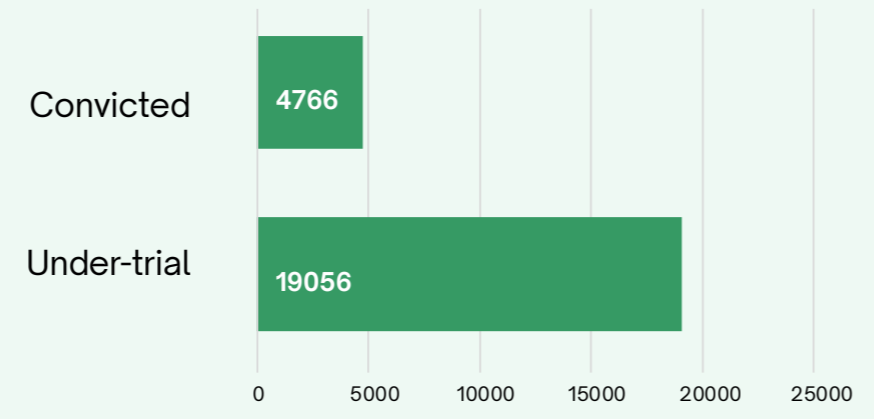
Prison Population Trend

24,904* as of Nov 2023 statistics



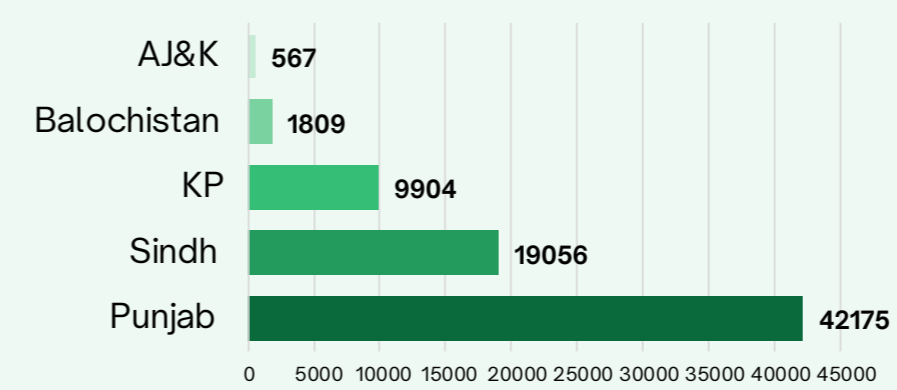
Operating Rate

145% of it's authorized capacity



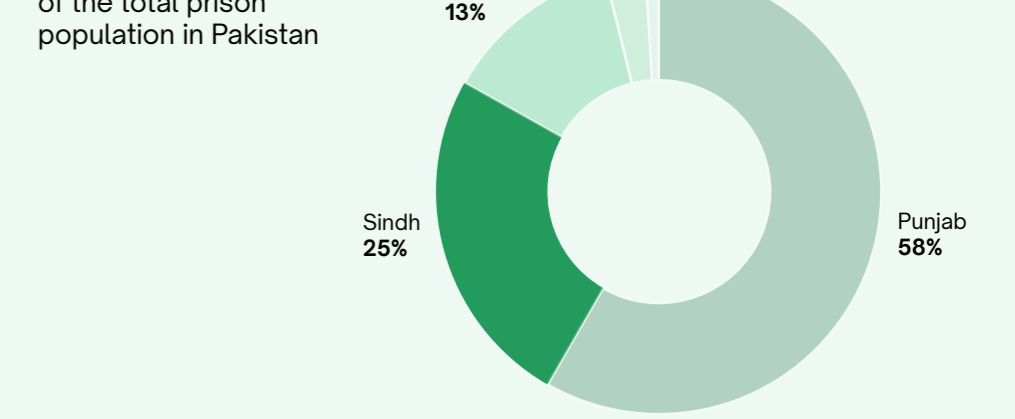
Under Trial Prisoners

57.4% of all the prisoners are under trial in only Sindh



Prison Population in Sindh

25.9% of the total prison population in Pakistan



TOTAL JAILS

26

CAPACITY

13,538 as of Nov 2023 statistics

OVERCROWDED JAILS

15 out of 33 functional prisons as per Nov '23 statistics

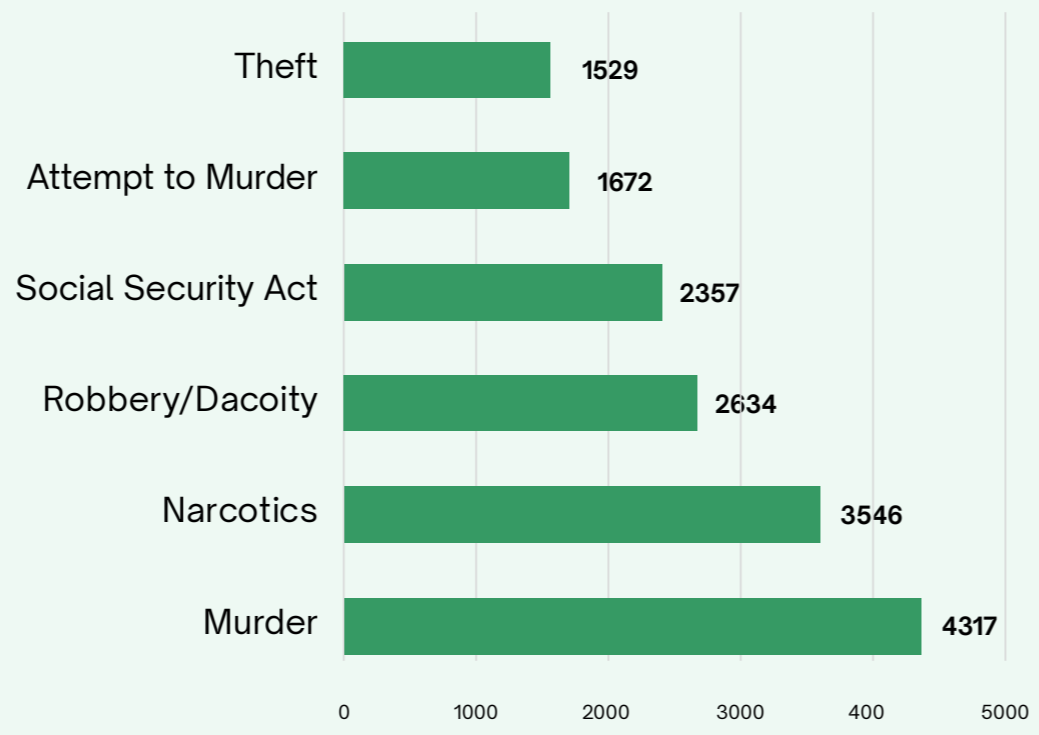
