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1. Key Findings

1.1. Trends of Drug prices

Table1: Summary of Drug Prices

Types of drug	By Month			By Year		
	January_2024	February_2024	Change %	February_2023	February_2024	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	815	810	-0.5%	333	810	+144%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	836.1	837	+0.1%	348	837	+141%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	560	554	-1.1%	244	554	+127%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	574	556	-3%	248	556	+125%
Heroin Batan_100 (US\$/Kg)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 60% (US\$/Kg)	7848	7422	-5%	3586	7422	+107%
Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 40% (US\$/Kg)	6201	6202	+0.01%	2881	6202	+115%
Morphine (US\$/Kg)	6420	6301	-2%	-	6301	-
Cannabis resin (Garda # 1) Price in (US\$/Kg)	197	188	-4%	111	188	+70%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 2) Price in (US\$/Kg)	129	117	-9%	87	117	+36%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 3) Price in (US\$/Kg)	121	111	-8%	51	111	+118%
Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	1.94	2.00	+3%	0.8	2.00	+156%
Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.39	1.24	-11%	1.4	1.24	-12%
Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	2.19	1.62	-26%	1.1	1.62	+54%
Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.83	0.79	-5%	0.91	0.79	-13%
MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	15.3	15.1	-1%	12.2	15.1	+24%
MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	10.5	10.0	-4%	10.2	10.0	-2%
MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	6.2	6.4	+2%	6.5	6.4	-3%
MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	3.15	3.11	-1%	2.5	3.11	+24%

2. Introduction

The Afghanistan drug price-monitoring report is implemented by the Narcotics Survey & Analysis Directorate. The monitoring of drug prices is carried out in selected provinces of Afghanistan since 1994. Opium price collected from 24 provinces in February 2024. The results provide a detailed picture of the prices of opiates on a monthly basis. The price of the opiates contributes towards understanding the opiate economy in Afghanistan and published in the Afghanistan opium survey reports annually. The price monitoring includes major licit crops, precursor-chemicals, illicit crops and Synthetic drugs which are included in the report since October 2019. And from the September 2023 on, the price of Ephedra plant, which is used in Methamphetamine production, is also used in this report. On the last page, the methodology section explained the method, that we prepared this report.

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3. Opium

3.1 Dry opium

3.1.1 Farm-gate price

The national average price for one kilogram of dry opium in Afghanistan at the farm-gate level was (US\$ 810/kg) at the end of February 2024, which is 0.5% Lower compared to the price reported in January 2024 (US\$ 815/kg). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in February 2024 is 144% higher than the price reported in February 2023, which was (US\$ 333/kg).

Figure 1: National average price of dry opium at farm-gate level from (June 2004 - February 2024)

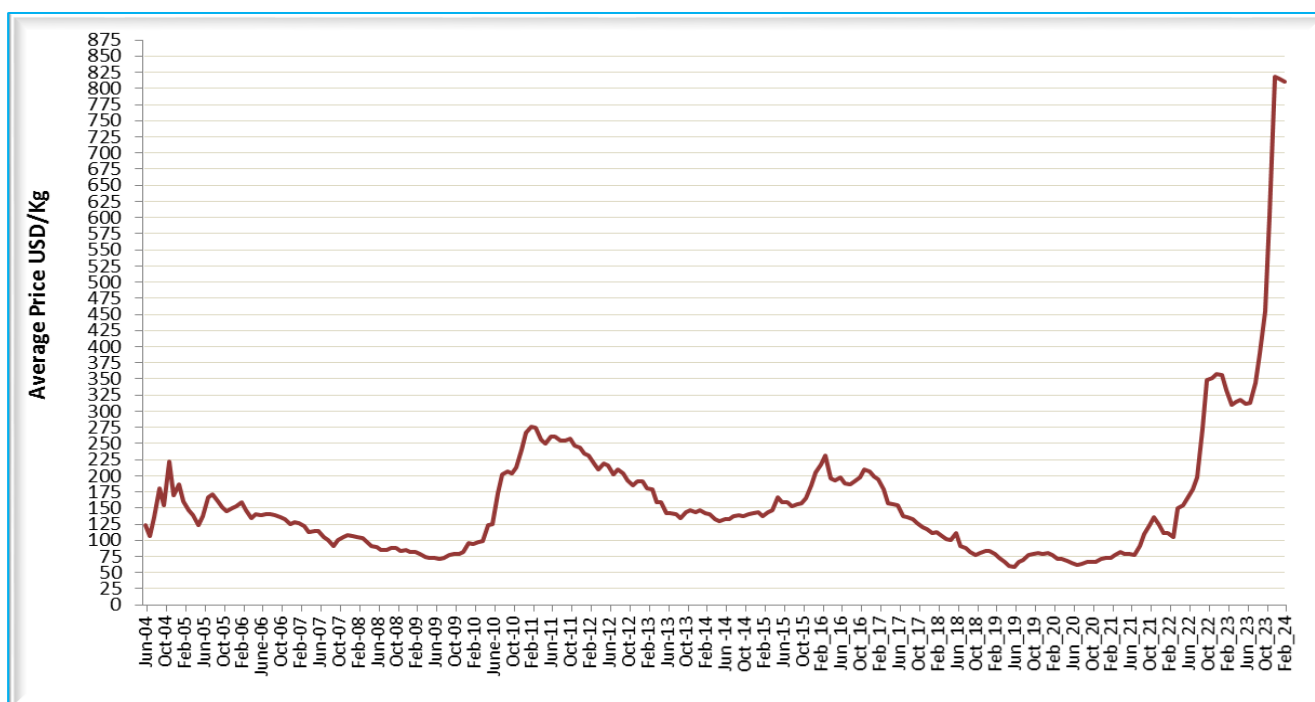


Table 2: Regional average farm-gate price of dry opium US\$/Kg (January 2023 to February 2024)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Jan-24	Feb-24	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	1052	1130	+7%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and diykundy)	730	720	-1%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	922	851	-8%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	731	675	-8%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	638	648	+2%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	806	930	+15%
Average	815	810	-0.5%

3.1.2 Trader Price

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was (US\$ 837/kg) at the end of February 2024, showing a 0.1% increase compared to the price reported last month in January 2024 (US\$ 836.1/kg).

