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## PREFACE

This annual publication is presented with a strong sense of duty and commitment to accountability, offering a comprehensive overview of key data and emerging trends that have shaped the prison system of Sri Lanka over the past year.

It is more than a record of numbers; it is a reflection of the evolving challenges, priorities, and achievements of the Department of Prisons. The statistical insights provided here enable evidence-based policy formulation, institutional planning, and constructive public dialogue. This publication plays a vital role in understanding the dynamics within our custodial institutions. It provides not only quantitative insight into inmate populations, rehabilitation efforts, and institutional capacities, but also qualitative indicators that guide evidence-based decision-making, strategic planning, and policy development. Transparency and accountability are essential pillars of public service, and for that, accurate and timely data is essential.

The outcome of this report would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of our officers who ensured the accuracy and integrity of the data presented. Accordingly, I extend my gratitude to M.M.Thusitha Dasanayaka, Statistical Officer, Department of Census and Statistics for taking necessary action and commitment to publish this report. Furthermore I appreciate the effort & contribution of Senior Sargent R.I.B.C.Rathnamalala, prisons guard D.P.H.M.Weerasingha , M.P.A.R.Pathirana, for this important work. Moreover, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the officers of all other prison institutions who provided accurate data and information for the preparation of this publication.

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Sri Lanka.





## FOREWORD

I am delighted to pen this foreword, as I strongly believe in the value of publishing the Prison Statistics of Sri Lanka 2025 and its significance to government agencies in implementing laws and regulations, modernizing crime prevention methodologies, and contributing to the establishment of a well-being-oriented society in Sri Lanka.

It is my hope that Prison Statistics of Sri Lanka 2025 will serve as a practical guide across many aspects of prison administration—including reducing prisoner overcrowding, enhancing inmate care and correction, supporting rehabilitation and career development, and improving drug treatment and management programs.

Given the pressing challenge of prisoner overcrowding 65.5% of whom are drug offenders, we hope that the dissemination of this report will encourage relevant authorities to strengthen mental health services for inmates and expand access to effective drug treatment programs. Such efforts can assist inmates in overcoming addiction and other clinical barriers to rehabilitation.

This report should be recognized as a key resource for government agencies committed to legal reform, modern crime prevention, and the development of a more humane correctional system in Sri Lanka.

This publication reflects the collective efforts of the Department of Prisons, showcasing the unity of regional officers and their unwavering dedication to the success of this endeavor.

This level of commitment must be acknowledged. I gratefully appreciate the continuous leadership, guidance, and support extended by Mr. H.M.T.N. Upuldeniya, Commissioner General of Prisons, and Mr. M.M.T. Dasanayaka, Statistical Officer of the Statistical Branch, Prison Headquarters, whose contributions were instrumental in the timely publication of this report. Their shared commitment to transparency, reform, and responsible data use has been pivotal in ensuring the success of this publication.

I also wish to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of prison officers Mr. R.I.B.C. Rathnamalala, Mr. D.P.H.M. Weerasinghe, Mr. M.P.A.R. Pathirana, and all the prison staff across the country. Their consistent efforts in data collection, verification, and reporting have played a vital role in maintaining the integrity and reliability of the statistical findings presented herein

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## PRISONERS ATTIRE

### Unconvicted Male Prisoner



Ordinary Dress

### Unconvicted Female Prisoner



Ordinary Dress

Condemned  
Male Prisoner



Life imprisonment Male Prisoner



Over 20 years Punishable  
Male Prisoner



5 to 20 years Punishable  
Male Prisoner



Condemned Appeal  
Female Prisoner



Life imprisonment  
Female Prisoner



Over 20 years Punishable  
Female Prisoner



5 to 20 years Punishable  
Female Prisoner



Note : All the appellant are label "PA" on the Upper part of their dresses.

Under 5 years Punishable  
Male Prisoner



Under 5 years Punishable  
Female Prisoner



For open prison camp, open work camp and  
outside work unit prisoners



## TERMINOLOGY

- 1. Closed Prisons** - Institution with a perimeter wall where prisoners are held normally under maximum security conditions.
- 2. Remand Prisons** - Closed Prisons exclusively kept apart for remand prisoners.
- 3. Open Prison Camps** - Prisons without a perimeter wall where selected prisoners are held under minimum security conditions.
- 4. Work Camps** - Prisons without a perimeter wall where short term or medium term offenders are detained under minimum security conditions.
- 5. Work Release Center** - Prison buildings without a perimeter wall or security devices which provide lodging for the night to prisoners who are sent out on work release under the work release scheme.
- 6. Lock-up** - Prison buildings sited near courts to which prisoners with pending cases are transferred a day or two before the date of trial of the cases for the purpose of their production before court and removal back immediately afterwards. Similarly persons sentenced to prison by courts are temporarily kept in these buildings till their transfer to closed prison.
- 7. Convicted Prisoners** - Prisoners who have been convicted of offences under the law by various courts in the Island and sentenced to a term of imprisonment.
- 8. Remand Prisoners** - Unconvicted prisoners awaiting trial.
- 9. First Offender** - A person who has been admitted to prison for the first time.
- 10. Reconvicted Offender** - A person who has been admitted to prison a second time.
- 11. Recidivist** - A person who has been admitted to prison on more than two occasions.
- 12. Youthful Offenders** - Offenders who are between the ages of 16 and 22 years.
- 13. Home Leave Scheme** - A scheme under which certain categories of prisoners are permitted to visit their homes unescorted for a maximum period of 7 days at a time, once in 6 months.
- 14. License Scheme** - A scheme under which certain categories of prisoners are conditionally released from prison prematurely under the supervision of prison welfare officers.
- 15. Work Release Scheme** - A scheme under which selected prisoners are allowed to get themselves employed in the open community unescorted during day and return to a work release centre or a prison for the night.

# PRISON INSTITUTIONS OF SRI LANKA



Prison Headquarters



Centre For Research and Training In Corrections



Welikada Prison





Bogambara Prison - Dumbara



Mahara Prison



Angunakolapelessa Prison

**Table 1.1**

## **PRISON INSTITUTIONS OF SRI LANKA**

**1.1.1 Prison Headquarters, Colombo 09, Sri Lanka.**

( Functioning under the Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Legal Reforms, Sri Lanka )

**1.1.2 Center for Research and Training in Corrections, Colombo 09.**

**1.2.0 Closed Prisons - ( For Convicted Prisoners ) - 04**

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1.2.2 Mahara Prison	1.2.4 Angunakolapelessa Prison

**1.3.0 Remand Prisons - 18**

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1.3.2 Jaffna	1.3.9 New Magazine	1.3.16 Polonnaruwa
1.3.3 Anuradhapura	1.3.10 Kegalle	1.3.17 Wariyapola
1.3.4 Batticaloa	1.3.11 Trincomalee	1.3.18 Vavuniya
1.3.5 Badulla	1.3.12 Kalutara	
1.3.6 Galle	1.3.13 kuruwita	
1.3.7 Matara	1.3.14 Boossa	

**1.4.0 Work Camps - 10**

1.4.1 Homagama	1.4.5 Pitabeddara	1.4.9 Kadurugas-ara (Thunkama)
1.4.2 Meetirigala	1.4.6 Hangilipola	1.4.10 Ambepussa*
1.4.3 Kandewatta	1.4.7 Wariyapola (Under controlling by Wariyapola Remand Prison)	
1.4.4 Weerawila *	1.4.8 Kuruwita (Under controlling by Kuruwita Remand Prison)	

**1.5.0 Open Prison Camps - 02**

1.5.1 Pallekelle *	1.5.2 Anuradhapura (Under controlling by Anuradhapura Remand Prison)
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**1.6.0 Training Schools - 01**

1.6.1 Training School for Youthful Offenders, Homagama.

**1.7.0 Correctional Centres for Youthful Offenders - 02**

- 1.7.1 Pallansena C.C.Y.O. - Closed Prison and Open Camp
- 1.7.2 Taldena C.C.Y.O. - Open Camp \*

\* These Institutions are used as Centres for Drug Rehabilitation Operations.

**1.8.0 Lock - Ups - 23**

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1.8.1 Ampara	- Ampara	1.8.13 Kilinochchi	- Kilinochchi
1.8.2 Avissawella	- Colombo	1.8.14 Kuliyaipitiya	- Kurunegala
1.8.3 Balangoda	- Rathnapura	1.8.15 Kurunegala	- Kurunegala
1.8.4 Balapitiya	- Galle	1.8.16 Maho	- Kurunegala
1.8.5 Elpitiya	- Galle	1.8.17 Mannar	- Mannar
1.8.6 Chilaw	- Puttalam	1.8.18 Matale	- Matale
1.8.7 Puttalam	- Puttalam	1.8.19 Mullaitivu	- Mullaitivu
1.8.8 Embilipitiya	- Rathnapura	1.8.20 Hatton	- Nuwara Eliya
1.8.9 Gampaha	- Gampaha	1.8.21 Nuwara Eliya	- Nuwara Eliya
1.8.10 Gampola	- Kandy	1.8.22 Panadura	- Kalutara
1.8.11 Hambantota	- Hambantota	1.8.23 Point Pedro	- Jaffna
1.8.12 Kalmunai	- Ampara		



Details of Institutions are given in page 5

## ★ PRISON HEADQUARTERS



### C.R.T.C.

Centre for Research & Training  
in corrections

### CLOSED PRISONS



Welikada



Bogambara



Mahara



Angunakolapelessa

### REMAND PRISONS

- A - Anuradhapura
- B - Colombo
- C - Kalutara
- D - Negombo
- E - Galle
- F - New Magazine
- G - Badulla
- H - Matara
- I - Batticaloa
- J - Kegalle
- K - Trincomalee
- L - Jaffna
- M - Kuruwita
- N - Boossa
- O - Monaragala
- P - Polonnaruwa
- Q - Wariyapola
- R - Vavuniya

## WORK CAMPS



- Homagama



- Meethirigala



- Weerawila



- Kuruwita



- Wariyapola



- Hangilipola



- Kandewatta



- Kadurugasara



- Pitabeddara



- Ambepussa

### OPEN PRISON CAMPS



- Pallekelle



- Anuradhapura

### CORRECTIONAL CENTRES FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS



- Pallansena - C.C.Y.O.



- Taldena - C.C.Y.O.




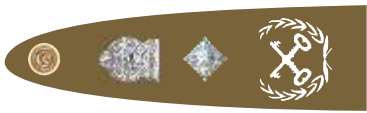








- Homagama - T.S.Y.O.

### LOCK-UPS

- |                  |                    |                   |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 - Ampara       | 10 - Hambantota    | 19 - Mullaitivu   |
| 2 - Awissawella  | 11 - Hatton        | 20 - Nuwara Eliya |
| 3 - Balangoda    | 12 - Kalmunai      | 21 - Panadura     |
| 4 - Balapitiya   | 13 - Kilinochchi   | 22 - Point Pedro  |
| 5 - Chilaw       | 14 - Kuliyaipitiya | 23 - Puttalam     |
| 6 - Elpitiya     | 15 - Kurunegala    |                   |
| 7 - Embilipitiya | 16 - Maho          |                   |
| 8 - Gampaha      | 17 - Mannar        |                   |
| 9 - Gampola      | 18 - Matale        |                   |



# DEPARTMENTAL STAFF

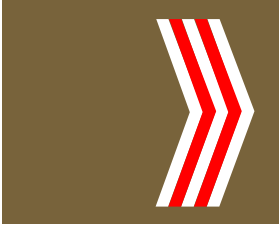
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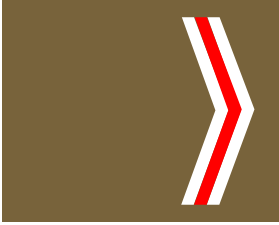
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  - Additional Commissioner General of Prisons
  - Commissioner of Prisons
  - Senior Superintendent of Prisons
  - Superintendent of Prisons
  - Assistant Superintendent of Prisons
  - Chief Jailor
  - Jailer Class I
  - Senior Jailer Class II
  - Jailer Class II



**Senior  
Sergeant**



**Sergeant**



**Senior  
Prison Guard**  
After 08 Years  
Service



**Senior  
Prison Guard**  
After 05 Years  
Service

<b>S. Sgt</b>	- Senior Sergeant
<b>SGT.</b>	- Sergeant
<b>SPG</b>	- Senior Prison Guard

**AI** **AO** **IF** **T** **IS** **SK** **MD** **VI** **D**

<b>IS</b>	- Industrial Supervisor	<b>AI</b>	- Agriculture Instructor
<b>SK</b>	- Store Keeper	<b>AO</b>	- Agriculture Overseer
<b>MD</b>	- Motor Driver	<b>IF</b>	- Industrial Foreman
<b>VI</b>	- Vocational Instructor	<b>T</b>	- Technician
<b>D</b>	- Dispenser		

**Table 2.1**  
**THE DEPARTMENTAL STAFF CLASSIFIED BY GRADES AS ON 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
**DECEMBER 2024**

GRADE	Approved	Existing	Vacancies	Excess
Commissioner General of Prisons	1	1	-	-
Additional Commissioner General of Prisons	1	-	1	-
Commissioner of Prisons (S.L.A.S)	1	1	-	-
Commissioner of Prisons	5	4	1	-
Director Planning	1	-	1	-
Director Engineering	1	-	1	-
Chief Accountant	1	1	-	-
Assistant Commissioner (S.L.A.S.)	1	-	1	-
Assistant Director Planning	1	1	-	-
Assistant Director (I.T.)	1	1	-	-
Assistant Director (Agriculture)	1	-	1	-
Accountant	4	2	2	-
Internal Auditor	1	1	-	-
Senior Superintendent of Prisons	6	1	5	-
Senior Superintendent of Prisons (Rehab)	1	-	1	-
Superintendent of Prisons	17	4	13	-
Superintendent of Prisons (Rehab)	2	-	2	-
Assistant Superintendent of Prisons (Male)	40	16	24	-
Assistant Superintendent of Prisons (Rehab)	2	2	-	-
Assistant Superintendent of Prisons (Rehab - Female)	1	-	1	-
Assistant Superintendent of Prisons - Female)	2	-	2	-
Legal Officer	1	1	-	-
Engineer (Civil)	2	2	-	-
Engineer (Mechanical)	2	1	1	-
Administrative Officer	2	1	1	-
Chef Inspector of Work	1	-	1	-
Chief Jailor (Male)	30	29	1	-
Chief Jailor (Female)	3	1	2	-
Jailor - i (Male)	59	53	6	-
Jailor - i (Female)	4	3	1	-
Chief Rehabilitation Officer	5	2	3	-
Chief Rehabilitation Officer (Female)	2	2	-	-
Rehabilitation Officer - i (Male)	11	8	3	-
Rehabilitation Officer - i (Female)	2	1	1	-
Rehabilitation Officer - ii (Male)	109	87	22	-
Rehabilitation Officer - ii (Female)	25	19	6	-
Jailor - ii (Male)	446	326	120	-
Jailor - ii (Female)	30	15	15	-
Drill Instructor	1	1	-	-
Sergeant (Male)	894	556	338	-
Sergeant (Female)	38	20	18	-
Prison Guard (Male)	4,447	3,722	725	-
Prison Guard (Female)	594	479	115	-
Chief Nursing Officer	1	-	1	-
Nursing Officer (Hospital Service)	8	-	8	-
Nursing Officer i/ii/iii	70	35	35	-
Public Health Inspector	4	7	-	3
Translator	3	2	1	-
Infor.& Commu.Technology Officer	1	1	-	-
Counselling Officer	7	-	7	-

**Source :** Department of Prisons

**Table 2.1 Contd...**

**THE DEPARTMENTAL STAFF CLASSIFIED BY GRADES AS ON 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER  
2024**

GRADE	Approved	Existing	Vacancies	Excess
Statistical Officer	1	1	-	-
Development Officer	93	91	2	-
Planning Assistant	1	1	-	-
Inspector of Work	5	-	5	-
Librarian	1	-	1	-
Technical Officer (Industrial)	1	-	1	-
Draughtsman	2	1	1	-
Infor.& Commu.Tech.Assistant	5	1	4	-
Sub Inspector of Work	10	5	5	-
Management Service officer	80	43	37	-
Interpreter	2	-	2	-
Industrial Forman	19	16	3	-
Industrial Supervisor	17	15	2	-
Vocational Instructor Officer	120	50	70	-
Agricultural Instructor	19	6	13	-
Agricultural overseers	28	-	28	-
Audio Visual Assistant	1	-	1	-
Dispenser (Senior)	4	-	4	-
Dispenser (Grade i/ii/iii)	82	52	30	-
Photographer	1	-	1	-
Editor	1	-	1	-
Motor Driver (Department)	222	204	18	-
Motor Driver (Combined Servicer)	5	2	3	-
Ambulance Driver	3	-	3	-
Motor Mechanic	10	3	7	-
Motor Mechanic (Electrical)	4	1	3	-
Motor Mechanic (Fitting)	2	-	2	-
Motor Mechanic (Painting)	2	-	2	-
Tractor Drivers	26	16	10	-
Threewheel Driver	8	7	1	-
Office employee service	36	23	13	-
Watcher	52	35	17	-
Executioner	2	2	-	-
Laborer	35	16	19	-
Pump Attendants	10	7	3	-
Director(Medical)	1	-	1	-
Deputy Director (Medical)	1	1	-	-
Medical Officer	40	57	-	17
Dentist	4	3	1	-
Registered Medical Practitioner	19	13	6	-
Medical Lab Technician	4	1	3	-
	7,872	6,082	1,810	20

**Source :** Department of Prisons



**Table 2.1 Contd...**

**THE DEPARTMENTAL STAFF CLASSIFIED BY GRADES AS ON 31<sup>ST</sup>  
DECEMBER EACH YEAR UNDER REFERENCE, 2021 - 2023**

GRADE	Year		
	2021	2022	2023
<b>PRISONS DEPARTMENT OFFICERS (a) - (e)</b>			
<b>(a). Uniform Staff</b>			
Commissioner General of Prisons	1	1	1
Additional Commissioner General of Prisons ( Covering )	1	1	-
Commissioner of Prisons	-	-	-
Superintendent of Prisons ( Special Grade )	3	2	-
Superintendent of Prisons	10	7	6
Superintendent of Prisons ( Industries )	-	-	-
Asst. Superintendent of Prisons	12	9	21
Chief Jailors	28	27	29
Jailors ( Class 1 ) / Male & Female	58	56	25
Jailors ( Class 11 ) / Male & Female	397	389	382
Prison Sergeants / Male & Female	668	626	616
Prison Guards / Male & Female	4,325	4,296	4,223
Male Nurses	37	35	35
Dispensers	55	55	54
Agricultural Instructors	7	7	6
Agricultural Overseers	-	-	-
Industrial Foreman	18	15	17
Vocational Instructors & Technicians	69	66	47
Industrial Supervisors	1	1	15
Drill Instructors	1	1	1
Motor Mechanics	4	4	4
Van & Tractor / Three Wheel Drivers	226	224	230
Executioners	2	2	2
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>5,923</b>	<b>5,824</b>	<b>5,714</b>
<b>(b). Non - Uniform Staff</b>			
Commissioner of Prisons - ( S.L.A.S )	-	-	-
Commissioner of Prisons - Rehabilitation	-	-	-
Deputy Commissioner of Prisons - ( S.L.A.S )	-	-	-
Superintendent of Prisons ( Special Grade ) - Rehabilitation	-	-	-
Superintendent of Prisons - Rehabilitation	-	-	-
Asst. Superintendent of Prisons - Rehabilitation	-	-	2
Chief Rehabilitation Officers	4	4	4
Prison Rehabilitation Officers - ( Class 1 ) / Male & Female	8	8	7
Planning Assistants	-	1	-
Development Officers	62	97	93
Prison Rehabilitation Officers - ( Class 2 ) / Male & Female	114	113	112
*Inspector & Sub Inspector of Works	5	5	5
*Draughtsman	1	1	1
Information & Communication Technology Assit.	2	2	1
Electro Cardiographers	-	-	-
Audio Visual Assistants	-	-	-
Work Overseers	-	-	-
Watchers	31	28	35
Pump Attendants	7	7	7
Labourers	17	17	26
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>293</b>

\* Comes Under Technological Services

**Table 2.1 - Contd...**

**THE DEPARTMENTAL STAFF CLASSIFIED BY GRADES AS ON 31<sup>ST</sup>  
DECEMBER EACH YEAR UNDER REFERENCE, 2021 - 2023**

GRADE	Year		
	2021	2022	2023
<b>(c). Officers from the Combined Services</b>			
Administrative Officers	1	-	1
Translators	2	2	2
Management Service Officers	52	47	44
Binders	-	-	-
Office Employer Service	20	18	34
Drivers / Labours & Others	1	1	1
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>(d). Officers from the Other Services</b>			
Chief Accountants	1	1	-
Internal Auditors	1	1	1
Accountants	2	2	1
Directors ( Engineering )	1	-	-
Engineers	3	4	3
Director Planning (covering)	1	1	-
Assistant Directors ( Planning )	1	1	1
Assistant Directors ( Information & Communication Technology )	1	1	-
Assistant Directors ( Medical )	1	1	1
Legal Officer	1	1	1
Chief Inspector of Works	-	-	-
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>(e). Officers Posted from Other Departments</b>			
Medical Officers	19	46	58
Registered Medical Practitioners	11	23	19
Statistical Officers	1	1	1
Statistical Assistants	-	-	-
Medical Lab Technicians	1	5	1
Public Health Inspectors	7	7	7
Budget Assistants	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6,302</b>	<b>6,270</b>	<b>6,183</b>

**Source :** Department of Prison

**Table 2.2**

**THE DEPARTMENTAL STAFF TRAINED AT THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN CORRECTIONS, TRAINING COURSES  
2020 - 2024**

Type of Officers	Year														
	2020			2021			2022			2023			2024		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
<b>New Recruits Trained</b>															
1. Superintendents / Asst. Superintendents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Rehabilitation Officers	-	-	-	10	2	12	4		4	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Jailors	-	-	-	67	5	72	22	3	25	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Prison Guards	-	-	-	194	-	194		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Other Grades	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	271	7	278	26	3	29	-	-	-	6	-	6
<b>In Service Officers Trained</b>															
1. Superintendents / Asst. Superintendents	47	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	19	43	-	43
2. Senior Rehabilitation Officers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	4	2	1	3
3. Chief Jailors / Jailors - ( Class -1 )	81	4	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	1	29	36	1	37
4. Jailors	77	2	79	22	3	25	65	5	70	128	1	129	300	13	313
5. Rehabilitation Officers	5	2	7	2		2	-	-	-	-	-	-	88	18	106
6. Prison Sergeants	74	3	77	109	7	116	12	2	14	100	1	101	263	13	276
7. Prison Guards	118	15	133	25	2	27	522	63	585	622	32	654	1,040	38	1,078
8. Other Grades	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	164	72	236	286	83	369
<b>Total</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>1,172</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>2,225</b>

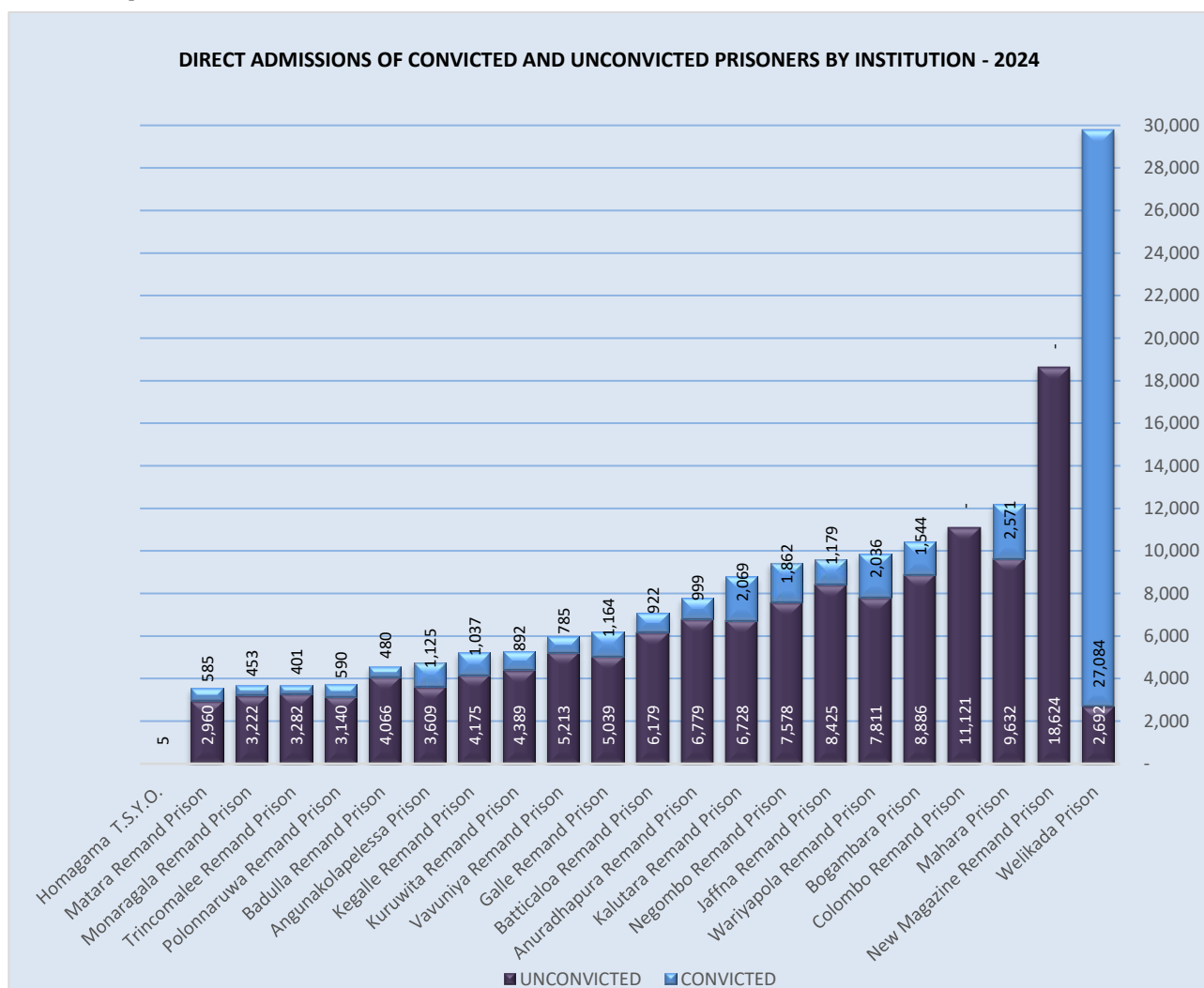
**Note :** An Individual has Followed at least one Internal course or more than one.

**Source :** Department of Prison

### DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED AND UNCONVICTED PRISONERS BY INSTITUTION - 2024

INSTITUTION	UNCONVICTED			CONVICTED			UNCONVICTED AND CONVICTED		
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Welikada Prison	-	2,692	2,692	26,613	471	27,084	26,613	3,163	29,776
Colombo Remand Prison	11,121	-	11,121	-	-	-	11,121	-	11,121
New Magazine Remand Prison	18,624	-	18,624	-	-	-	18,624	-	18,624
Mahara Prison	9,632	-	9,632	2,571	-	2,571	12,203	-	12,203
Bogambara Prison	8,334	552	8,886	1,502	42	1,544	9,836	594	10,430
Jaffna Remand Prison	8,002	423	8,425	1,159	20	1,179	9,161	443	9,604
Anuradhapura Remand Prison	6,465	314	6,779	978	21	999	7,443	335	7,778
Badulla Remand Prison	3,894	172	4,066	472	8	480	4,366	180	4,546
Batticaloa Remand Prison	5,880	299	6,179	885	37	922	6,765	336	7,101
Galle Remand Prison	4,836	203	5,039	1,149	15	1,164	5,985	218	6,203
Matara Remand Prison	2,791	169	2,960	572	13	585	3,363	182	3,545
Angunakolapelessa Prison	3,517	92	3,609	1,103	22	1,125	4,620	114	4,734
Negombo Remand Prison	6,948	630	7,578	1,803	59	1,862	8,751	689	9,440
Homagama T.S.Y.O.	-	-	-	5	-	5	5	-	5
Trincomalee Remand Prison	3,079	203	3,282	391	10	401	3,470	213	3,683
Kegalle Remand Prison	4,175	-	4,175	1,037	-	1,037	5,212	-	5,212
Kalutara Remand Prison	6,335	393	6,728	2,010	59	2,069	8,345	452	8,797
Kuruwita Remand Prison	4,232	157	4,389	881	11	892	5,113	168	5,281
Polonnaruwa Remand Prison	2,948	192	3,140	574	16	590	3,522	208	3,730
Monaragala Remand Prison	3,028	194	3,222	444	9	453	3,472	203	3,675
Wariyapola Remand Prison	7,386	425	7,811	1,977	59	2,036	9,363	484	9,847
Vavuniya Remand Prison	5,037	176	5,213	772	13	785	5,809	189	5,998
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>126,264</b>	<b>7,286</b>	<b>133,550</b>	<b>46,898</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>47,783</b>	<b>173,162</b>	<b>8,171</b>	<b>181,333</b>

Source : Department of Prisons



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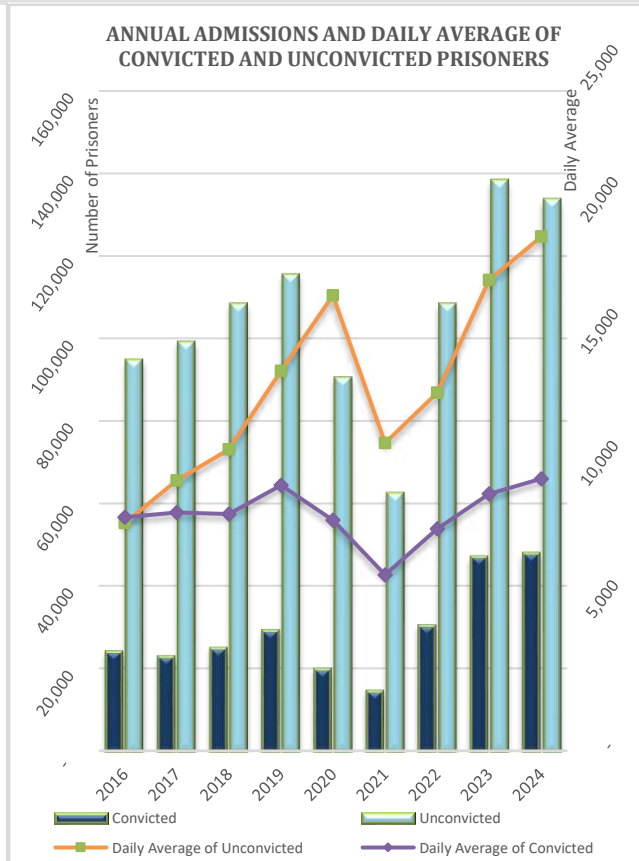
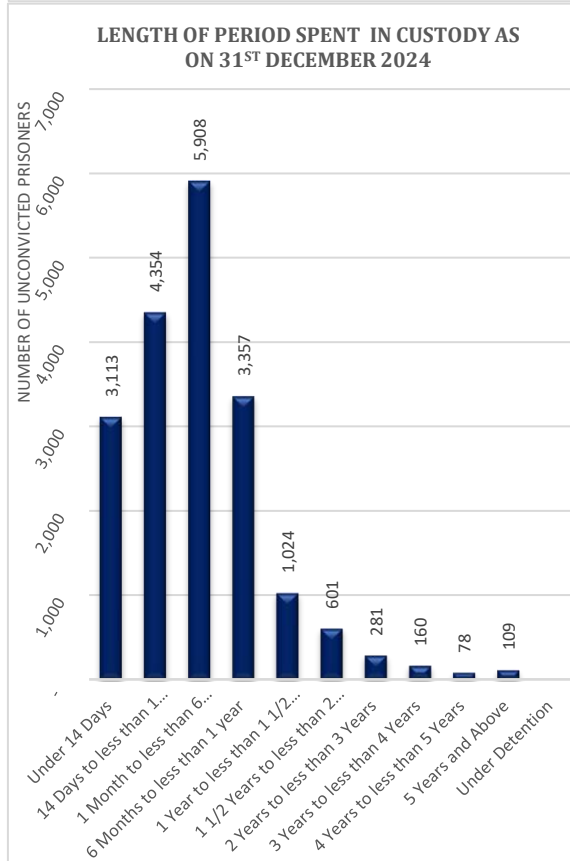
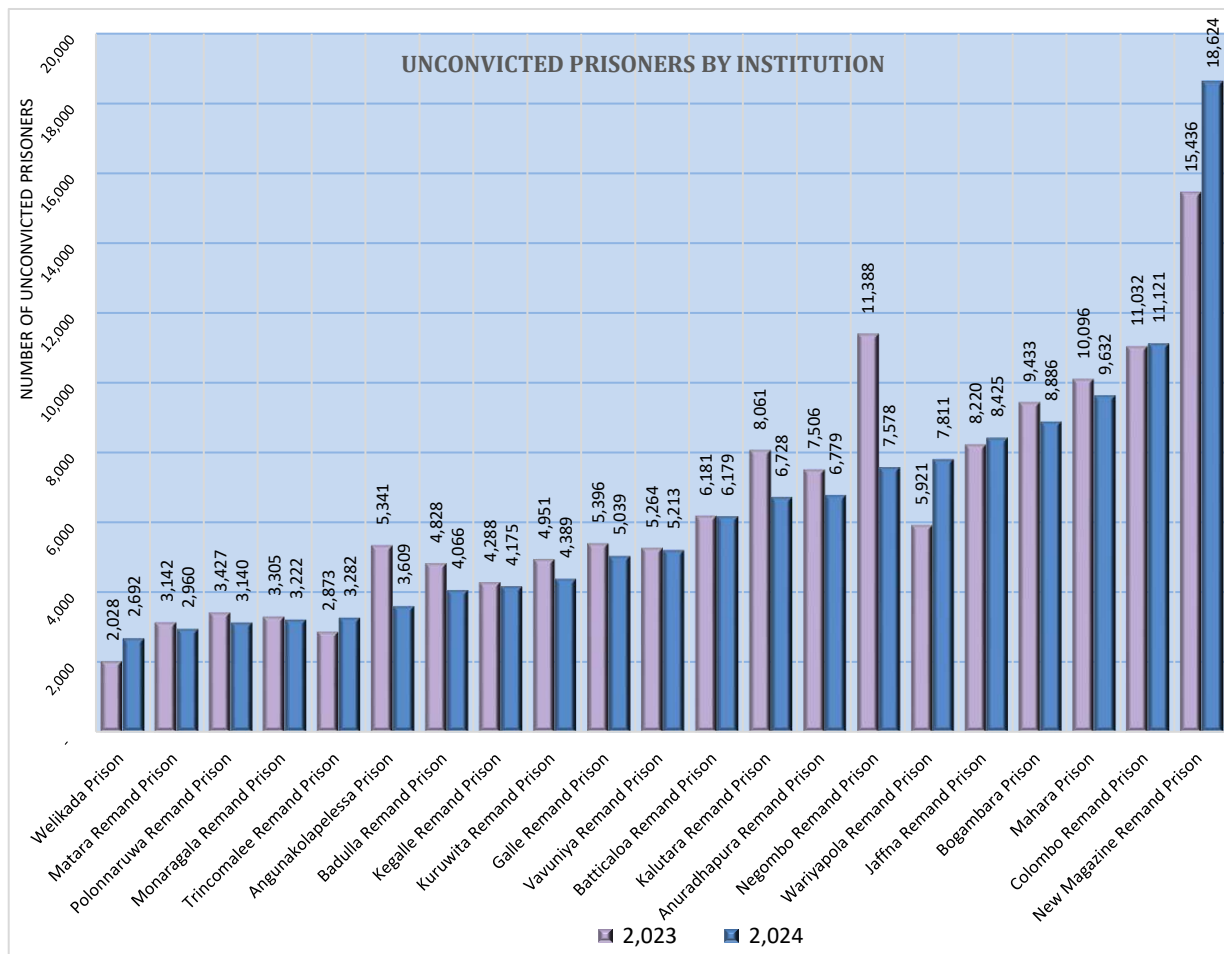
Table 3.1

## DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF UNCONVICTED PRISONERS BY INSTITUTIONS, 2020 - 2024

Institution	2020			2021			2022			2023			2024		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Welikada Prison	835	1,238	2,073	997	823	1,820	92	1,293	1,385	24	2,004	2,028	-	2,692	2,692
Colombo Remand Prison	5,600	-	5,600	4,837	-	4,837	9,245	-	9,245	11,032	-	11,032	11,121	-	11,121
New Magazine Remand Prison	6,992	-	6,992	4,145	-	4,145	9,590	-	9,590	15,436	-	15,436	18,624	-	18,624
Mahara Prison	6,088	-	6,088	5,574	-	5,574	8,520	-	8,520	10,096	-	10,096	9,632	-	9,632
Bogambara Prison	7,286	330	7,616	4,200	167	4,367	8,384	317	8,701	8,872	561	9,433	8,334	552	8,886
Jaffna Remand Prison	3,969	88	4,057	3,266	75	3,341	6,245	157	6,402	7,933	287	8,220	8,002	423	8,425
Anuradhapura Remand Prison	4,378	178	4,556	2,723	90	2,813	5,286	196	5,482	7,239	267	7,506	6,465	314	6,779
Badulla Remand Prison	3,270	152	3,422	1,912	109	2,021	3,524	123	3,647	4,641	187	4,828	3,894	172	4,066
Batticaloa Remand Prison	3,492	166	3,658	3,101	150	3,251	5,054	219	5,273	5,931	250	6,181	5,880	299	6,179
Galle Remand Prison	4,409	220	4,629	2,858	128	2,986	4,330	223	4,553	5,149	247	5,396	4,836	203	5,039
Matara Remand Prison	2,614	158	2,772	1,807	128	1,935	2,446	51	2,497	3,040	102	3,142	2,791	169	2,960
Angunakolapelessa Prison	4,138	188	4,326	2,583	101	2,684	3,975	144	4,119	5,135	206	5,341	3,517	92	3,609
Negombo Remand Prison	6,983	434	7,417	4,422	220	4,642	7,659	391	8,050	10,734	654	11,388	6,948	630	7,578
Trincomalee Remand Prison	2,068	95	2,163	1,494	61	1,555	2,832	95	2,927	2,749	124	2,873	3,079	203	3,282
Kegalle Remand Prison	3,623	-	3,623	2,155	-	2,155	3,922	-	3,922	4,288	-	4,288	4,175	-	4,175
Kalutara Remand Prison	6,108	303	6,411	3,582	198	3,780	6,629	271	6,900	7,679	382	8,061	6,335	393	6,728
Kuruwita Remand Prison	3,606	150	3,756	2,170	68	2,238	3,725	82	3,807	4,787	164	4,951	4,232	157	4,389
Polonnaruwa Remand Prison	2,408	112	2,520	1,864	60	1,924	2,664	77	2,741	3,315	112	3,427	2,948	192	3,140
Monaragala Remand Prison	2,425	103	2,528	1,428	65	1,493	2,110	68	2,178	3,134	171	3,305	3,028	194	3,222
Wariyapola Remand Prison	3,653	275	3,928	2,357	149	2,506	3,844	197	4,041	5,647	274	5,921	7,386	425	7,811
Vavuniya Remand Prison	2,124	103	2,227	2,298	61	2,359	4,081	189	4,270	5,104	160	5,264	5,037	176	5,213
<b>Total</b>	<b>86,069</b>	<b>4,293</b>	<b>90,362</b>	<b>59,773</b>	<b>2,653</b>	<b>62,426</b>	<b>104,157</b>	<b>4,093</b>	<b>108,250</b>	<b>131,965</b>	<b>6,152</b>	<b>138,117</b>	<b>126,264</b>	<b>7,286</b>	<b>133,550</b>

Source : Department of Prisons

### 3 **UNCONVICTED PRISONERS**



**Table 3.2**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF UNCONVICTED PRISONERS BY AGE GROUPS, 2020 - 2024**

Age Group	2020				2021				2022				2023				2024			
	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%
Below 16 years	79	23	102	0	81	6	87	0	131	30	161	0	67	15	82	0	63	6	69	0
17 - 22 years	7,844	240	8,084	9	4,718	154	4,872	8	7,329	284	7,613	7	8,712	352	9,064	7	9,412	471	9,883	7
23 - 30 years	20,919	972	21,891	24	14,383	613	14,996	24	23,821	812	24,633	23	31,629	1,378	33,007	24	30,045	1,511	31,556	24
31 - 40 years	26,957	1,244	28,201	31	20,301	777	21,078	34	34,070	1,278	35,348	33	43,402	2,010	45,412	33	39,853	2,185	42,038	31
41 - 50 years	19,514	1,092	20,606	23	12,787	708	13,495	22	23,824	984	24,808	23	29,061	1,376	30,437	22	27,609	1,958	29,567	22
51 - 60 years	8,014	542	8,556	9	5,392	293	5,685	9	11,301	470	11,771	11	14,124	683	14,807	11	14,477	782	15,259	11
61 - 70 years	2,323	167	2,490	3	1,775	86	1,861	3	3,087	194	3,281	3	4,248	265	4,513	3	4,075	292	4,367	3
71 and above	419	13	432	0	336	16	352	1	594	41	635	1	722	73	795	1	730	81	811	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>86,069</b>	<b>4,293</b>	<b>90,362</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>59,773</b>	<b>2,653</b>	<b>62,426</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>104,157</b>	<b>4,093</b>	<b>108,250</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>131,965</b>	<b>6,152</b>	<b>138,117</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>126,264</b>	<b>7,286</b>	<b>133,550</b>	<b>100</b>

Source : Department of Prisons

**Table 3.3**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF UNCONVICTED PRISONERS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION, 2020 - 2024**