PRISONERS

24,904 as of Nov 2023 statistics

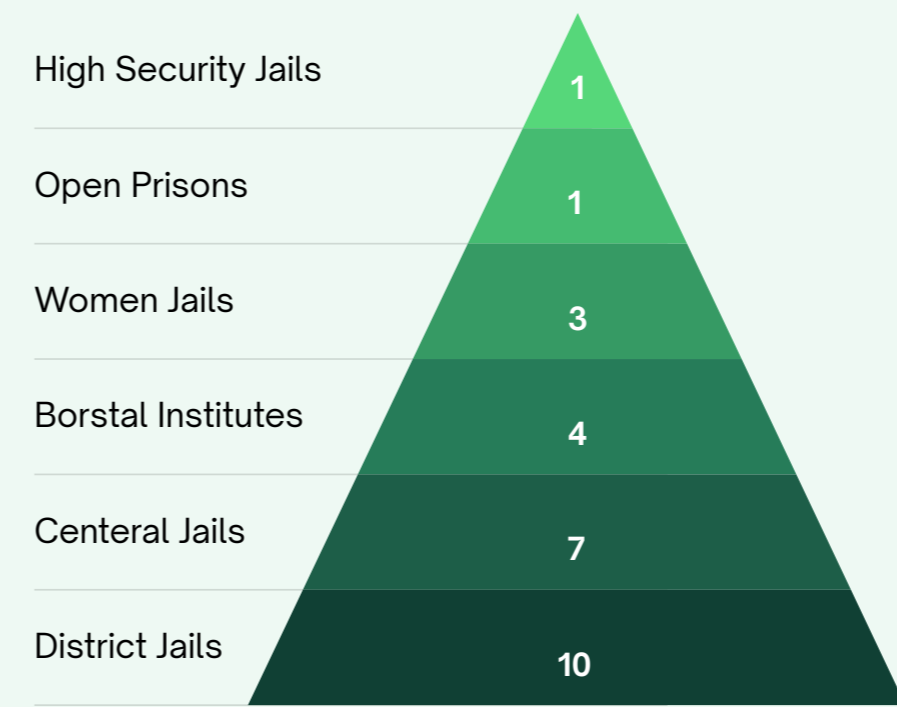
UNDER-TRIAL PERCENTAGE

72.4%

Top Offences



Year 2023 Prisons Breakdown

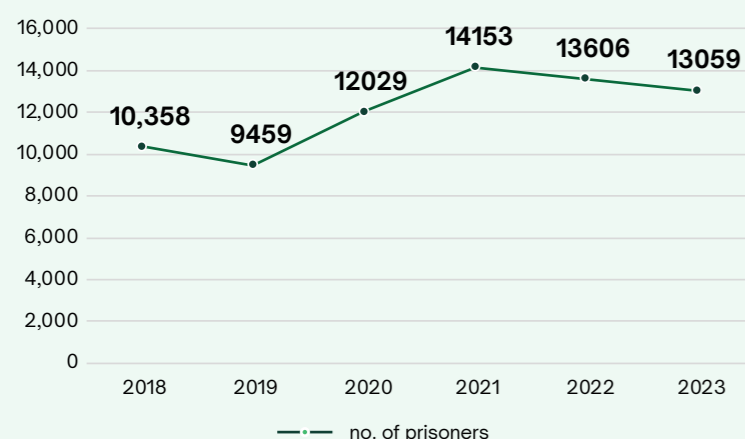


Key Findings:

- 15 out of 23 functional jails in Sindh are overcrowded.
- 80% of the prisoners in Sindh are still under-trial.
- 12 out of 15 overcrowded jails have 80% or more under-trial prisoners.
- There are 526 prisoners on death row in Sindh.
- Juveniles: 407 (out of which 89% are under trial)
- Women: 286 (out of which 80% are under trial)