The average dry opium price at trader level in February 2024 is 141% higher than the price reported last year in February 2023, which was (US\$ 348/kg).

The dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 12% in the eastern region, 2% in the northern region, and 9% decreased in the north-eastern region, 8% in the western region as well as 2% in the southern region.

Figure 2: National average price of dry opium at trader level US\$/kg (February 2023 to February 2024)

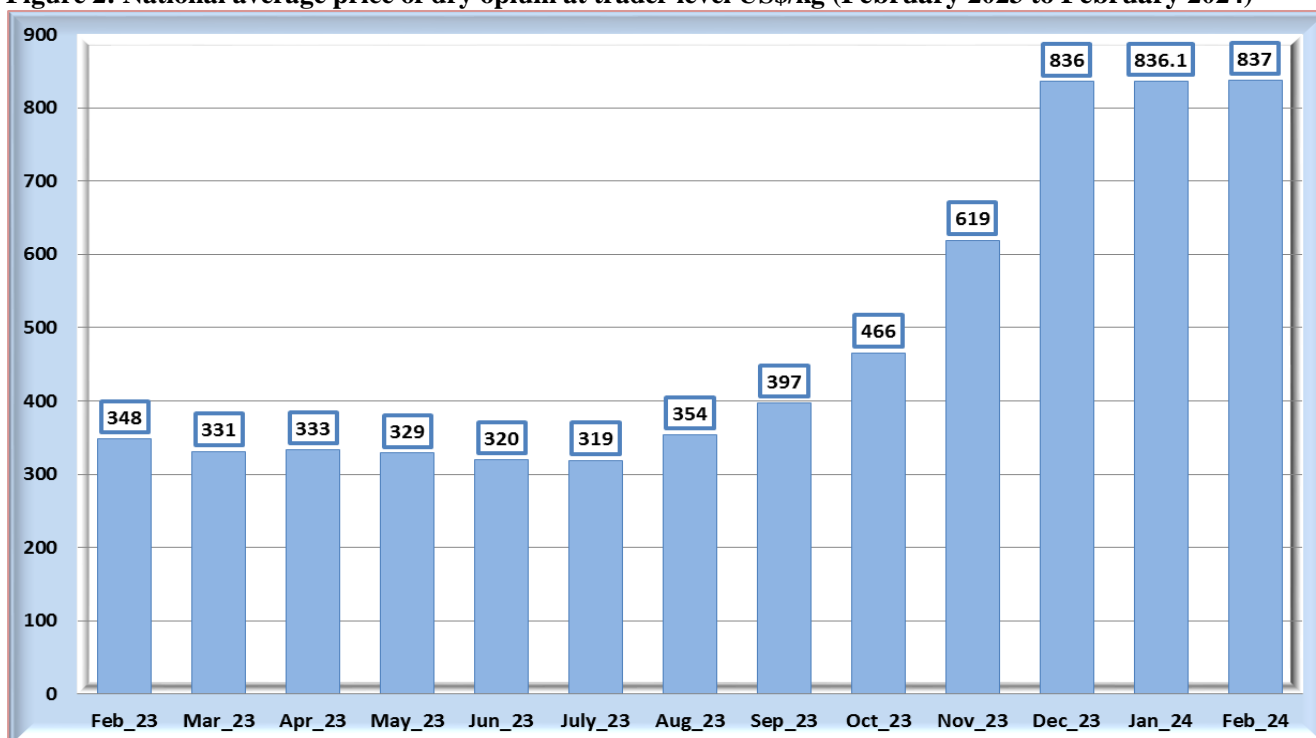


Table 3: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (January 2023 to February 2024)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Jan-24	Feb-24	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	1055	1184	+12%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and diykundy)	734	721	-2%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	963	884	-8%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	784	716	-9%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	645	654	+2%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	-	-	-
Average	836	837	+0.1%

3.2. Dry Opium (Chaynaki Quality)

3.2.1. Farm-gate price

From the point of view of quality, the price of dry opium has not changed in different regions In Balkh and Hilmand provinces, another quality of dry opium by the name of *Chaynaki* is available at the farm-gate and trader level. The *Chaynaki* quality of dry opium is more air-dried than other varieties. The average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at the farm-gate level in Balkh province was (US\$ 950/kg) in February 2024, showing an increase of 1% compared to the price reported in January 2024 (US\$ 938/kg). The average price of one kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province was (US\$ 934/kg) in February 2024, showing a decrease of 0.1% compared to the price reported in January 2024 (US\$ 932/kg).

Table 4: Average price of dry opium (Chaynaki quality) at farm-gate level (US\$/Kg)

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Feb-Jan) %	Hilmand		Price change (Feb-Jan) %
	Jan-24	Feb-24		Jan-24	Feb-24	
<i>Farm-gate price</i> (US\$/Kg)	938	950	+1%	932	934	+0.1%

3.2.2. Trader price

In Balkh province, the average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level was (US\$ 958/kg) in February 2024, showing an increase of 2% compared to the price reported in January 2024 (US\$ 943/kg). In Hilmand province, the average price of one kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at trader level was (US\$ 938/kg) in February 2024, showing an increase of 0.1% compared to the price reported in January 2024 (US\$ 936/kg).