Level of Education	2020				2021				2022				2023				2024			
	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%
No Schooling	1,801	693	2,494	3	1,283	111	1,394	2	1,416	269	1,685	2	2,321	480	2,801	2	2,506	552	3,058	2
Grade 1 – 5	12,365	514	12,879	14	7,918	327	8,245	13	13,730	480	14,210	13	15,435	681	16,116	12	15,771	779	16,550	12
Passed Grade 5	16,276	786	17,062	19	12,341	515	12,856	21	22,360	774	23,134	21	26,355	1,147	27,502	20	25,545	1,261	26,806	20
Passed Grade 8	29,098	1,160	30,258	33	21,359	948	22,307	36	39,268	1,224	40,492	37	47,214	1,824	49,038	36	50,773	2,168	52,941	40
Passed G.C.E. ( O/L )	19,829	822	20,651	23	12,587	582	13,169	21	18,698	956	19,654	18	31,452	1,504	32,956	24	24,604	1,909	26,513	20
Passed G.C.E. ( A/L )	6,472	298	6,770	7	3,985	153	4,138	7	8,099	360	8,459	8	8,761	475	9,236	7	6,082	506	6,588	5
Graduate	177	12	189	0	254	8	262	0	418	19	437	0	238	27	265	0	183	43	226	0
Others	51	8	59	0	46	9	55	0	168	11	179	0	189	14	203	0	800	68	868	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>86,069</b>	<b>4,293</b>	<b>90,362</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>59,773</b>	<b>2,653</b>	<b>62,426</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>104,157</b>	<b>4,093</b>	<b>108,250</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>131,965</b>	<b>6,152</b>	<b>138,117</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>126,264</b>	<b>7,286</b>	<b>133,550</b>	<b>100</b>

Source : Department of Prisons



**Table 3.4**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF UNCONVICTED PRISONERS BY RACE AND THE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTIONS, 2020- 2024**

Year	All Races	Race															
		Sinhalese	%	Tamil				Moor				Malay	%	Burgher	%	Others	%
				Sri Lankan	%	Indian	%	Sri Lankan	%	Indian	%						
2020	90,362	58,696	65	15,519	17	2,848	3	12,996	14	60	0	48	0	20	0	175	0
2021	62,426	39,385	63	13,012	21	1,196	2	8,665	14	54	0	20	0	8	0	86	0
2022	108,250	64,176	59	22,926	21	1,750	2	17,510	16	773	1	462	0	353	0	300	0
2023	138,117	84,505	61	27,593	20	5,636	4	20,118	15	67	0	19	0	4	0	175	0
2024	133,550	84,246	63	26,941	20	1,386	1	19,891	15	25	0	55	0	21	0	985	1

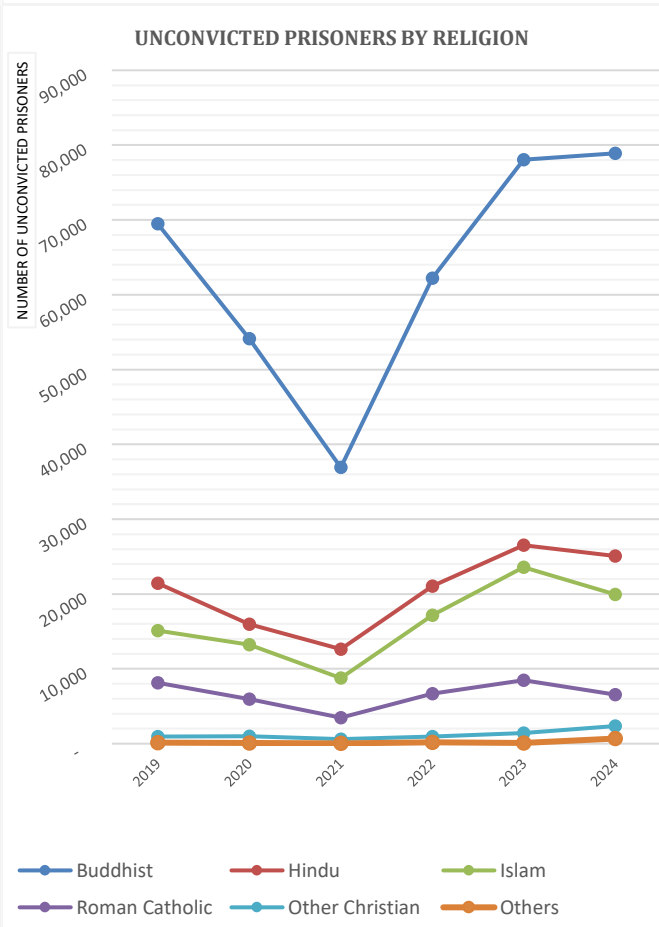
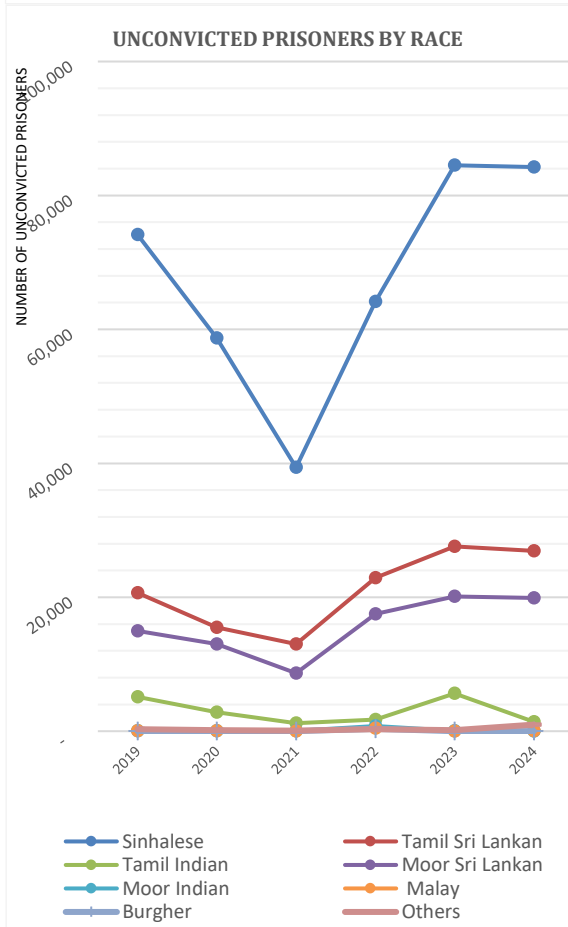
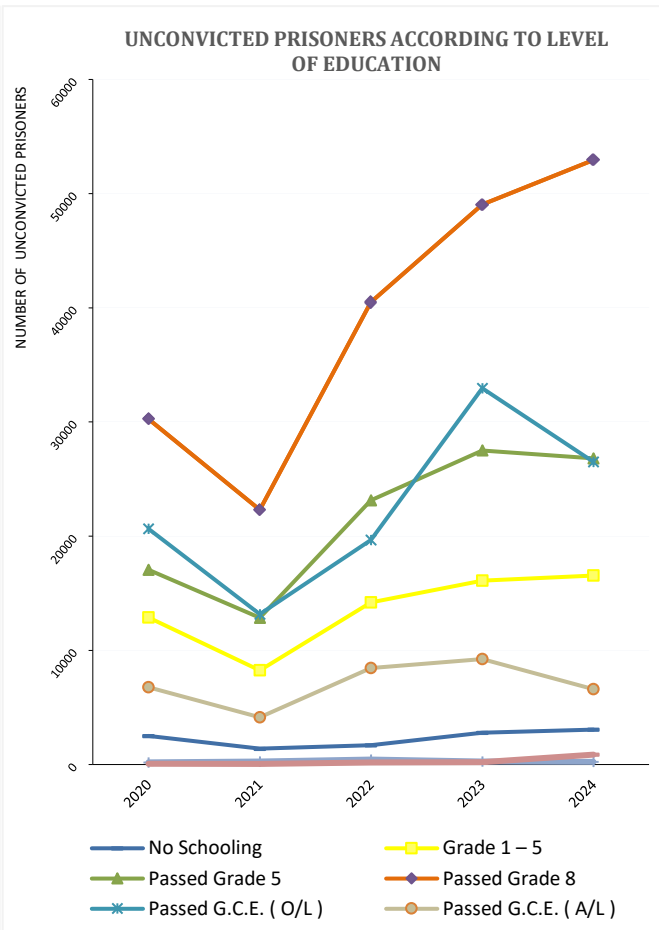
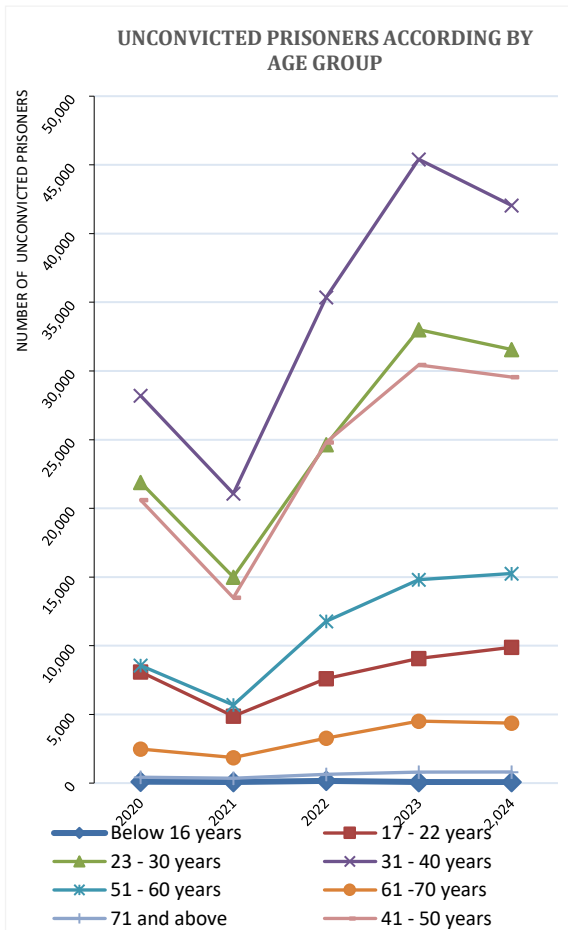
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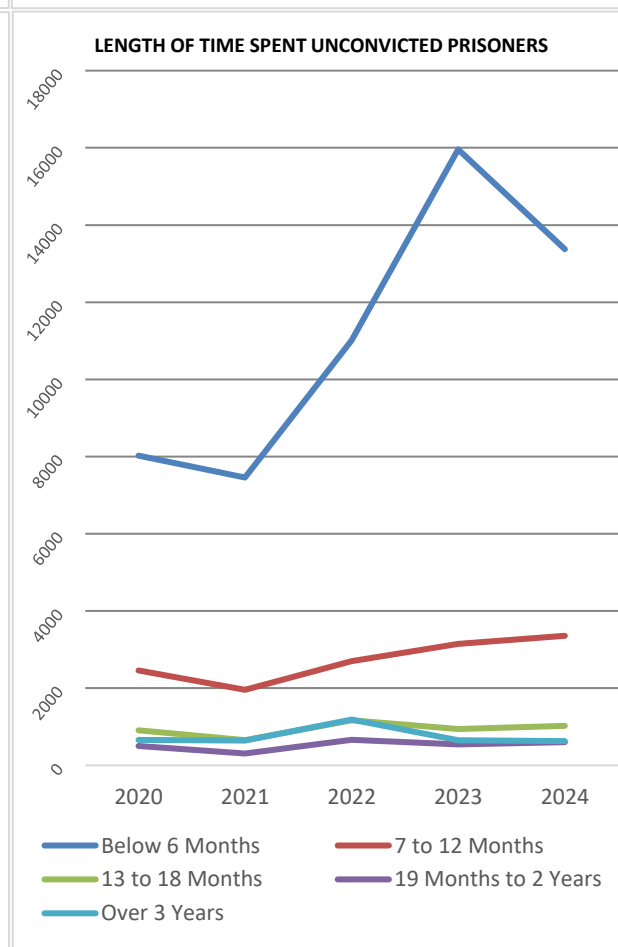
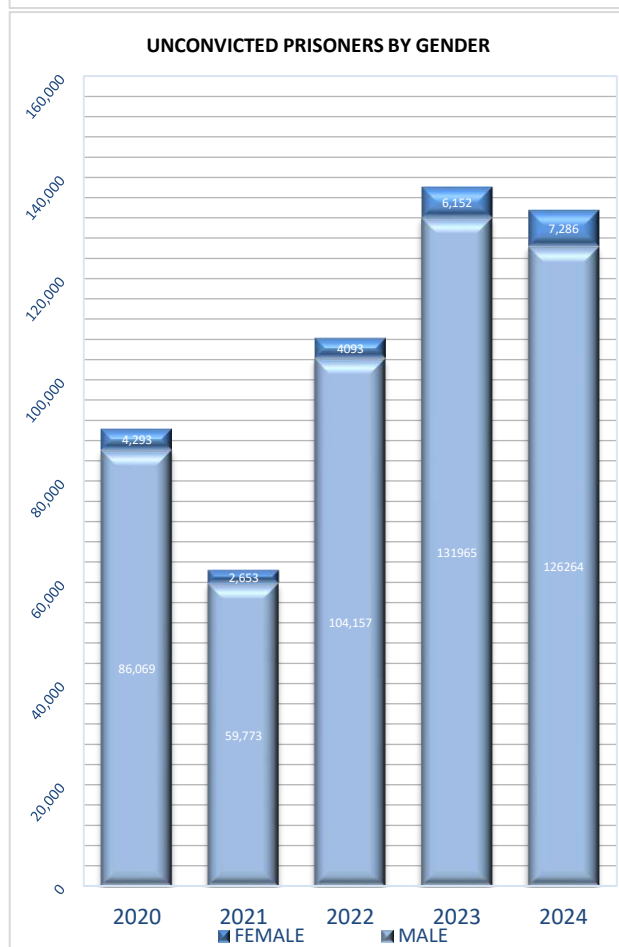
**Table 3.5**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF UNCONVICTED PRISONERS BY RELIGION AND THE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTIONS , 2020 - 2024**

Year	All Religions	Religion											
		Buddhist	%	Hindu	%	Islam	%	Roman Catholic	%	Other Christian	%	Others	%
2020	90,362	54,141	59.9	15,967	17.7	13,220	14.6	5,947	6.6	997	1.1	90	0.2
2021	62,426	36,913	59.1	12,634	20.2	8,765	14.0	3,475	5.6	607	1.0	32	0.1
2022	108,250	62,218	57.5	21,078	19.5	17,150	15.8	6,683	6.2	933	0.9	188	0.3
2023	138,117	78,047	56.5	26,521	19.2	23,580	17.1	8,481	6.1	1,409	1.0	79	0.1
2024	133,550	78,907	59.1	25,089	18.8	19,954	14.9	6,564	4.9	2,353	1.8	683	0.9

Source : Department of Prisons





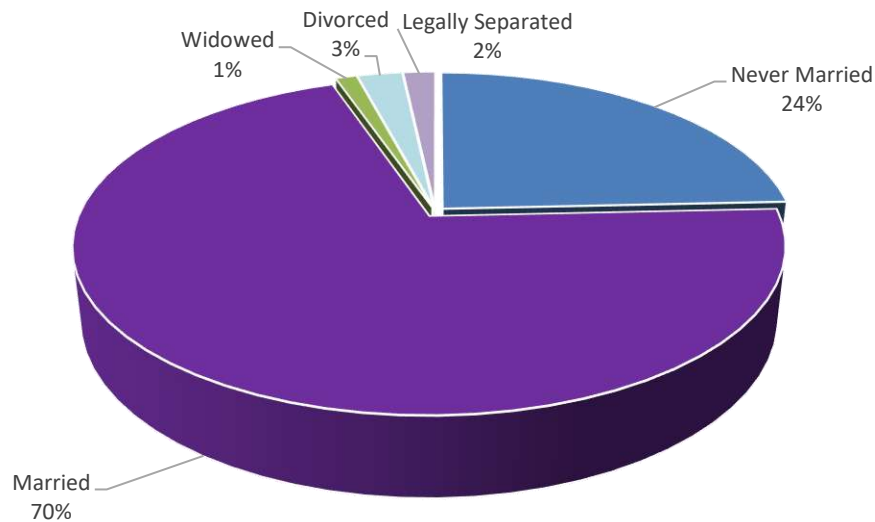
**Table 3.6**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF UNCONVICTED PRISONERS BY MARITAL STATUS, 2020 - 2024**

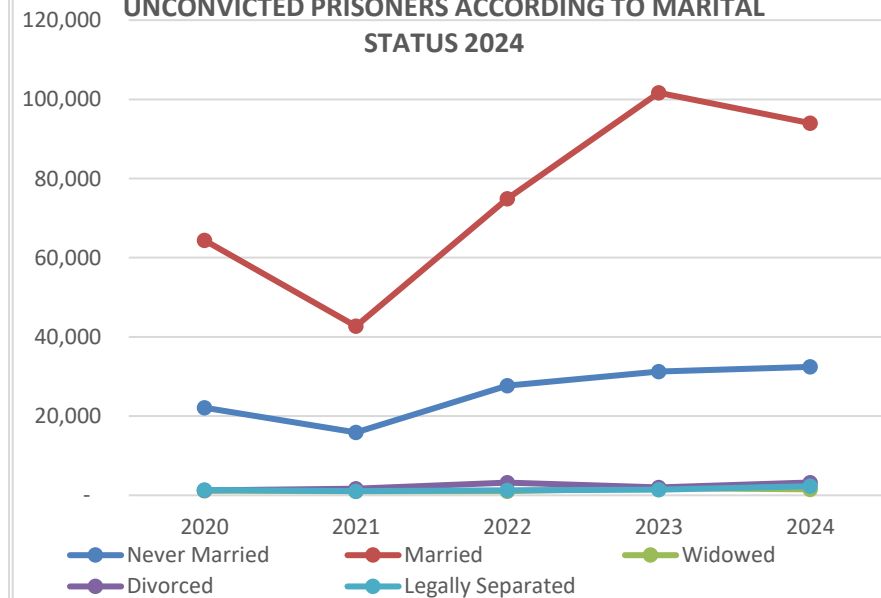
Marital Status	2020			2021			2022			2023			2024		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Never Married	21,732	390	22,122	15,380	505	15,885	27,115	615	27,730	30,307	940	31,247	31,456	984	32,440
Married	60,871	3,572	64,443	40,844	1,864	42,708	72,030	2,914	74,944	97,167	4,493	101,660	88,776	5,256	94,032
Widowed	1,066	98	1,164	960	106	1,066	874	179	1,053	1,569	241	1,810	1,238	298	1,536
Divorced	1,137	113	1,250	1,610	99	1,709	3,058	181	3,239	1,771	219	1,990	2,940	305	3,245
Legally Separated	1,263	120	1,383	979	79	1,058	1,080	204	1,284	1,151	259	1,410	1,854	443	2,297
<b>Total</b>	<b>86,069</b>	<b>4,293</b>	<b>90,362</b>	<b>59,773</b>	<b>2,653</b>	<b>62,426</b>	<b>104,157</b>	<b>4,093</b>	<b>108,250</b>	<b>131,965</b>	<b>6,152</b>	<b>138,117</b>	<b>126,264</b>	<b>7,286</b>	<b>133,550</b>

Source : Department of Prisons

**UNCONVICTED PRISONERS ACCORDING TO MARITAL STATUS**



**UNCONVICTED PRISONERS ACCORDING TO MARITAL STATUS 2024**



**Table 3.7**  
**STATISTICS RELATING TO THE CUSTODY OF CONVICTED AND UNCONVICTED**  
**PRISONERS IN LOCKUP, 2021 - 2024**

Name & Lockup	2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Total No. of Lockups Under SP	No. of Admissions	Total No. of Lockups Under SP	No. of Admissions	Total No. of Lockups Under SP	No. of Admissions	Total No. of Lockups Under SP	No. of Admissions
<b>Kalutara Remand Prison</b>	1		1	-	1	-	1	-
Panadura Lockup		-		-		-		-
<b>Negombo Remand Prison</b>	2		2	-	2	-	1	-
Chilaw Lockup		469		750		1,209		1,144
Puttalam Lockup		1,055		2,024		3,341		
<b>Bogambara Prison</b>	3		3	-	3	-	3	-
Matale Lockup		182		1,946		3,778		1,839
Gampola Lockup		1,220		1,238		2,275		1,246
Hatton Lockup		422		612		815		893
<b>Mahara Prison</b>	1		1	-	1	-	1	-
Gampaha Lockup				339		447		599
<b>Jaffna Remand Prison</b>	3		3	-	3	-	3	-
Point Pedro Lockup		-		-		-		-
Mullativu Lockup		-		-		-		-
Killinochchi Lockup		-		-		-		-
<b>Galle Remand Prison</b>	2		2	-	2	-	2	-
Balapitiya Lockup		4,024		1,450		1,415		1,999
Elpitiya Lockup		841		1,162		1,652		3,054
<b>Batticaloa Remand Prison</b>	1		1	-	1	-	1	-
Kalmunai Lockup		1,254		1,199		876		666
<b>Vavunia Remand Prison</b>	1		1	-	1	-	1	-
Mannar Lockup		-		-		-		-
<b>Badulla Remand Prison</b>	1		1	-	1	-	1	-
Nuwaraeliya Lockup		3,081		157		1,088		1,144
<b>Angunakolapelessa Prison</b>	2		2	-	2	-	2	-
Hambanthota Lockup		-		-		-		-
Embilipitiya Lockup		-		-		-		-
<b>Kuruwita Remand Prison</b>	2		2	-	2	-	2	-
Balangoda Lockup		370		205		-		257
Avissawella Lockup		203		104		-		2,314
<b>Wariyapola Prison</b>	2		2	-	2	-	3	-
Kuliyapitiya Lockup		9,416		2,244		1,492		9
Maho Lockup		7,326		1,456		691		5
Puttalam lockup								102
<b>Kegalla Remand Prison</b>	1		1	-	1	-	1	-
Kurunegala Lockup		1,425		1,698		2,373		1,610
<b>Monaragala Prison</b>	1		1	-	1	-	1	-
Ampara Lockup		4,910		2,978		1,262		474
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>36,198</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19,562</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22,714</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17,355</b>

Source : Department of Prisons

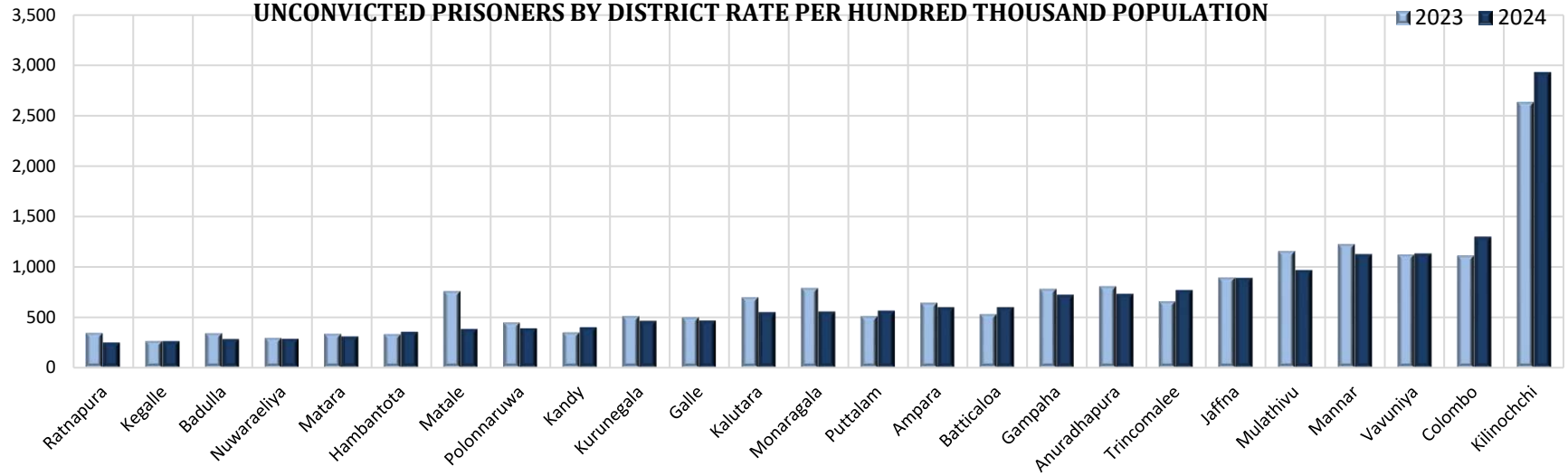
**Table 3.8**

**PERIOD SPENT ON UNCONVICTED PRISONERS BY PRISONERS AWAITING TRIAL - 2024**

	Under 6 Months		6 Months - less than 12 Months		13 Months - less than 18 Months		19 Months to 2 years		Over 3 years		Total		TOTAL
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
<b>On 2024.03.31</b>													
High Courts	505	16	287	10	187	9	138	8	111	7	1,228	50	1,278
District Courts	20	12	7	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	29	13	42
Magistrate Courts	11,754	612	4,136	280	1,405	100	722	25	531	16	18,548	1,033	19,581
Other Courts	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,288</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>4,430</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19,814</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>20,912</b>
<b>On 2024.06.30</b>													
High Courts	490	20	292	8	191	12	142	11	125	4	1,240	55	1,295
District Courts	30	15	4	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	37	15	52
Magistrate Courts	11,218	553	3,760	347	1,464	60	752	14	498	19	17,692	993	18,685
Other Courts	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,745</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>4,056</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>1,656</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18,976</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>20,039</b>
<b>On 2024.09.30</b>													
High Courts	504	21	306	12	217	10	151	4	129	13	1,307	60	1,367
District Courts	21	14	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	25	14	39
Magistrate Courts	11,874	481	3,420	311	1,464	56	698	32	445	19	17,901	899	18,800
Other Courts	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,406</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>3,729</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>1,682</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>19,240</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>20,213</b>
<b>On 2024.12.31</b>													
High Courts	423	19	224	16	130	9	69	5	95	6	941	55	996
District Courts	14	14	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	14	30
Magistrate Courts	11,223	537	3,463	259	1,285	56	697	28	378	26	17,046	906	17,952
Other Courts	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,667</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>3,689</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>18,010</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>18,985</b>

Source ; Department of Prisons

### UNCONVICTED PRISONERS BY DISTRICT RATE PER HUNDRED THOUSAND POPULATION



### UNCONVICTED PRISONERS BY DISTRICT PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION

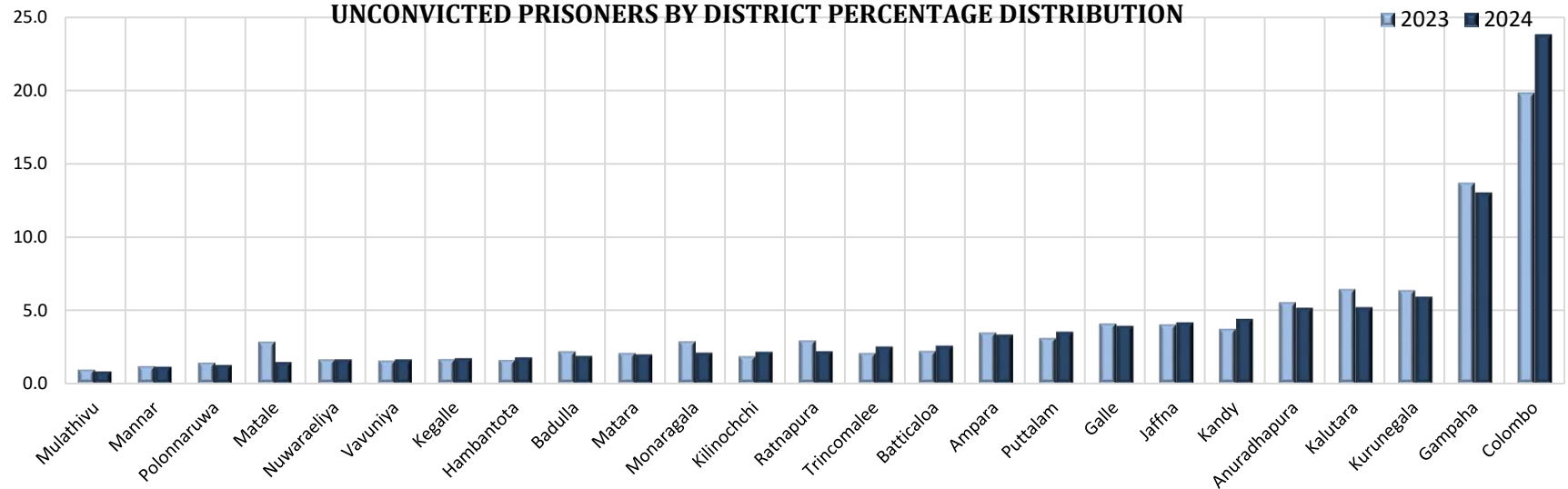


Table 3.9

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF UNCONVICTED PRISONERS BY DISTRICTS, RATE PER HUNDRED THOUSAND POPULATION, AND  
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, 2022 - 2024**

District	2022				2023				2024			
	Estimated Population In 000' s	Number Admitted	Rate per 100000 Population	Percentage Distribution by District	Estimated Population In 000' s	Number Admitted	Rate per 100000 Population	Percentage Distribution by District	Estimated Population In 000' s	Number Admitted	Rate per 100000 Population	Percentage Distribution by District
Colombo	2,478	20,794	839	19	2,460	27,379	1,113	20	2,446	31,782	1,299	24
Gampaha	2,439	14,931	612	14	2,421	18,919	781	14	2,402	17,420	725	13
Kalutara	1,292	5,777	447	5	1,279	8,918	697	6	1,267	6,975	551	5
Kandy	1,499	6,436	429	6	1,482	5,181	350	4	1,471	5,923	403	4
Matale	530	2,078	392	2	525	3,979	758	3	520	2,001	385	1
Nuwaraeliya	783	1,570	201	1	781	2,309	296	2	779	2,225	286	2
Galle	1,147	4,822	420	4	1,139	5,679	499	4	1,130	5,284	468	4
Matara	874	2,111	242	2	869	2,911	335	2	865	2,688	311	2
Hambantota	681	1,757	258	2	680	2,260	332	2	680	2,426	357	2
Jaffna	629	3,907	621	4	628	5,606	893	4	629	5,610	892	4
Mannar	135	1,375	1,019	1	136	1,667	1,226	1	138	1,555	1,127	1
Mulathivu	115	713	620	1	116	1,339	1,154	1	117	1,134	969	1
Vavuniya	195	1,610	826	1	196	2,196	1,120	2	197	2,229	1,131	2
Kilinochchi	99	2,874	2,903	3	99	2,604	2,630	2	100	2,929	2,929	2
Batticaloa	590	2,954	501	3	582	3,095	532	2	577	3,472	602	3
Ampara	754	3,951	524	4	749	4,829	645	3	746	4,473	600	3
Trincomalee	444	2,617	589	2	443	2,918	659	2	442	3,410	771	3
Kurunegala	1,742	6,595	379	6	1,727	8,822	511	6	1,712	7,943	464	6
Puttalam	850	3,520	414	3	845	4,319	511	3	839	4,744	565	4
Anuradhapura	957	5,445	569	5	950	7,679	808	6	944	6,924	733	5
Polonnaruwa	449	1,848	412	2	445	1,990	447	1	442	1,723	390	1
Badulla	899	2,023	225	2	896	3,072	343	2	895	2,545	284	2
Monaragala	509	2,930	576	3	509	4,019	790	3	509	2,837	557	2
Ratnapura	1,193	3,223	270	3	1,188	4,083	344	3	1,183	2,960	250	2
Kegalle	898	2,389	266	2	892	2,344	263	2	886	2,338	264	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,181</b>	<b>108,250</b>	<b>488.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>22,037</b>	<b>138,117</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21,916</b>	<b>133,550</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source:- Department of Prisons



**Table 3.10**  
**LENGTH OF PERIOD SPENT IN CUSTODY BY ALL UNCONVICTED PRISONERS**  
**AS ON 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

Length of Period Spent in Custody	Male	Female	Total	Percentage of Total Unconvicted Prisoners
Under 14 Days	2,945	168	3,113	16.4
14 Days to 1 Month	4,038	316	4,354	22.9
1 Month to 6 Months	5,695	213	5,908	31.1
7 Months to 1 year	3,233	124	3,357	17.7
1 Year to 1 1/2 Years	947	77	1,024	5.4
1 1/2 Years to 2 Years	569	32	601	3.2
2 Years to 3 Years	266	15	281	1.5
3 Years to 4 Years	143	17	160	0.8
4 Years to 5 Years	71	7	78	0.4
5 Years and Above	103	6	109	0.6
Under Detention	-	-	-	-
Total	18,010	975	18,985	100

Source ; Department of Prisons

**Table 3.11**  
**AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME SPENT UNCONVICTED PRISONERS AS ON 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
**DECEMBER OF EACH YEAR, 2020 - 2024**

Period	2020	%	2021	%	2022	%	2023	%	2024	%
Under 6 Months	8,022	63.9	7,458	67.7	11,012	65.8	15,959	75.1	13,375	70.5
7 to 12 Months	2,460	19.6	1,957	17.8	2,699	16.1	3,151	14.8	3,357	17.7
13 to 18 Months	909	7.2	653	5.9	1,168	7.0	941	4.4	1,024	5.4
19 to 2 Years	498	4.0	307	2.8	662	4.0	540	2.5	601	3.2
Over 3 Year	658	5.2	642	5.8	1,186	7.1	652	3.1	628	3.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,547</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,017</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16,727</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21,243</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18,985</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source ; Department of Prisons

**Table 3.12**  
**DAILY AVERAGE OF UNCONVICTED PRISONERS, 2014 - 2024**

Year	Male	Female	Total	Mid Year Estimated Population in '000	Proportion of Unconvicted Prisoners as a Percentage
2014	8,369	595	8,964	20,771	0.04
2015	7,679	551	8,230	20,966	0.04
2016	8,042	583	8,625	21,203	0.04
2017	9,555	687	10,242	21,444	0.05
2018	10,653	764	11,417	21,670	0.05
2019	13,458	932	14,390	21,803	0.07
2020	16,151	1,105	17,256	21,919	0.08
2021	10,934	735	11,668	22,156	0.05
2022	12,903	660	13,563	22,181	0.06
2023	17,038	796	17,834	22,037	0.08
2024	18,423	1,056	19,479	21,916	0.09

Source :- Department of Prisons

**Table 3.13**  
**ANNUAL ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED AND UNCONVICTED PRISONERS BY RATIO,**  
**2016 - 2024**

Year	Admissions			Ratio			Unconvicted Prisoners of Total Inmate Population (%)
	Convicted	Unconvicted	Total	Convicted	Unconvicted	Total	
2016	24,060	94,655	118,715	1	4	5	79.7
2017	22,833	99,036	121,869	1	4	5	81.2
2018	24,852	108,263	133,115	1	4	5	81.3
2019	29,164	115,325	144,489	1	4	5	79.8
2020	19,856	90,362	110,218	1	5	6	82.0
2021	14,547	62,426	76,973	1	4	5	81.1
2022	30,331	108,250	138,581	1	4	5	78.1
2023	46,939	138,117	185,056	1	3	4	74.6
2024	47,783	133,550	181,333	1	3	4	73.6

Source ; Department of Prisons

**Table 3.14**  
**DAILY AVERAGE OF CONVICTED AND UNCONVICTED PRISONERS , 2016 - 2024**

Year	Daily Average of Convicted	Daily Average of Unconvicted	Total	Ratio of Daily Average			Percentage of Unconvicted Prisoners
				Convicted	Unconvicted	Total	
2016	8,853	8,625	17,478	1	1	2	49.3
2017	9,036	10,242	19,278	1	1	2	53.1
2018	8,967	11,417	20,384	1	1	2	56.0
2019	10,056	14,390	24,446	1	1	2	58.9
2020	8,735	17,256	25,991	1	2	3	66.4
2021	6,669	11,668	18,337	1	2	3	63.6
2022	8,416	13,563	21,979	1	2	3	61.7
2023	9,728	17,834	27,562	1	2	3	64.7
2024	10,310	19,479	29,789	1	2	3	65.4

Source ; Department of Prisons

### TOTAL NUMBER OF DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF UNCONVICTED PRISONERS BY ACCUSATION 2024

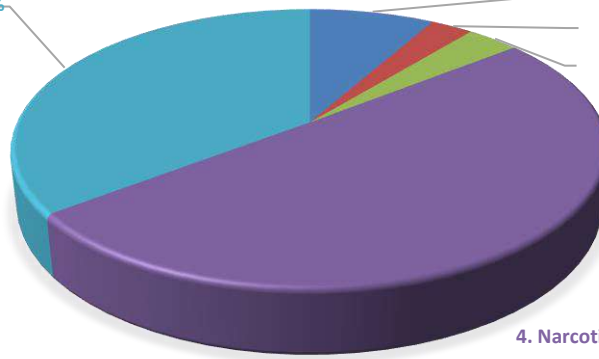
5. Other Accusation; 47,293 ; 36%

1. Excise Accusation; 10,866 ; 8%

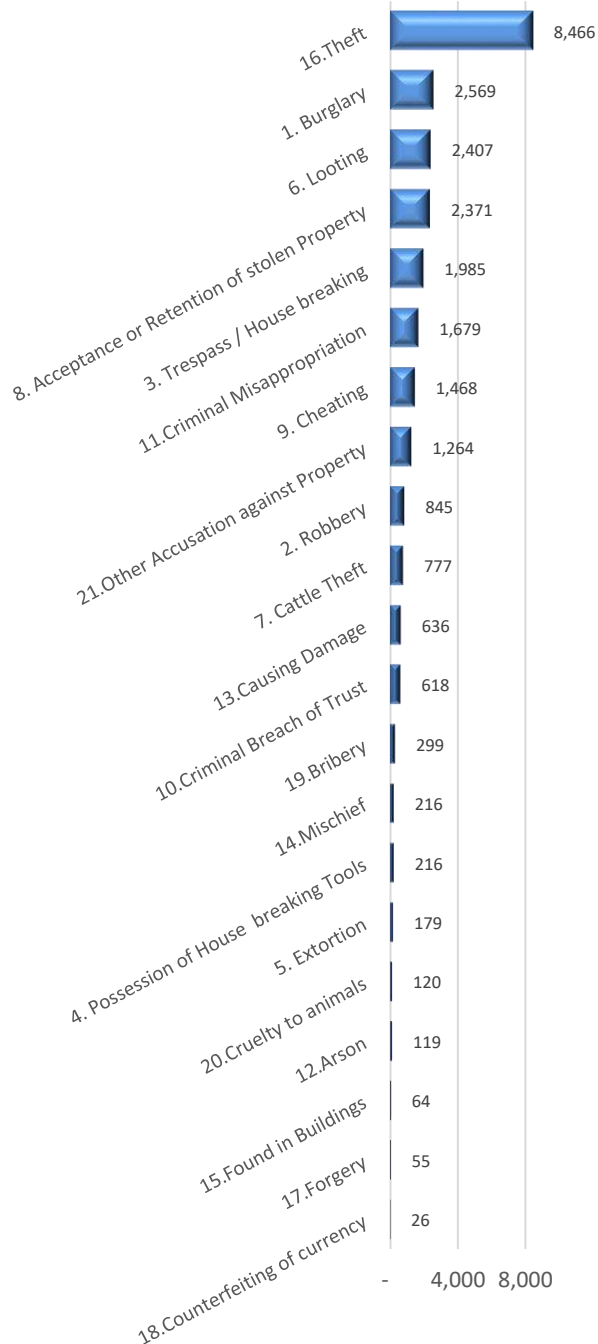
2. Maintenance; 3,676 ; 3%

3. Motor Accusation; 4,543 ; 3%

4. Narcotic drugs Accusation; 67,172 ; 50%



#### Accusation of Criminal Against Property 2024



#### Accusation of Criminal Against Persons 2024

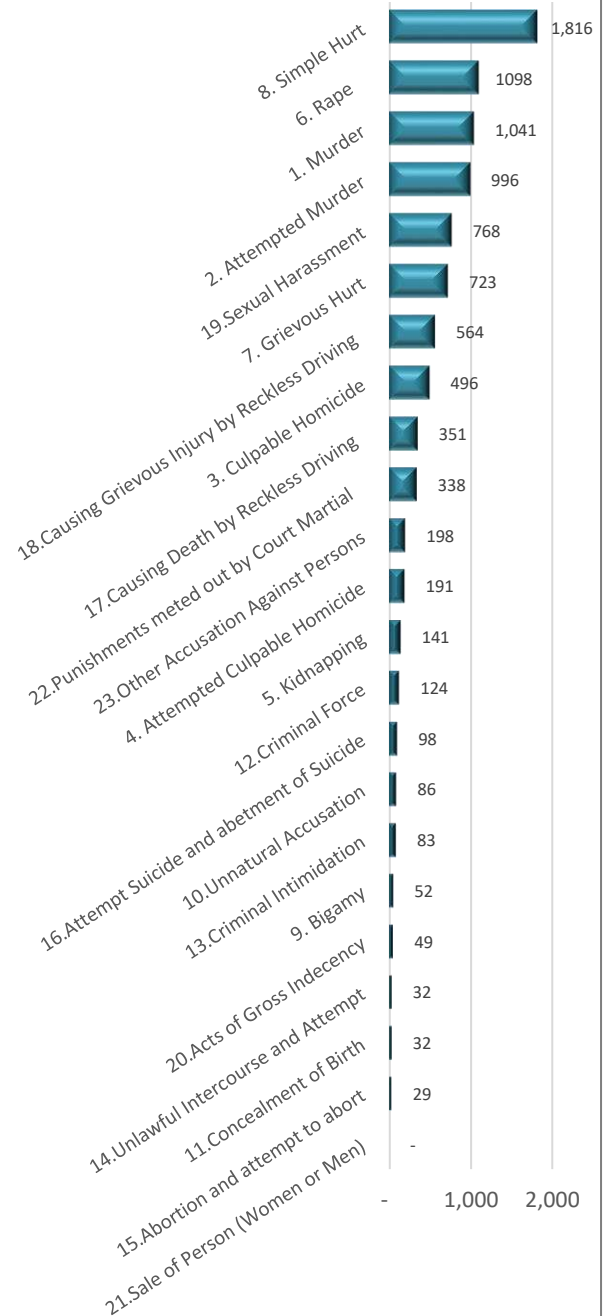


Table 3.15

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF UNCONVICTED PRISONERS BY TYPE OF ACCUSATION  
AND RATE PER 100,000 OF POPULATION, - 2024**