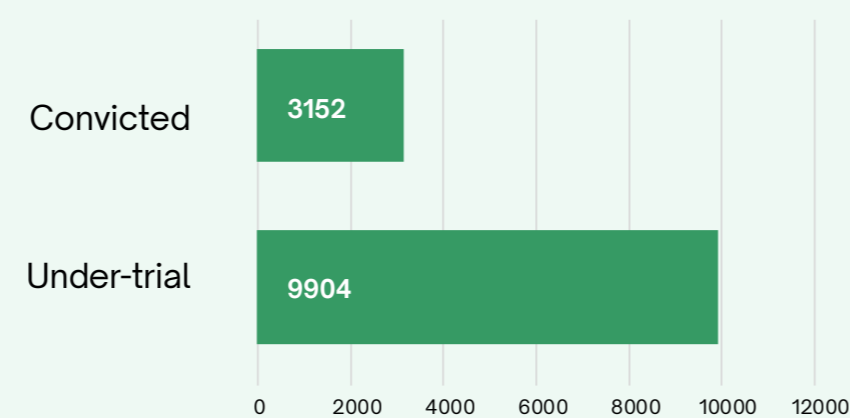
Prison Population Trend

13,059* as of Nov 2023 statistics



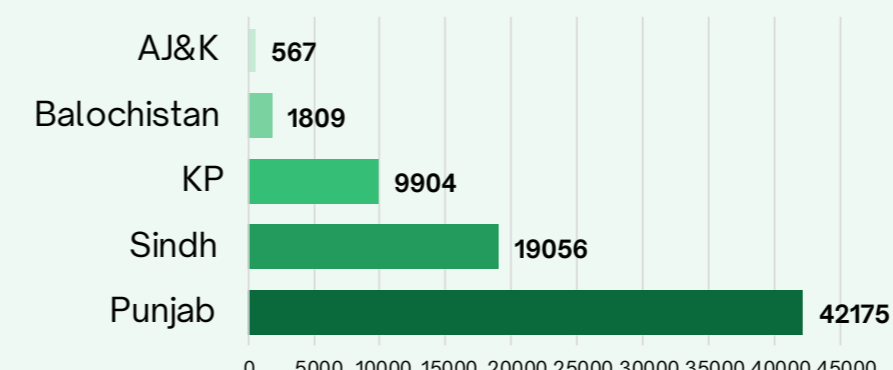
Operating Rate

107.4% of it's authorized capacity



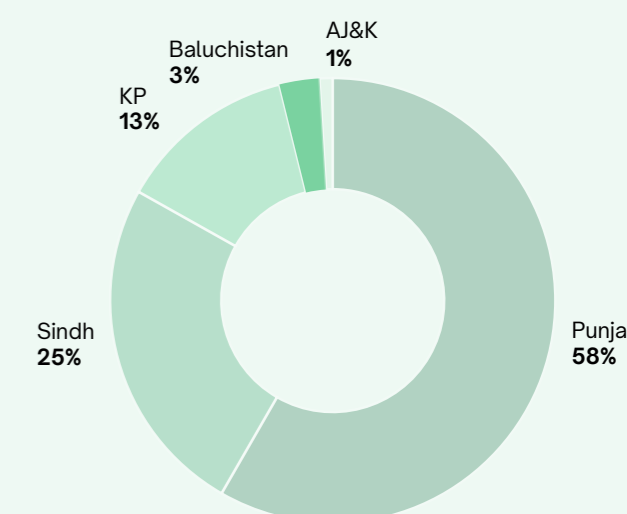
Under Trial Prisoners

75.8% of all the prisoners are under trial in only KP



Prison Population in KP

13% of the total prison population in Pakistan



TOTAL JAILS

38

CAPACITY

12,160 as of Nov 2023 statistics

OVERCROWDING PERCENTAGE

7.4% as per Nov '23 statistics

PRISONERS

13,059 as of Nov 2023 statistics

UNDER-TRIAL PERCENTAGE

75.8%

Key Findings:

- 76% of the prisoners in KP are currently under-trial.
- There are 2326 prisoners including 29 women are on death row in KP.
- Juveniles: 358 (out of which 96% are under trial)
- Women: 160 (out of which 78% are under trial)

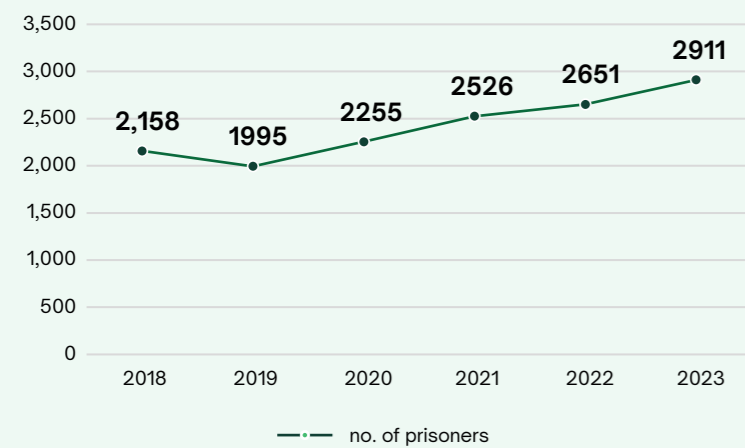
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BALUCHISTAN