Table 5: Average price of dry opium (Chaynaki quality) at trader level (US\$/Kg)

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Feb-Jan) %	Hilmand		Price change (Feb-Jan) %
	Jan-24	Feb-24		Jan-24	Feb-24	
<i>Trader price</i> (US\$/Kg)	943	958	+2%	936	938	+0.1%

Table 6: Regional average price of dry opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD Currency

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Dry Opium in local currency				change at farm-gate level (Feb-Jan) (%)	Change at trader level (Feb-Jan) (%)
		Jan-24		Feb-24			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and and Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	293102	293926	315593	330585	+8%	+12%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul and diykundi)	Pakistani Rupee	203763	204875	204158	204480	+0.2%	-0.2%
Western region (Badghis and Ghor) *	Afghani	52467	56061	48698	51986	-7%	-7%
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz) *	Imanian Tuman	48762881	49986119	46851969	47539033	-4%	-5%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	52123	55879	48714	51675	-7%	-8%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	47708	48197	46474	46939	-3%	-3%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	Afghani	58500	-	66750	-	+14%	-

* Western region is divided into two groups because of prices available in two currencies.

3.3 Fresh Opium

At the end of February 2024, the national average price of fresh opium decreased by 1.1% from (US\$ 560/kg) in January 2024 to (US\$ 554/kg) in February 2024 at the farm-gate level. Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level decreased by 3% from (US\$ 574/kg) in January 2024 to (US\$ 556/kg) in February 2024.

Figure 3: National average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level US\$/kg (June 2005 to February 2024)

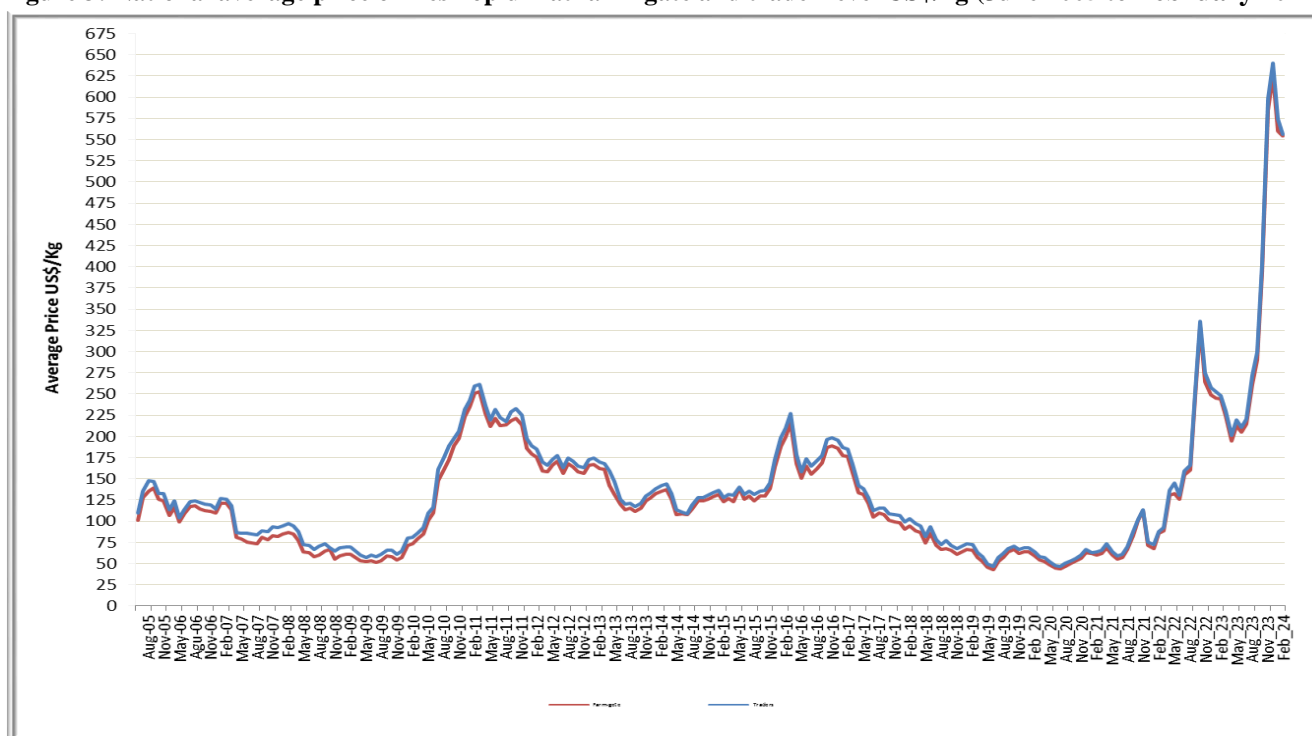


Table 7: Regional average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				change at farm-gate level (Feb-Jan) (%)	Change at trader level (Feb-Jan) (%)
		Jan-24		Feb-24			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-	-	-	
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul and diykundi)	Pakistani Rupee	133232	137563	137748	137348	+3%	-0.2%
Western region (Badghis and Ghor)*	Afghani	38542	41056	36963	39644	-4%	-3%
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz)*	Imanian Tuman	35384265	36034447	33368612	33841426	-6%	-6%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	42100	42554	36750	37200	-13%	-13%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	Afghani	54500	-	64500	-	+18%	-

* Western region is divided into two groups because of prices available in two currencies.