Type of Accusation	2024		
	Male	Female	Total
<b>" A " Accusation of Criminal Against Persons</b>			
1. Murder	993	48	1,041
2. Attempted Murder	926	70	996
3. Culpable Homicide	474	22	496
4. Attempted Culpable Homicide	171	20	191
5. Kidnapping	136	5	141
6. Rape	-	-	-
* Rape of Persons in One's Custody taking advantage of one's official position	-	-	-
80	-	80	
* Rape of a pregnant Woman	9	-	9
* Rape of a Woman over 18 years of age	503	-	503
* Rape of a Woman less than 18 years of age	445	-	445
* Rape of a mentally or physically Handicapped Woman	20	-	20
* Gang Rape	41	-	41
7. Grievous Hurt	699	24	723
8. Simple Hurt	1,714	102	1,816
9. Bigamy	52	-	52
10. Unnatural Accusation	83	3	86
11. Concealment of Birth	16	16	32
12. Criminal Force	116	8	124
13. Criminal Intimidation	71	12	83
14. Unlawful Intercourse and Attempt	23	9	32
15. Abortion and attempt to abort	5	24	29
16. Attempt Suicide and abetment of Suicide	91	7	98
17. Causing Death by Reckless Driving	349	2	351
18. Causing Grievous Injury by Reckless Driving	553	11	564
19. Sexual Harassment	768	-	768
20. Acts of Gross Indecency	49	-	49
21. Sales of Person (Women or Men)	-	-	-
22. Punishments meted out by Court Martial	331	7	338
23. Other Accusation Against Persons	182	16	198
<b>" A " Total</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>9,306</b>
Estimated Mid - year Population in 000's			21,916
Rate of Admission per 100,000 of Population			42.5

**Note:** Previously under the number of murder accusation is added to the culpable homicide since 2002.

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF UNCONVICTED PRISONERS BY TYPE OF ACCUSATION AND  
RATE PER 100,000 OF POPULATION, - 2024**

Type of Accusation	2024		
	Male	Female	Total
<b>" B " Accusation of Criminal Against Property</b>			
1. Burglary	2,566	3	2,569
2. Robbery	828	17	845
3. Trespass / House breaking	1,938	47	1,985
4. Possession of House breaking Tools	206	10	216
5. Extortion	177	2	179
6. Looting	2,293	114	2,407
7. Cattle Theft	777	-	777
8. Acceptance or Retention of stolen Property	2,091	280	2,371
9. Cheating	1,351	117	1,468
10.Criminal Breach of Trust	507	111	618
11.Criminal Misappropriation	1,327	352	1,679
12.Arson	119	-	119
13.Causing Damage	605	31	636
14.Mischief	209	7	216
15.Found in Buildings	41	23	64
16.Theft	7,698	768	8,466
17.Forgery	47	8	55
18.Counterfeiting of currency	25	1	26
19.Bribery	277	22	299
20.Cruelty to animals	120	-	120
21.Other Accusation against Property	1,197	67	1,264
<b>" B " Total</b>	<b>24,399</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>26,379</b>
Estimated Mid - year Population in 000's			21,916
Rate of Admission per 100,000 of Population			120.4
<b>" C " Accusation Against Public Tranquility State Law and Order</b>			
1. Appearing in Public Places Drunk	1,962	-	1,962
2. Behavior in a Disorderly Manner	1,028	105	1,133
3. Clearing of Crown Land	208	7	215
4.committing Affray	703	134	837
5. Entering Port without a permit	347	23	370
6. Failure to report to Police	236	3	239
7. Giving False evidence	153	43	196
8. Lodging in Verandah	30	15	45
9. Managing a Brothel	126	195	321
10.Possessing Prohibited Knife	39	-	39
11.Obstruction of Government Officers	253	34	287
12.Profitteering	76	-	76
13.Rioting	1,349	47	1,396
14.Traveling by Train or by Bus without Tickets	14	-	14
15.Unlawful Assembly	497	27	524
16.Unlawful Betting and Gambling	251	13	264
17.Using Explosives to kill fish	100	-	100
18.Viewing of Blue Films	11	6	17
19.Gemming illegally	247	-	247
20.Possessing Guns, Pistols etc. without License	296	2	298
21.Non payment of Income Tax	34	2	36
22.Other Accusation Against Public Tranquility State Law and Order	1,069	158	1,227
<b>" C " Total</b>	<b>9,029</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>9,843</b>
Estimated Mid - year Population in 000's			21,916
Rate of Admission per 100,000 of Population			44.9

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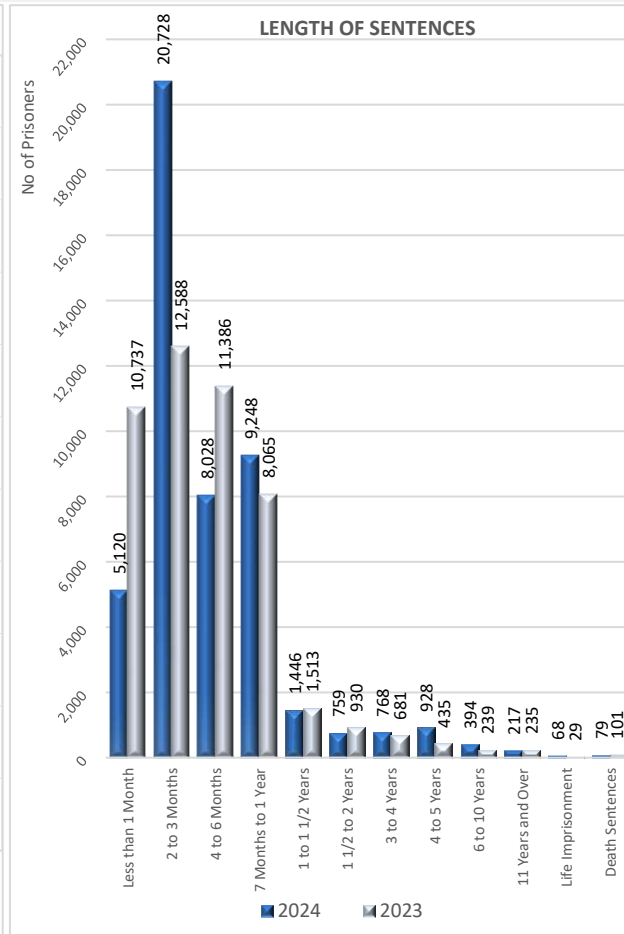
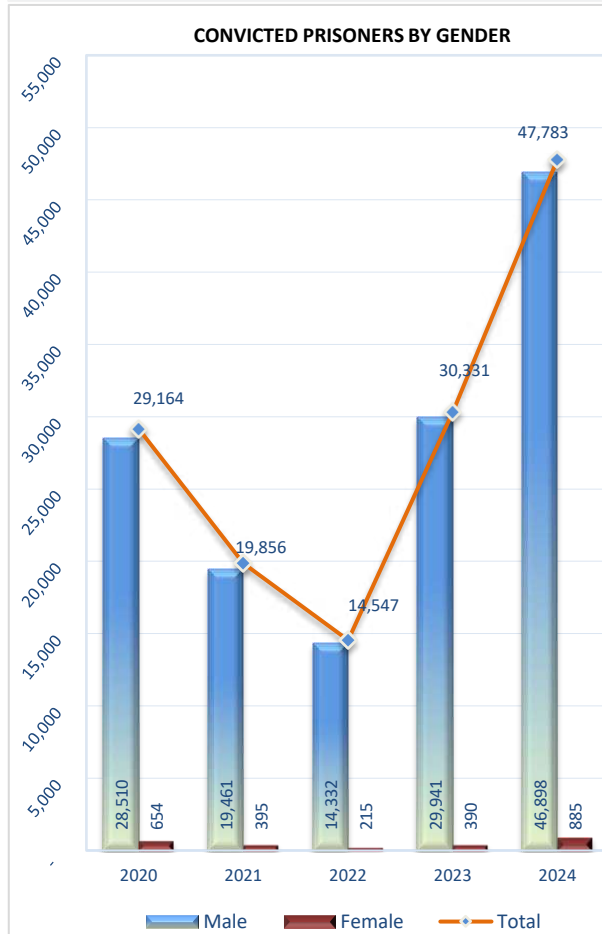
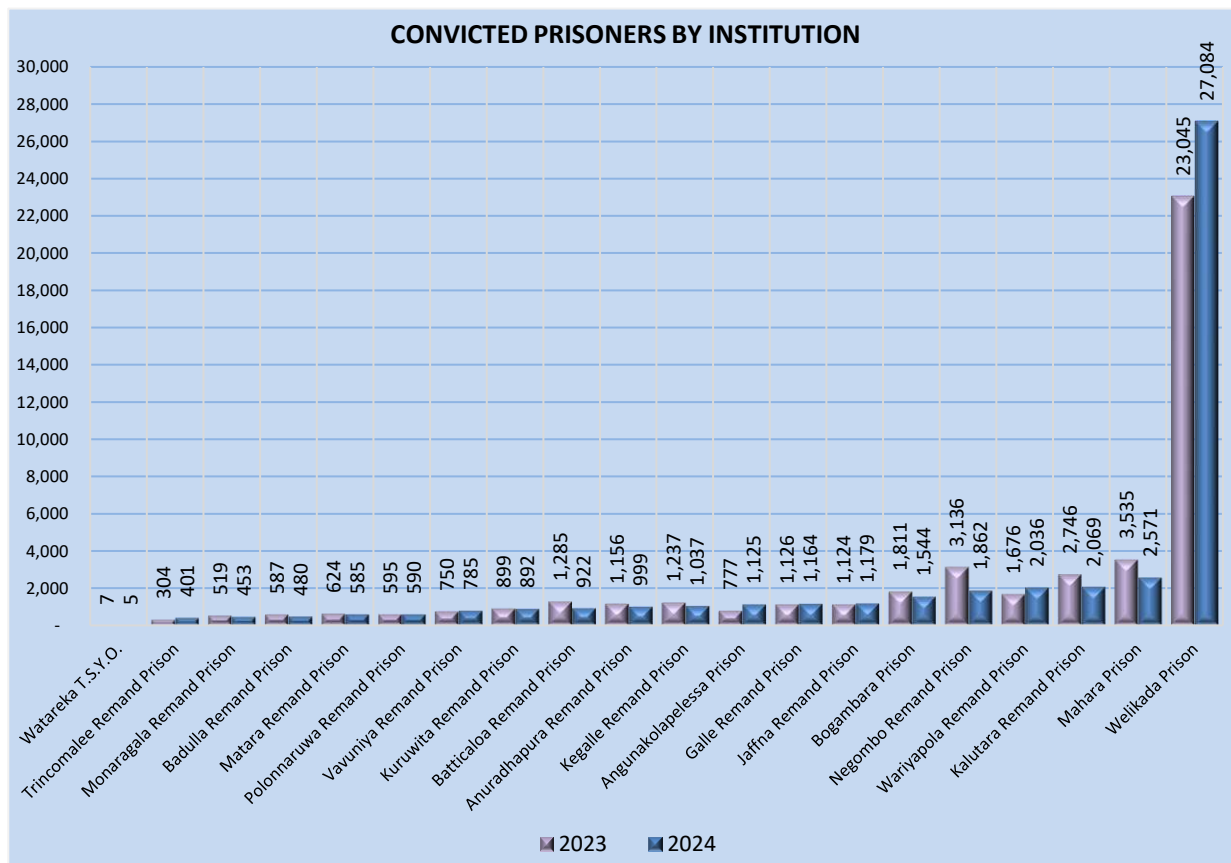
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF UNCONVICTED PRISONERS BY TYPE OF ACCUSATION  
AND RATE PER 100,000 OF POPULATION, - 2024**

Type of Accusation	2024		
	Male	Female	Total
<b>" D " Other Accusation</b>			
1. Excise Accusation	10,349	517	10,866
2. Maintenance	3,667	9	3,676
3. Motor Accusation	4,528	15	4,543
4. Narcotic drugs Accusation	63,960	3212	67,172
5. Other Accusation	665	197	862
<b>" D " Total</b>	<b>83,169</b>	<b>3,950</b>	<b>87,119</b>
Estimated Mid - year Population in 000's			21,916
Rate of Admission per 100,000 of Population			397.5
<b>" E " Accusation</b>			
1. Prisoners Punished Under Emergency Regulations	4	-	4
2. Prisoners Punished Under The Prevention of Terrorism	-	-	-
<b>" E " Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
Estimated Mid - year Population in 000's			21,916
Rate of Admission per 100,000 of Population			0.0
<b>Child Abuse</b>			
1. Use of Children for Photographic Publications and Display	45	7	52
2. Cruelty to Children	53	37	90
3. Sexual Abuse of Children	157	2	159
4. Incest	-	18	18
5. Inducement and Involvement of Children to Beggar	3	3	6
6. Having Sexual Intercourse with Children	119	12	131
7. Involvement of Children in Sexual Activities and Procurement of Children for Same	5	4	9
	16	1	17
8. Use of Children in Drug Trafficking	37	1	38
9. Unnatural Accusation ( With Children Under 16 Years )	89	-	89
10. Acts of Gross Indecency ( With Children Under 16 Years )	14	-	14
11. Procuration	34	51	85
12. Sale of Children ( Under 18 Years )	2	-	2
13. Rape of a Girl ( Under 16 Years )	189	-	189
<b>Child Abuse Total</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>899</b>
Estimated Mid - year Population in 000's			21,916
Rate of Admission per 100,000 of Population			4.1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>126,264</b>	<b>7,286</b>	<b>133,550</b>
Estimated Mid - year Population in 000's			21,916
Rate of Admission per 100,000 of Population			609.4

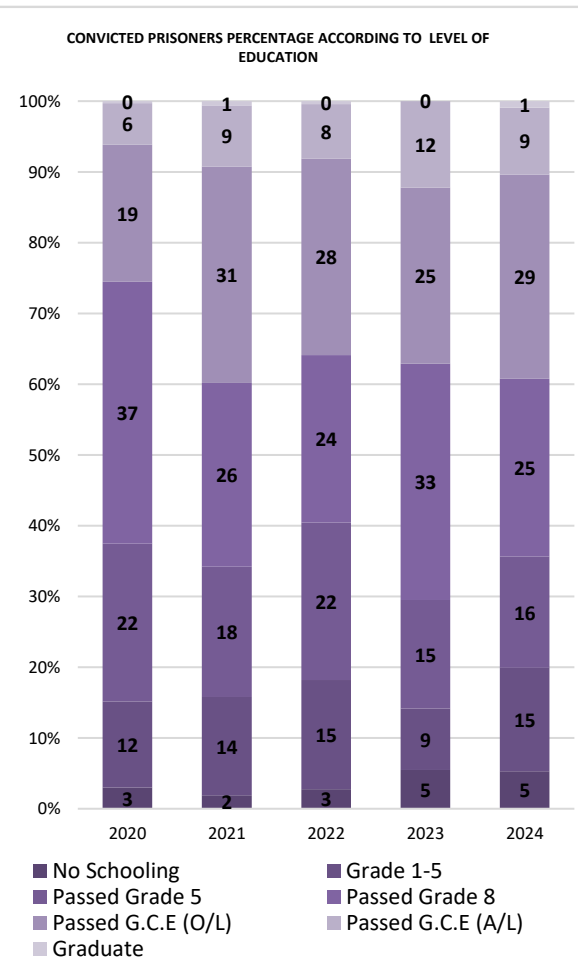
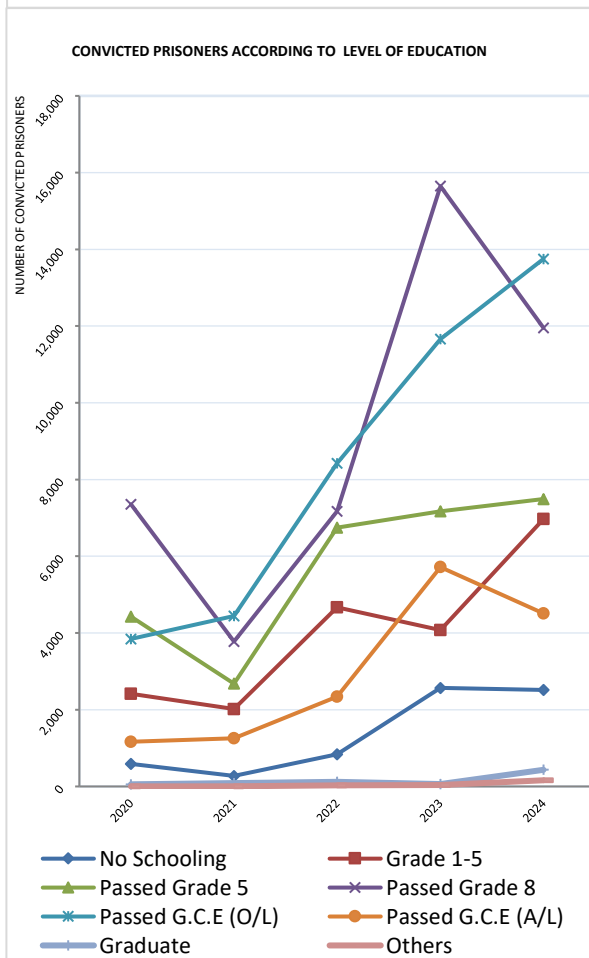
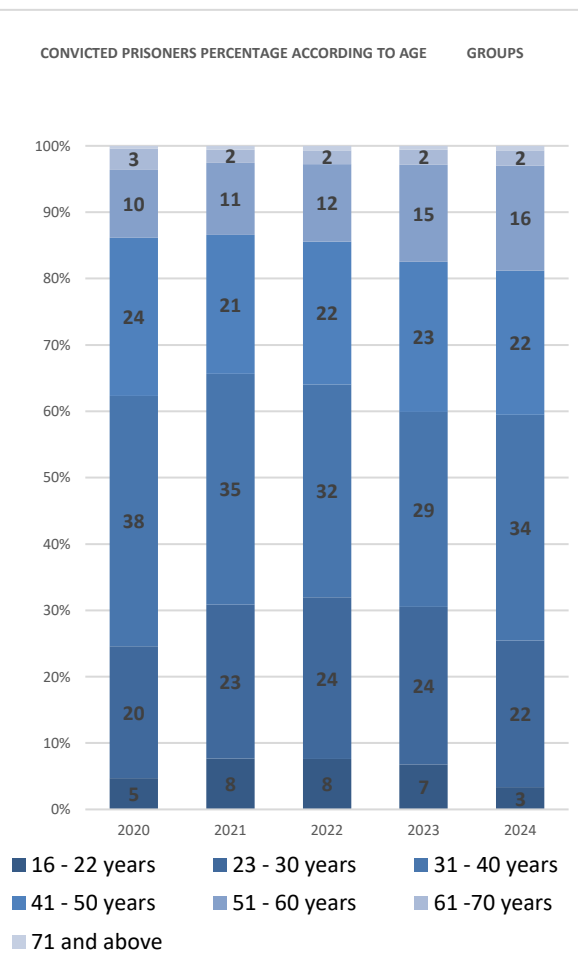
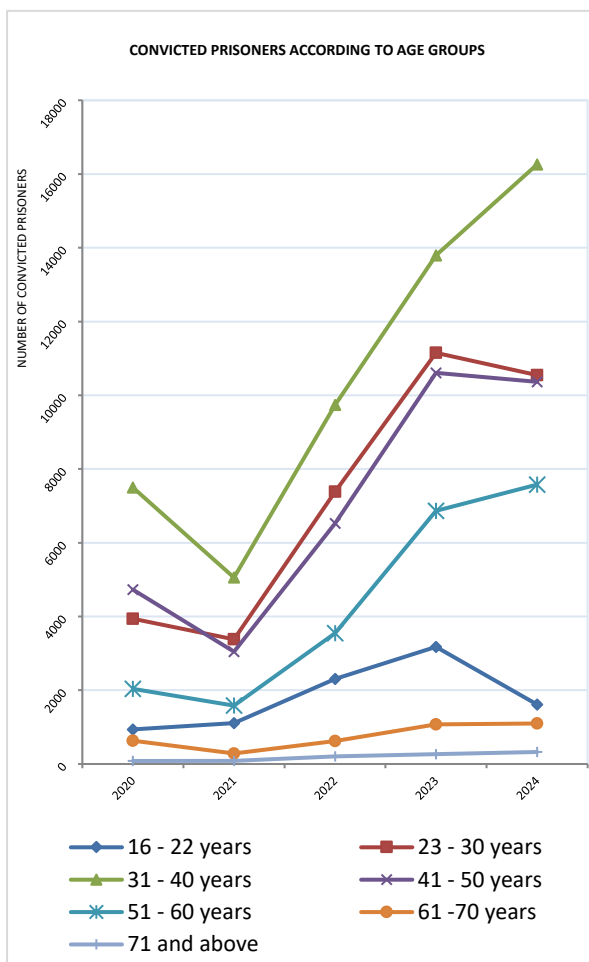
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## 4 CONVICTED PRISONERS







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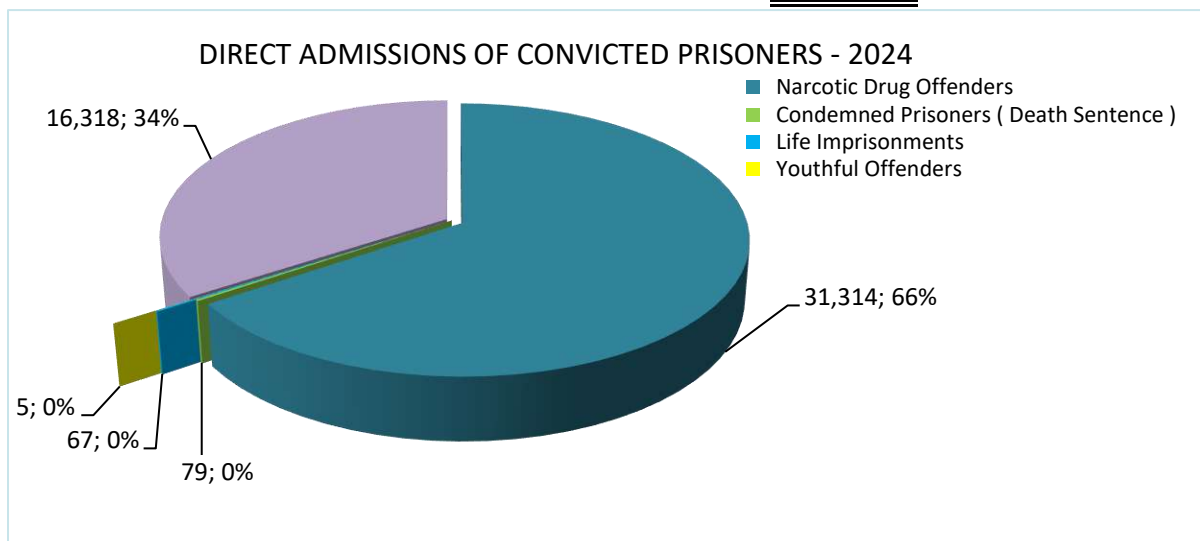
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY INSTITUTION, 2020 - 2024**

Institution	2020			2021			2022			2023			2024		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Welikada Prison	7,145	164	7,309	6,024	85	6,109	13,152	161	13,313	22,737	308	23,045	26,613	471	27,084
Colombo Remand Prison	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Magazine Remand Prison	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mahara Prison	1,321	-	1,321	1,353	-	1,353	2,470	-	2,470	3,535	-	3,535	2,571	-	2,571
Bogambara Prison	1,257	39	1,296	672	14	686	1,238	41	1,279	1,770	41	1,811	1,502	42	1,544
Jaffna Remand Prison	528	4	532	343	5	348	857	8	865	1,108	16	1,124	1,159	20	1,179
Anuradhapura Remand Prison	534	6	540	317	1	318	651	4	655	1,135	21	1,156	978	21	999
Badulla Remand Prison	377	2	379	200	2	202	421	6	427	579	8	587	472	8	480
Batticaloa Remand Prison	428	12	440	339	7	346	638	25	663	1,241	44	1,285	885	37	922
Galle Remand Prison	786	13	799	630	5	635	883	13	896	1,112	14	1,126	1,149	15	1,164
Matara Remand Prison	460	13	473	369	10	379	612	4	616	617	7	624	572	13	585
Angunakolapelessa Prison	478	9	487	327	3	330	461	2	463	771	6	777	1,103	22	1,125
Negombo Remand Prison	1,522	33	1,555	1,023	17	1,040	2,153	34	2,187	3,051	85	3,136	1,803	59	1,862
Homagama T.S.Y.O.	6	-	6	7	-	7	3	-	3	7	-	7	5	-	5
Trincomalee Remand Prison	230	2	232	112	5	117	208	12	220	299	5	304	391	10	401
Kegalle Remand Prison	884	-	884	488	-	488	1,098	-	1,098	1,237	-	1,237	1,037	-	1,037
Kalutara Remand Prison	1,189	31	1,220	1,081	35	1,116	2,702	39	2,741	2,704	42	2,746	2,010	59	2,069
Kuruwita Remand Prison	680	20	700	267	12	279	508	6	514	889	10	899	881	11	892
Polonnaruwa Remand Prison	662	6	668	182	2	184	401	4	405	590	5	595	574	16	590
Monaragala Remand Prison	263	7	270	153	2	155	264	5	269	512	7	519	444	9	453
Boossa Prison	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wariyapola Remand Prison	456	23	479	339	9	348	805	21	826	1,658	18	1,676	1,977	59	2,036
Vavuniya Remand Prison	255	11	266	106	1	107	416	5	421	743	7	750	772	13	785
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,461</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>19,856</b>	<b>14,332</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>14,547</b>	<b>29,941</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>30,331</b>	<b>46,295</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>46,939</b>	<b>46,898</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>47,783</b>

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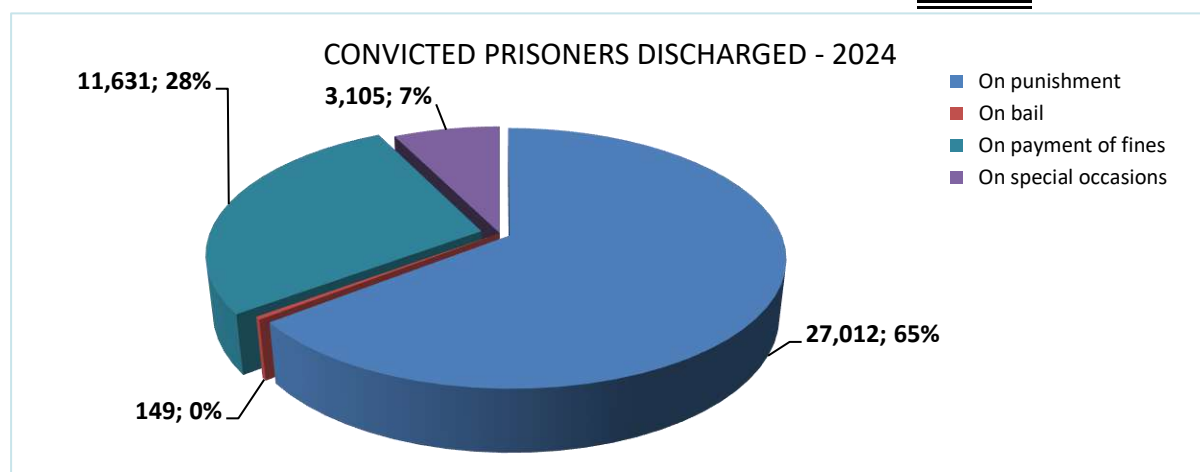
## TOTAL NUMBER OF DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS FOR 2024

Narcotic Drug Offenders	-	31,314
Condemned Prisoners ( Death Sentence )	-	79
Life Imprisonments	-	67
Youthful Offenders	-	5
Other Convicted Prisoners	-	16,318
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>47,783</u></b>



## TOTAL NUMBER OF CONVICTED PRISONERS DISCHARGED FOR 2024

On punishment	-	27,012
On bail	-	149
On payment of fines	-	11,631
On special occasions	-	3,105
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>41,897</u></b>



ESCAPES FOR 2024	-	188
RECAPTURED FOR 2024	-	65
NUMBER OF DEATHS FOR 2024	-	184

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**Table 4.2**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS AGE GROUPS, 2020 - 2024**

Age Group	2020				2021				2022				2023				2024			
	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%
16 - 22 years	917	21	938	5	1,106	5	1,111	8	2,291	13	2,304	8	3,150	27	3,177	7	1,580	29	1,609	3
23 - 30 years	3,880	60	3,940	20	3,323	58	3,381	23	7,299	87	7,386	24	10,986	165	11,151	24	10,322	224	10,546	22
31 - 40 years	7,369	128	7,497	38	4,983	73	5,056	35	9,614	121	9,735	32	13,591	206	13,797	29	16,000	261	16,261	34
41 - 50 years	4,613	114	4,727	24	3,009	37	3,046	21	6,429	94	6,523	22	10,462	146	10,608	23	10,151	215	10,366	22
51 - 60 years	1,977	59	2,036	10	1,551	32	1,583	11	3,498	53	3,551	12	6,785	78	6,863	15	7,469	108	7,577	16
61 -70 years	625	11	636	3	278	8	286	2	609	18	627	2	1,054	19	1,073	2	1,055	43	1,098	2
71 and above	80	2	82	0	82	2	84	1	201	4	205	1	267	3	270	1	321	5	326	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,461</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>19,856</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>14,332</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>14,547</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>29,941</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>30,331</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>46,295</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>46,939</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>46,898</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>47,783</b>	<b>100</b>

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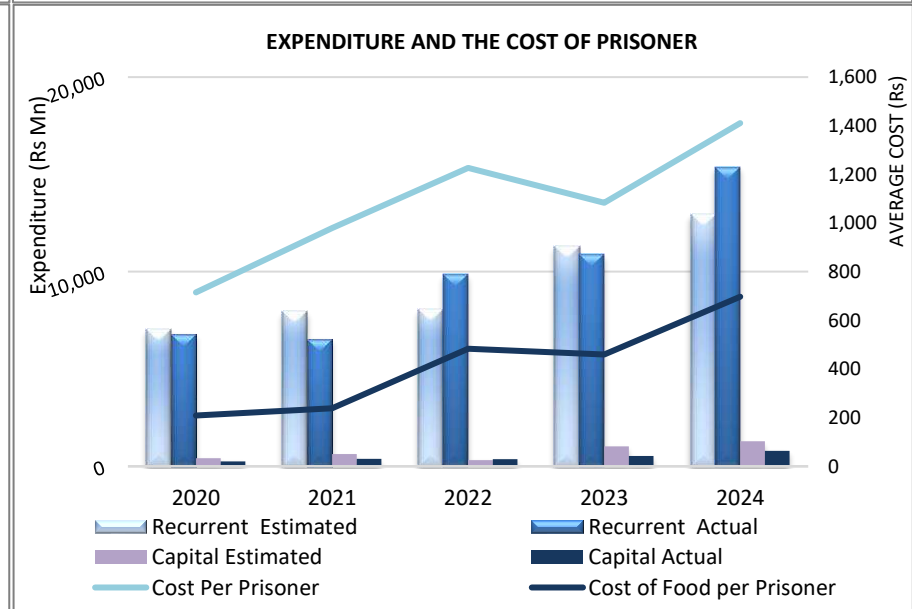
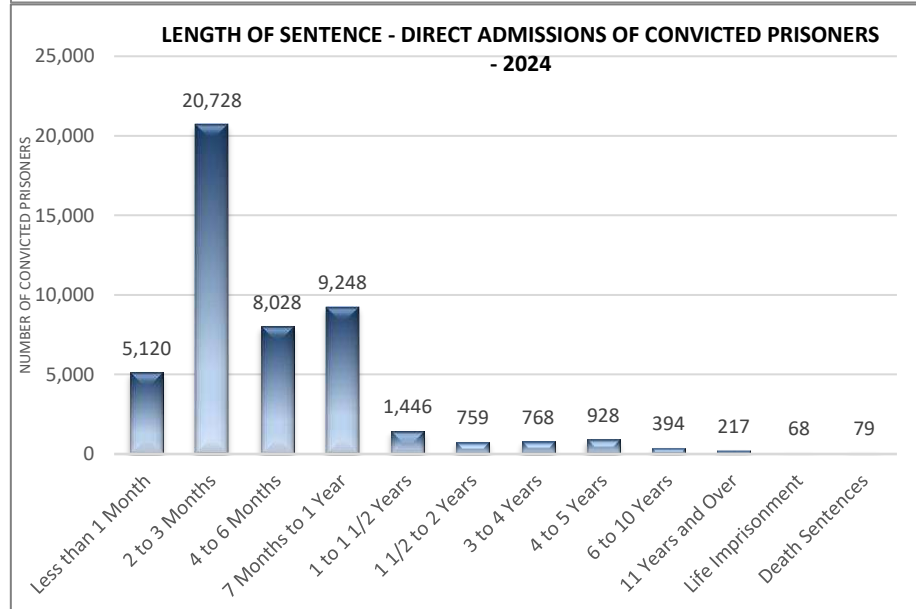
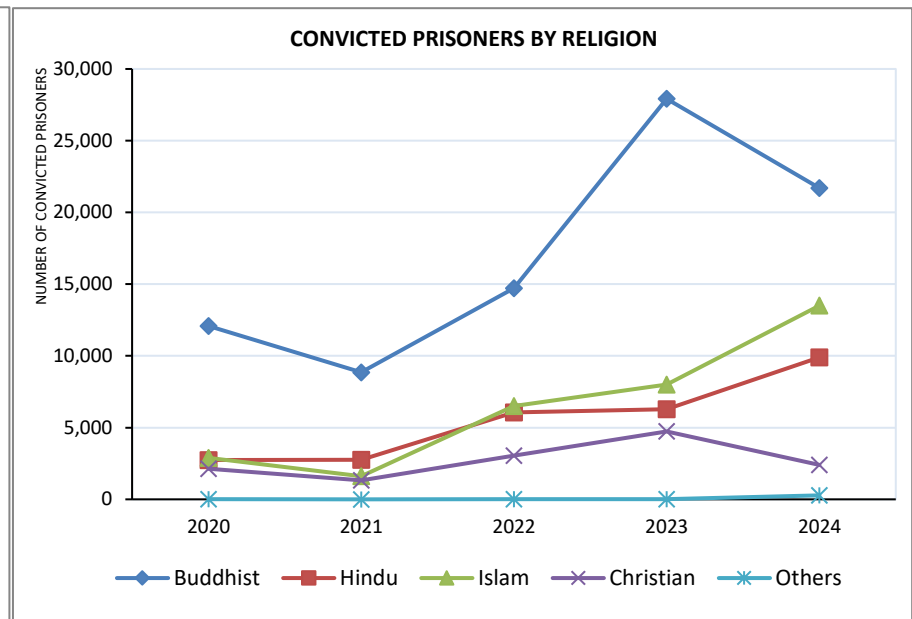
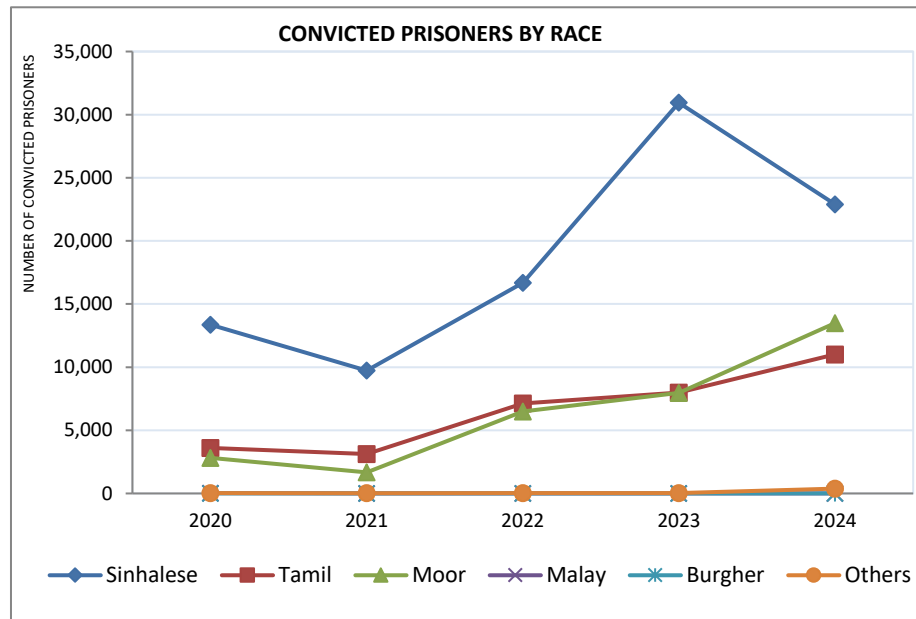
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**Table 4.3**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION, 2020 - 2024**

Level of Education	2020				2021				2022				2023				2024			
	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%
No Schooling	491	99	590	3	249	26	275	2	796	40	836	3	2,495	74	2,569	5	2,415	102	2,517	5
Grade 1-5	2,378	39	2,417	12	2,004	15	2,019	14	4,631	40	4,671	15	4,024	48	4,072	9	6,879	90	6,969	15
Passed Grade 5	4,369	60	4,429	22	2,651	28	2,679	18	6,695	52	6,747	22	7,107	64	7,171	15	7,380	112	7,492	16
Passed Grade 8	7,269	83	7,352	37	3,698	80	3,778	26	7,051	117	7,168	24	15,427	219	15,646	33	11,695	254	11,949	25
Passed G.C.E (O/L)	3,761	84	3,845	19	4,394	53	4,447	31	8,321	99	8,420	28	11,479	179	11,658	25	13,502	249	13,751	29
Passed G.C.E (A/L)	1,139	26	1,165	6	1,244	13	1,257	9	2,299	41	2,340	8	5,658	58	5,716	12	4,448	62	4,510	9
Graduate	52	4	56	-	87	-	87	1	121	-	121	-	64	2	66	-	427	7	434	1
Others	2	-	2	-	5	-	5	-	27	1	28	-	41	-	41	-	152	9	161	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,461</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>19,856</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>14,332</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>14,547</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>29,941</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>30,331</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>46,295</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>46,939</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>46,898</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>47,783</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: Department of Prisons



**Table 4.4****DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY RACE AND THE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTIONS, 2020 - 2024**

Year	All Races	Race															
		Sinhalese	%	Tamil				Moor				Malay	%	Burgher	%	Others	%
				Sri Lankan	%	Indian	%	Sri Lankan	%	Indian	%						
2020	19,856	13,368	67.3	3,193	16.1	408	2.1	2,808	14.1	19	0.1	28	0.1	4	0.0	28	0.1
2021	14,547	9,731	66.9	2,877	19.8	244	1.7	1,664	11.4	4	0.0	8	0.1	2	0.0	17	0.1
2022	30,331	16,676	55.0	6,722	22.2	394	1.3	6,494	21.4	4	0.0	1	0.0	1	0.0	39	0.1
2023	46,939	30,946	65.9	7,642	16.3	342	0.7	7,964	17.0	9	0.0	3	0.0	0	0.0	33	0.1
2024	47,783	22,886	47.9	10,777	22.6	238	0.5	13,488	28.2	5	0.0	4	0.0	2	0.0	383	0.8

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 4.5****DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY RELIGION AND THE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTIONS, 2020 - 2024**

Year	All Religions	Religion											
		Buddhist	%	Hindu	%	Islam	%	Roman Catholic	%	Other Cristians	%	Others	%
2020	19,856	12,082	60.8	2,741	13.8	2,892	14.6	1,548	7.8	577	2.9	16	0.1
2021	14,547	8,859	60.9	2,750	18.9	1,613	11.1	1,216	8.4	108	0.7	1	0.0
2022	30,331	14,711	48.5	6,062	20.0	6,499	21.4	2377	7.8	663	2.2	19	0.1
2023	46,939	27,919	59.5	6,275	13.4	8,005	17.1	3360	7.2	1373	2.9	7	0.0
2024	47,783	21,703	45.4	9,896	20.7	13,504	28.3	1779	3.7	623	1.3	278	0.6