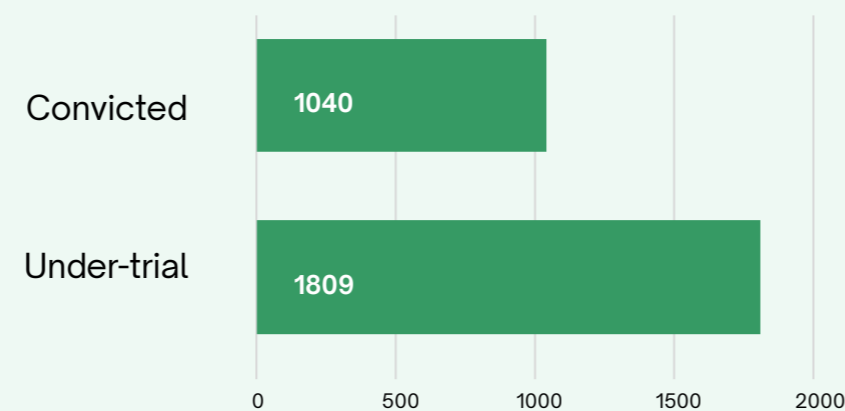
Prison Population Trend

2911* as of Nov 2023 statistics



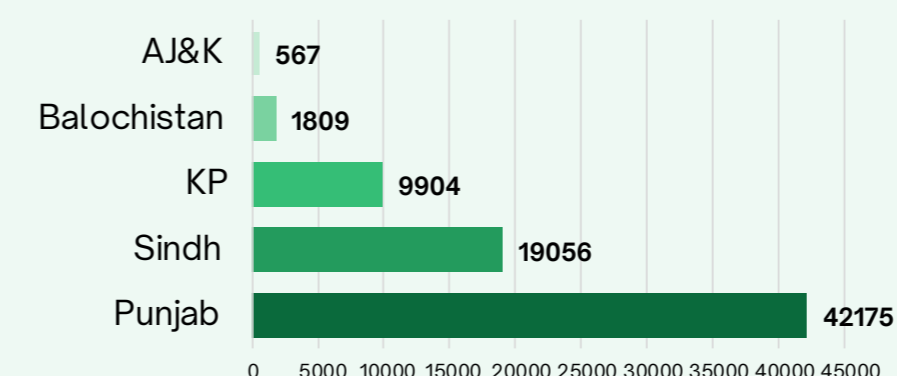
Operating Rate

105.3% of it's authorized capacity



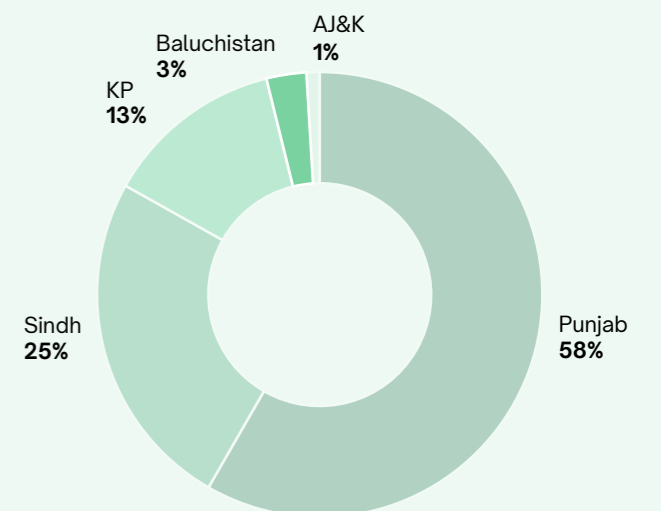
Under Trial Prisoners

2.5% of all the prisoners are under trial in only Balochistan



Prison Population in Balochistan

3% of the total prison population in Pakistan



TOTAL JAILS

12

CAPACITY

2764 as of Nov 2023 statistics

OVERCROWDED JAILS

3 out of 12 as per Nov '23 statistics

PRISONERS

2911 as of Nov 2023 statistics

UNDER-TRIAL PERCENTAGE

63%

Year 2023 Prisons Breakdown