4. Heroin

There are several types of heroin¹ available in Afghanistan with different qualities. The prices off-white powder (Batan) in Nangarhar province, white powder (Batan) high and low quality in Kandahar, Helmand, Balkh and Faryab Provinces, Batan 100% and white powder (Crystal)-60% in Badakhshan, Takhar and Kunduz provinces and white powder (Crystal)-60%, white powder (Crystal)-40%, Morphine and bist powder in Hirat, Farah, Nimroz and Badghis provinces are the most expensive heroin reported in Afghanistan. The cheapest heroin (US\$ 233/kg) is called as Khata - 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

Table 8: Prices of different types of heroin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), February 2023–February 2024

Provinces	Types of heroin	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Change (Feb-Jan) %
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,890	4,015	3,983	3,890	4,043	4,079	4,201	4,823	4,547	4,932	9,634	10,313	9,538	-8%
Takhar	Batan (100)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,095	4,226	4,158	4,299	4,245	4,278	4,294	4,873	4,749	5,036	10,141	11,787	10,040	-15%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	2,559	2,641	2,577	2,149	2,021	2,089	2,173	2,386	2,223	2,365	7,876	8,735	8,032	-8%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,095	4,226	4,100	4,504	4,346	4,378	4,481	5,178	4,901	5,242	11,140	12,734	10,542	-17%
Nangarhar	Off- white powder (Batan)	739	1,043	1,073	1,132	1,139	1,147	1,109	1,148	1,218	1,467	5,653	6,334	6,387	+1%
	Bist powder	582	539	568	566	569	575	558	577	620	771	5,236	5,473	5,518	+1%
	Chara # 1	69	64	71	73	75	77	75	80	88	148	838	1,242	1,270	+2%
	Chara # 2	48	46	57	59	62	63	61	64	74	103	642	700	583	-17%
	Khata # 1	46	44	52	52	54	54.7	53.5	56	63	95	178	287	322	+12%
	Khata # 2	35	33	37	40	41	43	42	44	49	81	143	201	233	+16%
Faryab	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,821	3,680	3,756	3,678	3,844	2,664	4,018	4,327	4,653	5,715	5,740	5,571	5,816	+4.4%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	2,957	2,853	2,934	2,857	2,957	2,959	3,092	3,349	3,682	4,103	4,121	4,248	4,431	+4.3%
Balkh	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,523	3,437	3,515	3,437	3,643	3,650	3,847	4,147	4,519	5,423	5,593	5,555	5,962	+7%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	2,443	2,330	2,519	2,447	2,543	2,543	2,654	2,962	3,305	3,884	4,097	4,097	4,506	+10%
	Bist powder - 20%	1,159	1,107	1,172	1,142	1,230	1,236	1,339	1,597	1,780	2,081	2,179	2,222	2,496	+12%
Helmand	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,256	2,835	2,794	2,796	2,792	2,798	3,685	3,929	4,226	7,247	6,638	5,949	5,957	+0.1%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	3,065	2,658	2,617	2,656	2,653	2,728	3,350	3,758	4,081	7,000	6,424	5,734	5,742	+0.1%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,463	3,898	4,208	4,368	4,293	4,547	6,700	6,970	7,440	10,905	10,456	8,709	8,721	+0.1%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	4,329	3,757	4,067	4,123	4,119	4,268	6,097	6,355	6,790	10,535	10,242	8,852	8,864	+0.1%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kandahar	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,294	2,840	2,794	2,761	2,758	2,763	3,618	3,758	4,081	7,282	6,638	5,949	5,957	+0.1%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	3,065	2,663	2,652	2,621	2,618	2,624	3,250	3,553	3,828	7,035	6,424	5,734	5,742	+0.1%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,405	3,906	3,890	4,228	4,258	4,477	6,700	6,901	7,368	10,905	10,349	8,601	8,613	+0.1%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	4,252	3,693	3,678	3,914	4,049	4,198	6,030	6,491	6,934	10,570	10,099	8,709	8,721	+0.1%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Badghis	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	1,726	1,937	1,991	1,841	2,010	2,060	2,191	2,252	2,422	2,640	2,752	3,438	3,988	+16%
Hirat	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,616	3,111	3,280	3,087	3,055	2,985	3,104	3,710	4,845	4,841	6,954	6,876	6,896	+0.3%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	1,536	1,702	1,757	1,864	2,468	2,341	2,678	3,020	3,668	5,134	6,084	6,034	6,038	+0.1%
	Bist powder	-	-	-	-	3,290	3,277	3,469	3,840	4,429	5,354	7,968	7,858	7,963	+1%
	Morphine	-	-	-	2,738	3,114	3,043	3,165	3,384	3,599	3,814	5,940	5,823	-	-
Farah	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,389	3,005	3,010	3,029	2,938	2,985	3,408	3,775	4,637	5,721	7,823	7,717	6,924	-10%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	-	3,287	3,303	3,495	3,173	3,195	3,651	3,983	5,122	6,161	8,692	9,121	8,690	-5%
	Morphine	-	2,630	2,636	2,679	2,350	2,376	3,104	3,319	4,429	5,427	6,084	7,016	6,301	-10%
Nimroz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,185	3,287	3,280	2,932	2,409	2,751	2,775	3,020	3,211	3,814	4,418	4,420	4,099	-7%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	-	2,583	2,577	2,563	1,998	2,282	2,215	2,689	2,860	3,227	3,549	3,508	3,462	-1%
	Bist powder	-	-	-	4,077	3,643	3,804	3,773	3,840	4,083	5,134	5,795	6,314	6,190	-2%
	Morphine	-	2,524	2,518	4,427	3,996	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Heroin is an opioid drug made from morphine, a natural substance taken from the seed pod of the various opium poppy plants grown in Southeast and Southwest Asia, Mexico, and Colombia. Heroin can be a white or brown powder, or a black sticky substance known as black tar heroin. Other common names for heroin include *big H*, *horse*, *hell dust*, and *smack*.