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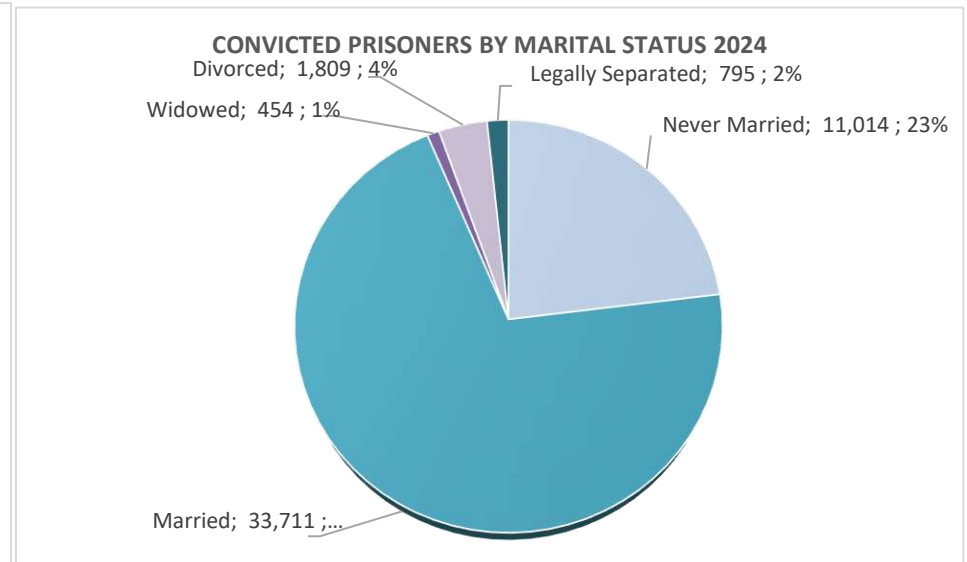
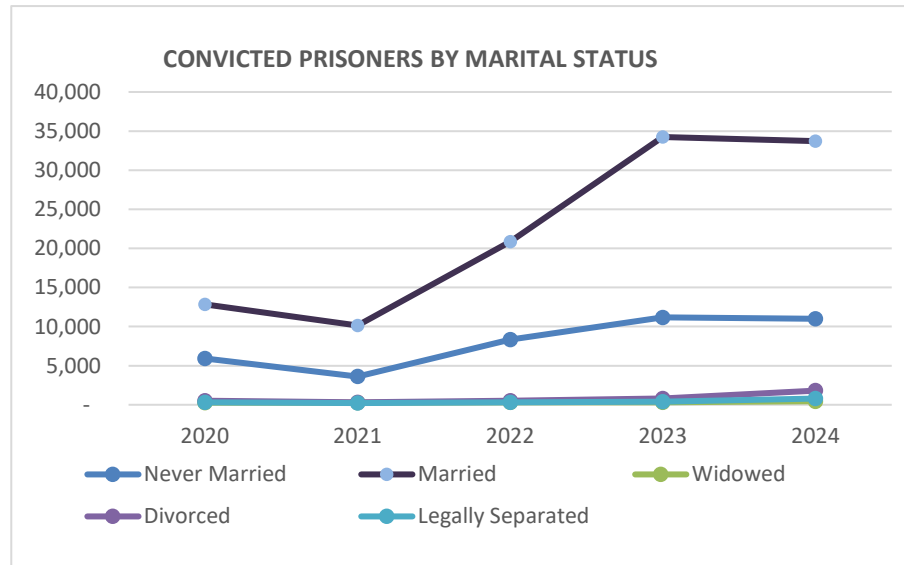
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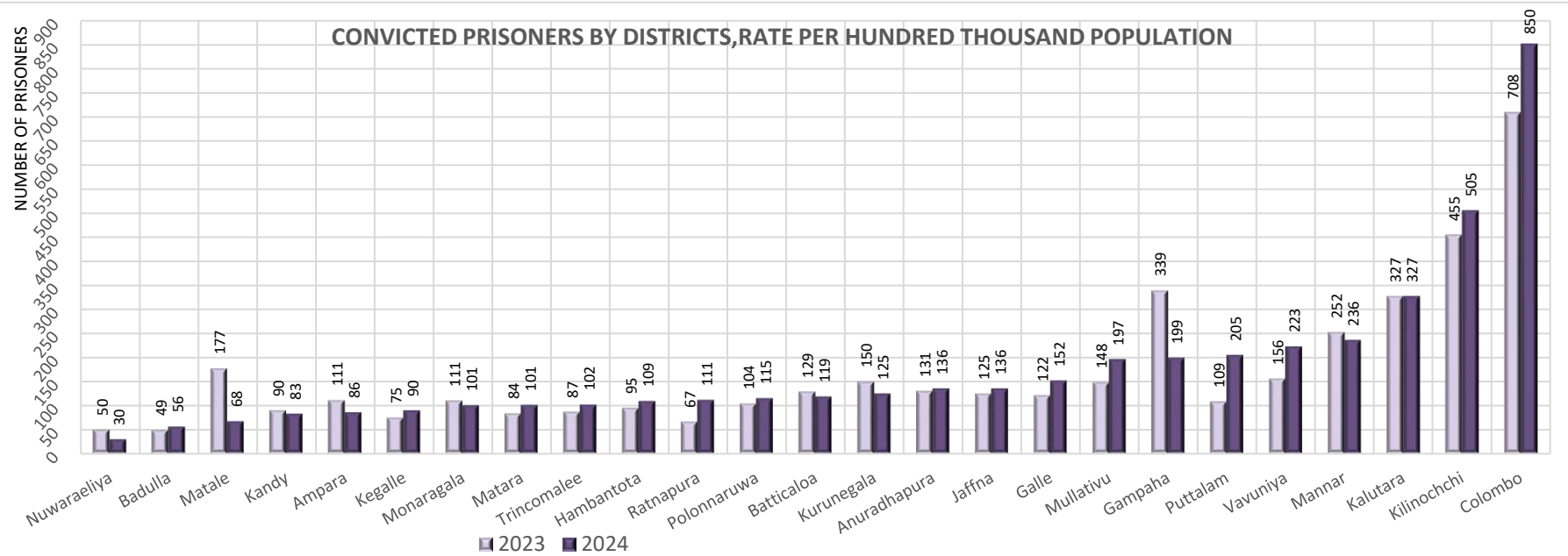
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY MARITAL STATUS, 2020 - 2024**

Marital Status	2020			2021			2022			2023			2024		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Never Married	5,861	59	5,920	3,572	37	3,609	8,269	81	8,350	11,079	100	11,179	10,916	98	11,014
Married	12,573	272	12,845	9,991	146	10,137	20,586	258	20,844	33,750	490	34,240	33,056	655	33,711
Widowed	259	20	279	243	21	264	291	17	308	311	17	328	404	50	454
Divorced	489	16	505	315	3	318	502	10	512	797	12	809	1,793	16	1,809
Legally Separated	279	28	307	211	8	219	293	24	317	358	25	383	729	66	795
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,461</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>19,856</b>	<b>14,332</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>14,547</b>	<b>29,941</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>30,331</b>	<b>46,295</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>46,939</b>	<b>46,898</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>47,783</b>

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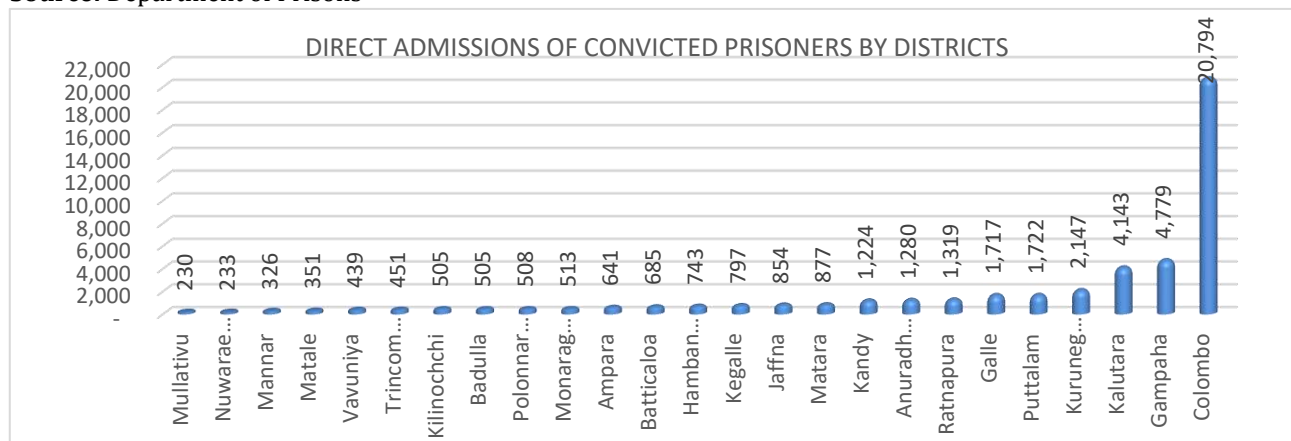


**Table 4.7**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY DISTRICTS, RATE PER HUNDRED THOUSAND POPULATION AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, 2022 - 2024**

District	2022				2023				2024			
	Estimated Population in 000's	Number Admitted	Rate per 100000 Population	Percentage Distribution by Districts	Estimated Population in 000's	Number Admitted	Rate per 100000 Population	Percentage Distribution by Districts	Estimated Population in 000's	Number Admitted	Rate per 100000 Population	Percentage Distribution by Districts
Colombo	2,478	11,039	445.5	36.4	2,460	17,427	708.4	37.1	2,446	20,794	850.1	43.5
Gampaha	2,439	5,437	222.9	17.9	2,421	8,204	338.9	17.5	2,402	4,779	199.0	10.0
Kalutara	1,292	2,775	214.8	9.1	1,279	4,183	327.1	8.9	1,267	4,143	327.0	8.7
Kandy	1,499	978	65.2	3.2	1,482	1,334	90.0	2.8	1,471	1,224	83.2	2.6
Matale	530	369	69.6	1.2	525	931	177.3	2.0	520	351	67.5	0.7
Nuwaraeliya	783	274	35.0	0.9	781	392	50.2	0.8	779	233	29.9	0.5
Galle	1,147	1,070	93.3	3.5	1,139	1,387	121.8	3.0	1,130	1,717	151.9	3.6
Matara	874	505	57.8	1.7	869	729	83.9	1.6	865	877	101.4	1.8
Hambantota	681	401	58.9	1.3	680	647	95.1	1.4	680	743	109.3	1.6
Jaffna	629	583	92.7	1.9	628	785	125.0	1.7	629	854	135.8	1.8
Mannar	135	196	145.2	0.6	136	343	252.2	0.7	138	326	236.2	0.7
Mullativu	115	84	73.0	0.3	116	172	148.3	0.4	117	230	196.6	0.5
Vavuniya	195	177	90.8	0.6	196	306	156.1	0.7	197	439	222.8	0.9
Kilinochchi	99	385	388.9	1.3	99	450	454.5	1.0	100	505	505.0	1.1
Batticaloa	590	376	63.7	1.2	582	751	129.0	1.6	577	685	118.7	1.4
Ampara	754	452	59.9	1.5	749	832	111.1	1.8	746	641	85.9	1.3
Trincomalee	444	230	51.8	0.8	443	386	87.1	0.8	442	451	102.0	0.9
Kurunegala	1,742	1,657	95.1	5.5	1,727	2,587	149.8	5.5	1,712	2,147	125.4	4.5
Puttalam	850	784	92.2	2.6	845	921	109.0	2.0	839	1,722	205.2	3.6
Anuradhapura	957	673	70.3	2.2	950	1,240	130.5	2.6	944	1,280	135.6	2.7
Polonnaruwa	449	371	82.6	1.2	445	463	104.0	1.0	442	508	114.9	1.1
Badulla	899	276	30.7	0.9	896	439	49.0	0.9	895	505	56.4	1.1
Monaragala	509	284	55.8	0.9	509	564	110.8	1.2	509	513	100.8	1.1
Ratnapura	1,193	465	39.0	1.5	1,188	796	67.0	1.7	1,183	1,319	111.5	2.8
Kegalle	898	490	54.6	1.6	892	670	75.1	1.4	886	797	90.0	1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,181</b>	<b>30,331</b>	<b>136.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>22,037</b>	<b>46,939</b>	<b>213.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>21,916</b>	<b>47,783</b>	<b>218.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Department of Prisons



**Table 4.8**

**NUMBER OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS, 2021 - 2024**

Previous Conviction	2021				2022				2023				2024			
	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%
Not convicted before	8,154	142	8,296	57.0	17,124	243	17,367	57.3	19,717	355	20,072	42.8	12,899	396	13,295	27.8
Convicted once before	3,955	40	3,995	27.5	6,883	85	6,968	23.0	12,110	160	12,270	26.1	9,538	184	9,722	20.3
Convicted twice before	1,337	10	1,347	9.3	3,960	37	3,997	13.2	6,681	76	6,757	14.4	12,421	141	12,562	26.3
Convicted thrice before	647	22	669	4.6	1,341	18	1,359	4.5	1,306	34	1,340	2.9	6,256	72	6,328	13.2
Convicted 5 to 6 times	171	0	171	1.2	395	6	401	1.3	1,793	12	1,805	3.8	5,062	49	5,111	10.7
Convicted 7 to 10 times	49	0	49	0.3	205	1	206	0.7	2,257	3	2,260	4.8	467	36	503	1.1
Convicted 11 times or more	19	1	20	0.1	33	0	33	0.1	2,431	4	2,435	5.2	255	7	262	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,332</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>14,547</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>29,941</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>30,331</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>46,295</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>46,939</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>46,898</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>47,783</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 4.9**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS TO PRISONS & OFFENDERS ON PROBATION**

**( Rate of Admissions of Convicted & Unconvicted Prisoners ) 2018 - 2024**

Year	Estimated Population (Sri Lanka) in '000	Convicted Prisoners	Unconvicted Prisoners	Total Admissions	Rate of Admissions per 100,000 of Population		Daily Average Population		Offenders Placed on Probation
					Convicted	Unconvicted	Convicted	Unconvicted	
2018	21,670	24,852	108,263	133,115	115	500	8,967	11,417	-
2019	21,803	29,164	115,325	144,489	134	529	10,056	14,390	-
2020	21,919	19,856	90,362	110,218	91	412	8,735	17,256	1,216
2021	22,156	14,547	62,426	76,973	66	282	6,669	11,668	161
2022	22,181	30,331	108,250	138,581	137	488	8,416	13,563	239
2023	22,037	46,939	138,117	185,056	213	627	9,728	17,834	-
2024	21,916	47,783	133,550	181,333	218	609	10,310	19,479	438

Source: Registrar General's Office, Dept. Of Probation and Child Care Services and Department of Prisons

Table 4.10

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY INSTITUTION DURING THE YEARS ( 2022 - 2023 ) AND ( 2023 - 2024 )  
AND THE NUMERICAL AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE / DECREASE**

Institution	Direct Admission of Convicted Prisoners		Numerical increase/decrease in Admissions	Percentage increase/decrease in Admissions	Direct Admission of Convicted Prisoners		Numerical increase/decrease in Admissions	Percentage increase/decrease in Admissions
	2022	2023			2023	2024		
Welikada prison	13,313	23,045	9732	73.1	23,045	27,084	4039	17.5
Mahara prison	2,470	3,535	1065	43.1	3,535	2,571	- 964	-27.3
Bogambara prison	1,279	1,811	532	41.6	1,811	1,544	- 267	-14.7
Jaffna Remand prison	865	1,124	259	29.9	1,124	1,179	55	4.9
Anuradhapura Remand prison	655	1,156	501	76.5	1,156	999	- 157	-13.6
Badulla Remand prison	427	587	160	37.5	587	480	- 107	-18.2
Batticaloa Remand Prison	663	1,285	622	93.8	1,285	922	- 363	-28.2
Galle Remand prison	896	1,126	230	25.7	1,126	1,164	38	3.4
Matara Remand prison	616	624	8	1.3	624	585	- 39	-6.3
Angunakolapelessa prison	463	777	314	67.8	777	1,125	348	44.8
Negombo Remand prison	2,187	3,136	949	43.4	3,136	1,862	- 1274	-40.6
Homagama T.S.Y.O.	3	7	4	133.3	7	5	- 2	-28.6
Trincomalee Remand prison	220	304	84	38.2	304	401	97	31.9
Kegalle Remand prison	1,098	1,237	139	12.7	1,237	1,037	- 200	-16.2
Kalutara Remand prison	2,741	2,746	5	0.2	2,746	2,069	- 677	-24.7
Kuruwita Remand prison	514	899	385	74.9	899	892	- 7	-0.8
Polonnaruwa Remand prison	405	595	190	46.9	595	590	- 5	-0.8
Monaragala Remand prison	269	519	250	92.9	519	453	- 66	-12.7
Wariyapola Remand prison	826	1,676	850	102.9	1,676	2,036	360	21.5
Vavuniya Remand prison	421	750	329	78.1	750	785	35	4.7
<b>Total Admissions</b>	<b>30,331</b>	<b>46,939</b>			<b>46,939</b>	<b>47,783</b>		

Source: Department of Prisons

Table 4.11

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY CATEGORIES OF OFFENCES, 2020 - 2024**

Offence	2020	%	2021	%	2022	%	2023	%	2024	%
Criminal Offences Against Persons	1,037	5.2	645	4.4	870	2.9	1,129	2.4	1,496	3.1
Offences Against Property	3,531	17.8	1,785	12.3	4,814	15.9	7,998	17.0	5,586	11.7
Offences Against Public Tranquility State Law and Order	1,189	6.0	523	3.6	1,161	3.8	1,321	2.8	1,195	2.5
Child abuse	55	0.3	54	0.4	270	0.9	443	0.9	152	0.3
Other Offences	14,044	70.7	11,540	79.3	23,216	76.5	36,048	76.8	39,354	82.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,856</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,547</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30,331</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>46,939</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,783</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

Table 4.12

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY TYPE OF OFFENCES AND RATE PER 100,000  
OF POPULATION, 2022 - 2024**

Type of Offences	Year								
	2022			2023			2024		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
<b>" A " Criminal offences Against Persons</b>									
1. Murder (Sentenced to Death)	53	-	53	97	2	99	76	2	78
2. Attempted Murder	58	-	58	79	-	79	38	1	39
3. Culpable Homicide	32	2	34	61	-	61	23	-	23
4. Attempted Culpable Homicide	9	1	10	34	3	37	26	4	30
5. Kidnapping	13	-	13	31	1	32	17	1	18
6. Rape	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
* Rape of Persons in One's Custody taking advantage of one's official position	9	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
	21	-	21	10	-	10	3	-	3
* Rape of a pregnant Woman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
* Rape of a Woman over 18 years of age	64	-	64	113	-	113	235	-	235
* Rape of a Woman less than 18 years of age	60	-	60	85	-	85	76	-	76
* Rape of a mentally or physically Handicapped Woman	4	-	4	6	-	6	4	-	4
* Gang Rape	4	-	4	7	-	7	2	-	2
7. Grievous Hurt	72	-	72	78	1	79	124	-	124
8. Simple Hurt	88	1	89	117	16	133	144	3	147
9. Bigamy	3	-	3	6	-	6	12	-	12
10. Unnatural Offences	6	-	6	17	-	17	32	-	32
11. Concealment of Birth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12. Criminal Force	14	-	14	24	-	24	10	-	10
13. Criminal Intimidation	4	-	4	8	-	8	2	-	2
14. Unlawful Intercourse and Attempt	-	-	-	5	-	5	2	-	2
15. Abortion and attempt to abort	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	-	1
16. Attempt Suicide and abetment of Suicide	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
17. Causing Death by Reckless Driving	23	-	23	34	-	34	30	-	30
18. Causing Grievous Injury by Reckless Driving	94	-	94	148	1	149	116	-	116
19. Sexual Harassment	185	-	185	89	-	89	461	2	463
20. Acts of Gross Indecency	2	-	2	4	-	4	3	-	3
21. Sale of Person (Women or Men)	14	-	14	7	-	7	1	-	1
22. Punishments meted out by Court Martial	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
23. Other Offences Against Persons	29	-	29	42	1	43	42	3	45
<b>" A " Total</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1,496</b>
Estimated Mid - year Population in 000's			22,181			22,037			21,916
Rate of Admission per 100,000 of Population			3.9			5.1			6.8

**Note:** Previously under the number of murder offence is added to the culpable homicide since 2002.

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY TYPE OF OFFENCES AND RATE PER 100,000 OF POPULATION, 2022 - 2024**

Type of Offences	Year								
	2022			2023			2024		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
<b>" B " Offences Against Property</b>									
1. Burglary	2,033	-	2,033	1,530	2	1,532	761	-	761
2. Robbery	166	-	166	269	4	273	157	2	159
3. Trespass / House breaking	195	1	196	922	5	927	641	1	642
4. Possession of House breaking Tools	34	-	34	52	-	52	75	-	75
5. Extortion	18	-	18	31	-	31	137	-	137
6. Looting	228	3	231	409	2	411	549	1	550
7. Cattle Theft	78	-	78	517	-	517	224	-	224
8. Acceptance or Retention of stolen Property	267	5	272	757	6	763	288	7	295
9. Cheating	76	6	82	158	6	164	55	18	73
10.Criminal Breach of Trust	101	4	105	128	3	131	203	10	213
11.Criminal Misappropriation	102	17	119	338	43	381	123	47	170
12.Arson	21	-	21	20	-	20	12	-	12
13.Causing Damage	49	-	49	64	-	64	75	-	75
14.Mischief	20	-	20	41	-	41	19	3	22
15.Found in Buildings	1	-	1	16	-	16	6	-	6
16.Theft	1,285	45	1,330	2,496	48	2,544	1,863	69	1,932
17.Forgery	-	-	-	7	-	7	14	-	14
18.Counterfeiting of currency	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
19.Bribery	31	-	31	-	-	-	129	-	129
20.Cruelty to animals	22	-	22	25	1	26	28	-	28
21.Other Offences against Property	51	-	51	89	4	93	65	4	69
<b>" B " Total</b>	<b>4,783</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>4,864</b>	<b>7,869</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>7,993</b>	<b>5,424</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>5,586</b>
Estimated Mid - year Population in 000's			22,181			22,037			21,916
Rate of Admission per 100,000 of Population			21.9			36.3			25.5
<b>Law and Order</b>									
1. Appearing in Public Places Drunk	358	-	358	523	1	524	469	1	470
2. Behavior in a Disorderly Manner	64	-	64	68	1	69	91	3	94
3. Clearing of Crown Land	31	-	31	23	-	23	23	-	23
4. Committing Affray	42	4	46	73	1	74	26	5	31
5. Entering Port without a permit	1	-	1	-	-	-	41	2	43
6. Failure to report to Police	22	-	22	52	-	52	11	-	11
7. Giving False evidence	17	4	21	31	-	31	24	2	26
8. Lodging in Verandah	-	4	4	14	-	14	-	-	-
9. Managing a Brothel	43	7	50	10	5	15	10	2	12
10.Possessing Prohibited Knife	4	-	4	4	-	4	-	-	-
11.Obstruction of Government Officers	30	5	35	47	-	47	47	-	47
12.Profitteering	-	-	-	2	-	2	18	-	18
13.Rioting	143	10	153	80	-	80	19	1	20
14.Traveling by Train or by Bus without Tickets	6	-	6	9	-	9	2	-	2
15.Unlawful Assembly	58	-	58	70	-	70	17	-	17
16.Unlawful Betting and Gambling	70	3	73	88	3	91	59	-	59
17.Using Explosives to kill fish	6	-	6	4	-	4	14	-	14
18.Viewing of Blue Films	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
19.Gemming illegally	40	-	40	45	2	47	43	-	43
20.Possessing Guns, Pistols etc. without License	93	-	93	45	-	45	13	1	14
21.Non payment of Income Tax	4	-	4	33	-	33	7	-	7
22.Other Offences Against Public Tranquility State									
Law and Order	88	4	92	79	6	85	239	5	244
<b>" C " Total</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1195</b>
Estimated Mid - year Population in 000's			22,181			22,037			21,916
Rate of Admission per 100,000 of Population			5.2			6.0			5.5

Source: Department of Prisons

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY TYPE OF OFFENCES AND RATE PER 100,000 OF POPULATION, 2022 - 2024**

Type of Offences	Year								
	2022			2023			2024		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
<b>" D " Other offences</b>									
1. Excise Offences	2,427	63	2,490	3,847	100	3,947	4,652	150	4,802
2. Maintenance	811	3	814	1,300	2	1,302	1,599	3	1,602
3. Motor Offences	516	-	516	1,116	14	1,130	955	3	958
4. Narcotic drugs Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drugs ( Sentenced to Death )	1	-	1	6	-	6	1	-	1
Drugs ( Other Offences )	18,932	161	19,093	28,861	325	29,186	30,945	368	31,313
5. Other Offences	131	34	165	382	33	415	527	138	665
<b>" D " Total</b>	<b>22,818</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>23,079</b>	<b>35,512</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>35,986</b>	<b>38,679</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>39,341</b>
Estimated Mid - year Population in 000's			22,181			22,037			21,916
Rate of Admission per 100,000 of Population			104.0			163.3			179.5
<b>" E " Offences</b>									
1. Prisoners Punished Under Emergency Regulations	86	-	86	68	-	68	13		13
2. Prisoners Punished Under The Prevention of Terrorism	1	-	1	-	-	-			-
<b>" E " Total</b>	<b>87</b>		<b>87</b>	<b>68</b>		<b>68</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>13</b>
Estimated Mid - year Population in 000's			22,181			22,037			21,916
Rate of Admission per 100,000 of Population			0.4			0.3			0.1
<b>Child Abuse</b>									
1. Use of Children for Photographic Publications and Display	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	7
2. Cruelty to Children	2	1	3	21	1	22	6	3	9
3. Sexual Abuse of Children	25	1	26	329	-	329	15	-	15
4. Incest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Inducement and Involvement of Children to Beggar	-	-	-	2	1	3	1	18	19
6. Having Sexual Intercourse with Children	177	-	177	36	-	36	11	-	11
7. Involvement of Children in Sexual Activities and	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Procurement of Children for Same	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Use of Children in Drug Trafficking	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	9
9. Unnatural Offences ( With Children Under 16 Years )	7	-	7	21	-	21	9	-	9
10. Acts of Gross Indecency (With Children Under 16 Years)	3	-	3	2	-	2	16	-	16
11. Procuration	7	-	7	4	-	4	-	1	1
12. Sale of Children ( Under 18 Years )	1	-	1	-	-	-	19	1	20
13. Rape of a Girl ( Under 16 Years )	44	-	44	26	-	26	36	-	36
<b>Child Abuse Total</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>152</b>
Estimated Mid - year Population in 000's			22,181			22,037			21,916
Rate of Admission per 100,000 of Population			1.2			2.0			0.7
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>29,941</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>30,331</b>	<b>46,295</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>46,939</b>	<b>46,898</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>47,783</b>
Estimated Mid - year Population in 000's			22,181			22,037			21,916
Rate of Admission per 100,000 of Population			136.7			213.0			218.0

Source : Department of Prisons

**Table 4.13**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY NARCOTIC DRUGS & EXCISE OFFENCES, 2020 - 2024**

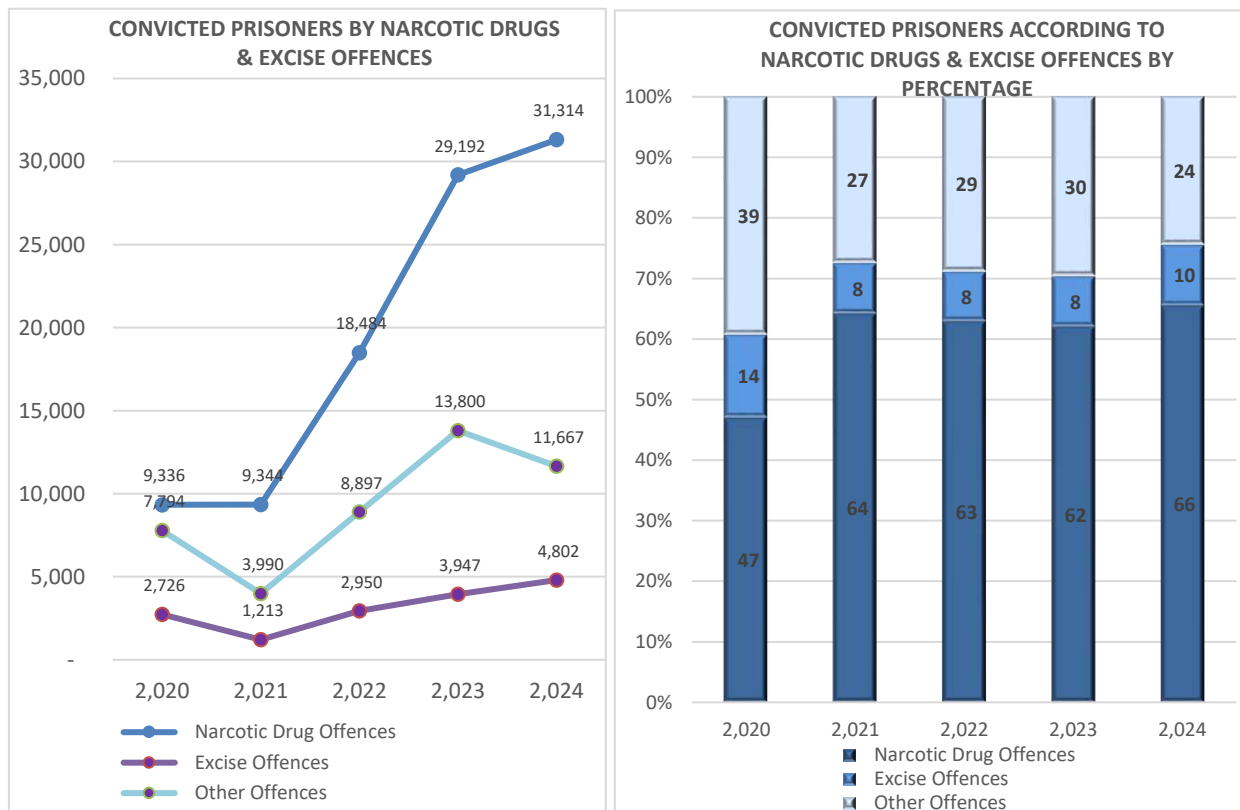
Offence	Year									
	2020	%	2021	%	2022	%	2023	%	2024	%
Narcotic Drug Offences	9,336	47.0	9,344	64.2	18,484	60.9	29,192	62.2	31,314	65.5
Excise Offences	2,726	13.7	1,213	8.3	2,950	9.7	3,947	8.4	4,802	10.0
Other Offences	7,794	39.3	3,990	27.4	8,897	29.3	13,800	29.4	11,667	24.4
Total	19,856	100.0	14,547	100.0	30,331	100	46,939	100.0	47,783	100.0

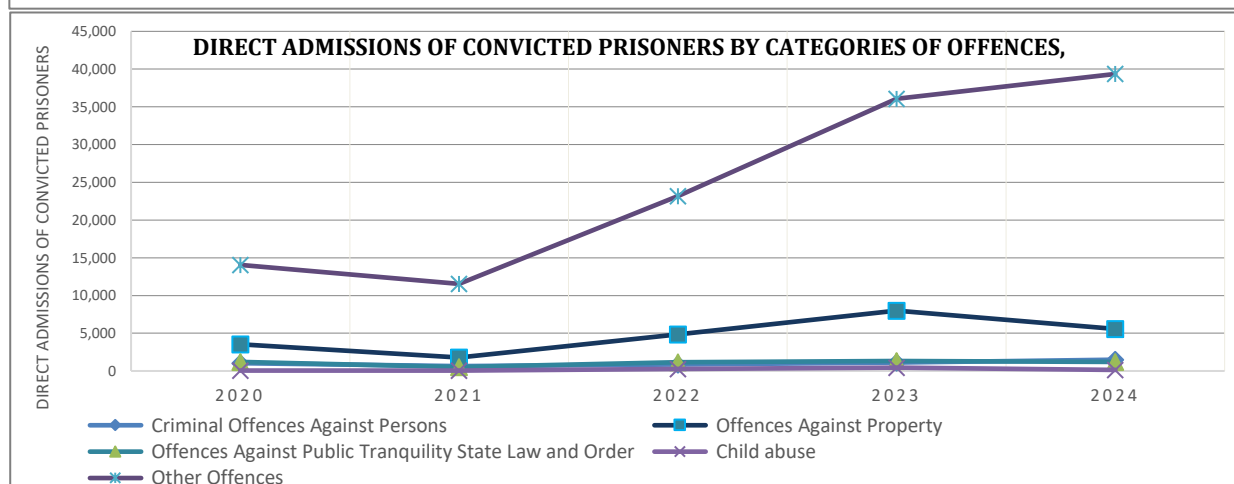
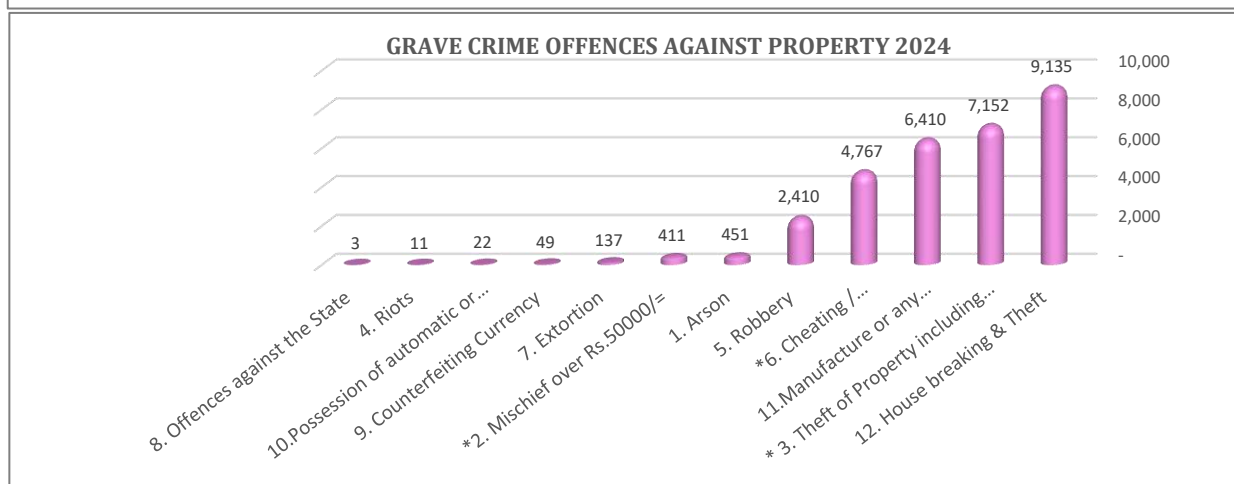
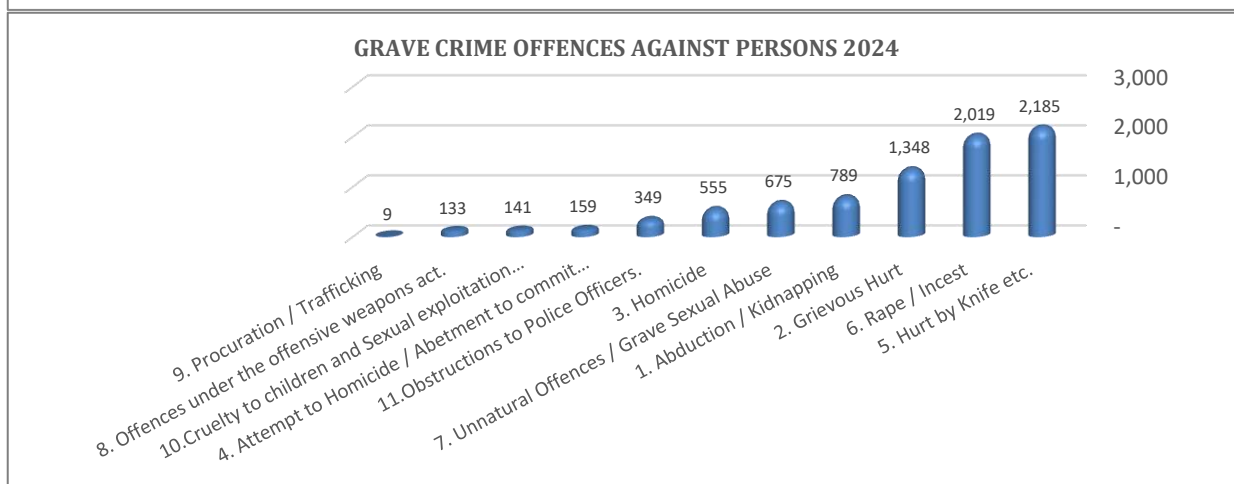
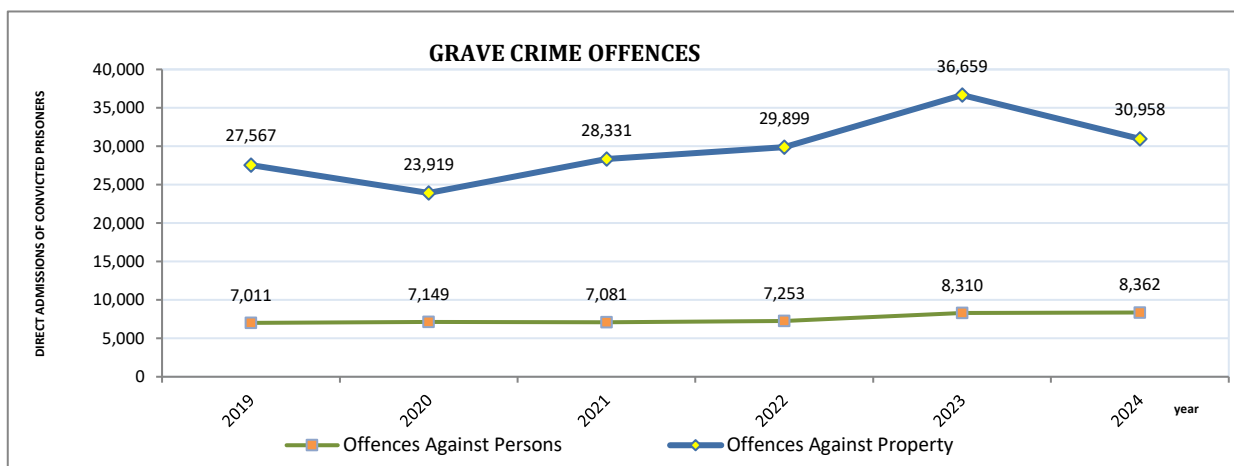
Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 4.14**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY SELECTED OFFENCES, 2020 - 2024**

Offence	Year									
	2020	%	2021	%	2022	%	2023	%	2024	%
Narcotic Drug Offences	9,336	47.0	9,344	64.2	18,484	60.9	29,192	62.2	31,314	65.5
Excise Offences	2,726	13.7	1,213	8.3	2,950	9.7	3,947	8.4	4,802	10.0
Maintenance	599	3.0	397	2.7	814	2.7	1,302	2.8	1,602	3.4
Appearing in Public Places Drunk	365	1.8	227	1.6	358	1.2	524	1.1	470	1.0
Looting	284	1.4	254	1.7	231	0.8	411	0.9	550	1.2
Viewing of Blue Films	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Simple Hurt	100	0.5	71	0.5	72	0.2	78	0.2	147	0.3
Cheating	226	1.1	67	0.5	82	0.3	164	0.3	73	0.2
Acceptance or Retention of stolen Property	367	1.8	147	1.0	272	0.9	763	1.6	295	0.6
Theft	811	4.1	471	3.2	1,330	4.4	2,549	5.4	1,932	4.0
Other Offences	5,038	25.4	2,356	16.2	5,738	18.9	8,008	17.1	6,598	13.8
Total	19,856	100.0	14,547	100.0	30,331	100.0	46,939	100.0	47,783	100.0

Source: Department of Prisons







**Table 4.15**  
**GRAVE CRIME OFFENCES AGAINST PERSONS, 2019 - 2024**

Type of Offences	Year					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Offences Against Persons</b>						
1. Abduction / Kidnapping	875	799	801	756	778	789
2. Grievous Hurt	894	862	854	923	1,457	1,348
3. Homicide	479	464	521	559	573	555
4. Attempt to Homicide / Abetment to commit Suicide	114	103	105	113	165	159
5. Hurt by Knife etc.	1,857	1962	1,843	1,888	2,275	2,185
6. Rape / Incest	1,779	1953	1,977	1,986	1,925	2,019
7. Unnatural Offences / Grave Sexual Abuse	710	677	649	571	675	675
8. Offences under the offensive weapons act.	86	110	100	169	143	133
9. Procuration / Trafficking	9	28	32	10	10	9
10. Cruelty to children and Sexual exploitation of children	114	102	102	108	121	141
11. Obstructions to Police Officers.	94	89	97	170	188	349
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,011</b>	<b>7,149</b>	<b>7,081</b>	<b>7,253</b>	<b>8,310</b>	<b>8,362</b>
Estimated Mid - year Population in 000's	21,803	21,919	22,156	22,181	22,037	21,916
Rate of Admission per 100,000 of Population	32.2	32.6	32.0	32.7	37.7	38.2

**Source:** Department of Police

**Table 4.16**  
**GRAVE CRIME OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY, 2019 - 2024**

Type of Offences	Year					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Offences Against Property</b>						
1. Arson	510	338	361	509	483	451
2*. Mischief over Rs.50000/=	525	323	265	532	321	411
3*. Theft of Property including Praedial Produce over Rs.50000/= & cycle and Cattle Thefts irrespective of their value	5,536	4,656	5,229	6,182	8,728	7,152
4. Riots	84	30	15	210	18	11
5. Robbery	2,944	2,148	2,277	3,065	3,150	2,410
6.* Cheating / Misappropriation C.B.Trust over Rs.500000/=	5,251	2,891	2,207	2,339	3,875	4,767
7. Extortion	106	120	115	86	145	137
8. Offences against the State	12	1	1	0	1	3
9. Counterfeiting Currency	89	68	40	36	82	49
10. Possession of automatic or repeater shot guns	27	34	22	27	33	22
11. Manufacture or any Quantity Heroin, Cocaine, Morphine, Taffking import or possession of danger Drugs of an above 2gms of Heroin	4,340	6,811	10,959	8,268	7,685	6,410
12. House breaking & Theft	8,143	6,499	6,840	8,645	12,138	9,135
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,567</b>	<b>23,919</b>	<b>28,331</b>	<b>29,899</b>	<b>36,659</b>	<b>30,958</b>
Estimated Mid - year Population in 000's	21,803	21,919	22,156	22,181	22,037	21,916
Rate of Admission per 100,000 of Population	126.4	109.1	127.9	134.8	166.4	141.3

**Source:** Department of Police

\* These categories have been changed according to the source effected since the year 2022

Table 4.17

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY TRAINING SCHOOL, SENTENCED TO DEATH, LIFE IMPRISONMENT, AND OTHER CONVICTED PRISONERS BY AGE GROUPS 2022 - 2024**

Age Group	Year														
	2022					2023					2024				
	Training School	Life Imprisonment	Death Sentences	Other Convicted Prisoners	Total	Training School	Life Imprisonment	Death Sentences	Other Convicted Prisoners	Total	Training School	Life Imprisonment	Death Sentences	Other Convicted Prisoners	Total
16 to 22 years	3	-	-	2,301	2,304	7	-	-	3,116	3,123	5	-	-	1,604	1,609
23 to 30 years	-	2	11	7,373	7,386	-	-	-	11,176	11,176	-	6	1	10,539	10,546
31 to 34 years	-	7	15	9,713	9,735	-	5	30	13,752	13,787	-	7	16	16,238	16,261
41 to 50 years	-	7	14	6,502	6,523	-	13	34	10,540	10,587	-	41	49	10,276	10,366
51 to 60 years	-	3	4	3,544	3,551	-	3	32	6,906	6,941	-	8	9	7,560	7,577
61 to 70 years	-	1	3	623	627	-	1	5	1,057	1,063	-	4	3	1,091	1,098
71 years and above	-	1	-	204	205	-	-	-	262	262	-	1	1	324	326
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>30,260</b>	<b>30,331</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>46,809</b>	<b>46,939</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>47,632</b>	<b>47,783</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

Table 4.18

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY COURTS, 2020 - 2024**

Name of the Court	Year									
	2020	%	2021	%	2022	%	2023	%	2024	%
High Courts	538	2.7	419	2.9	1,163	3.8	1,338	2.9	2,238	4.7
District Courts	115	0.6	141	1.0	302	1.0	572	1.2	253	0.5
Magistrate Courts	19,022	95.8	13,867	95.3	28,820	95.0	44,997	95.9	45,210	94.6
Other Courts	181	0.9	120	0.8	46	0.2	32	0.1	82	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,856</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,547</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30,331</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>46,939</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,783</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

Table 4.19

## DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED AND UNCONVICTED FOREIGN PRISONERS BY COUNTRY,SEX AND TYPE OF OFFENCES, 2023 - 2024