CENTRAL JAILS

5

DISTRICT JAILS

7

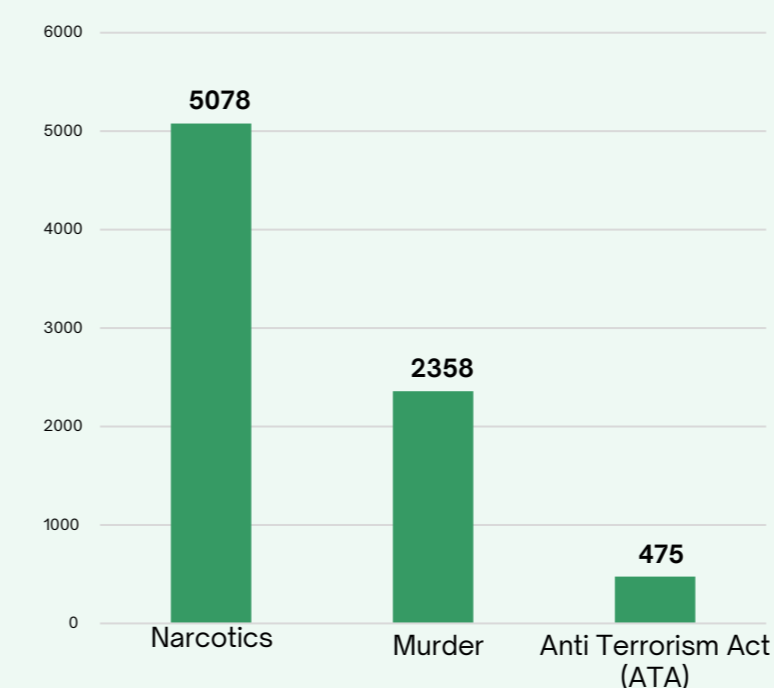
WOMEN JAILS

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BORSTAL INSTITUTES

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Top Offences



Key Findings:

- Overall, overcrowding is 5%; however, 3 jails in Baluchistan are severely overcrowded.
- 63% of the prisoners in Baluchistan are under-trial
- There are more than 90% under-trial prisoners in 2 out of 3 overcrowded jails
- There are 396 prisoners on death row in Baluchistan
- Juveniles: 7 (out of which 4 are convicted)
- Women: 36 (out of which 20 are under trial)