Table 9: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of heroin in currencies other than USD

Types of heroin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of heroin in local currency		Change (Feb-Jan) %
		Jan-24	Feb-24	
Batan (100)	Afghani	-	-	-
White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	735,000	688,750	-6%
Batan (100)	Afghani	-	-	-
White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	840,000	725,000	-14%
White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	622,500	580,000	-7%
White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	907,500	761,250	-16%
Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	1,765,000	1,785,000	+1%
Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	1,525,000	1,542,000	+1%
Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	346,000	355,000	+3%
Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	195,000	163,000	-16%
Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	80,000	90,000	+13%
Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	56,000	65,000	+16%
Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Afghani	400,000	420,000	+5%
Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Afghani	305,000	320,000	+5%
Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Afghani	400,000	430,000	+8%
Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Afghani	295,000	325,000	+10%
Bist powder - 20%	Afghani	160,000	180,000	+13%
Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,660,000	1,660,000	0%
Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,600,000	1,600,000	0%
White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	2,430,000	2,430,000	0%
White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Pakistani Rupee	2,470,000	2,470,000	0%
Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,660,000	1,660,000	0%
Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,600,000	1,600,000	0%
White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	2,400,000	2,400,000	0%
White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Pakistani Rupee	2,430,000	2,430,000	0%
Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	245,000	288,000	+18%
White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	490,000	498,000	+2%
White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	430,000	436,000	+1%
Bist powder	Afghani	560,000	575,000	+3%
Morphine	Afghani	415,000	-	-
White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	550,000	500,000	-9%
White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	650,000	627,500	-3%
Morphine	Afghani	500000	455000	-9%
White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	315000	296000	-6%
White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	250000	250000	0%
Bist powder	Afghani	450000	447000	-1%
Morphine	Afghani	-	-	-

5. Synthetic Drugs

Synthetic drugs are a dangerous chemical and it has intensive effects on health, and after a long time it makes consumer addicted, and can be potentially life threatening. Primary users, of these synthetic drugs are youths in Afghanistan; because products are cheap and easily accessible to teenagers everywhere, at stores, smoke shops and party ceremonies.

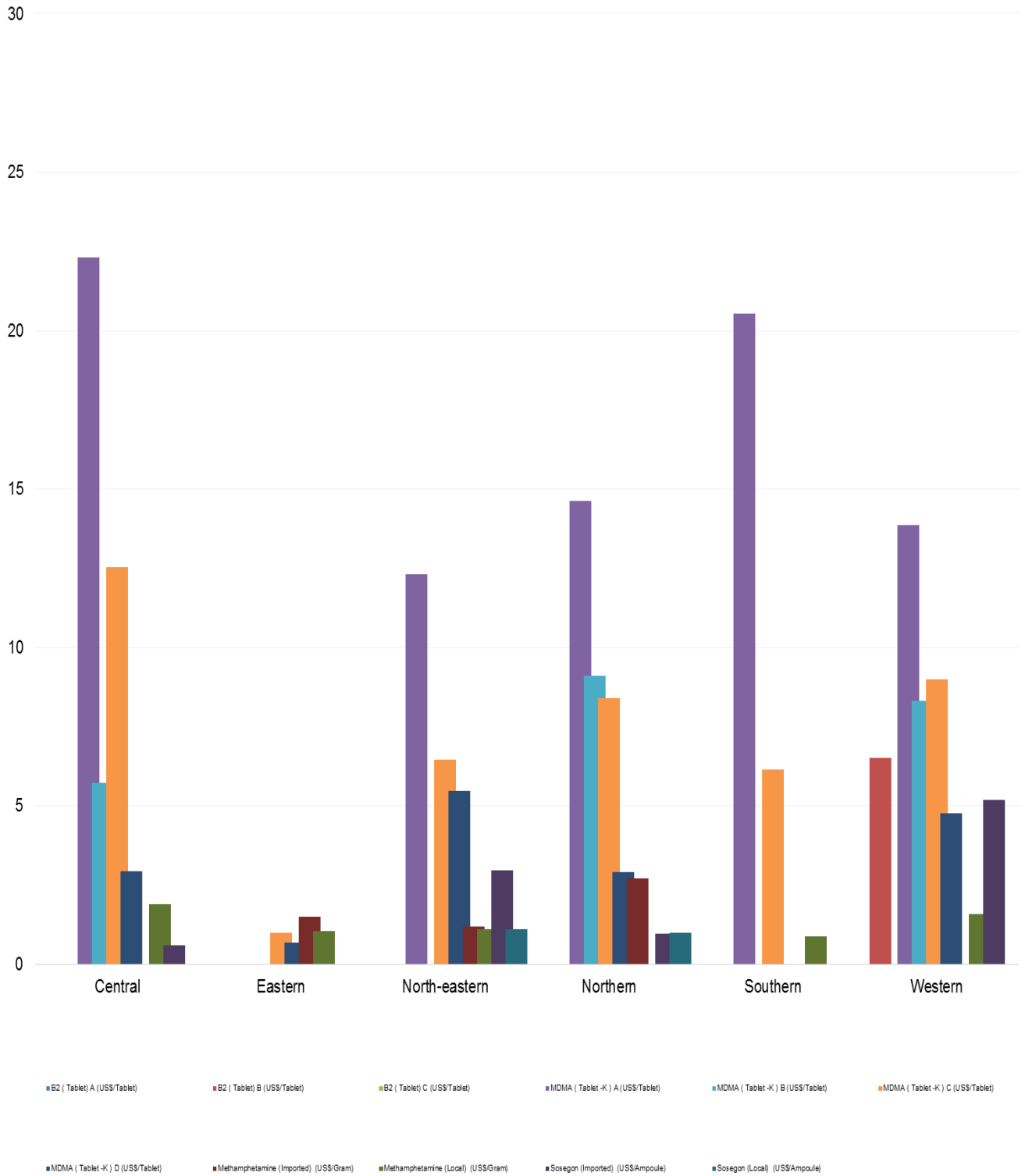
Synthetic drugs, could be addictive and creates a serious threat on the health of every one in daily life. Methamphetamine², Tablet K and Sosegon are available in Afghanistan, which Methamphetamine is sold in various names in Afghanistan. And Sheesha is the common name for Methamphetamine, for details of its cheap price and accessible for youth.