Name of Country	2023												2024														
	Convicted										Unconvicted		Convicted										Unconvicted				
	Sex			Offences							Sex		Sex			Offences							Sex				
	Male	Female	Total	Narcotic Drug	Rape	Unlawful Intercourse	Cheating	Offences against	Others	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Narcotic Drug	Rape	Unlawful Intercourse	Cheating	Offences against	Others	Total	Male	Female	Total	
U.S.A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
England	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	
India	233	-	233	6	-	168	1	10	48	233	244	1	245	133	2	135	1	-	-	-	5	129	135	600	7	607	
Pakistan	7	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	7	44	-	44	8	-	8	5	-	-	-	3	-	8	35	2	37	
Russia	6	-	6	5	-	-	-	-	1	6	8	-	8	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	9	-	9	
Australia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Italy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Switzerland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nigeria	4	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	7	-	7	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	-	5
China	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	9	5	14	23	4	27	-	-	-	24	-	3	27	246	39	285	
Philippines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	
Japan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	
Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Thailand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	
Singapore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
France	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	
Iraq	15	-	15	12	-	-	-	-	3	15	44	-	44	41	-	41	41	-	-	-	-	-	41	10	-	10	
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Israel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Holland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cameroon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ghana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Liberia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nepal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	
Malaysia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	5	
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Austria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sudan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Brazil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	
Jordan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sweden	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Indonesia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	1	9	
Finland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other Countries	11	-	11	1	-	1	2	-	7	11	18	5	23	32	2	34	33	-	-	-	1	-	34	92	17	109	
Total	280	-	280	35	-	169	4	10	62	280	382	14	396	239	9	248	80	-	-	24	10	134	248	1,017	75	1,092	

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 4.20**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF FEMALE PRISONERS (Convicted & Unconvicted) BY INSTITUTIONS, 2018 - 2024**

Institution	Year													
	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Convicted	Unconvicted	Convicted	Unconvicted	Convicted	Unconvicted	Convicted	Unconvicted	Convicted	Unconvicted	Convicted	Unconvicted	Convicted	Unconvicted
Welikada prison	301	1,874	329	1,962	164	1,238	85	823	161	1,293	308	2,004	471	2,692
Bogambara prison	31	353	53	408	39	330	14	167	41	317	41	561	42	552
Jaffna Remand prison	20	164	5	137	4	88	5	75	8	157	16	287	20	423
Anuradhapura Remand prison	14	260	6	241	6	178	1	90	4	196	21	267	21	314
Badulla Remand prison	4	137	8	167	2	152	2	109	6	123	8	187	8	172
Batticaloa Remand Prison	7	259	27	282	12	166	7	150	25	219	44	250	37	299
Galle Remand prison	19	303	35	267	13	220	5	128	13	223	14	247	15	203
Matara Remand prison	12	265	7	118	13	158	10	128	4	51	7	102	13	169
Angunakolapelessa prison	6	229	7	146	9	188	3	101	2	144	6	206	22	92
Negombo Remand prison	18	605	29	618	33	434	17	220	34	391	85	654	59	630
Trincomalee Remand prison	7	100	10	101	2	95	5	61	12	95	5	124	10	203
Kalutara Remand prison	31	393	61	551	31	303	35	198	39	271	42	382	59	393
Kuruwita Remand prison	23	226	18	257	20	150	12	68	6	82	10	164	11	157
Polonnaruwa Remand Prison	2	106	13	141	6	112	2	60	4	77	5	112	16	192
Monaragala Remand prison	6	106	4	114	7	103	2	65	5	68	7	171	9	194
Wariyapola Remand prison	31	247	29	250	23	275	9	149	21	197	18	274	59	425
Vavuniya Remand prison	9	138	13	152	11	103	1	61	5	189	7	160	13	176
<b>Total</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>5,765</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>5,912</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>4,293</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>2,653</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>4,093</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>6,152</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>7,286</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 4.21**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF FEMALE PRISONERS (Convicted & Unconvicted) BY AGE, 2018- 2024**

Age Group	Year													
	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Convicted	Unconvicted	Convicted	Unconvicted	Convicted	Unconvicted	Convicted	Unconvicted	Convicted	Unconvicted	Convicted	Unconvicted	Convicted	Unconvicted
Under 16 Years	-	47	-	24	-	23	-	6	-	30	-	15	-	6
17 and under 22 years	52	415	62	169	21	240	5	154	13	284	27	352	29	471
23 and under 30 years	55	1,352	74	1,181	60	972	58	613	87	812	165	1,378	224	1,511
31 and under 40 years	171	1,714	203	1,879	128	1,244	73	777	121	1,278	206	2,010	261	2,185
41 and under 50 years	111	940	142	1,233	114	1,092	37	708	94	984	146	1,376	215	1,958
51 and under 60 years	92	830	118	898	59	542	32	293	53	470	78	683	108	782
61 and under 70 years	42	331	45	372	11	167	8	86	18	194	19	265	43	292
71 years and above	18	136	10	156	2	13	2	16	4	41	3	73	5	81
<b>Total</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>5,765</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>5,912</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>4,293</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>2,653</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>4,093</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>6,152</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>7,286</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 4.22**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED FEMALE PRISONERS BY SELECTED OFFENCES,**  
**2018 - 2024**

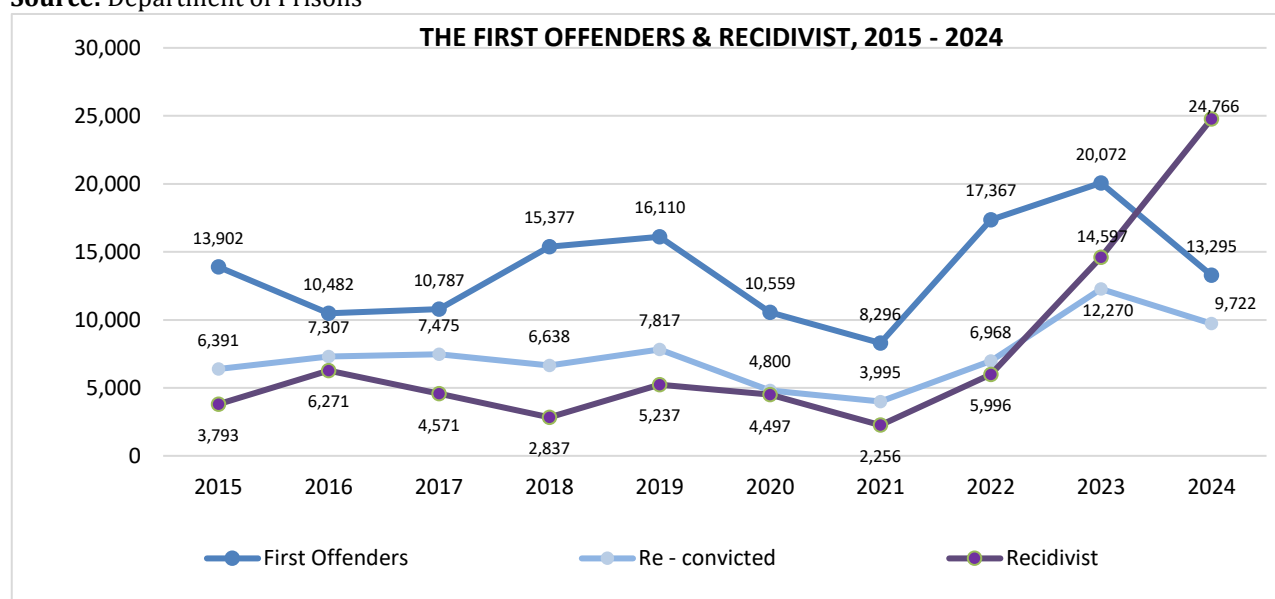
Type of Offences	Year						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Murder	6	2	1	1	-	2	2
Simple Hurt	-	4	2	1	1	16	3
Unlawful Intercourse and Attempt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Abortion and attempt to abort	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cheating	17	27	18	4	6	6	18
Criminal Misappropriation	31	42	23	20	17	43	47
Theft	49	52	42	16	45	53	69
Committing Affray	2	3	-	2	4	1	5
Giving False evidence	6	2	2	2	4	-	2
Lodging in Verandah	2	-	-	2	4	-	-
Managing a Brothel	7	3	4	3	3	5	2
Rioting	-	2	3	-	10	10	1
Excise Offences	65	100	57	34	63	92	150
Narcotic Drug Offences	142	177	105	83	161	328	368
Other Offences	213	240	138	47	72	88	218
<b>Total</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>885</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 4.23**  
**THE FIRST OFFENDERS & RECIDIVIST, 2014 - 2024**

Year	First Offenders	Re - convicted	Recidivist	Total	Percentage		
					First Offender	Re - convicted	Recidivist
2014	15,020	7,837	4,731	27,588	54.5	28.4	17.1
2015	13,902	6,391	3,793	24,086	57.7	26.6	15.7
2016	10,482	7,307	6,271	24,060	43.6	30.4	26.0
2017	10,787	7,475	4,571	22,833	47.2	32.7	20.0
2018	15,377	6,638	2,837	24,852	61.9	26.7	11.4
2019	16,110	7,817	5,237	29,164	55.2	26.8	18.0
2020	10,559	4,800	4,497	19,856	53.2	24.2	22.6
2021	8,296	3,995	2,256	14,547	57.0	27.5	15.5
2022	17,367	6,968	5,996	30,331	57.3	23.0	19.8
2023	20,072	12,270	14,597	46,939	42.8	26.1	31.1
2024	13,295	9,722	24,766	47,783	27.8	20.3	51.8

Source: Department of Prisons



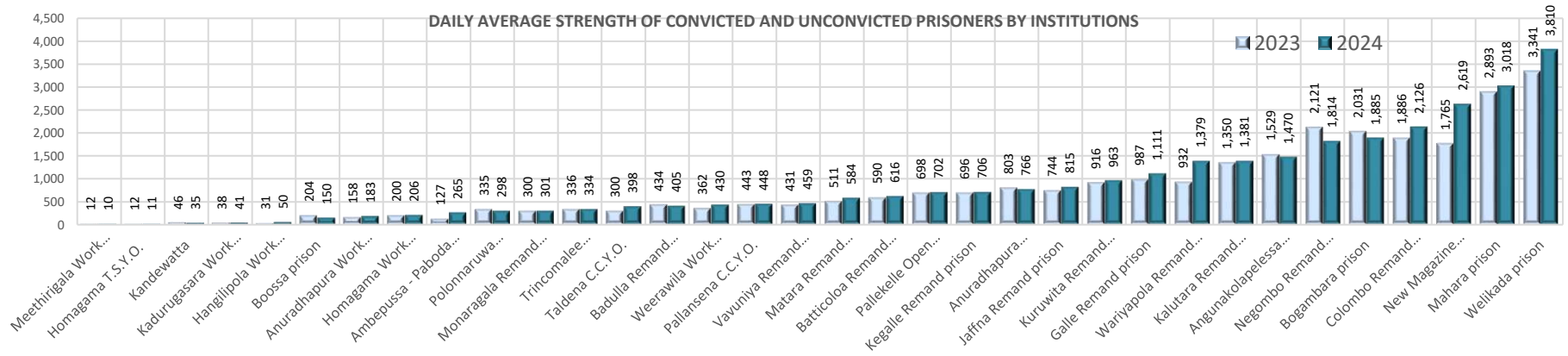
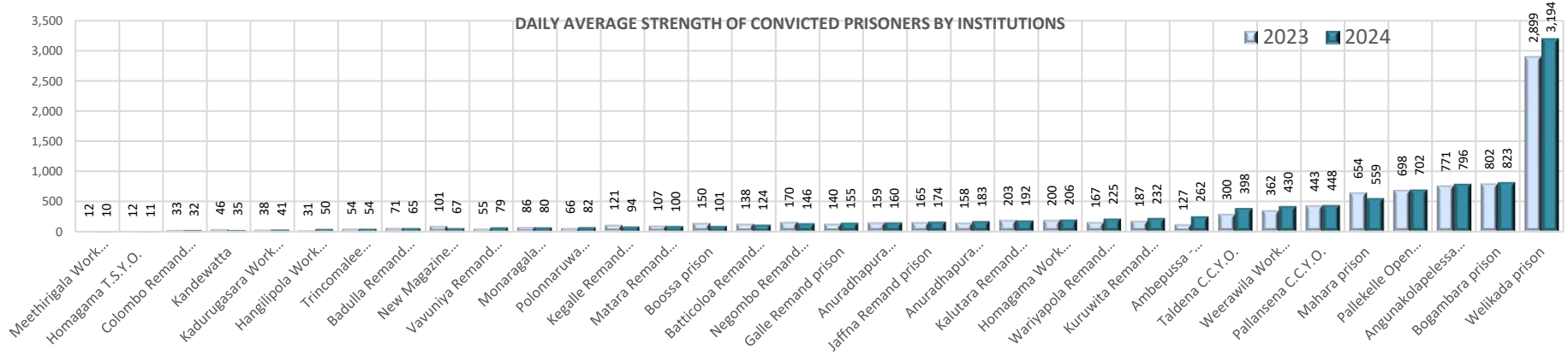
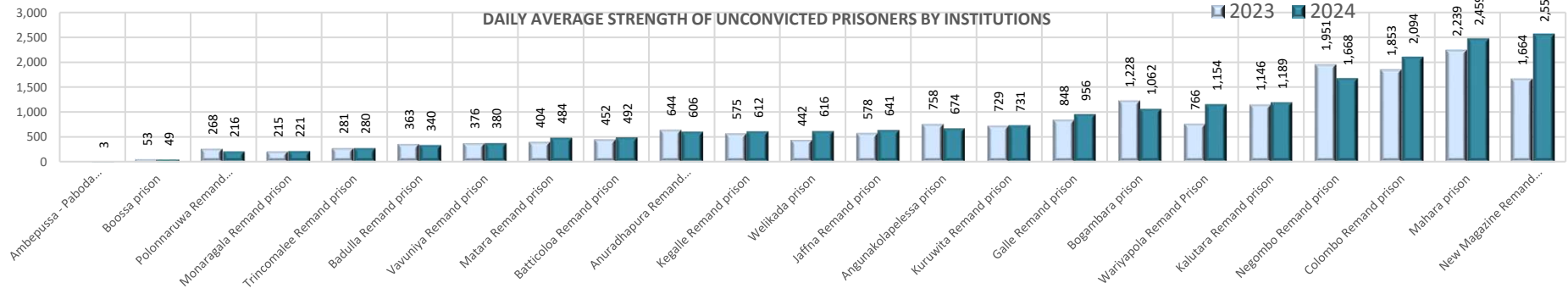


Table 4.24

## DAILY AVERAGE STRENGTH OF CONVICTED AND UNCONVICTED PRISONERS BY INSTITUTIONS, 2020 - 2024

Institution	2020			2021			2022			2,023			2,024		
	Convicted	Unconvicted	Total	Convicted	Unconvicted	Total	Convicted	Unconvicted	Total	Convicted	Unconvicted	Total	Convicted	Unconvicted	Total
Welikada prison	2,595	738	3,334	2,079	556	2,635	2,409	226	2,636	2,899	442	3,341	3,194	616	3,810
Colombo Remand prison	33	1,307	1,341	21	1,123	1,145	29	1,337	1,366	33	1,853	1,886	32	2,094	2,126
New Magazine Remand prison	85	1,636	1,721	61	741	802	101	916	1,017	101	1,664	1,765	67	2,552	2,619
Mahara prison	684	1,625	2,309	601	1,249	1,850	634	1,602	2,236	654	2,239	2,893	559	2,459	3,018
Bogambara prison	728	1,472	2,200	622	821	1,443	704	875	1,580	802	1,228	2,031	823	1,062	1,885
Jaffna Remand prison	89	385	474	53	372	425	112	497	609	165	578	744	174	641	815
Anuradhapura Remand prison	299	852	1,150	132	506	637	250	616	867	159	644	803	160	606	766
Badulla Remand prison	71	361	432	42	252	294	55	299	354	71	363	434	65	340	405
Batticaloa Remand prison	75	680	755	65	360	425	96	454	550	138	452	590	124	492	616
Galle Remand prison	129	839	968	90	597	687	126	635	761	140	848	987	155	956	1,111
Matara Remand prison	60	281	341	21	225	246	143	433	576	107	404	511	100	484	584
Angunakolapelessa prison	721	619	1,340	733	542	1,275	771	588	1,359	771	758	1,529	796	674	1,470
Negombo Remand prison	156	1,791	1,948	66	1,087	1,153	127	1,332	1,459	170	1,951	2,121	146	1,668	1,814
Homagama T.S.Y.O.	32	-	32	21	-	21	16	0	16	12	-	12	11	-	11
Trincomalee Remand prison	55	175	230	26	126	151	36	205	240	54	281	336	54	280	334
Kegalle Remand prison	80	729	809	87	529	615	87	577	664	121	575	696	94	612	706
Kalutara Remand prison	201	1,317	1,518	101	635	736	163	835	998	203	1,146	1,350	192	1,189	1,381
Kuruwita Remand prison	171	585	756	86	399	484	150	491	641	187	729	916	232	731	963
Boossa prison	216	235	451	135	230	365	101	321	421	150	53	204	101	49	150
Pallekelle Open prison Camp	499	-	499	385	-	385	519	-	519	698	-	698	702	-	702
Meethirigala Work Camp	22	-	22	14	-	14	1	-	1	12	-	12	10	-	10
Homagama Work Camp	227	-	227	211	-	211	263	-	263	200	-	200	206	-	206
Weerawila Work Camp	241	-	241	308	-	308	333	-	333	362	-	362	430	-	430
Taldena C.C.Y.O.	265	-	265	150	-	150	243	-	243	300	-	300	398	-	398
Kandewatta	31	-	31	17	-	17	63	-	63	46	-	46	35	-	35
Anuradhapura Work Camp	134	-	134	62	-	62	95	-	95	158	-	158	183	-	183
Pallansena C.C.Y.O.	238	125	363	134	-	134	321	11	331	443	-	443	448	-	448
Polonnaruwa Remand prison	61	313	374	48	159	207	65	214	278	66	268	335	82	216	298
Monaragala Remand prison	119	231	350	77	148	226	64	164	228	86	215	300	80	221	301
Wariyapola Remand Prison	170	791	961	66	713	779	85	668	753	167	766	932	225	1,154	1,379
Vavuniya Remand prison	25	167	192	16	283	299	23	267	291	55	376	431	79	380	459
Kadurugasara Work Camp	48	-	48	42	-	42	51	-	51	38	-	38	41	-	41
Hangilipola Work Camp	26	-	26	11	-	11	17	-	17	31	-	31	50	-	50
Ambepussa - Paboda Meth Sevana	149	-	149	89	15	104	163	-	163	127	-	127	262	3	265
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,735</b>	<b>17,256</b>	<b>25,991</b>	<b>6,669</b>	<b>11,668</b>	<b>18,337</b>	<b>8,416</b>	<b>13,563</b>	<b>21,979</b>	<b>9,728</b>	<b>17,834</b>	<b>27,562</b>	<b>10,310</b>	<b>19,479</b>	<b>29,789</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 4.25**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY LENGTH OF SENTENCES**

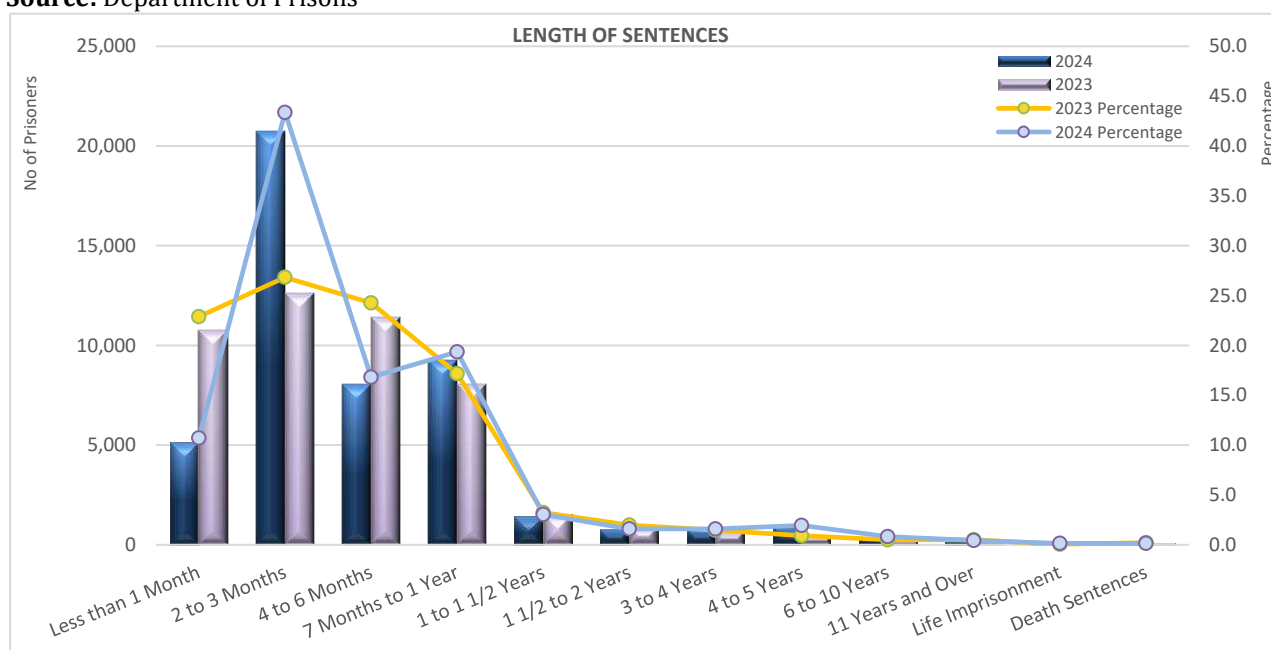
Length of Sentence	Year									
	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	No. of Convicted Prisoners	Total Convicted Prisoners (%)	No. of Convicted Prisoners	Total Convicted Prisoners (%)	No. of Convicted Prisoners	Total Convicted Prisoners (%)	No. of Convicted Prisoners	Total Convicted Prisoners (%)	No. of Convicted Prisoners	Total Convicted Prisoners (%)
Less than 1 Month	4,677	23.6	3,845	26.4	4,600	15.2	10,737	22.9	5,120	10.7
2 to 3 Months	7,068	35.6	3,994	27.5	9,957	32.8	12,588	26.8	20,728	43.4
4 to 6 Months	3,890	19.6	3,278	22.5	6,606	21.8	11,386	24.3	8,028	16.8
7 Months to 1 Year	2,464	12.4	2,287	15.7	4,017	13.2	8,065	17.2	9,248	19.4
1 to 1 1/2 Years	576	2.9	416	2.9	2,168	7.1	1,513	3.2	1,446	3.0
1 1/2 to 2 Years	556	2.8	232	1.6	1,167	3.8	930	2.0	759	1.6
3 to 4 Years	173	0.9	157	1.1	749	2.5	681	1.5	768	1.6
4 to 5 Years	116	0.6	120	0.8	493	1.6	435	0.9	928	1.9
6 to 10 Years	106	0.5	68	0.5	256	0.8	239	0.5	394	0.8
11 Years and Over	137	0.7	93	0.6	250	0.8	235	0.5	217	0.5
Life Imprisonment			24	0.2	21	0.1	29	0.1	68	0.1
Death Sentences	93	0.5	33	0.2	47	0.2	101	0.2	79	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,856</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,547</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30,331</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>46,939</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,783</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 4.26**  
**DISCHARGE OF CONVICTED PRISONERS, 2022 - 2024**

Basis of Discharge	Year											
	2022				2023				2024			
	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%	Male	Female	Total	%
<b>On punishment</b>	16,149	130	16,279	64.8	28,870	250	29,120	54.8	26,584	373	27,012	64.5
<b>On bail</b>	138	9	147	0.6	151	8	159	0.3	131	18	149	0.4
<b>On payment of fines</b>	7,224	139	7,363	29.3	19,546	210	19,756	37.2	11,344	250	11,631	27.8
<b>On special occasions</b>												
National Independence Day	193		193	0.8	626	14	640	1.2	859	17	876	2.1
Vesak Full Moon Poya Day	224		224	0.9	1,004	8	1,012	1.9	263	6	269	0.6
Poson Full Moon Poya Day	178	5	183	0.7	474	4	478	0.9	283	6	289	0.7
Prisoners Day	413	4	417	1.7	976	7	983	1.8	354	4	358	0.9
Christmas Day	302	3	305	1.2	986	15	1,001	1.9	385	4	389	0.9
President released (Special)	11		11	0.0	6	-	6	0.0	2	-	2	0.0
Sinhala Hindu New Year									901	21	922	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,832</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>25,122</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>52,639</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>53,155</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>41,106</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>41,897</b>	<b>100.0</b>

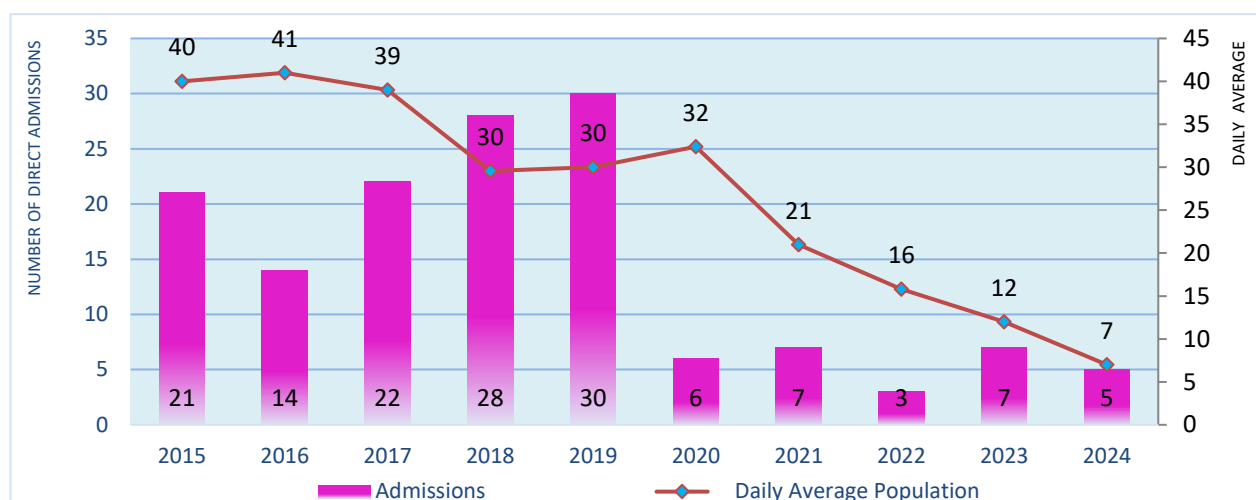
Source: Department of Prisons







## 5 YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS



**Table 5.1**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS AND DAILY AVERAGE POPULATION AT THE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS, 2015-2024**

Year	Admissions	Daily Average Population
2015	21	40
2016	14	41
2017	22	39
2018	28	30
2019	30	30
2020	6	32
2021	7	21
2022	3	16
2023	7	12
2024	5	7

**Source:** Department of Prisons

Note:- Wathupitiwala which was shifted to Pallansena in 1997 then to Ambepussa in 2009 and to Homagama 2015.

**Table 5.2**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS TO TRAINING SCHOOL FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS, BY AGE GROUPS, 2020 - 2024**

Age Group	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
16 & Under 17 Years	5	5	2	4	1
17 & Under 18 Years	-	-	1	3	4
18 & Under 19 Years	1	2	-	-	-
19 & Under 20 Years	-	-	-	-	-
20 & Under 21 Years	-	-	-	-	-
21 to 22 Years	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**Table 5.3**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS TO TRAINING SCHOOL FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS, BY RESIDENCE, 2020 - 2024**

Sector	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Urban	3	-	-	-	-
Rural	3	7	3	7	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**Table 5.4**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS TO TRAINING SCHOOL FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS, BY**  
**MARITAL STATUS OF DELINQUENT'S FAMILY, 2019 - 2023**

Marital Status of Delinquent's Family	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Married	-	7	3	7	5
Unmarried	6	-	-	-	-
Separated or Divorced	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**Table 5.5**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS TO TRAINING SCHOOL FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS, BY**  
**UP-BRINGING, 2020 - 2024**

Up - Bringing	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Parents	4	7	2	7	5
Brothers & Sisters	-	-	-	-	-
Foster Parents	-	-	-	-	-
Other Relations & Friends	-	-	-	-	-
Employers	-	-	-	-	-
No Fixed abode	2	-	-	-	-
Not specified	-	-	1	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**Table 5.6**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS TO TRAINING SCHOOL FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS, BY**  
**FAMILY PARTICULARS, 2020 - 2024**

Family Particulars	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Parents Alive	4	7	2	5	3
Farther Dead	-	-	-	2	2
Mother Dead	-	-	-	-	-
Both Dead	2	-	1	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**Table 5.7**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS TO TRAINING SCHOOL FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS, BY  
POSITION OF DELINQUENT, 2020 - 2024**

Position	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Only Child	2	2	1	2	2
Eldest	-	1	-	1	1
Intermediate	1	1	1	3	1
Youngest	3	3	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 5.8**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS TO TRAINING SCHOOL FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS, BY  
MENTAL DISPOSITION, 2020 - 2024**

Mental Disposition	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Normal	6	7	2	7	5
Defective	-	-	-	-	-
Aggressive	-	-	-	-	-
Regressive	-	-	-	-	-
Mutual Sex Tendencies	-	-	-	-	-
Homosexual	-	-	1	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 5.9**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS TO TRAINING SCHOOL FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS, BY  
LITERACY, 2020 - 2024**

Literacy	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
No Schooling	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 1-5	2	1	1	2	1
Passed Grade 5	-	-	-	-	-
Passed Grade 8	4	6	2	5	4
Passed G.C.E (O/L)	-	-	-	-	-
Passed G.C.E (A/L)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

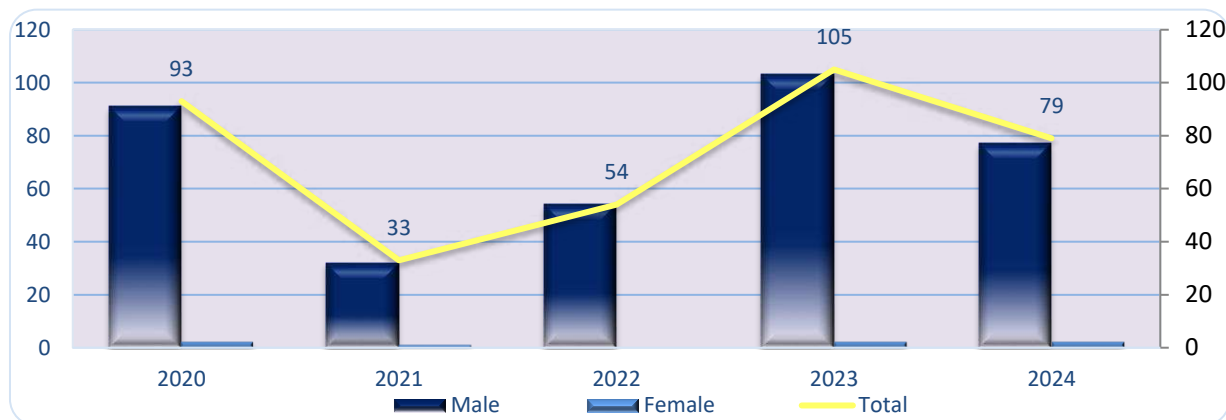
Source: Department of Prisons



## 6

### DEATH SENTENCE

#### DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS FOR SENTENCED TO DEATH SEX, 2020 - 2024



**Table 6.1**

#### DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS FOR DEATH SENTENCES, 2014- 2024

Year	Number Sentenced to Death	Number Executed	Number of Death Sentences Committed to Imprisonment	Number under Appeal Awaiting Execution or Final Decision for Commutation of Execution
2014	153	-	-	153
2015	186	-	-	186
2016	180	-	-	180
2017	217	-	-	217
2018	168	-	-	168
2019	144	-	-	144
2020	93	-	-	93
2021	33	-	-	33
2022	54	-	-	54
2023	105	-	-	105
2024	79	-	-	79

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 6.2**

#### DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH BY SEX, 2020 - 2024

Sex	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Male	91	32	54	103	77
Female	2	1	-	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>79</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 6.3**

#### DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH BY RACE, 2020 - 2024

Race	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Sinhalese	59	29	32	92	57
Tamils - Sri Lankan	7	3	8	9	15
Tamils - Indian	2	-	-	-	-
Moors - Sri Lankan	21	1	14	4	2
Moors - Indian	-	-	-	-	5
Malays	-	-	-	-	-
Burghers	-	-	-	-	-
Others	4	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>79</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 6.4**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH RELIGION, 2020 - 2024**

Religion	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Buddhist	50	26	30	92	53
Hindu	8	3	6	9	14
Islam	21	1	14	4	7
Roman Catholic	10	3	4	-	5
Others	4	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>79</b>

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**Table 6.5**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH BY MARITAL STATUS, 2020 - 2024**

Marital Status	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Married	77	21	36	96	71
Single	15	9	12	7	5
Divorced, Separated etc.	1	3	6	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>79</b>

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**Table 6.6**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION, 2020 - 2024**

Literacy	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Illiteracy	5	2	3	1	1
Literate Up to Grade 5	-	-	-	-	-
Literate Up to Grade 8	29	10	28	5	15
Literate above Grade 8	59	21	23	99	63
Pass O/L	-	-	-	-	-
Pass A/L	-	-	-	-	-
Graduate	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>79</b>

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**Table 6.7**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH BY DISTRICTS,**  
**2020 - 2024**

District	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Colombo	37	6	16	38	29
Gampaha	9	4	7	12	4
Kalutara	12	4	2	11	4
Kandy	3	-	3	2	1
Matale	-	1	-	1	-
Nuwaraeliya	1	-	-	-	1
Galle	3	-	6	8	2
Matara	6	3	1	5	-
Hambantota	5	2	3	4	9
Jaffna	-	-	-	-	1
Mannar	-	-	1	1	1
Vavuniya	-	-	2	4	-
Mullativu	-	-	2	-	-
Batticaloa	-	-	-	3	-
Trincomalee	1	-	-	-	-
Ampara	-	-	4	1	-
Kurunegala	3	4	-	-	2
Puttalam	2	-	-	-	4
Anuradhapura	1	2	2	3	5
Polonnaruwa	-	-	-	2	2
Badulla	2	1	1	-	4
Monaragala	4	4	1	1	2
Ratnapura	3	1	1	-	8
Kegalle	1	1	2	8	-
Kelinochchi	-	-	-	1	-
Other Countries	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>79</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 6.8**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH BY RESIDENCE,**  
**2020 - 2024**

Sector	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Urban	63	16	30	59	13
Rural	30	17	24	46	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>79</b>

Source: Department of Prisons



**Table 6.9**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH PREVIOUS**  
**PUNISHMENTS, 2020 - 2024**

Punishment	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
None	11	21	25	81	65
Warned & Discharge	-	-	4	-	2
Fined	1	-	2	-	-
Probation	-	-	-	-	-
Certified & Approved School	1	-	-	-	-
Borstal	-	-	-	-	-
Convicted	10	3	10	5	4
In Remand Custody Before Conviction	62	9	13	19	8
Other	8	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>79</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 6.10**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH BY PREVIOUS**  
**CONVICTIONS, 2020 - 2024**

Previous Conviction	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Not Convicted Before	65	27	41	81	70
Convicted Once Before	15	5	6	12	6
Convicted Twice Before	13	1	7	8	3
Convicted Thrice Before	-	-	-	4	-
Convicted Over Three times Before	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>79</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 6.11**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH BY LEVEL OF INCOME OF**  
**OFFENDERS, 2020 - 2024**

Income	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Rs.2500 & Under Rs.3000 per Month	8	2	37	72	63
Rs.3000 & Over	84	31	17	32	13
No Income	1	-	-	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>79</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 6.12**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH**  
**BY PERSONAL HABITS, 2020 - 2024**

Personal Habit	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Alcoholism</b>					
Excessively	7	6	15	36	1
Moderately	60	21	24	53	74
Not Addicted	26	6	15	16	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Drugs</b>					
Excessively	13	3	12	29	1
Moderately	39	8	19	6	51
Not Addicted	41	22	23	70	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Gambling</b>					
Excessively	8	8	9	18	-
Moderately	21	10	8	49	18
Not Addicted	64	15	37	38	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>79</b>

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**Table 6.13**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH  
BY OCCUPATION, 2020 - 2024**

Occupation	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Cultivators	1	5	5	12	11
Fisherman	23	6	6	6	7
Labour (skilled)	16	8	7	42	-
Labour (Unskilled)	-	-	3	10	4
Tailors	-	-	1	3	-
Carpenters	-	1	3	7	3
Masons	2	4	3	5	6
Craftsmen	-	-	2	-	-
Domestic - Servants	-	-	-	-	-
Waiter	-	-	1	-	-
K.K.S. (Peons)	-	-	-	-	-
Hawkers	-	1	1	1	-
Housewives	2	1	-	1	2
Clerical & Inspector Grades	-	-	-	2	-
Businessmen	-	1	8	2	15
Proprietors	-	2	4	-	-
Professional Grades	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative Grades	-	-	-	-	-
Pensioners	-	-	2	-	-
Students	-	-	-	-	-
Drivers	4	4	2	10	27
Armed Forces	-	-	1	-	2
Police	-	-	-	-	-
UN-employed	17	-	-	1	1
Others	28	-	5	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>79</b>

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH  
BY TYPE OF OFFENCES**

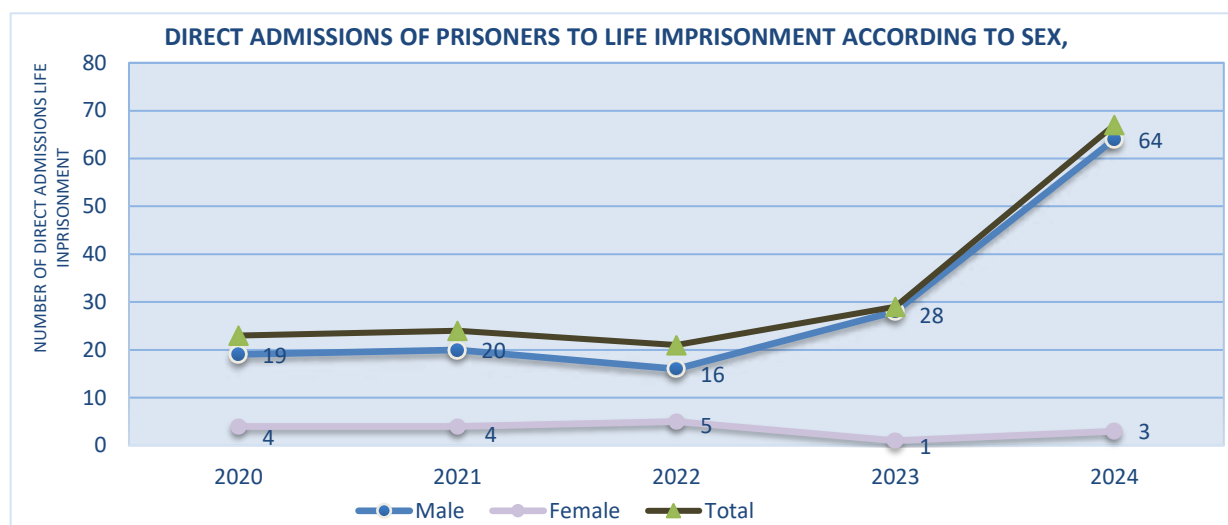
Offences relating to prisoners serving death sentences are shown in item 1 under " A " Criminal offences against persons and item 4 under " D " Other Offences, given in Table 4.12 .