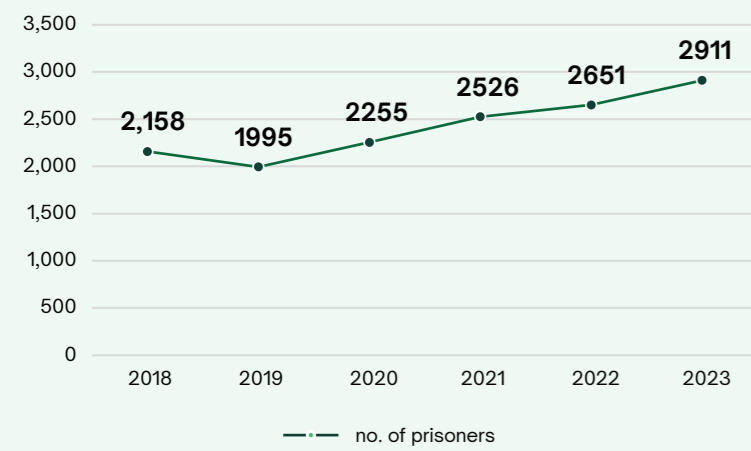
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AJ&K



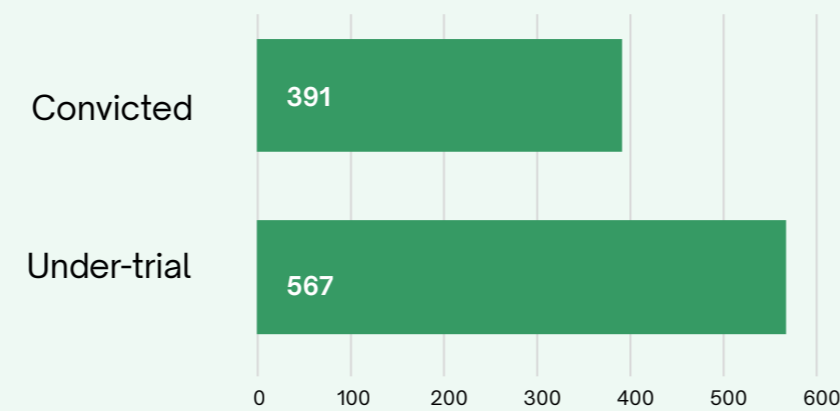
Prison Population Trend

958* as of Nov 2023 statistics



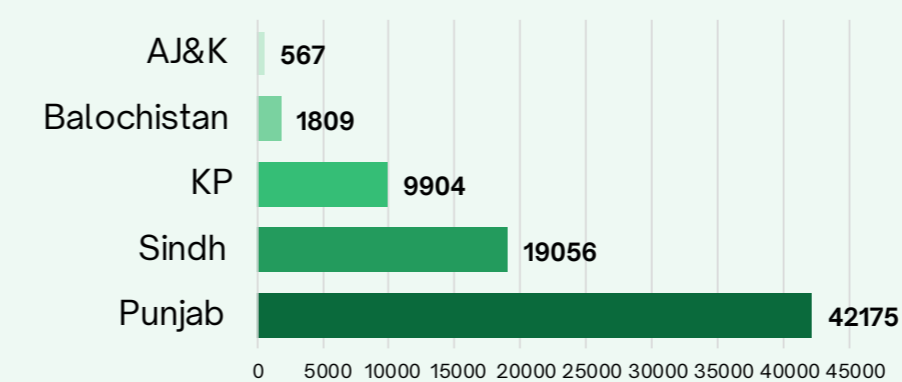
Operating Rate

143.6% of it's authorized capacity



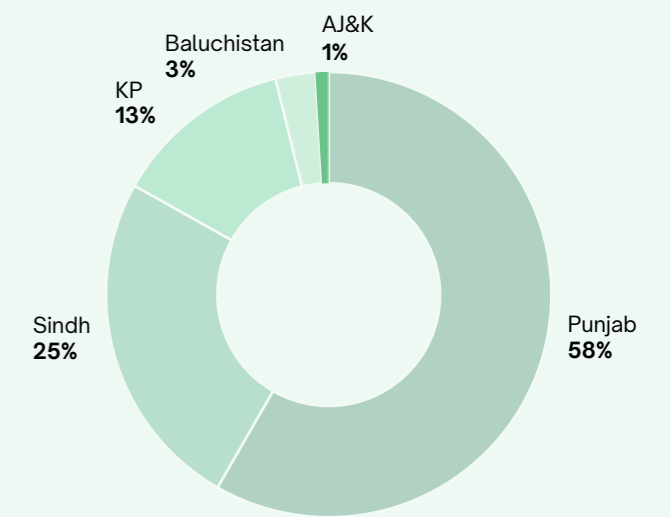
Under Trial Prisoners

59.2% of all the prisoners are under trial in only AJ&K



Prison Population in AJ&K

1% of the total prison population in Pakistan



TOTAL JAILS

7

CAPACITY

667 as of Nov 2023 statistics

OVERCROWDED JAILS

4 out of 7 functional prisons as per Nov '23 statistics

PRISONERS

958 as of Nov 2023 statistics

UNDER-TRIAL PERCENTAGE

59.2%

Overcrowding Breakdown

District Jail Bhimber

125.6% at its capacity

Central Jail Mirpur

165.4% at its capacity

District Jail Kotli

171.6% at its capacity

District Jail Bagh

190.9% at its capacity

Key Findings:

- 4 out of 7 prisons in AJ&K are overcrowded.
- 59% of the prisoners in AJ&K are still under-trial.
- All overcrowded jails have more than 50% of under-trial prisoners.
- There are 391 prisoners on death row in AJ&K.
- Juveniles: 13 (all are under trial)
- Women: 12 (out of which 3 are under trial)