² Methamphetamine is a powerful, highly addictive stimulant that affects the central nervous system. Also known as meth, blue, ice, and crystal, among many other terms, it takes the form of a white, odorless, bitter-tasting crystalline powder that easily dissolves in water or alcohol.

Table 10: Prices of all types of Synthetic Drugs in (US\$/UNIT)

Region	Types of Synthetic Drugs	Feb_24
Central	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.88
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.60
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	22.30
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	5.71
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	12.54
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	2.93
Eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	1.49
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.04
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	1.00
MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	0.69	
North-eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	1.19
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.10
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	2.96
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.79
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	12.30
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	6.45
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	5.47
Northern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	2.70
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.96
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.98
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	14.62
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	9.10
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	8.39
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	2.91
Southern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	-
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	0.89
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	20.54
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	6.16
Western	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.60
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	5.19
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	13.85
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	8.31
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	9.00
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	4.78
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	6.51

Figure 4: Types of Synthetic Drugs in US Dollar- February 2024



6. Cannabis Resin

There are mainly three types of cannabis resin available in Afghanistan namely Garda # 1, # 2 and # 3 with quality as best, moderate and fair respectively. Garda # 1 (Shirak) in Badakhshan province was the most expensive cannabis resin because of its pure quality. Earlier Garda # 1 (Patnosi) of Balkh province was most expensive and popular because of its high quality however it lost its demand due to blending with lower quality hashish.

Table 11: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), Feb 2023–Feb 2024

Types of cannabis resin	Types of resin	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Change (Feb-Jan) %
Garda # 1	Garda # 1	37	34	36	39	39	40	37	41	47	49	86	108	100	-7%
Garda # 2	Garda # 2	31	28	32	33	34	36	33	36	39	42	64	79	72	-9%
Garda # 3	Garda # 3	18	16	18	21	19	21	19	21	25	28	43	57	54	-7%
Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	142	116	129	116	130	132	129	124	148	220	224	223	194	-13%
Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Garda # 2	91	87	94	98	106	111	103	103	121	176	188	195	166	-15%
Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	68	58	64	60	71	77	73	64	81	147	159	167	138	-17%
Garda # 1 (Patnosi)	Garda # 1	136	122	117	107	122	126	110	108	135	176	189	194	189	-3%
Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Garda # 2	102	99	94	86	94	98	85	79	94	147	145	167	154	-8%
Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	68	51	59	50	59	61	49	41	54	117	116	139	140	+1%
Garda # 1 (Chaki)	Garda # 1	148	117	141	133	139	141	121	121	152	205	210	216	209	-4%
Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Garda # 2	114	93	117	110	114	118	97	98	120	147	152	154	146	-5%
Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	80	58	82	74	85	87	73	68	90	117	116	119	111	-6%
Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Garda # 1	77	80	74	64	80	85	176	189	187	208	217	217	210	0%
Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Garda # 1	82	85	80	73	88	94	183	195	194	217	235	232	217	-6%
Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	57	51	59	58	54	53	54	71	74	189	182	94	92	-2%
Garda # 2	Garda # 2	34	25	28	28	27	27	30	46	48	149	143	52	49	-4%
Garda # 3	Garda # 3	20	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	202	188	199	204	200	205	219	247	249	264	275	295	277	-6%
Garda # 2 (Morhajoshi)	Garda # 2	148	94	100	105	100	94	103	111	118	125	123	126	118	-7%
Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Garda # 1	113	89	118	110	111	98	89	116	111	125	180	193	205	+6%
Garda # 2 (Morhajosh)	Garda # 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Figure 5: Average price of cannabis resin (Garda #1, best quality) in US\$/kg, Feb 2023–Feb 2024