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH  
BY AGE GROUPS**

Condemned prisoners who divided in to groups according to their ages are given in table 4.17

# 7

## LIFE IMPRISONMENT



**Table 7.1**

### DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT BY SEX, 2021 - 2024

Sex	Year			
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Male	20	16	28	64
Female	4	5	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>67</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 7.2**

### DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT BY RACE, 2021 - 2024

Race	Year			
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Sinhalese	14	6	21	43
Tamils - Sri Lankan	2	3	1	6
Tamils - Indian	-	-	-	-
Moors - Sri Lankan	2	5	6	-
Moors - Indian	-	-	-	3
Malays	-	3	-	-
Burghers	-	-	-	-
Others	6	4	1	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>67</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 7.3**

### DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT BY RELIGION, 2021 - 2024

Religion	Year			
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Buddhist	14	6	18	35
Hindu	2	3	1	11
Islam	4	7	9	14
Roman Catholic	4	4	1	7
Others	0	1	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>67</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 7.4**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT  
BY MARITAL STATUS, 2021 - 2024**

Marital Status	Year			
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Married	16	13	18	56
Single	8	2	8	11
Divorced, Separated etc.	-	6	3	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>67</b>

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**Table 7.5**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT  
BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION, 2021 - 2024**

Literacy	Year			
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Illiterate	3	3	1	13
Literate Up to Grade 8	3	9	19	11
Literate above Grade 8	18	9	9	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>67</b>

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**Table 7.6**

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT  
BY RESIDENCE, 2021 - 2024**

Sector	Year			
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Urban	19	14	21	40
Rural	5	7	8	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>67</b>

**Source:** Department of Prisons

Table 7.7

**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT  
BY DISTRICTS, 2021 - 2024**

District	Year			
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Colombo	7	10	18	31
Gampaha	4	2	5	5
Kalutara	2	1	-	2
Kandy	-	-	1	-
Matale	-	-	-	-
Nuwaraeliya	-	-	-	-
Galle	1	-	-	7
Matara	2	-	-	-
Hambantota	1	-	-	-
Jaffna	-	-	-	3
Mannar	-	-	-	-
Vavuniya	-	1	-	-
Mullativu	-	-	-	-
Batticaloa	-	1	-	-
Trincomalee	-	-	-	-
Ampara	-	-	-	-
Kurunegala	-	-	-	2
Puttalam	-	-	3	-
Anuradhapura	-	-	1	1
Polonnaruwa	-	-	-	-
Badulla	-	-	-	-
Monaragala	-	2	-	1
Ratnapura	-	-	-	-
Kegalle	1	-	-	-
Kelinochchi	-	-	-	-
Other Countries	6	4	1	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>67</b>

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**Table 7.8**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT**  
**PREVIOUS PUNISHMENTS, 2021 - 2024**

Punishment	Year			
	2021	2022	2023	2024
None	9	9	22	19
Warned & Discharge	-	1	-	3
Fined	-	-	-	7
Probation	-	-	-	-
Certified & Approved School	-	-	-	-
Borstal	-	-	-	-
Prison	9	8	-	4
In Remand Custody Before Conviction	6	3	7	34
Other	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>67</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 7.9**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT**  
**BY PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS, 2021 - 2024**

Previous Conviction	Year			
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Not Convicted Before	22	15	22	48
Convicted Once Before	-	3	3	8
Convicted Twice Before	2	2	4	11
Convicted Thrice Before	-	1	-	-
Convicted Over Three times Before	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>67</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 7.10**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT**  
**BY LEVEL OF INCOME OF OFFENDERS, 2021 - 2024**

Income	Year			
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Rs.2500 & Under Rs.3000 per Month	2	7	22	12
Rs.3000 & Over	21	7	6	50
No Income	1	7	1	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>67</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 7.11**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT**  
**BY PERSONAL HABITS, 2021 - 2024**

Personal Habit	Year			
	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Alcoholism</b>				
Excessively	3	6	12	2
Moderately	12	8	14	60
Not Addicted	9	7	3	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Drugs</b>				
Excessively	3	6	8	1
Moderately	7	4	13	36
Not Addicted	14	11	8	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Gambling</b>				
Excessively	1	3	12	-
Moderately	7	6	10	15
Not Addicted	16	12	7	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>67</b>

**Source:** Department of Prisons



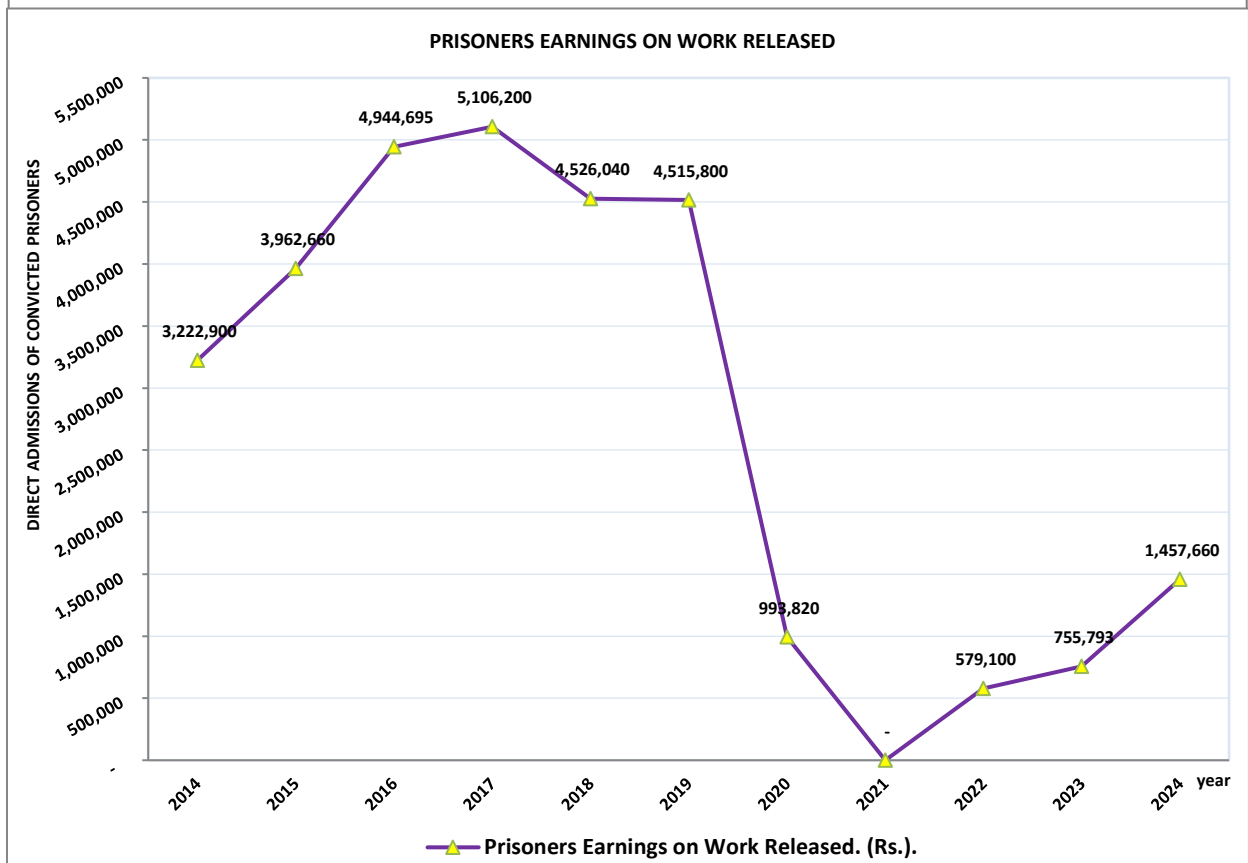
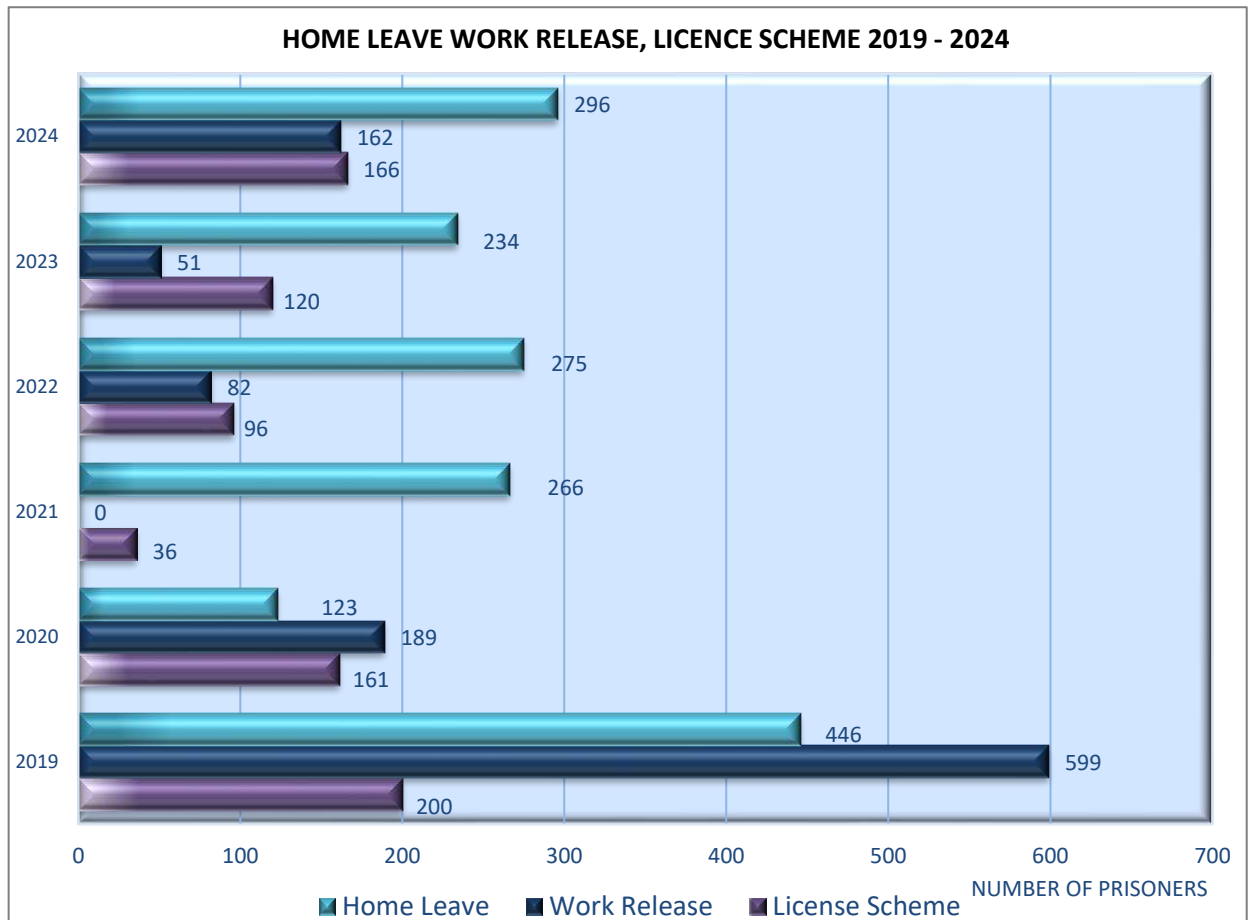
**Table 7.12**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF PRISONERS TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT BY**  
**OCCUPATION, 2021 - 2024**

Occupation	Year			
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Cultivators	-	-	6	4
Fisherman	2	3	-	18
Labour (skilled)	4	-	12	3
Labour (Unskilled)	-	3	-	-
Tailors	1	-	-	-
Carpenters	-	-	2	5
Masons	3	2	4	6
Craftsmen	-	3	-	-
Domestic - Servants	-	-	-	-
Waiter	-	-	-	-
K.K.S. (Peons)	-	-	-	-
Hawkers	-	1	-	-
Housewives	2	2	-	3
Clerical & Inspector Grades	-	-	1	-
Businessmen	3	2	-	13
Proprietors	1	-	-	-
Professional Grades	-	-	1	-
Administrative Grades	-	-	-	-
Pensioners	-	-	-	2
Students	-	-	-	-
Armed Forces	1	-	-	-
Police	-	-	-	2
Drivers	6	-	2	2
UN-employed	1	5	1	2
Others	-	-	-	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>67</b>

**Source:** Department of Prisons

# 8

## PRISONERS RELEASED



## PRISONERS RELEASED

**Table 8.1**

### PRISONERS RELEASED ON WORK RELEASE, HOME LEAVE AND ON LICENCE SCHEME, 2014 - 2024

Year	Work Release	Home Leave	License Scheme
2014	511	477	190
2015	648	774	168
2016	4,145	589	230
2017	675	506	232
2018	547	378	167
2019	599	446	200
2020	189	123	161
2021	-	266	36
2022	82	275	96
2023	51	234	120
2024	162	296	166

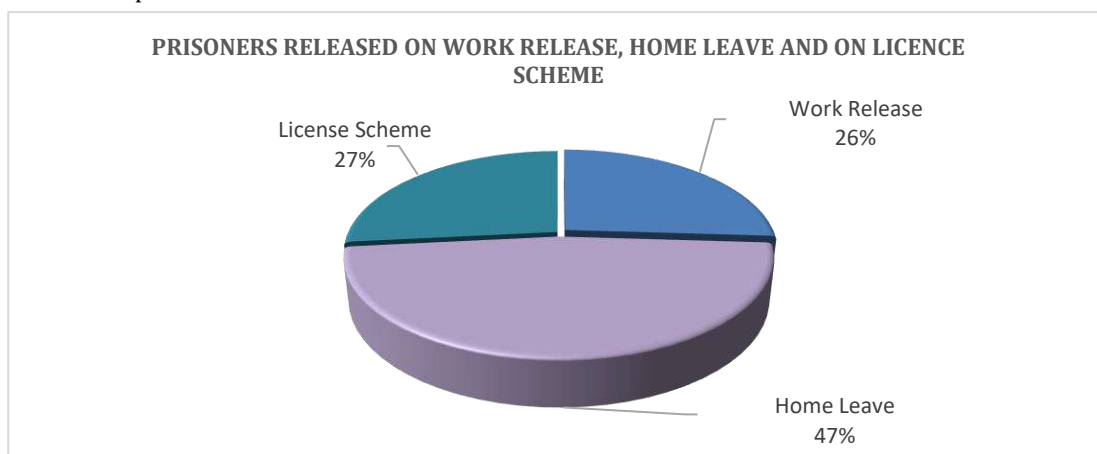
**Source:** Department of Prisons

**Table 8.2**

### PRISONERS ENGAGED ON WORK RELEASE SCHEME, 2014 - 2024

Year	Number of Prisoners Engaged on Work Released	Number of Found Unsuitable	Total Amount Earned for the Year (Rs.)
2014	511	4	3,222,900
2015	648	-	3,962,660
2016	4,145	-	4,944,695
2017	675	-	5,106,200
2018	547	-	4,526,040
2019	599	-	4,515,800
2020	189	-	993,820
2021	-	-	-
2022	82	1	579,100
2023	51	4	755,793
2024	162	1	1,457,660

**Source:** Department of Prisons



**Table 8.3**  
**PRISONERS RELEASE ON LICENCE SCHEME, 2014 - 2024**

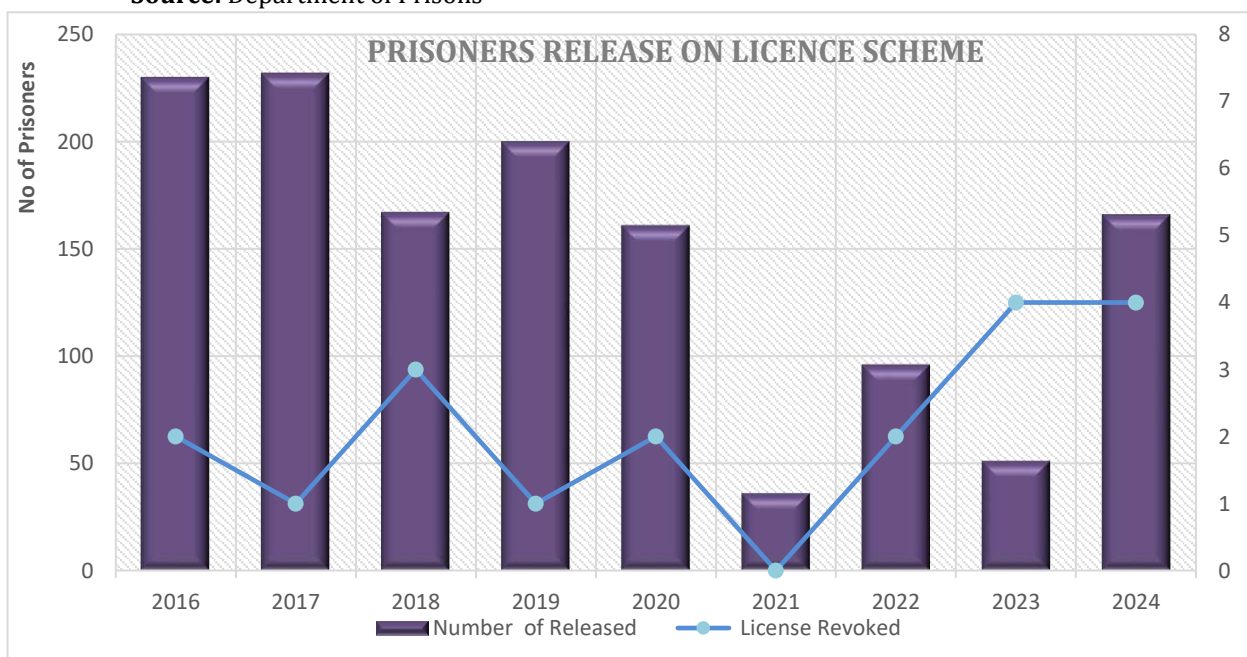
Year	Number of Released			Number of whose License were Revoked for Violation conditions			Number of Taken into Custody Again		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
2014	188	2	190	-	-	-	-	-	-
2015	158	10	168	-	-	-	-	-	-
2016	223	7	230	2	-	2	2	-	2
2017	230	2	232	1	-	1	-	-	-
2018	164	3	167	3	-	3	1	-	1
2019	198	2	200	1	-	1	-	-	-
2020	160	1	161	2	-	2	-	-	-
2021	36	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	-
2022	96	-	96	2	-	2	1	-	1
2023	51	-	51	4	-	4	2	-	2
2024	165	1	166	4	-	4	3	-	3

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 8.4**  
**PRISONERS RELEASED ON HOME LEAVE SCHEME, 2014 - 2024**

Year	Number of Sent on Home Leave			Number of Violated Law		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
2014	469	8	477	19	-	19
2015	757	17	774	14	2	16
2016	578	11	589	24	-	24
2017	502	4	506	9	-	9
2018	378	-	378	13	-	13
2019	446	-	446	7	-	7
2020	123	5	118	4	-	4
2021	260	6	266	6	-	6
2022	274	1	275	3	-	3
2023	233	1	234	4	-	4
2024	295	1	296	2	-	2

Source: Department of Prisons

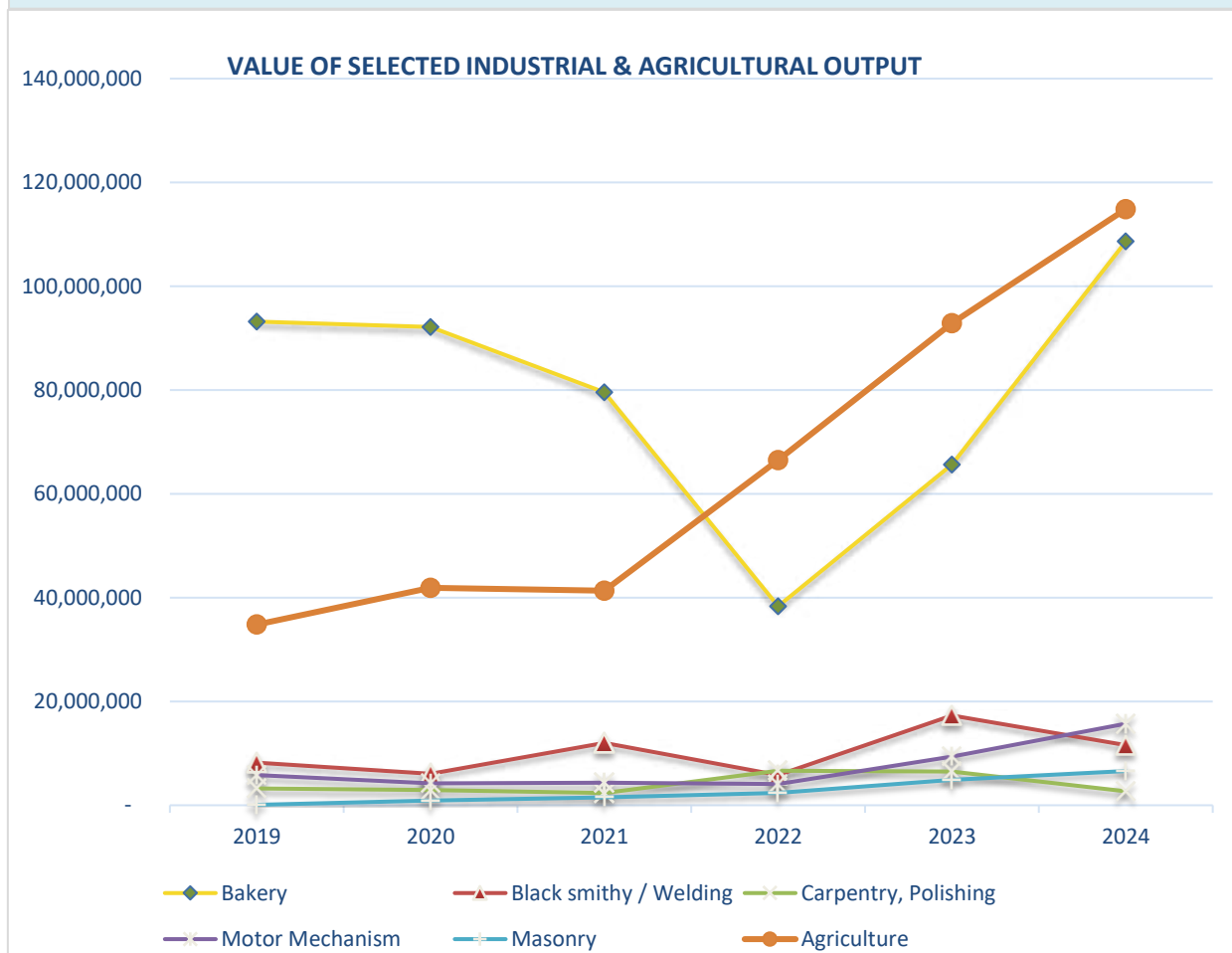
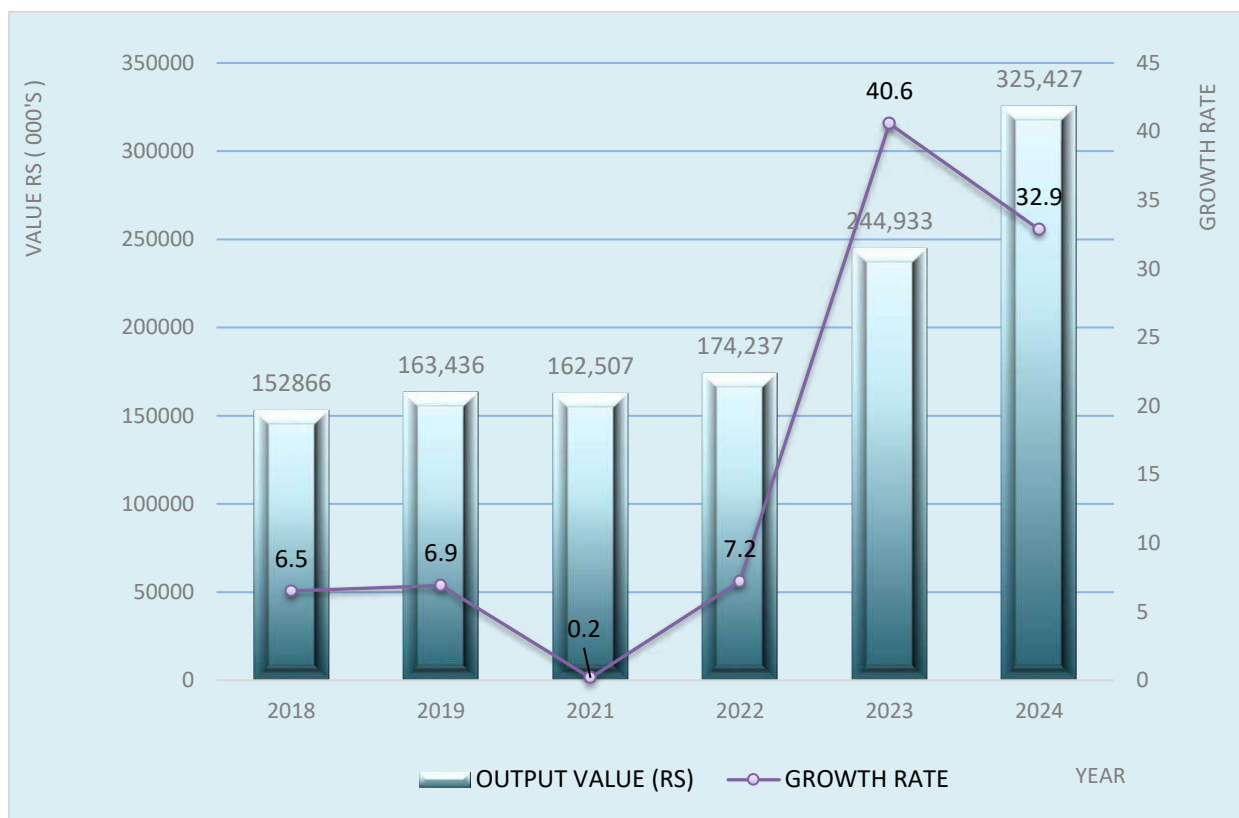




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## INDUSTRIAL & AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT

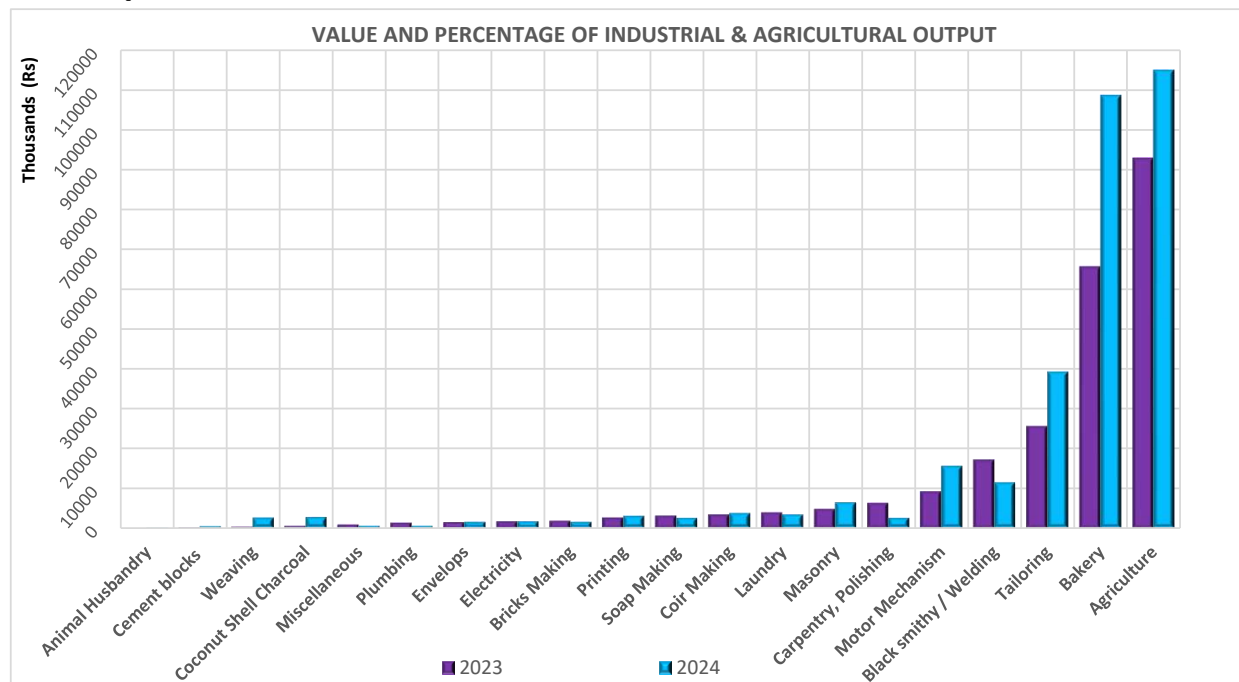
### VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL & AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT



**Table 9.1**  
**VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL & AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT, 2020 - 2024**

Item	Year									
	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Rs.	%	Rs.	%	Rs.	%	Rs.	%	Rs.	%
Laundry	1,581,738	1.0	931,782	0.6	2,251,226	1.3	4,078,662	1.7	3,531,615	1.1
Bakery	92,127,354	56.8	79,540,747	48.9	38,340,851	22.0	65,662,631	26.8	108,621,380	33.4
Printing	788,625	0.5	1,106,560	0.7	1,004,170	0.6	2,722,735	1.1	3,185,151	1.0
Black smithy / Welding	6,034,900	3.7	11,999,753	7.4	5,808,787	3.3	17,290,812	7.1	11,596,139	3.6
Carpentry, Polishing	2,944,474	1.8	2,355,483	1.4	6,643,937	3.8	6,462,423	2.6	2,688,628	0.8
Tailoring	2,243,005	1.4	7,821,496	4.8	31,101,852	17.9	25,663,140	10.5	39,296,931	12.1
Motor Mechanism	4,191,840	2.6	4,350,714	2.7	4,081,699	2.3	9,353,040	3.8	15,710,200	4.8
Soap Making	1,377,475	0.8	2,183,270	1.3	1,556,134	0.9	3,241,134	1.3	2,666,213	0.8
Coir Making	1,835,705	1.1	1,409,555	0.9	2,839,323	1.6	3,529,352	1.4	3,916,790	1.2
Weaving	675,423	0.4	2,103,380	1.3	2,353,820	1.4	416,680	0.2	2,742,795	0.8
Masonry	924,224	0.6	1,497,624	0.9	2,378,024	1.4	4,902,091	2.0	6,589,313	2.0
Plumbing	385,062	0.2	492,010	0.3	768,515	0.4	1,403,818	0.6	668,183	0.2
Animal Husbandry	338,498	0.2	105,157	0.1	100,704	0.1	91,673	0.0	149,378	0.0
Agriculture	41,906,325	25.8	41,352,030	25.4	66,524,844	38.2	92,874,384	37.9	114,862,269	35.3
Electricity	265,866	0.2	504,174	0.3	1,334,771	0.8	1,831,834	0.7	1,783,152	0.5
Coconut Oil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Envelops	1,763,750	1.1	505,000	0.3	771,725	0.4	1,599,875	0.7	1,668,775	0.5
Bricks Making	1,820,130	1.1	963,695	0.6	1,626,800	0.9	1,936,300	0.8	1,645,300	0.5
Cement blocks	527,317	0.3	584,617	0.4	419,560	0.2	216,280	0.1	568,580	0.2
Coconut Shell Charcoal	-	-	1,703,425	1.0	77,375	0.0	645,650	0.3	2,877,795	0.9
Flower Pots	-	-	3,510	0.0	22,180	0.0	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	491,957	0.3	993,567	0.6	4,230,609	2.4	1,010,543	0.4	658,695	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>162,223,668</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>162,507,549</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>174,236,906</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>244,933,057</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>325,427,282</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: Department of Prisons



**Table 9.2**  
**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF COST OF SUPPLIES , 2023 - 2024**

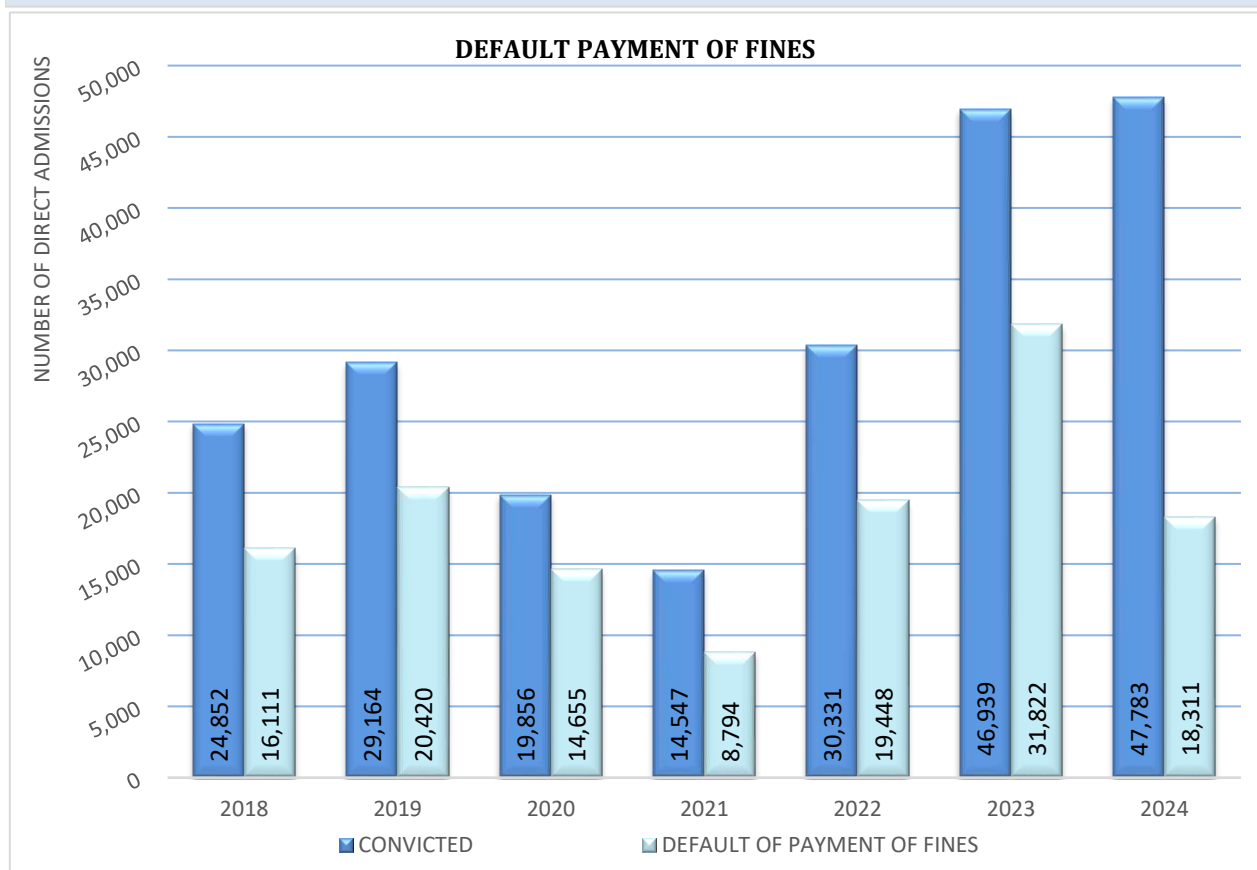
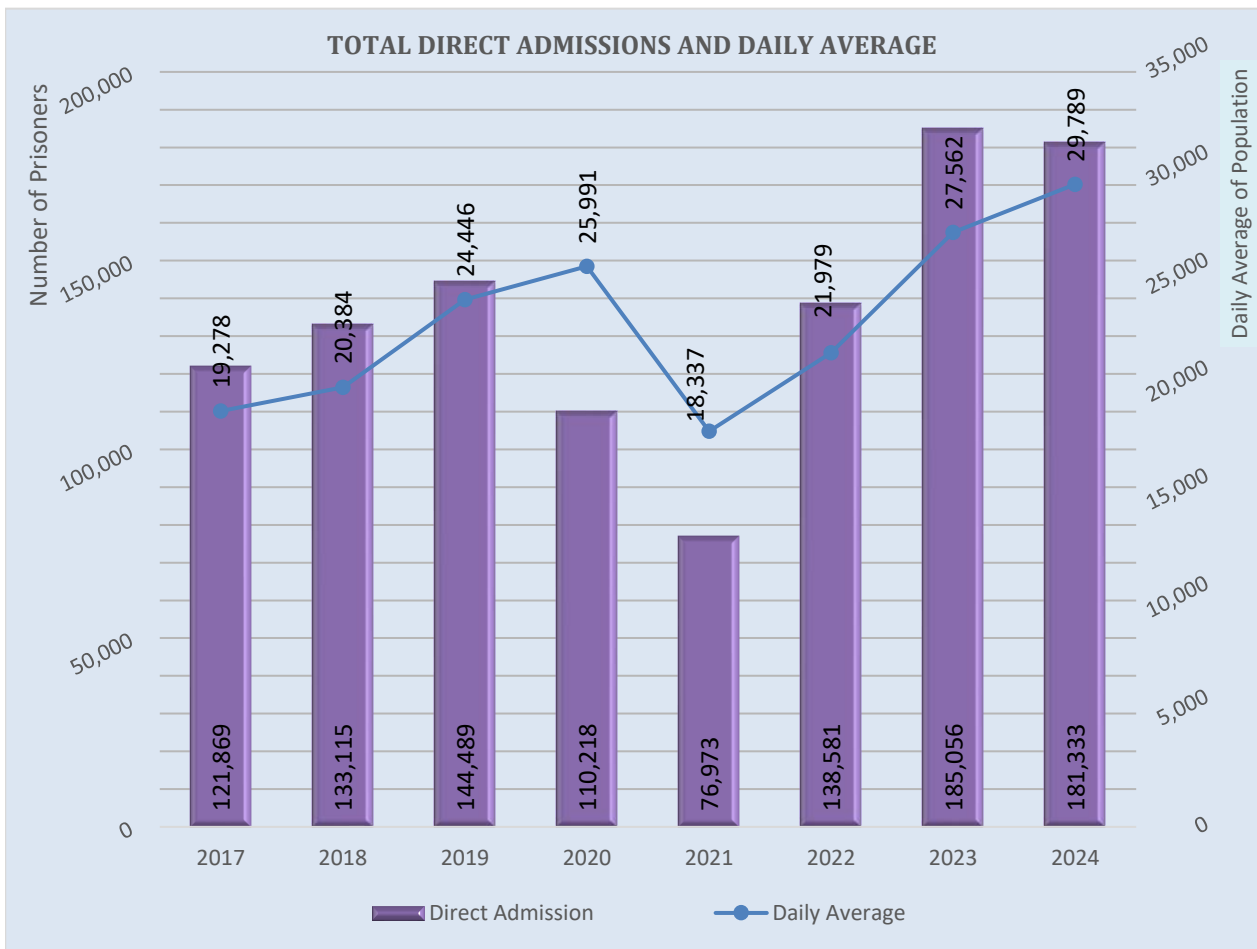
Item	Year					
	2023			2024		
	Cost of Articles Supplied by Industrial Institutions or Private Contractors ( Rs.)	Cost of Articles Supplied by Prison Department to Government and Private Sector ( Rs.)	Savings ( Rs.)	Cost of Articles Supplied by Industrial Institutions or Private Contractors ( Rs.)	Cost of Articles Supplied by Prison Department to Government and Private Sector ( Rs.)	Savings ( Rs.)
Laundry	24,471,972	4,078,662	20,393,310	21,189,690	3,531,615	17,658,075
Bakery	75,512,026	65,662,631	9,849,395	124,914,587	108,621,380	16,293,207
Printing	13,613,675	2,722,735	10,890,940	15,925,756	3,185,151	12,740,605
Black smithy / Welding	34,581,624	17,290,812	17,290,812	23,192,279	11,596,139	11,596,140
Carpentry, Polishing	9,693,635	6,462,423	3,231,212	4,032,942	2,688,628	1,344,314
Tailoring	64,157,850	25,663,140	38,494,710	98,242,328	39,296,931	58,945,397
Motor Mechanism	18,706,080	9,353,040	9,353,040	31,420,400	15,710,200	15,710,200
Soap Making	3,403,191	3,241,134	162,057	2,799,524	2,666,213	133,311
Coir Making	4,366,736	3,529,352	837,384	4,865,037	3,916,790	948,247
Weaving	625,020	416,680	208,340	4,114,192	2,742,795	1,371,397
Masonry	12,255,227	4,902,091	7,353,136	16,473,282	6,589,313	9,883,969
Plumbing	1,403,818	1,403,818	-	668,183	668,183	-
Animal Husbandry	91,673	91,673	-	149,377	149,378	-
Agriculture	92,874,384	92,874,384	-	114,862,269	114,862,269	-
Electricity	1,831,834	1,831,834	-	1,783,152	1,783,152	-
Envelopes	1,599,875	1,599,875	-	1,668,775	1,668,775	-
Bricks Making	1,936,300	1,936,300	-	1,645,300	1,645,300	-
Cement blocks	216,280	216,280	-	568,580	568,580	-
Coconut Shell Charcoal	645,650	645,650	-	2,877,794	2,877,795	-
Flower Pots	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,010,543	1,010,543	-	658,695	658,695	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>362,997,393</b>	<b>244,933,057</b>	<b>118,064,336</b>	<b>472,052,142</b>	<b>325,427,282</b>	<b>146,624,862</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

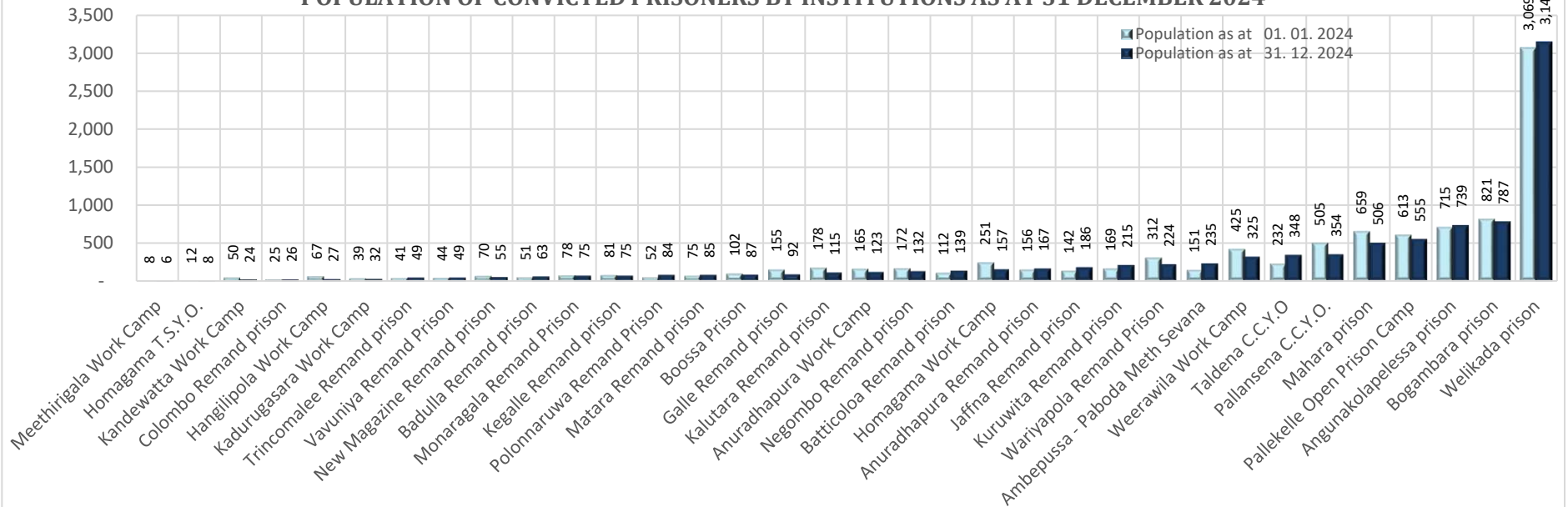




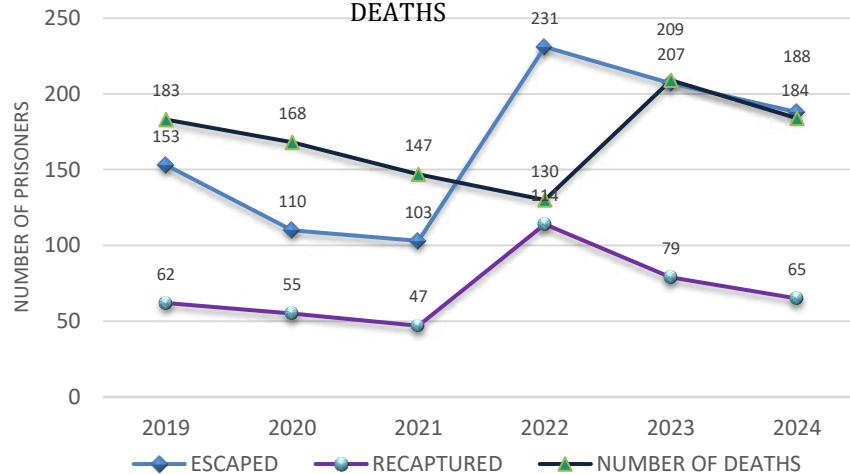
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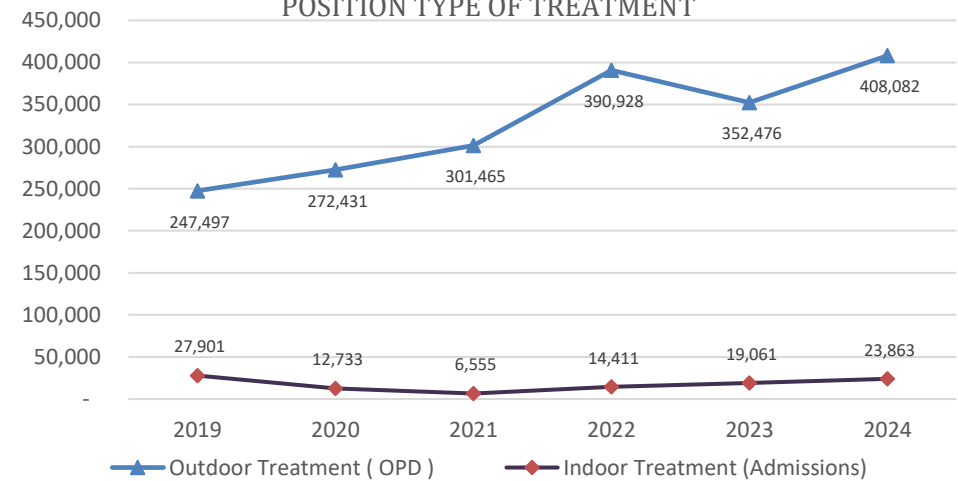
### POPULATION OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY INSTITUTIONS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024