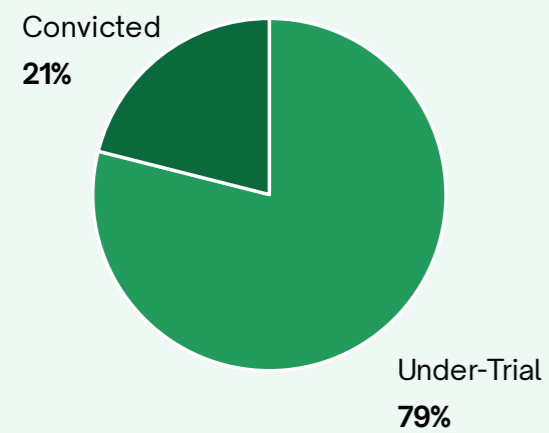
WOMEN PRISONERS IN 2023

PAKISTAN



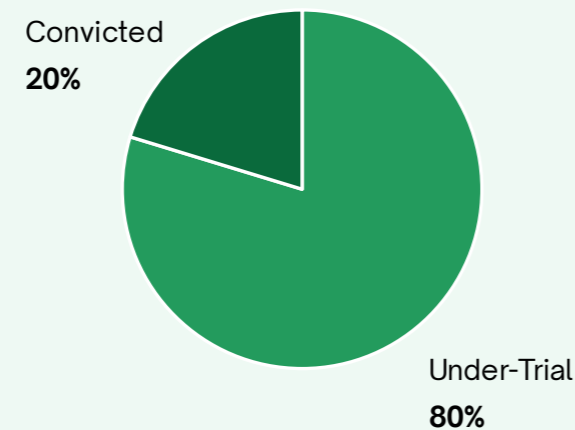
Punjab

998 as of Nov 2023 statistics



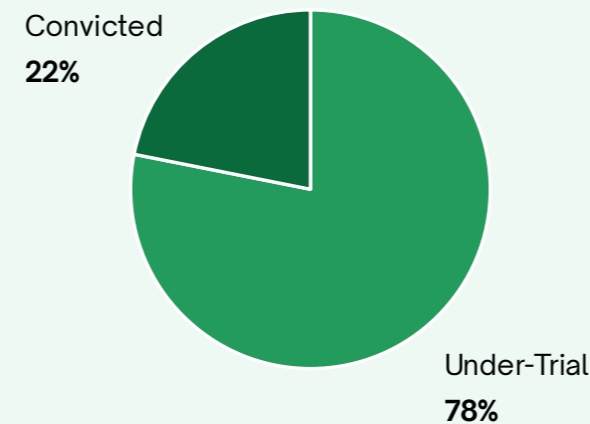
Sindh

286 as of Nov 2023 statistics



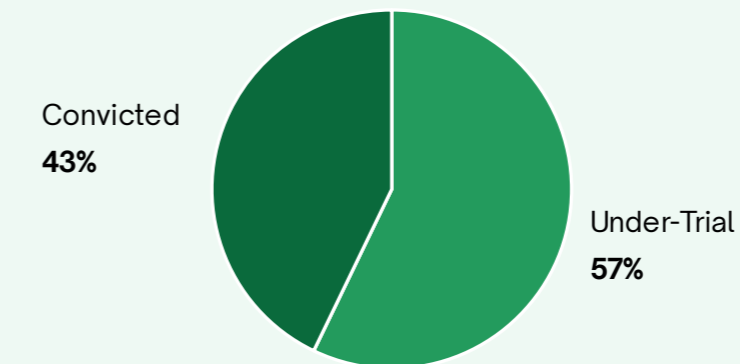
KP

160 as of Nov 2023 statistics



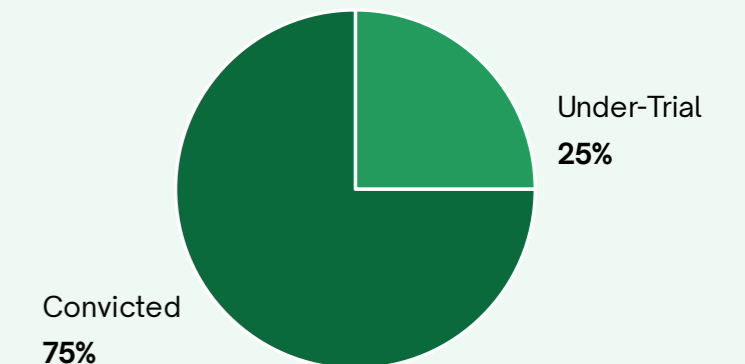
Balochistan

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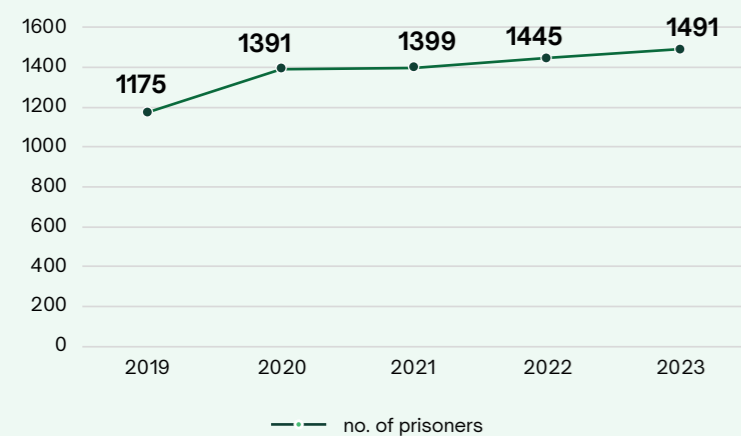
AJK

12 as of Nov 2023 statistics

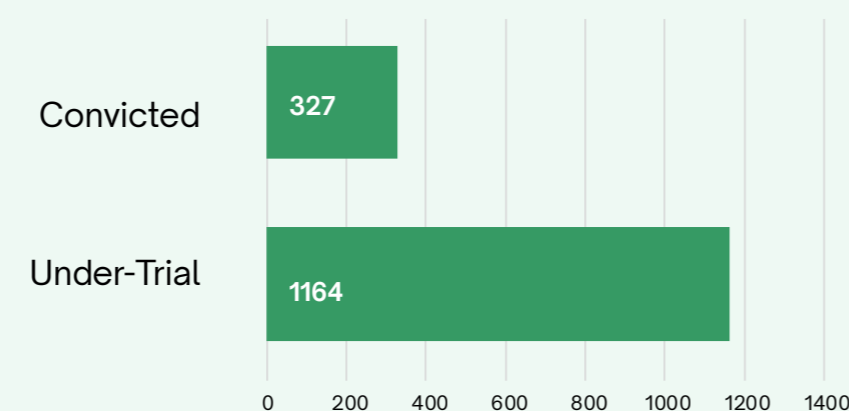


Prison Population Trend (Women Prisoners)

1491* as of Nov 2023 statistics



Status-wise Breakdown



TOTAL JAILS

3

PRISONERS

1491 as of Nov 2023 statistics

UNDER-TRIAL PERCENTAGE

78.1%

Key Findings:

- There are 3 specialized women jails; i.e., 2 in Sindh, 1 in Punjab.
- 78% of women prisoners remain under trial (as of Nov, 2023).
- Compared to men, women prisoners face more difficulty accessing healthcare
- No women jails in KP and Balochistan
- Compared to male prisoners, no earning opportunities for women in Balochistan jails.
- Approx. 27% women are placed in jails away from their home districts

Data Limitations

We regret to inform our readers that data from Gilgit Baltistan is notably missing from our dataset. The absence of this region's data underscores the need for comprehensive and standardized data collection practices nationwide.

Data Sources

- Punjab Prisons Department
- Sindh Prisons Department
- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Prisons Department
- Balochistan Prisons Department
- Federal Ombudsman Reports 2018 - 2021
- Ministry of Interior (<https://www.interiorgov.pk>)
- Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJ&K) Prisons Department