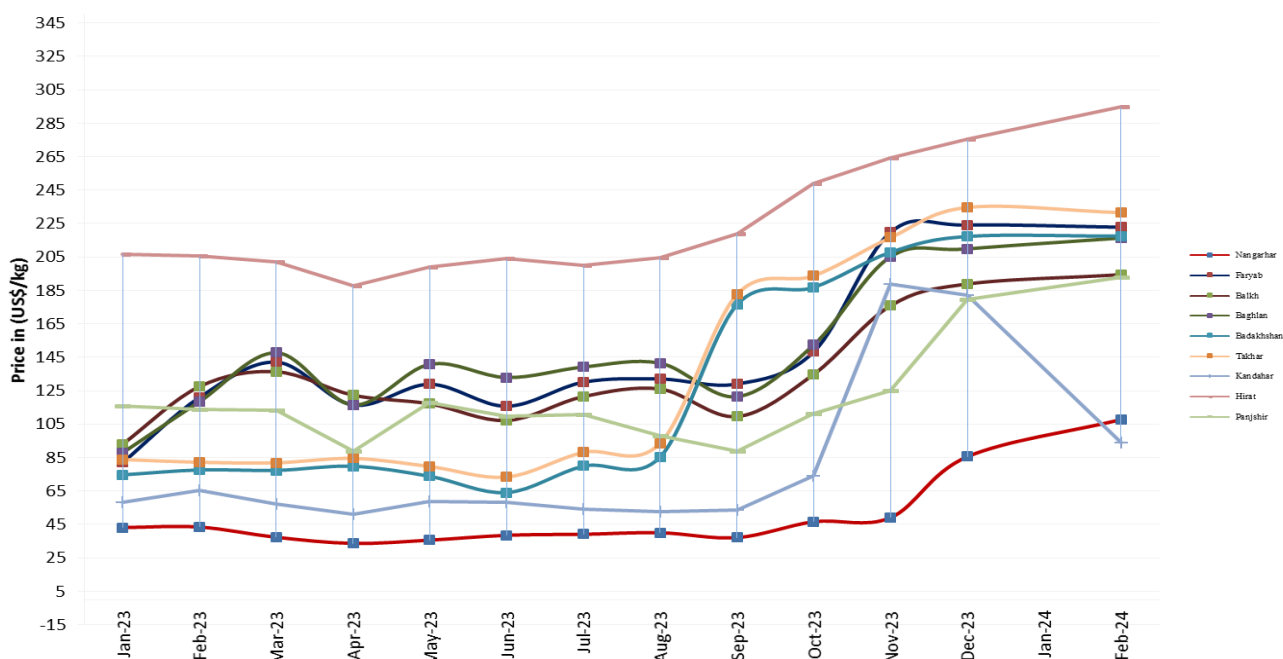


Figure 6: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), February 2024



Table 12: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in local currency, Jan 2024–Feb 2024

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Feb-Jan) %
			Jan-24	Feb-24	
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	30,000	28,000	-7%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	22,000	20,000	-9%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	16,000	15,000	-6%
Faryab	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Afghani	16,000	14,000	-13%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	14,000	12,000	-14%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	12,000	10,000	-17%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Patnosi)	Afghani	14,000	13,500	-4%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	12,000	11,000	-8%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	10,000	10,000	0%
Baghlan	Garda # 1 (Chaki)	Afghani	15,500	15,000	-3%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	11,000	10,500	-5%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	8,500	8,000	-6%
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	15,500	15,200	-2%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	16,500	15,700	-5%
Kandahar	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Pakistani Rupee	26,222	25,556	-3%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	14,444	13,778	-5%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Hirat	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	21,000	20,000	-5%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	9,000	8,500	-6%
Panjshir	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Pakistani Rupee	14,000	14,700	+5%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	-	-	-

7. Seeds: Cannabis and Poppy

Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds collected from eighteen provinces of Afghanistan are tabulated below.

Table 13: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in other than USD currency, Jan 2024–Feb 2024

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change (Feb-Jan) (%)
			Jan-24	Feb-24	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	95	90	-5%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	88	83	-6%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	115	110	-4%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	100	95	-5%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	100	90	-10%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	80	70	-13%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	90	85	-6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	75	72	-4%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	120	126	+5%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	75	75	0%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	180	160	-11%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	150	150	0%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	170	170	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	80	80	0%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	99	101	+2%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	51	52	+2%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	102	104	+2%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	57	58	+2%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	136	138	+2%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	26	55	+110%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	96	98	-
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	62	63	-
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	425	475	+12%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	145	135	-7%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	-	-	-
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	-	-	-
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	385	390	+1%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	120	125	+4%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	180	200	+11%
Ghazni	Cannabis seed	Afghani	-	-	-
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	100	100	0%

Table 14: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), February 2023–February 2024

Types of seeds	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.849	1.000	1.765	0.909	0.832	0.882	0.923	0.929	0.924	0.933	1.105	1.016	0.980	-4%
Poppy seed	1.474	1.779	2.840	1.328	1.272	1.314	1.336	1.442	1.417	1.603	1.978	1.669	1.659	-1%

8. Prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level

The consumer prices of heroin, opium and hashish collected from different regions of Afghanistan are as below. The quality of product varies widely in different regions.

Figure 7: Regional average prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in (US\$/Kg), Feb 2024