### PRISONERS ESCAPED , RECAPTURED & NUMBER OF DEATHS



### POSITION TYPE OF TREATMENT



**Table 10.1**  
**PRISONERS ESCAPED , RECAPTURED AND AT LARGE ( Convicted & Unconvicted ), 2018 - 2024**

Year	Total Admissions of Convicted and Unconvicted Prisoners	Daily Average Population of Convicted and Unconvicted Prisoners	Escaped	Escaped Prisoners Percentage of Daily Population (Convicted and Unconvicted)	Recaptured	At Large
2018	133,115	20,384	161	0.79	74	87
2019	144,489	24,446	153	0.62	62	91
2020	110,218	25,991	110	0.42	55	55
2021	76,973	18,337	103	0.56	47	56
2022	138,581	21,979	231	1.05	114	117
2023	185,056	27,562	207	0.75	79	128
2024	181,333	29,789	188	0.63	65	123

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 10.2**  
**PRISONERS ESCAPE BASED ON LOCATION, 2020 - 2024**

Year	Prison	Prison Camp	Out Work	Escort	Court	Hospital	Home Leave	Total
2020	12	27	39	1	7	24	-	<b>110</b>
2021	14	40	20	8	6	9	6	<b>103</b>
2022	14	95	73	1	17	28	3	<b>231</b>
2023	6	111	43	10	17	16	4	<b>207</b>
2024	8	86	34	7	22	29	2	<b>188</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 10.3**  
**IMPRISONMENT FOR DEFAULT PAYMENT OF FINES, 2018 - 2024**

Year	Total Admissions of Convicted Prisoners	Number of Persons Imprisoned in Default of payment of Fines	Percentage to Total Admissions
2018	24,852	16,111	64.8
2019	29,164	20,420	70.0
2020	19,856	14,655	73.8
2021	14,547	8,794	60.5
2022	30,331	19,448	64.1
2023	46,939	31,822	67.8
2024	47,783	18,311	38.3

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 10.4**

**THE POPULATION FIGURES OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY INSTITUTIONS AS AT 1<sup>ST</sup> OF  
JANUARY AND 31<sup>ST</sup> OF DECEMBER OF EACH YEAR UNDER REFERENCE, 2023 – 2024**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Year</b>			
	<b>2023</b>		<b>2024</b>	
	<b>Population as at 01. 01. 2023</b>	<b>Population as at 31. 12. 2023</b>	<b>Population as at 01. 01. 2024</b>	<b>Population as at 31. 12. 2024</b>
Welikada prison	2,625	3,145	3,069	3,149
Colombo Remand prison	38	25	25	26
New Magazine Remand prison	119	68	70	55
Mahara prison	612	621	659	506
Bogambara prison	743	812	821	787
Jaffna Remand prison	166	131	142	186
Anuradhapura Remand prison	138	139	156	167
Badulla Remand prison	53	46	51	63
Batticaloa Remand prison	93	112	112	139
Galle Remand prison	102	140	155	92
Matara Remand prison	93	75	75	85
Angunakolapelessa prison	787	697	715	739
Negombo Remand prison	147	168	172	132
Ambepussa - Paboda Meth Sevana	152	151	151	235
Homagama T.S.Y.O.	12	12	12	8
Trincomalee Remand prison	44	38	41	49
Kegalle Remand prison	86	75	81	75
Kalutara Remand prison	176	177	178	115
Kuruwita Remand prison	184	159	169	215
Boossa Prison	164	102	102	87
Pallekelle Open Prison Camp	845	590	613	555
Meethirigala Work Camp	9	8	8	6
Homagama Work Camp	236	250	251	157
Weerawila Work Camp	473	422	425	325
Taldena C.C.Y.O	399	220	232	348
Kandewatta Work Camp	75	41	50	24
Anuradhapura Work Camp	118	167	165	123
Pallansena C.C.Y.O.	393	463	505	354
Polonnaruwa Remand Prison	59	49	52	84
Monaragala Remand Prison	57	75	78	75
Wariyapola Remand Prison	92	312	312	224
Vavuniya Remand Prison	17	44	44	49
Kadurugasara Work Camp	43	39	39	32
Hangilipola Work Camp	20	67	67	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,370</b>	<b>9,640</b>	<b>9,797</b>	<b>9,293</b>

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**Table 10.5**  
**POPULATION OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BY LITERACY AND SEX , 2015 - 2024**

Year	Sex			Literate			Literacy Percentage		
	Convicted Prisoners	Male	Female	Convicted Prisoners	Male	Female	Convicted Prisoners	Male	Female
2015	24,086	23,327	759	22,987	22,346	641	95.4	95.8	84.5
2016	24,060	23,165	895	22,537	21,804	733	93.7	94.1	81.9
2017	22,833	22,268	565	21,452	20,969	483	94.0	94.2	85.5
2018	24,852	24,311	541	23,728	23,228	500	95.5	95.5	92.4
2019	29,164	28,510	654	26,959	26,359	600	92.4	92.5	91.7
2020	19,856	19,461	395	19,266	18,970	296	97.0	97.5	74.9
2021	14,547	14,332	215	14,272	14,083	189	98.1	98.3	87.9
2022	30,331	29,941	390	29,495	29,145	350	97.2	97.3	89.7
2023	46,939	46,295	644	44,370	43,800	570	94.5	94.6	88.5
2024	47,783	46,898	885	45,266	44,483	783	94.7	94.9	88.5

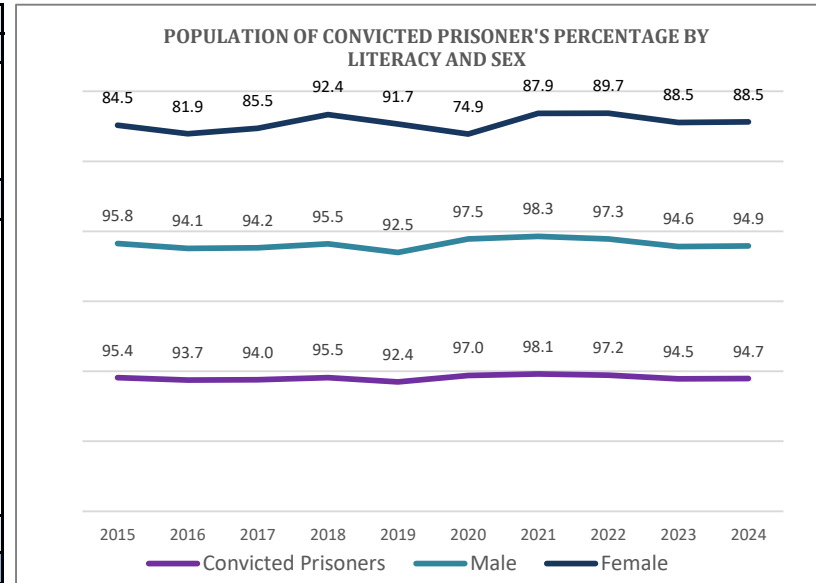
Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 10.6**  
**NUMBER OF PRISONERS TREATED IN PRISON HOSPITAL & OTHER HOSPITALS**  
**, 2020 - 2024**

Position Type of Treatment	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Outdoor Treatment ( OPD )</b>					
Prison Hospital	267,638	292,719	357,038	340,672	395,229
Outside Clinics	4,793	8,746	33,890	11,804	12,853
<b>Total</b>	<b>272,431</b>	<b>301,465</b>	<b>390,928</b>	<b>352,476</b>	<b>408,082</b>
<b>Indoor Treatment (Admissions)</b>					
Prison Hospital	11,862	5,540	11,958	16,631	21,608
National Hospital, Colombo	93	833	1,816	2,181	1,664
Ayurvedic Hospitals	1	0	0	1	0
Victoria Memorial Eye Hospital	12	0	199	19	84
Mental Hospital	31	68	353	156	406
Chest Hospital, Welisara	12	39	12	22	47
Other Hospitals	722	75	73	51	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,733</b>	<b>6,555</b>	<b>14,411</b>	<b>19,061</b>	<b>23,863</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>285,164</b>	<b>308,020</b>	<b>405,339</b>	<b>371,537</b>	<b>431,945</b>

Source: Department of Prisons

Note : Only the protected information against the fire of Mahara Prison 2020, has been included according to the Medical Officer of the Mahara Prison.



**Table 10.7**  
**NUMBER OF DEATHS & THE DEATH RATE , 2015 - 2024**

Year	Total Annual Population of Convicted & Unconvicted Prisoners.	Daily Average Population of Convicted & Unconvicted Prisoners	Number of Deaths (Convicted & Unconvicted) Population	Death Rate Per 1,000 Daily Average	Percentage of Deaths by Daily Average of the Population
2015	6,568,660	17,996	93	5.2	0.5
2016	6,569,574	17,948	82	4.6	0.5
2017	7,036,470	19,278	50	2.6	0.3
2018	7,440,160	20,384	98	4.8	0.5
2019	8,922,790	24,446	183	7.5	0.7
2020	9,512,706	25,991	168	6.5	0.6
2021	6,693,005	18,337	147	8.0	0.8
2022	8,022,335	21,979	130	5.9	0.6
2023	10,060,130	27,562	209	7.6	0.8
2024	10,903,539	29,789	184	6.2	0.6

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 10.8**  
**ACCOMMODATION & OVERCROWDING, 2015 - 2024**

Year	Authorized Accommodation			Daily Average Population			Percentage Overcrowding		
	Convicted	Unconvicted	Total	Convicted	Unconvicted	Total	Convicted	Unconvicted	Total
2015	6,728	5,034	11,762	9,766	8,230	17,996	45.2	63.5	153.0
2016	6,728	5,034	11,762	8,853	8,625	17,478	31.6	71.3	148.6
2017	6,728	5,034	11,762	9,036	10,242	19,278	34.3	103.4	163.9
2018	6,728	5,034	11,762	8,967	11,417	20,384	33.3	126.8	173.3
2019	6,728	5,034	11,762	10,056	14,390	24,446	49.4	185.9	207.8
2020			13,241	8,735	17,256	25,991			196.3
2021			11,291	6,669	11,668	18,337			162.4
2022			10,395	8,416	13,563	21,979			211.4
2023			10,395	9,728	17,834	27,562			265.1
2024			10,395	10,310	19,479	29,789			286.6

Source: Department of Prisons

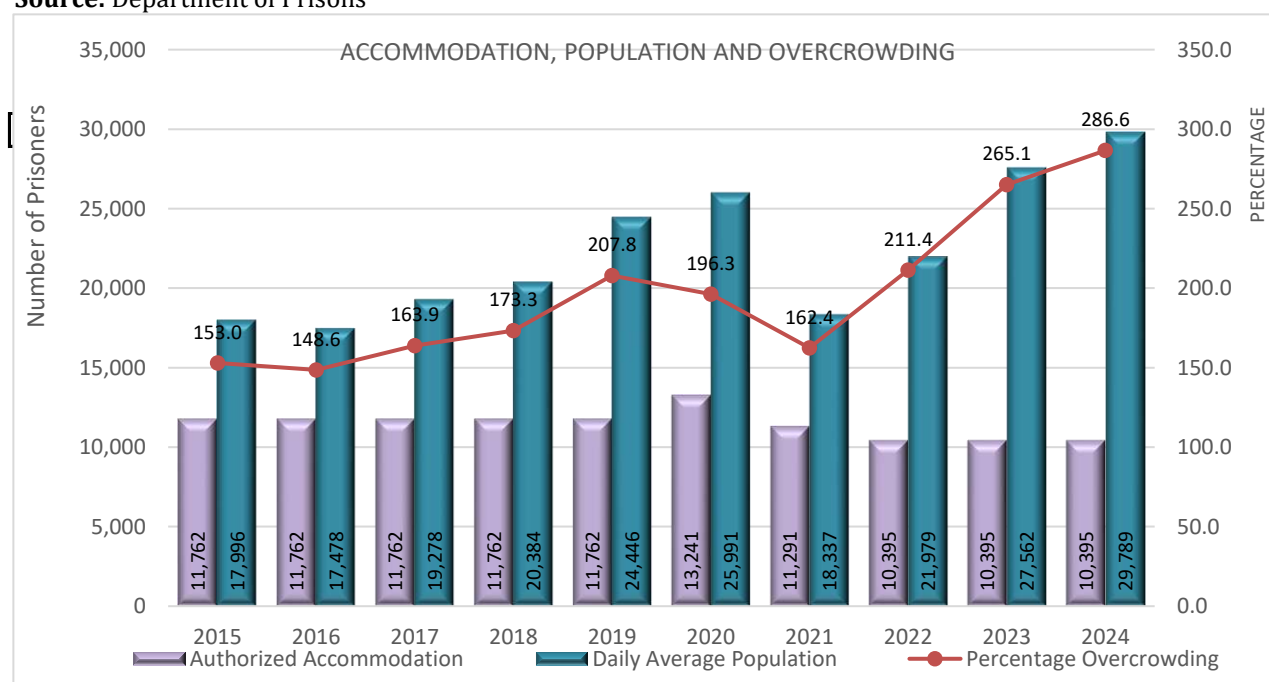
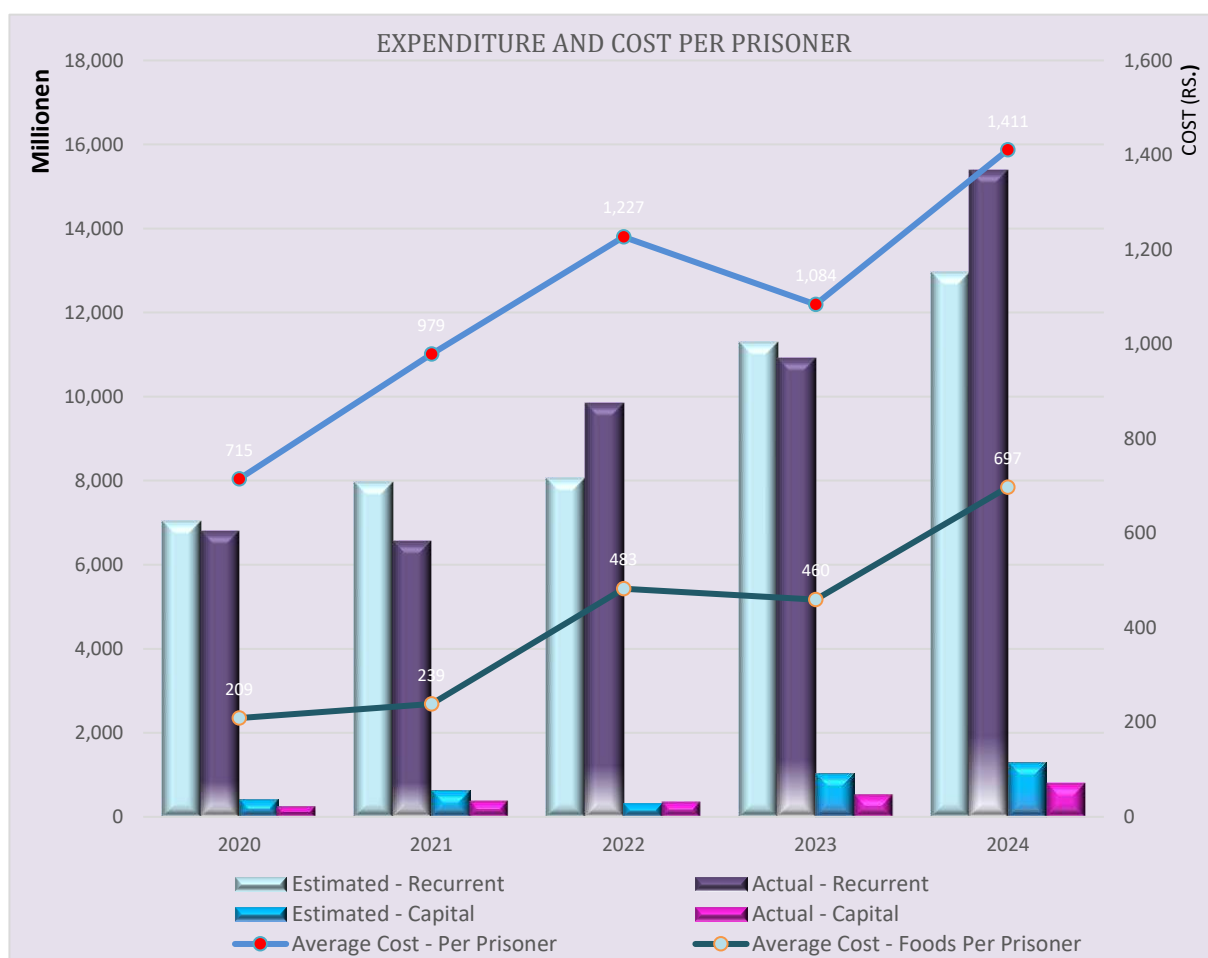


Table 10.9

**RECURRENT EXPENDITURE, CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, THE AVERAGE COST PER PRISONER & COST OF FOOD PER PRISONER ( Rupees), 2020 - 2024**

Expenditure	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Recurrent Expenditure</b>					
(I) Estimated	7,033,751,000	7,953,000,000	8,068,959,907	11,296,430,000	12,957,500,000
(2) Actual	6,801,874,512	6,551,775,564	9,842,116,011	10,902,178,069	15,381,598,779
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>					
(I) Estimated	421,349,000	638,500,000	326,392,758	1,034,000,000	1,285,000,000
(2) Actual	257,561,753	389,027,090	360,034,287	531,703,316	796,558,885
<b>Average Cost Per Prisoner (Approximately)</b>					
(I) Per Year	261,701	357,300	447,796	395,551	516,352
(2) Per Day	715	979	1,227	1,084	1,411
<b>Average Cost of Food per Prisoner</b>					
(I) Per Year	76,493	87,372	176,115	167,790	255,174
(2) Per Day	209	239	483	460	697

Source: Department of Prisons

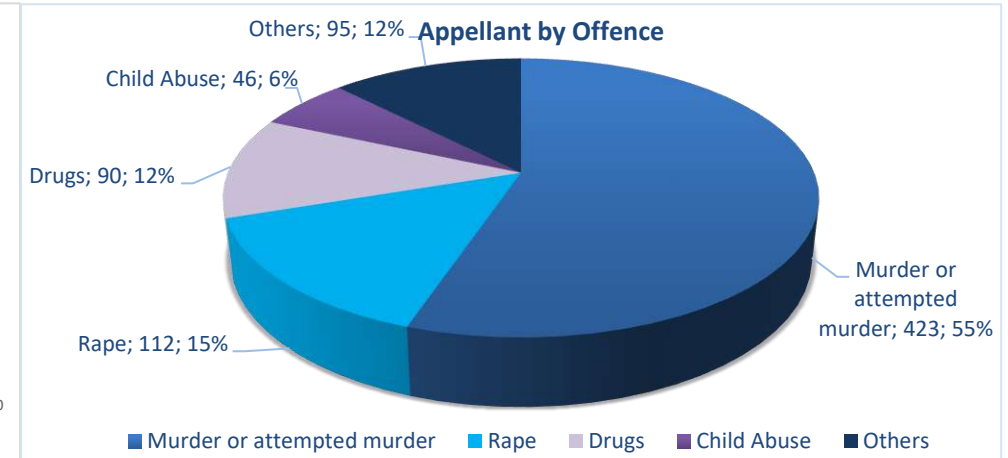
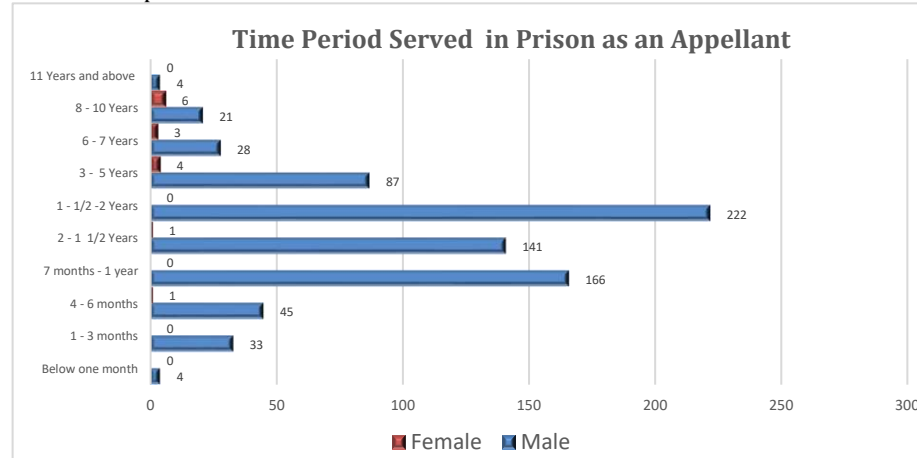




**Table 10.10**  
**CLASSIFICATION OF APPELLANTS AS ON 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

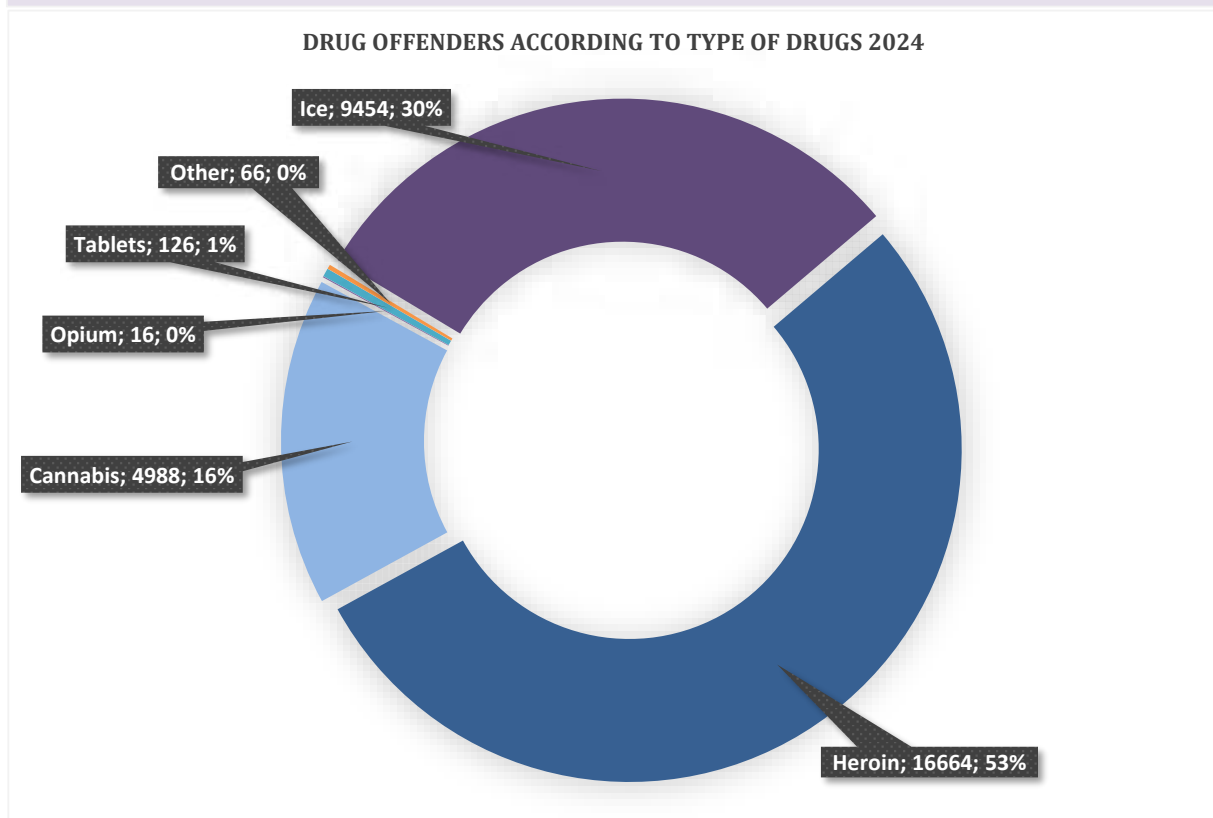
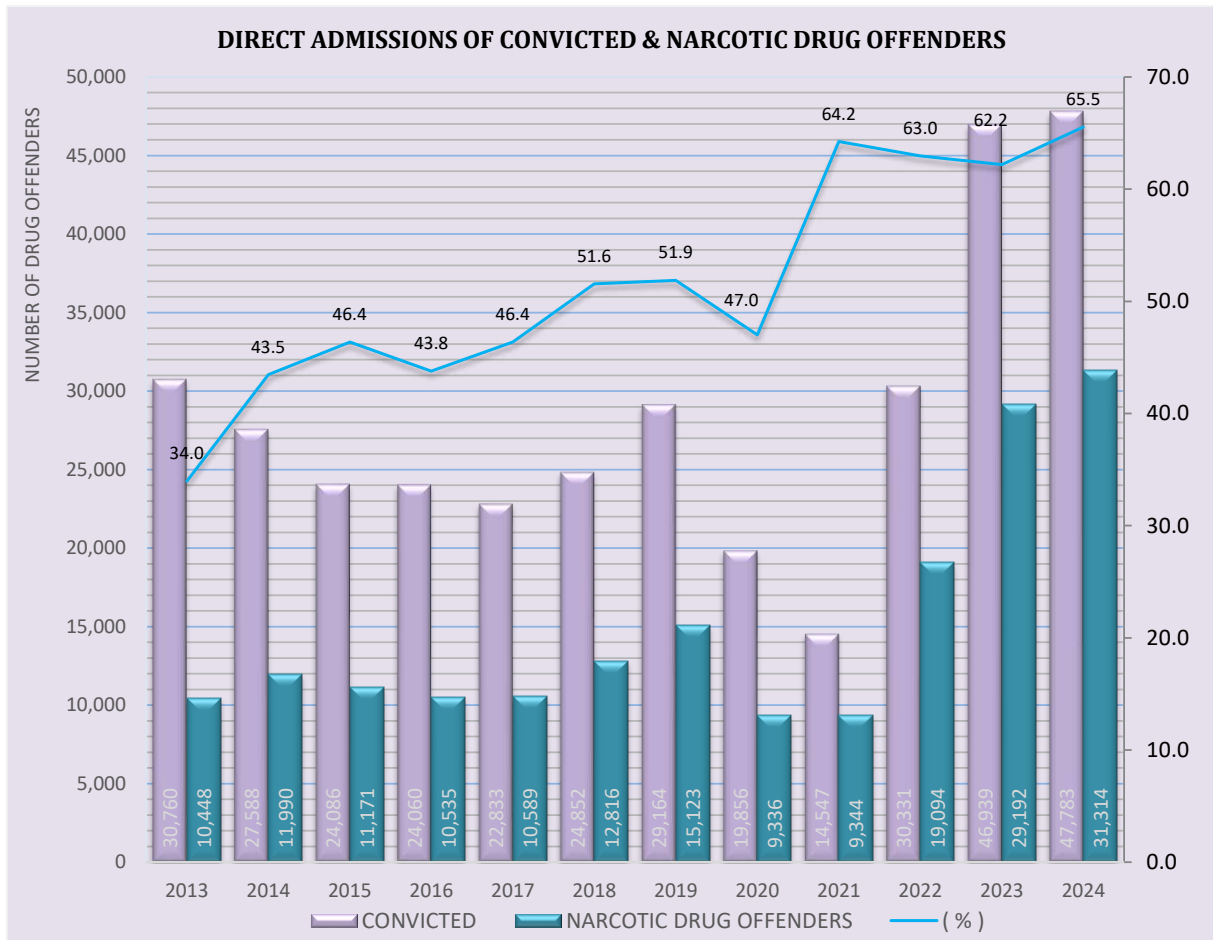
Time Period Served in Prison as an Appellant	Murder or attempted murder						Rape						Drugs						Child Abuse						Others						TOTAL	
	Condemned		Life		Normal		Condemned		Life		Normal		Condemned		Life		Normal		Condemned		Life		Normal		Condemned		Life		Normal			
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
Below one month	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	
1 - 3 months	18	-	2	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	33	-
4 - 6 months	21	1	2	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	45	1
7 months - 1 year	55	-	3	-	10	-	1	-	1	-	37	-	4	-	21	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	166	-
2 - 1 1/2 Years	46	-	4	-	3	1	-	-	1	-	26	-	2	-	13	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	141	1
1 - 1/2 - 2 Years	139	-	2	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	10	-	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	222	-
3 - 5 Years	38	1	4	2	2	-	1	-	1	-	5	-	2	-	7	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	1	-	17	1	87	4
6 - 7 Years	18	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	28	3
8 - 10 Years	14	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	21	6
11 Years and above	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
TOTAL	353	6	21	2	40	1	2	-	3	-	107	0	24	2	52	1	11	-	-	-	-	-	46	-	-	-	2	1	90	2	751	15

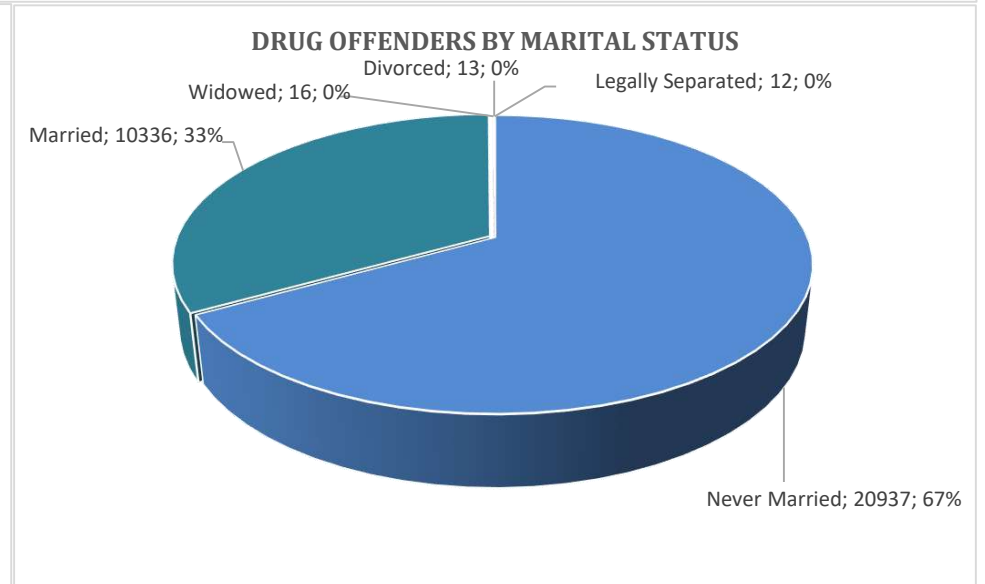
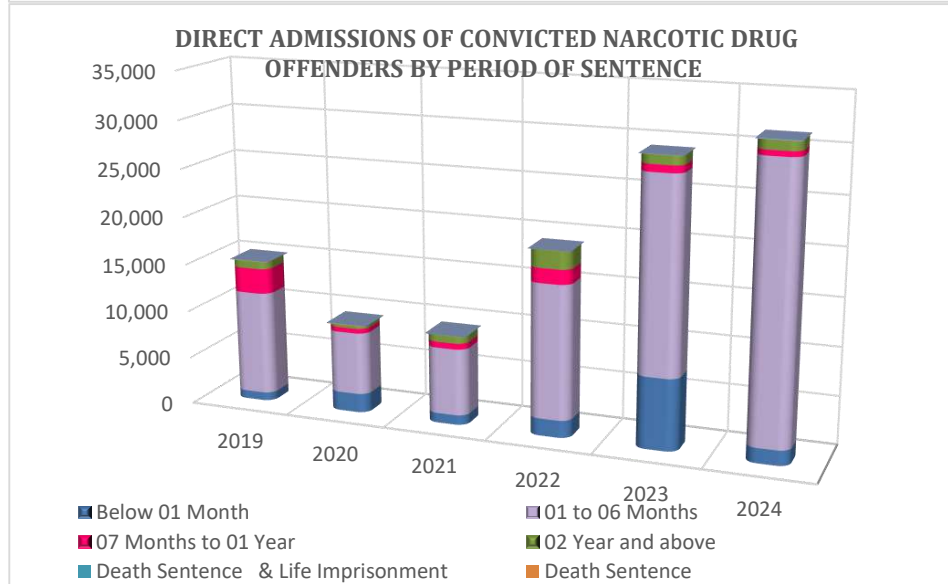
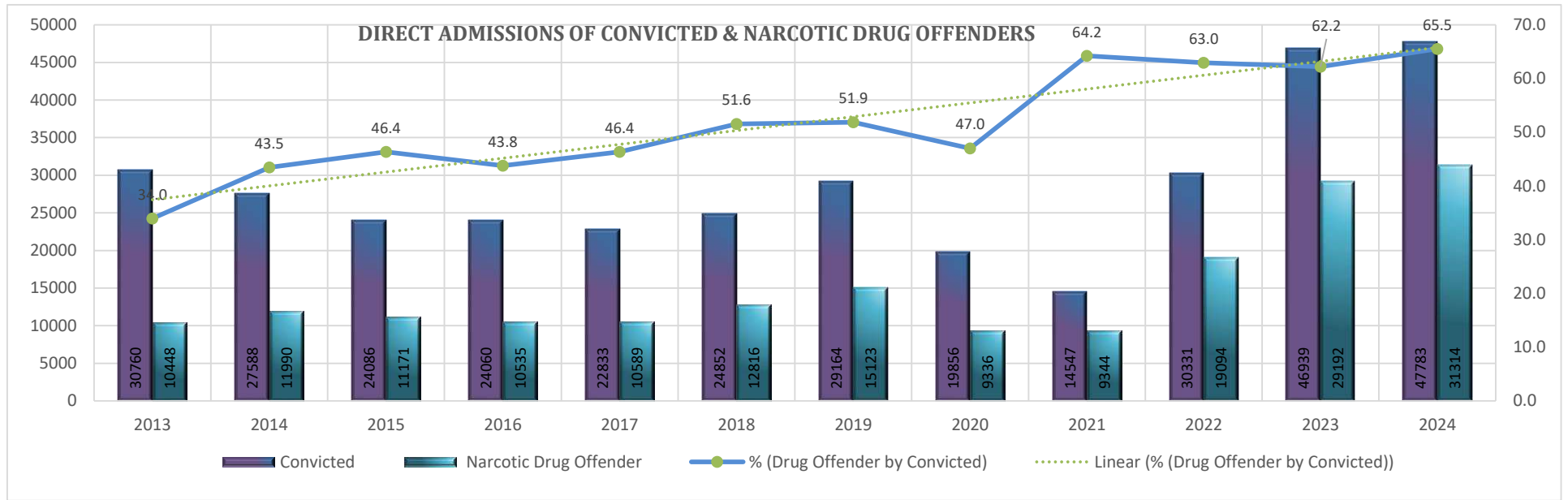
Source: Department of Prisons



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## NARCOTIC DRUG OFFENDERS





**Table 11.1**  
**DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED & NARCOTIC DRUG OFFENDERS , 2013 - 2024**

Year	Convicted			Narcotic Drug Offender			%
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
2013	29,866	894	30,760	10,238	210	10,448	34.0
2014	26,754	834	27,588	11,822	168	11,990	43.5
2015	23,327	759	24,086	10,993	178	11,171	46.4
2016	23,165	895	24,060	10,393	142	10,535	43.8
2017	22,268	565	22,833	10,432	157	10,589	46.4
2018	24,311	541	24,852	12,674	142	12,816	51.6
2019	28,510	654	29,164	14,946	177	15,123	51.9
2020	19,461	395	19,856	9,231	105	9,336	47.0
2021	14,332	215	14,547	9,261	83	9,344	64.2
2022	29,941	390	30,331	18,933	161	19,094	63.0
2023	46,295	644	46,939	28,867	325	29,192	62.2
2024	46,898	885	47,783	30,946	368	31,314	65.5

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**Table 11.2**  
**DRUG OFFENDERS BY TYPE OF DRUGS , 2013 - 2024**

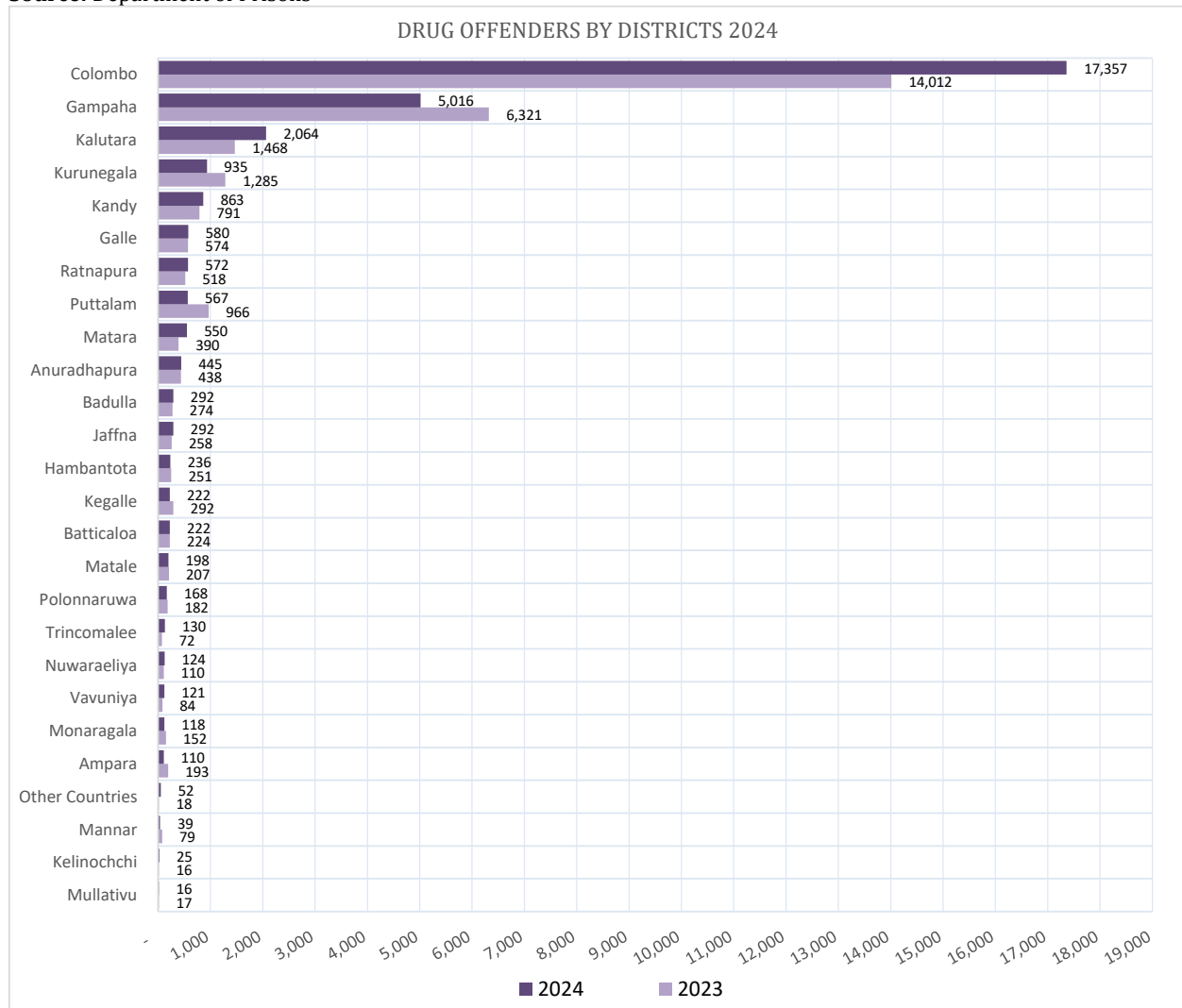
Year	Ice	%	Heroin	%	Cannabis	%	Opium	%	Tablets	%	Other	%	Total
2013			7,245	69.3	3,199	30.6	4	-	-	-	-	-	10,448
2014			8,112	67.7	3,866	32.2	-	-	1	-	11	0.1	11,990
2015			7,519	67.3	3,648	32.7	3	-	-	-	1	-	11,171
2016			7,783	73.9	2,739	26.0	6	0.1	4	-	3	-	10,535
2017			7,706	72.8	2,858	27.0	14	0.1	7	0.1	4	-	10,589
2018			10,412	81.2	2,387	18.6	7	0.1	5	-	5	-	12,816
2019			11,997	79.3	2,131	14.1	806	5.3	12	0.1	177	1.2	15,123
2020			7,974	85.4	1,277	13.7	4	-	3	-	78	0.8	9,336
2021	11	0.1	7,083	75.8	910	9.7	13	-	21	-	1,306	14.0	9,344
2022	3,240	17.0	12,913	67.6	2,656	13.9	167	1	44	-	74	0.4	19,094
2023	8,496	29.1	16,858	57.7	3,422	11.7	24	0.1	330	1.1	62	0.2	29,192
2024	9,454	30.2	16,664	53.2	4,988	15.9	16	0.1	126	0.4	66	0.2	31,314

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**Table 11.3**  
**DRUG OFFENDERS BY DISTRICTS , 2013 - 2024**

District	Year											
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Colombo	7,199	7,533	7,621	6,782	6,185	7,212	7,369	4,341	4,366	9,286	14,012	17,357
Gampaha	1,083	1,334	1,406	1,473	1,740	1,920	2,610	1,391	1,764	3,549	6,321	5,016
Kalutara	378	900	324	362	329	470	811	237	402	312	1,468	2,064
Kandy	193	193	169	223	265	393	478	298	344	703	791	863
Matale	50	50	31	44	70	119	148	227	87	199	207	198
Nuwaraeliya	24	48	57	40	32	42	89	87	62	114	110	124
Galle	233	476	302	398	365	563	756	469	504	719	574	580
Matara	76	161	88	72	113	141	247	261	260	291	390	550
Hambantota	73	82	45	59	87	106	91	117	114	191	251	236
Jaffna	10	17	46	66	98	110	93	134	132	291	258	292
Mannar	28	10	21	13	24	21	4	-	2	51	79	39
Vavuniya	47	75	54	34	49	35	52	43	19	55	84	121
Mullativu	3	6	6	6	21	7	3	8	2	9	17	16
Batticaloa	63	76	72	131	96	67	76	82	36	165	224	222
Trincomalee	69	62	43	20	49	61	61	60	22	55	72	130
Ampara	58	43	40	44	42	67	52	45	75	156	193	110
Kurunegala	211	261	208	149	305	538	711	483	407	987	1,285	935
Puttalam	85	77	90	94	136	229	289	164	271	756	966	567
Anuradhapura	170	171	172	132	196	288	423	261	145	352	438	445
Polonnaruwa	37	40	29	33	15	50	123	82	49	125	182	168
Badulla	87	78	71	91	115	116	164	110	87	155	274	292
Monaragala	66	52	43	38	42	28	60	72	20	81	152	118
Ratnapura	139	154	135	144	150	134	249	237	101	298	518	572
Kegalle	62	64	57	52	51	80	138	113	39	183	292	222
Kelinochchi	3	16	40	35	12	15	10	7	6	6	16	25
Other Countries	1	11	1	-	2	4	16	7	28	5	18	52
Not Respond	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,448</b>	<b>11,990</b>	<b>11,171</b>	<b>10,535</b>	<b>10,589</b>	<b>12,816</b>	<b>15,123</b>	<b>9,336</b>	<b>9,344</b>	<b>19,094</b>	<b>29,192</b>	<b>31,314</b>

Source: Department of Prisons



**Table 11.4**  
**DRUG OFFENDERS BY RACE , 2013 - 2024**

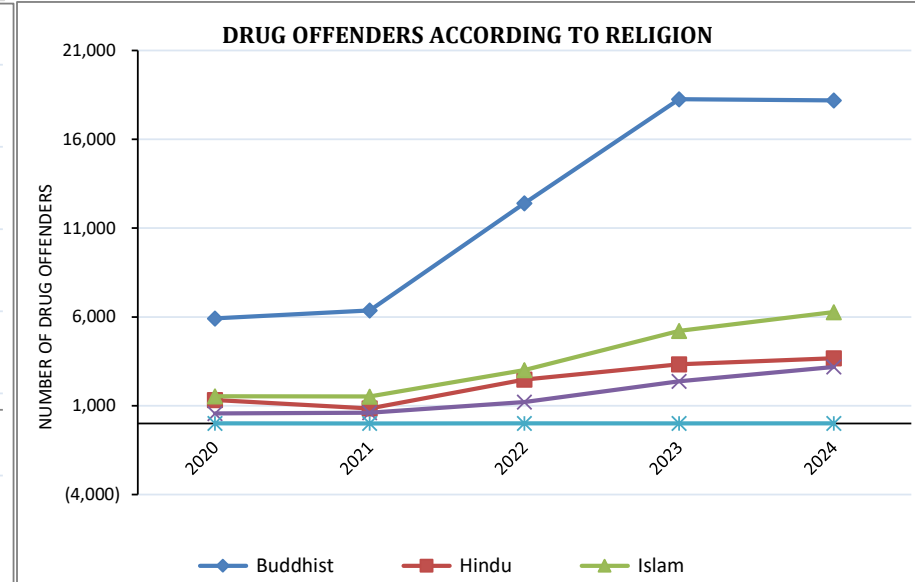
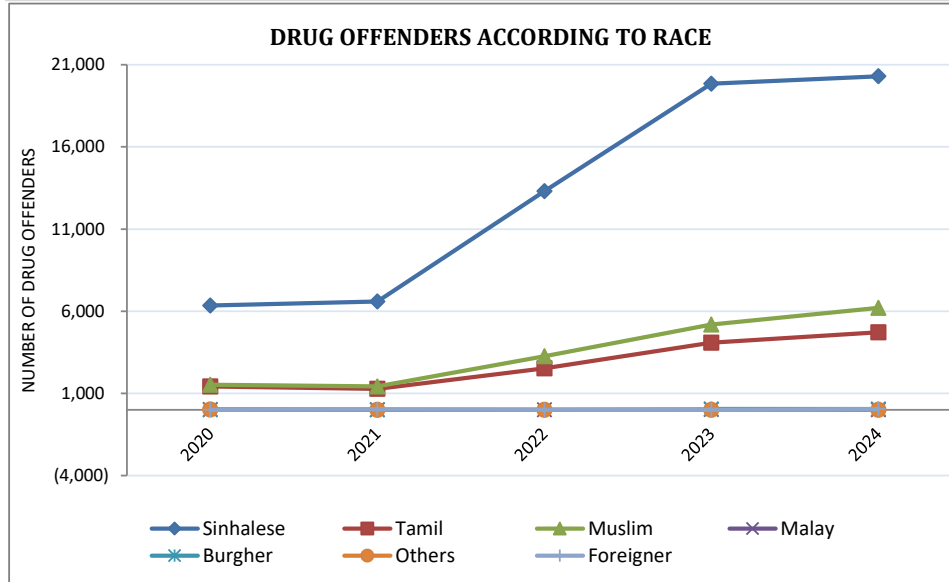
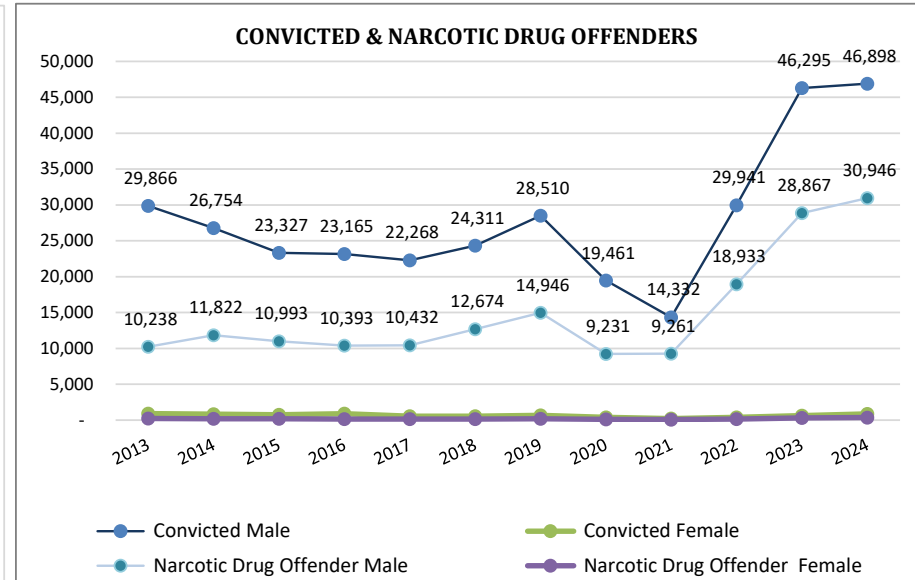
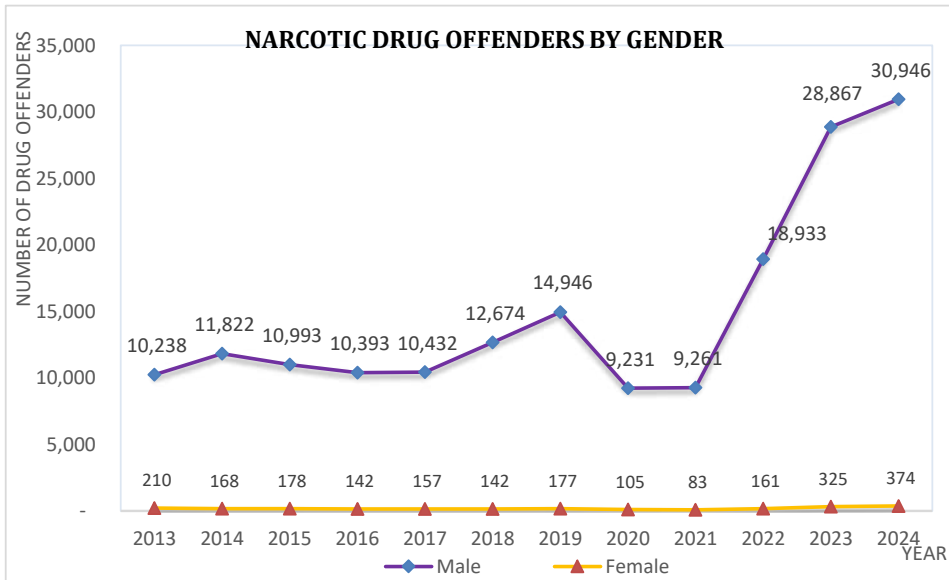
Year	Sinhalese	%	Tamil	%	Muslim	%	Malay	%	Burgher	%	Others	%	Foreigners	%	Total
2013	7,410	70.9	1,386	13.3	1,581	15.1	21	0.2	46	0.4	4	0.0			10,448
2014	8,591	71.7	1,585	13.2	1,735	14.5	26	0.2	43	0.4	10	0.1			11,990
2015	7,619	68.2	1,711	15.3	1,802	16.1	14	0.1	24	0.2	1	0.0			11,171
2016	7,321	69.5	1,445	13.7	1,726	16.4	15	0.1	27	0.3	-	0.0	1	0.0	10,535
2017	7,439	70.3	1,532	14.5	1,591	15.0	10	0.1	16	0.2	-	0.0	1	0.0	10,589
2018	9,016	70.3	1,722	13.4	2,030	15.8	13	0.1	31	0.2	3	0.0	1	0.0	12,816
2019	11,106	73.4	1,713	11.3	2,260	14.9	12	0.1	21	0.1	7	0.0	4	0.0	15,123
2020	6,349	68.0	1,419	15.2	1,526	16.3	12	0.1	3	0.0	20	0.0	7	0.1	9,336
2021	6,599	70.6	1,274	13.6	1,427	15.3	6	0.1	1	0.0	9	0.1	28	0.3	9,344
2022	13,306	69.7	2,528	13.2	3,253	17.0	1	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.0	4	0.0	19,094
2023	19,845	68.0	4,090	14.0	5,185	17.8	11	0.0	48	0.2	8	0.0	5	0.0	29,192
2024	20,288	64.8	4,718	15.1	6,205	19.8	7	0.0	49	0.2	1	0.0	46	0.1	31,314

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 11.5**  
**DRUG OFFENDERS BY RELIGION , 2013 - 2024**

Year	Buddhist	%	Hindu	%	Islam	%	Roman Catholic	%	Other Christian	%	Others	%	Total
2013	6,534	62.5	1,086	10.4	1,567	15.0	669	6.4	578	5.5	14	0.1	10,448
2014	7,520	62.7	1,265	10.6	1,752	14.6	854	7.1	599	5.0	-	0.0	11,990
2015	6,882	61.6	1,296	11.6	1,814	16.2	884	7.9	293	2.6	2	0.0	11,171
2016	6,638	63.0	1,056	10.0	1,742	16.5	952	9.0	147	1.4	-	0.0	10,535
2017	6,459	61.0	1,159	10.9	1,602	15.1	1,284	12.1	83	0.8	2	0.0	10,589
2018	7,909	61.7	1,273	9.9	2,035	15.9	1,516	11.8	82	0.6	1	0.0	12,816
2019	9,912	65.5	1,314	8.7	2,283	15.1	1,234	8.2	366	2.4	14	0.1	15,123
2020	5,919	63.4	1,322	14.2	1,526	16.3	501	5.4	66	0.7	2	0.0	9,336
2021	6,363	68.1	846	9.1	1,522	16.3	515	5.5	98	1.0	0	0.0	9,344
2022	12,394	64.9	2,478	13.0	3,013	15.8	636	3.3	571	3.0	2	0.0	19,094
2023	18,258	62.5	3,339	11.4	5,207	17.8	1,650	5.7	733	2.5	5	0.0	29,192
2024	18,179	58.1	3,674	11.7	6,274	20.0	1,931	6.2	1,252	4.0	4	0.0	31,314

Source: Department of Prisons



**Table 11.6**

**DRUG OFFENDERS BY AGE GROUPS , 2013 - 2024**

Year	Under 16 Years	16 years and under 22	22 years and under 30 years	30 years and under 40	40 years and under 50	50 years and above	Not Mentioned	Total
2013	-	737	2,389	3,205	2,751	1,366	-	10,448
2014	-	768	2,641	3,967	3,036	1,578	-	11,990
2015	-	731	2,295	3,497	2,862	1,786	-	11,171
2016	-	588	2,274	3,305	2,509	1,859	-	10,535
2017	-	944	2,481	3,141	2,026	1,997	-	10,589
2018	-	952	3,261	4,081	2,229	2,293	-	12,816
2019	-	1,832	4,480	4,336	2,269	2,175	31	15,123
2020	-	827	3,413	2,556	1,384	1,132	24	9,336
2021	-	712	3,180	3,164	1,352	936	-	9,344
2022	-	1,480	6,123	5,948	3,504	1,955	84	19,094
2023	-	1,757	8,491	8,941	6,046	3,952	5	29,192
2024	-	1,672	7,847	8,667	7,548	5,573	7	31,314

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**Table 11.7**

**DRUG OFFENDERS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL 2013 - 2024**

Year	No Schooling	Grade 1-5	passed grade 5	Passed G.C.E.(O/L) or G.C.E(A/L )	Passed G.C.E.(O/L)	Passed G.C.E ( A/L )	Graduated	Professional Qualification	Others	Total
2013	1,114	2,118	4,164	3,026			26	-	-	10,448
2014	1,123	2,169	5,096	3,563			39	-	-	11,990
2015	971	2,344	5,119	2,730			7	-	-	11,171
2016	1,197	1,879	4,218	3,228			9	4	-	10,535
2017	1,355	1,805	3,232	4,192			5	-	-	10,589
2018	959	1,954	4,375	5,524			4	-	-	12,816
2019	1,257	1,964	5,202	6,683			17	-	-	15,123
2020	492	2,072	3,957	2,792			22	1	-	9,336
2021	169	1,731	3,410		3,423	597	13	-	1	9,344
2022	797	1,569	8,314		7,065	1,325	21	2	1	19,094
2023	4,147	2,144	7,494		13,498	1,892	16	-	1	29,192
2024	4,234	2,905	7,736		14,547	1,876	15	-	1	31,314

**Source:** Department of Prisons



**Table 11.8**  
**DRUG OFFENDERS BY MARITAL STATUS, 2013 - 2024**

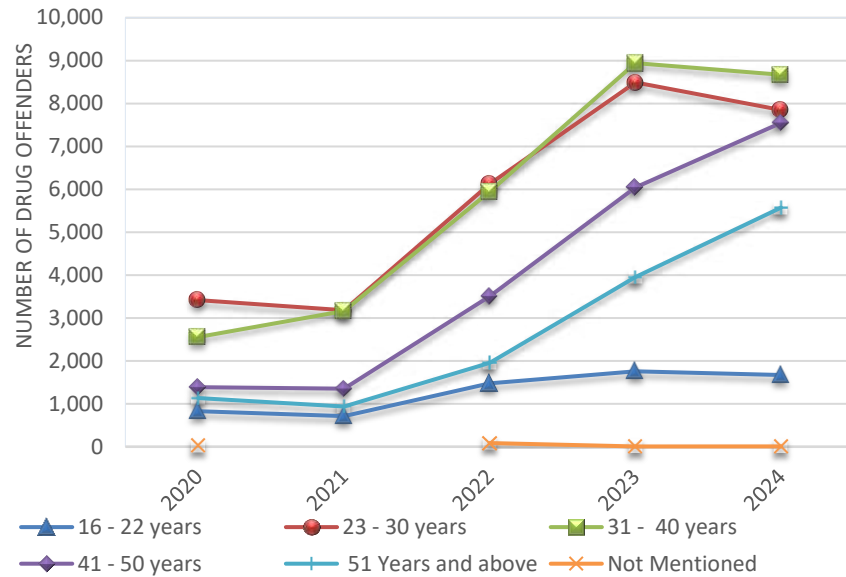
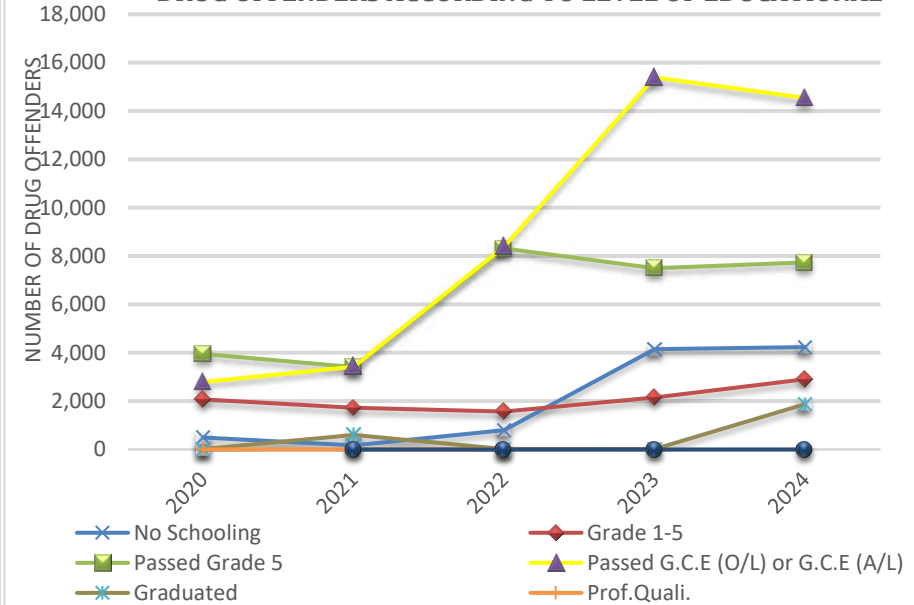
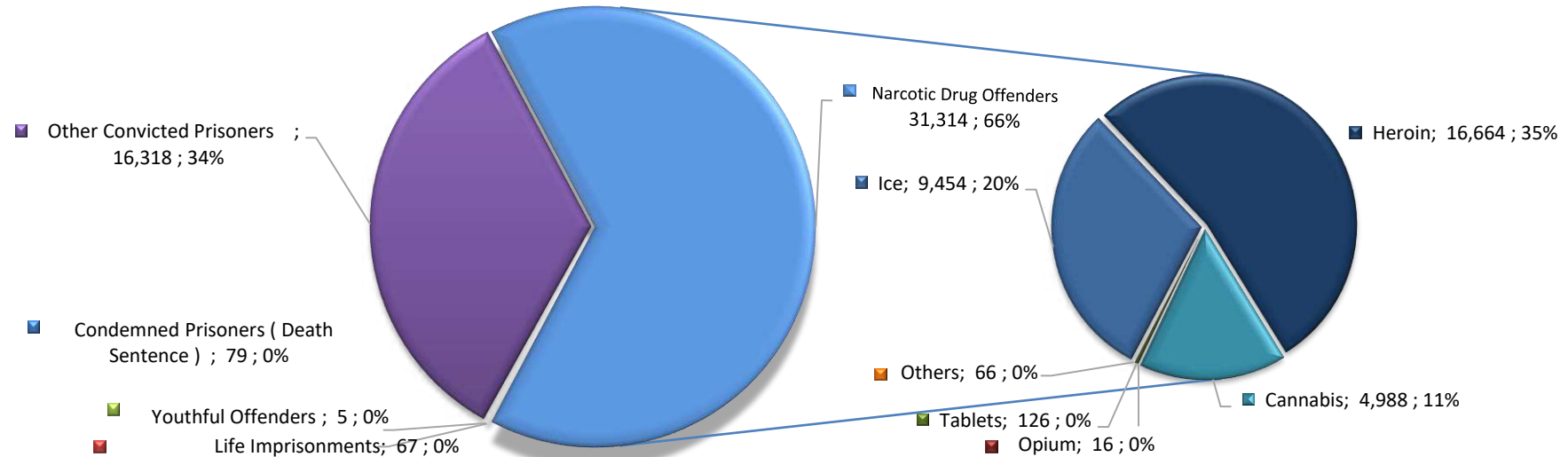
Year	Never Married	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Legally Separated	Total
2013	5,655	4,764	18	11	-	10,448
2014	6,245	5,712	16	17	-	11,990
2015	6,133	5,036	2	-	-	11,171
2016	5,831	4,671	23	10	-	10,535
2017	5,998	4,553	31	5	2	10,589
2018	7,460	5,342	12	2	-	12,816
2019	8,714	6,392	8	3	6	15,123
2020	4,684	4,620	24	5	3	9,336
2021	2,952	6,371	5	14	2	9,344
2022	5,779	13,222	69	19	5	19,094
2023	21,571	7,599	10	10	2	29,192
2024	20,937	10,336	16	13	12	31,314

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**Table 11.9**  
**DRUG OFFENDERS BY PERIOD OF SENTENCE , 2013 - 2024**

Year	Below 01 Month	01 to 06 Months	07 Months to 01 Year	02 Year and above	Death Sentence & Life Imprisonment	Death Sentence	Life Imprisonment	Total
2013	434	7,165	1,994	847	8			10,448
2014	450	8,479	2,226	818	17			11,990
2015	599	9,155	1,063	335	19			11,171
2016	1,731	8,003	464	314	23			10,535
2017	344	9,283	457	463	42			10,589
2018	391	11,121	550	706	48			12,816
2019	854	10,799	2,627	790		15	38	15,123
2020	1,984	6,504	487	295		45	21	9,336
2021	1,006	6,957	616	745		2	18	9,344
2022	1,784	13,925	1,515	1,852		1	17	19,094
2023	7,383	20,091	751	934		10	23	29,192
2024	1,545	28,200	537	972		1	59	31,314

**Source:** Department of Prisons

**DRUG OFFENDERS ACCORDING TO AGE GROUPS**

**DRUG OFFENDERS ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF DIRECT ADMISSIONS OF CONVICTED PRISONERS AND DRUG OFFENDERS - 2024**


**Table 11.10**  
**DRUG OFFENDERS BY PARENTS ALIVE OR NOT , 2013 - 2024**

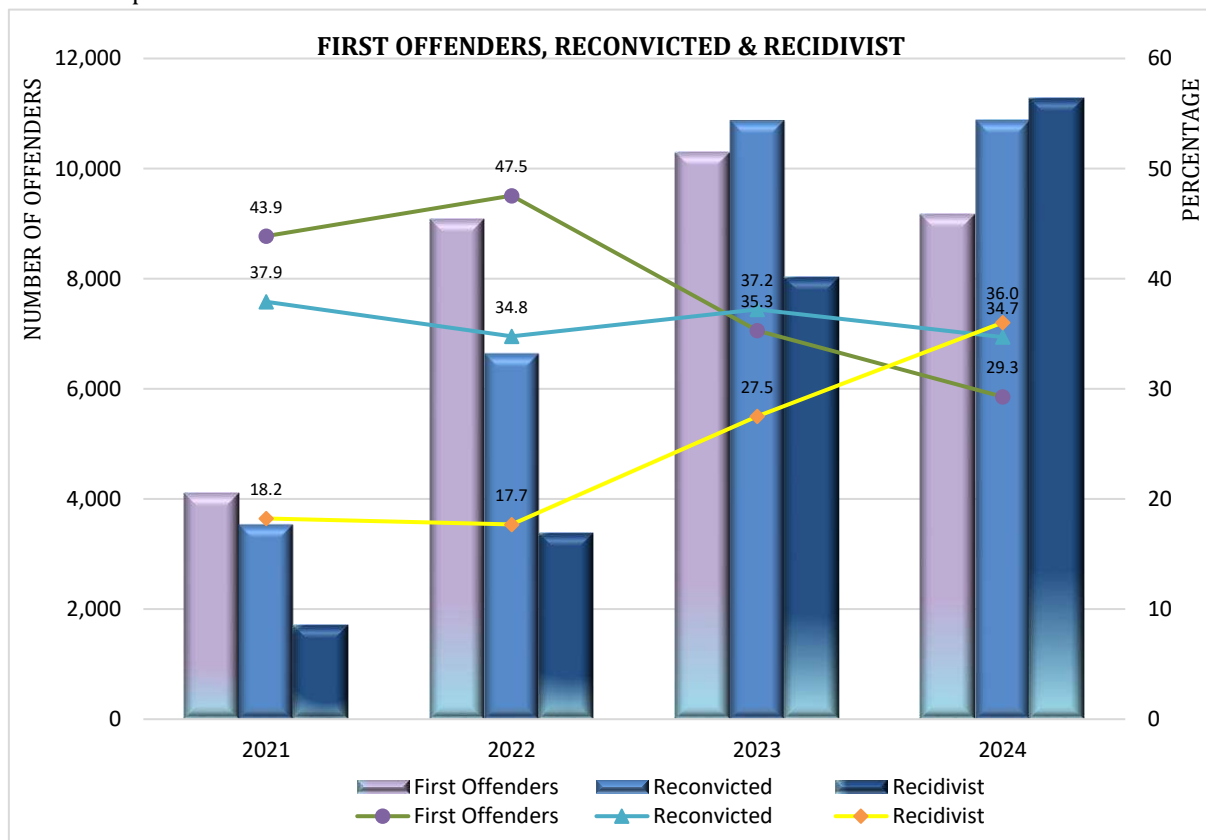
Year	Alive		Not Alive	
	Farther	Mother	Farther	Mother
2013	4,287	7,394	6,161	3,054
2014	5,238	8,140	6,752	3,850
2015	4,195	7,480	6,976	3,691
2016	4,568	6,507	5,967	4,028
2017	4,572	7,248	6,017	3,341
2018	5,494	8,949	7,322	3,867
2019	7,746	11,411	7,377	3,712
2020	6,185	7,176	3,151	2,160
2021	5,195	7,115	4,149	2,229
2022	10,865	14,362	8,229	4,732
2023	14,527	21,327	14,665	7,865
2024	14,409	21,512	16,905	9,802

Source: Department of Prisons

**Table 11.11**  
**DRUG OFFENDERS BY FIRST OFFENDERS, RECONVICTED & RECIDIVIST , 2021 - 2024**

Year	First Offenders	Reconvicted	Recidivist	Total	Percentage		
					First Offenders	Reconvicted	Recidivist
2021	4,100	3,542	1,702	9,344	43.9	37.9	18.2
2022	9,078	6,639	3,377	19,094	47.5	34.8	17.7
2023	10,302	10,863	8,027	29,192	35.3	37.2	27.5
2024	9,170	10,866	11,278	31,314	29.3	34.7	36.0

Source: Department of Prisons



## **CHRONOLOGY**

### **(Extract from "History of Prisons in Sri Lanka")**

- 1802 - The then existing barbaric methods of punishments were banned and causing of death by hanging was introduced by Governor Sir Fredrick North.
- 1812 - The first person to be hanged on a fixed gallow, in the history of Prisons on 10<sup>th</sup> February. The death sentence was imposed on him for rising against the British Government.
- 1818 - After the rebellion 53 people including Ehalepola Adhigari were detained at Ehalepola Adhigaram's residence by the British, which is presently known as Kandy Remand.
- 1844 - First Prison Ordinance was enacted, "An Ordinance for the better regulation of Prisons Act No.18 of 1844", Establishment of Welikada Prison.
- 1853 - An Ordinance for the safe custody of convicts employed upon public works Act No. 02 of 1853.
- 1866 - An Ordinance to amend the Ordinance No.18 of 1844, the 09<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> sub-sections of the 31<sup>st</sup> section. 70<sup>th</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> sections of the Fiscals Ordinance of 1866. Act No.20 of 1866.
- 1867 - First Prison Commission Prison Disciplinary Commission No.1 of 1867 "pingo" carrying as punishment was introduced.
- 1869 - An Ordinance to convert the Welikada and Hultsdorf Prisons into Central Convict Establishments and to vest in the Superintendent there of certain powers vested in the Fiscal of Western Province Act No.16 of 1869.  
  
Prison Ordinance Act No.16 of 1869, establishment of uniformed prison system under the control of Inspector General of Prisons.  
  
Prison Discipline Commission II of 1869, system of giving guard conduct marks was introduced and remitting of the terms of their imprisonment.
- 1871 - The first gallows was built in the Welikada Prison on 25<sup>th</sup> May.
- 1875 - Establishment of Mahara Prison.
- 1876 - Establishment of Bogambara Prison.
- 1877-1905 - The supervision and control of all prisons in the Island were vested in Inspector General of Prisons. From its inception the office of Inspector General of Prisons was held by the Inspector General of Police until 1905 when they separated. Major de Wilton who till then held both offices was appointed Inspector General of Prisons and he was also appointed to be the Superintendent of the Prisons at Welikada, Mutwal and Hultsdorf.
- 1883 - An Ordinance to provide a general penal code for the colony sentence of death carried into effect within the walls of the prison in which the prisoner is confined at the time of execution (Ordinance No.3 of 1883).
- 1885 - Campbell Park, at the request of Mr. Campbell the Government granted a 20 acres of land in the neighbourhood of Welikada for a public Recreation Club. Prisoners were employed in this work.
- 1900 - A prison riot took place at Mahara quarry. Entire Sinhalese staff was removed and were replaced by Malay staff.
- 1905 - The Department of Prisons was separated from the Department of Police as an independent Department on 16<sup>th</sup> July.
- 1911 - The printing machinery at Welikada Prison was given to the Government Printing Press and two hundred prisoners were sent daily to work at the Press.

- 1918-1920 - Introduction of a board system of classification by institutions, first offenders, juveniles, females and reconvicted prisoners were established in separate institutions. Also short term and long term first offenders as well as star class prisoners and the better type of reconvicted men were further classified and housed in different sections of the larger prisons.
- 1920-1925 - Organization of large scale prison industries at Welikada and Bogambara Prisons and smaller ones at other institutions. A complete steam laundry was set up at Welikada capable of handling thousands of pieces of linen from Colombo Hospitals and for washing prisoners' clothing and other textile requirements were supplied at Welikada. In these trades and a system of making supplies to all Government Departments was adopted.
- 1922 - The convicted settlements at Andaman islands were closed and 62 life convicts sent back to Ceylon. The sentence was reduced to 20 Years rigorous imprisonment, with the privilege of prison remission.
- The term of imprisonment of the prisoners sentenced to Life, was commuted to a 20 year imprisonment for the first time on 22nd February.
- 1923 - Establishment on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1923 Prison Department Mutual Provident Fund for the benefit of the subordinate staff of the department and with the object of promoting thrift, affording relief by means of loans to its members in times of sickness or distress and of making provisions for themselves, widows and orphans.
- 1926 - Application of Scout principles in the training of youthful offenders was introduced and the Welikada Prison troop was registered by the Imperial Scout Headquarters as the 1st troop of its kind in the world.
- 1931 - Report of the Prisons inquiry Commission 1931. Sessional Paper 1 of 1932 (Gavin Commission Reports)
- 1932 - Sessional paper XVII - 1932. Report of the Committee appointed to consider the question of prison industries.
- Establishment of Magazine Remand Prison.
- 1933-1936 - Direct recruitment to the middle and exclusive grades commenced. System of local visiting committee introduced. Strict provisions introduced for the investigation of prisoners' complaints.
- Series of prison offences such as escapes, assault of prison officers made triable by District Judge and a Tribunal.
- 1936 - 20 Former training officers were recruited and a 3 month training was given. 12 completed the training course.
- 1937 - A Prison Officers' Training centre was started in 1937 and all subordinate officers in the institutions side were recruited as learner guards and received 3 months course of training at training centre.
- 1939 - An Ordinance to amend the Prison Ordinance Number 53 of 1939.
- 1940 - Establishment of the Training School for Youthful Offenders at Wathupitiwala, the 1st Open Borstal Institution in Asia for Youth Offenders.
- 1944 - Introducing of the Probation system as a branch of the Prison Department Recruitment and training of the first batch of officers.
- 1946-1955 - Expansion of the Probation Service to cover all the judicial areas of the country. Organization of Remand Houses, Certified Schools and Probation Hostels.
- 1949 - Report of the Special Committee on Prison Administration sessional Paper XVIII.
- Gratien Commission Report.

- 1950 - Establishment of the Open Prison at Pallekelle, the 1st of the kind in Asia.
- 1952 - Commencement of a scheme for senior officers to be sent abroad for training and further study under the Colombo Plan under various fellowship schemes.
- 1952-1954 - Organization of the Building Branch of the Department.
- 1954 - Establishment of C.C.Y.O. at Negombo.  
  
Break Water and Slave Island - These prisons were closed by order of the Minister published in the Gazette No.10640 of 12<sup>th</sup> February.
- 1956 - Suspension of the death penalty in Sri Lanka. Separation of the Probation Service from the Department of Prisons to form the nucleus of a new Department called the Department of Probation and Child Care Services.  
  
Entire Fiscal Establishments were handed over to the Department of Prisons.
- 1956-1957 - Transfer of all fiscal lock-ups in the country to the Prison Department.
- 1957-1958 - Establishment of Open Camps at Anuradhapura, Batticaloa and Jaffna.
- 1958 - Introduction of the 9 hour working day for all Prison staff and system of payment of overtime to all officers of and below the rank of Jailor.
- 1959 - Appointment of a Commission on the Death Penalty in Sri Lanka under the Chairmanship of Professor Norval Morris - Sessional Paper XIV of 1959.
- 1960 - Re-introduction of death penalty.
- 1968 - Increase of remission from 1/4 to 1/3.
- 1971 - Insurgency - sudden influx of about 17,000 persons to prison institutions and camps causing disruption of normal prison activities.
- 1971 - 1975 - Departmental officer deployed to assist in the rehabilitation of insurgents who were alleged to be marginally involved in the attempted insurrection.
- 1974 - Establishment of the Experimental Prisoners Co-operative farm at Mithirigala, abolition of star class prisoners, Formation of Discharged Prisoners Co-operative introduction of the work release scheme.
- 1975 - Establishment of the Centre for Research and training in Correction with residential facilities for 40 trainees at a time. Service of two U.N. Experts adequate staff training, programmed pre-service and in-service training course for all obtained to set up staff was organized.
- 1976 - Establishment of Pallansena Open Correctional Centre.
- 1977 - Increase of staff approved through the Management Service Division of the Ministry of Public Administration.
- 1977 - 1978 - Establishment of Weerawila Open Work Camp.
- 1978 - Library at the Center for Research and Training in Correction.  
  
Formation of National Association for Prevention of Crime and Delinquency.
- 1979 - 1980 - A system of work camps for short-term and medium-term prisoners was introduced.  
  
Publication of the first issue of the 'Prison Statistics of Sri Lanka' compiled by Mr. K. L. C. Athukorala, Ex-Statistical officer, Prisons Headquarters.

- 1979 - 1980 - Prison Reform Commission under the Chairmanship of V . N . Pillai-Sessional Paper VI of 1981.  
Hulftsdorp Prison was closed on 26th August 1979.
- 1981 - Opening of the Family Rehabilitation Centre, Senapura.
- 1982 - Prison Lock-ups at Kegalle and Trincomalee were up graded to the status of Remand Prisons with effect from 20.01.1982.  
  
In February, 1982 the two ( 2 ) institutions which were opened as " WORK CAMPS FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS " Pallansena and Taldena respectively were subsequently renamed as " CORRECTIONAL CENTRES FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS " .
- 1983 - Unprecedented increase of unconvicted prisoners' administration owing to the state of emergency following the ethnic disturbances of July, 1983.  
  
Welikada Prison, Colombo figured prominently in this ethnic disturbance, when on 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July 1983, 53 Tamil detainees were killed by other prisoners in a Prison riot which broke out immediately after violence broke out in the country. The inquest into the details was held by the chief Magistrate Colombo assisted by Senior Attorney from the Attorney General's Department and the verdict was homicide due to a prison riot.
- (i) Nawajeevanagama colony established for 300 discharged prisoners at Padaviya was attacked by Tamil Terrorists on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 1984 killing 56 discharged prisoners and members of their families.
- (ii) Inauguration of UNESCO Club in Welikada and Bogambara Prisons (First UNESCO Club in prisons in the Island).
- (iii) A sudden increase of those admitted to prison for drug offences from 580 in 1980 to 1777 in 1984.
- 1985 - Centre for Research and Training in Corrections which was established with the UNDP assistance completed 10 years on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1985.  
  
The closure of Jaffna Prison on 12.05 1985 and the shifting of the Superintendent's Office to the Magistrate Banglow at Old Park Road , Jaffna. All the inmates were relocated at Negombo Prison.  
  
Family rehabilitation centre at Senapura was handed back to the Department of Social Services in April 1985.  
  
The Open Prison Camp at Kopay was attacked by Tamil Terrorists and buildings were destroyed with all valuable articles in May, 1985.  
  
Establishment of a permanent centre " Legal Aid " for the benefit of remand prisoners at the Magazine Remand Prison in collaboration with the Legal Aid Council.  
  
(O.S.M. Seneviratne Commission) Appointing of a Committee to consider changing the practice procedure and rules, related to prisons having regard to changed circumstances headed by Hon. Justice O.S. M. Seneviratne, Justice of the Supreme Court.
- 1986 - Establishment of a Transit camp at Pelawatta in the Kalutara District for a certain category of persons arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.
- 1987 - Inauguration of Seva Vanitha Unit of the Department of Prisons on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1987 by Mrs.C.Ranaraja the president of the Seva Vanitha Unit of the Ministry of Justice.  
  
The Magazine Remand Prison which was confined to ordinary remand prisoners was set apart to detainees who have been arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act and Emergency Regulations with effect from 07<sup>th</sup> May 1987.

- 1988 - Due to unfavourable conditions which prevailed in the island during the latter part of the year Welikada, Bogambara, Magazine Remand and Transit Camp at Pelawatta, experienced unfavourable conditions. A prison riot of November 1988 which took place in Welikada Prison caused a considerable destruction to office buildings and stores. Also there was a major escape of detainees numbering 221 who had been in custody under the Prevention of Terrorism Act from Magazine Remand Prison and 131 of them who were also in detention under the same Act at Pelawatta Transit Camp.
- 1989 - For the first time in the history of Prisons Department the Officers from Welikada, Mahara and some other prisons were out of duty points demanding higher salary scales, extra set of uniforms and welfare amenities, for them. This was not an organized strike but walk out due to the conditions prevailed in this country, During this period. most of the demands were granted, like an undertaking to increase salaries and other welfare amenities within 24 hours. During this period the security of those prisons was taken up by security forces.
- 1990 - The Work Camp at Weerawila has been converted to a camp for terrorist detainees with effect from 29<sup>th</sup> June 1990.
- Navodawa a Rehabilitation Center inaugurated to reform inmates convicted on charges of dangerous drug addiction.
- 1991 - In 04<sup>th</sup> August 1991 opening of the Remand Prison, Kalutara.
- Koggala Work Camp was closed down in 31<sup>st</sup> December 1991 to make way for a Free Trade Zone.
- 1993 - Establishment of Kuruvita Work Camp.
- 1995 - Ceremonial dress for Prison Officers.
- 1996 - Weerawila Work Camp was taken over from the Ministry of Defence.
- A project under which awarding of scholarships to the children of employees of the Department of Prisons was established.
- Committee to examine the existing Legal Provisions and Administration Practice, relating to the welfare of prisons-Headed by Walter Ladduwahetti.
- 1997 - Re-establishment of Jaffna Prison.
- 1999 - Kuruwita work camp was supplemented with a Remand Prison.
- Inauguration of the Boossa Prison.
- 2002 - Establishment of Wariyapola Open Work Camp.
- Conversion of Lock-ups at Polonnaruwa and Monaragala into Remand Prisons.
- Handing over the Ratnapura Lock-up to the Ratnapura Police.
- The Department of Prison was transferred to the Ministry of Interior.
- 2003 - A radio signal system was established between Colombo and Mahara Prisons.
- 2006 - Establishment of an open school at Pallansena.
- Female section of the Welikada Prison was detached and attached to the Magazine Remand Prison.
- 2007 - Inauguration of Sri Lanka Prisons Day on 16<sup>th</sup> July.
- A memorial was built in memory of Prison officers who died on duty.
- Inaugural Colours Night of the Department of Prisons was held for the merits of sports.
- Introduction of a Prison song for the Department of Prisons.



- 2008
- The female section of the Magazine Remand Prison was detached and re-attached to the Welikada Prison.
  - Commencement of the registration of convicted prisoners in Mahara Prison.
  - Commencement of the Women's section at the Matara Prison.
  - Commencement of the work camp in Thunkama , Embilipitiya.
  - Lock-up in Kalutara, under the authority of Urban Council of Kalutara.
- 2009
- Establishment of Remand Prison in Vavuniya.
  - Established of a security and Intelligence Division.
  - Training school for Youthful offender's in Pallansena was shifted to Ambepussa.
- 2010
- Commencement of the work camp in Hangilipola.
  - Wariyapola Work Camp was supplemented with a Remand Prison.
- 2014
- Training School for Youthful Offenders in Ambepussa was Shifted on 18<sup>th</sup> of March to Watareka Work Camp and Opened School their named as **"SUNEETA"**
  - The Kandy Remand prison and the Bogambara Prison was named as Bogambara Prison on 05<sup>th</sup> of June as one Establishment at Dumbara - Pallekele.
  - The Prison **"Overseer"** and **"welfare officer"** ranks has been changed to **"Sargeant"** and **"Rehabilitation officer"** respectively.
- 2015
- The Jaffna Remand Prison was shifted from Gurunagar to Pannei on 31<sup>st</sup> of October.
- 2016
- Prisoners Welfare Division is under the control of a Commissioner of prisons.
- 2017
- "Prison's welfare Association" that was established in 1917 for the benefit of inmates their families and children, proudly celebrated it's century .
  - The Tangalle Remand Prison was shifted to Angunakolapelessa Remand Prison on 03<sup>rd</sup> of November.
- 2020
- Boossa Remand Prison identified to develop and established as a High Security Prison.
  - Old Bogambara Prison, Pallansena Work Camp, Kandakadu Rehabilitation Centre, and Ayyakachchi Quarantine Centre were rearranged and facilitated as quarantine centres.