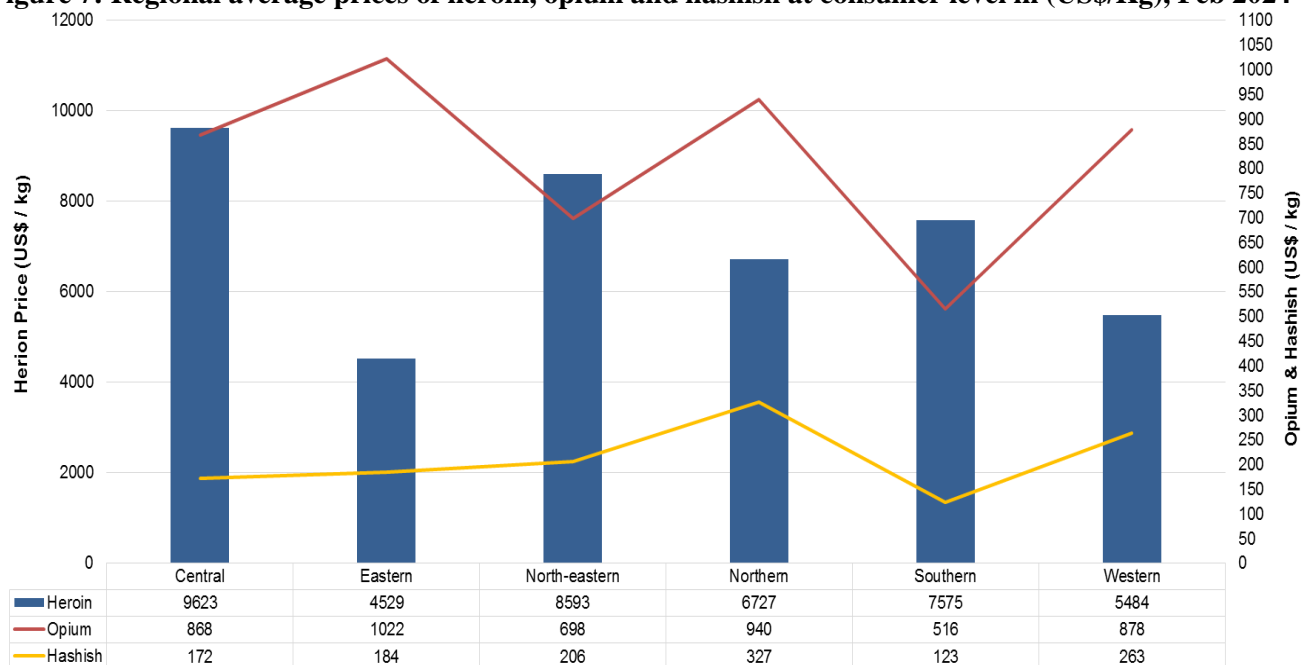


Table 15: Average prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), Feb 23 – Feb 24

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Feb-Jan) (%)
	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	
Heroin	2,915	2,835	2,822	3,286	3,520	3,611	3,782	4,413	4,463	5,605	7,997	7,150	7,624	+7%
Opium	366	348	369	355	355	383	413	456	496	592	1,502	850	812	-4%
Hashish	133	131	141	132	145	141	136	148	165	216	264	214	214.1	+0.1%

9. Price of Acetic Anhydride

Table 16 Average Price of Acetic Anhydride in Afghanistan (US\$/Lit) February 2023–February 2024

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Increase / Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A* (Garmani)	194	198	147	127	139	140	159	160	178	191	182	243	232	-5%
Acetic Anhydride - B* (Japani)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acetic Anhydride - C* (Indian)	58	55	57	58	59	59	58	66	72	91	143	122	119	-3%
Acetic Anhydride - D* (Pakistani)	46	47	54	53	54	56	55	57	61	88	136	104	90	-13%
Acetic Anhydride - E* (Chinees)	143	149	155	128	138	143	169	168	179	182	203	203	193	-5%
Acetic Anhydride - F* (Irani)	89	72	67	78	80	77	81	85	92	108	116	131	134	+2%

10. Price of Ephedra

Ephedra is a low evergreen shrub with small scaly leaves. It has a long history of medicinal use in China and India to treat colds, fever, headaches, and coughing, wheezing, and other conditions.

Where is Ephedra found?

A group of about 40 species found from southern Europe, North Africa to Asia as well as the mountains of North and South America, Ephedra are typically plants of dry and desert regions.

Ephedra is found naturally in different zones of Afghanistan and is used in the production of methamphetamine. From September 2023, the Deputy Ministry for Counter Narcotics had also included the price of Ephedra in the monthly drug price report.

Table 17: Average price of Ephedra in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), January 2024–February 2024

Average Price Of "Ephedra" For Each Zone (US\$/Kg)			
Region	Jan-24	Feb-24	Change (Feb-Jan) %
Northern	0.61	0.66	+8%
North-east	1.45	0.99	-32%
Western	1.26	1.28	+2%
Central	0.97	1.18	-
Southern	0.42	0.42	-0.5%
Eastern	1.12	0.90	-20%
Average Prices for Afghanistan	0.93	0.93	-1%

11. Licit Crops

Prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, rice (imported) and rice (local) collected in seven provinces of Afghanistan are shown in below table.

Table 18: Prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported and local rice in Afghanistan in local currency, February 2024

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Nangarhar	Wheat	-	40	0.6
Nangarhar	Cotton	-	105	1.5
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	-	110	1.5
Nangarhar	Rice Local	-	55	0.8
Balkh	Wheat	-	23	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	120	1.7
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	118	1.7
Balkh	Rice Local	-	65	0.9
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	30	0.4
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	130	1.8
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	62	1.8
Takhar	Wheat	-	25	0.9
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	120	1.7
Takhar	Rice Local	-	60	0.8
Helmand	Wheat	120	-	1.7
Helmand	Cotton	580	-	8.0
Helmand	Rice Imported	405	-	5.6
Kandahar	Wheat	125	-	1.7
Kandahar	Cotton	590	-	8.2
Kandahar	Rice Imported	400	-	5.5
Hirat	Wheat	-	22	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	190	2.6
Hirat	Saffron	-	80000	1108
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	115	1.6
Hirat	Rice Local	-	86	1.2

Table 19: Average prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported, and local rice in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), February 2023–February 2024

Types of crops	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat (Local)	0.56	0.54	0.45	0.34	0.33	0.36	0.36	0.40	0.41	0.41	0.40	0.43	0.84	+96%
Cotton	2.18	2.20	1.87	2.12	2.14	1.97	1.97	2.07	2.13	2.07	1.90	1.93	4.39	+128%
Saffron	852	871	879	874	846	852	852	911	969	1100	1014	982	1108	+12%
Rice (Imported)	1.30	1.23	1.26	1.37	1.37	1.42	1.42	1.51	1.50	1.56	1.51	1.64	2.77	+69%
Rice (Local)	0.70	0.67	0.66	0.82	0.80	0.81	0.81	0.84	0.82	0.88	0.95	0.98	1.10	+12%

12. Reasons for rising and falling narcotic drug prices during this month

Causes of rising narcotic drug prices:

- ❖ Implementation of the decree of Amir al-Mominin on the prohibition of the cultivation, production, use, and smuggling of narcotic drugs.
- ❖ Approval and publication of Articles No. 13 and 32 of Mutahed Al-Mal regarding the determination of special penalties for types of drug activities.
- ❖ Eradication of poppy cultivation and drug processing factories.
- ❖ The determination of the authorities of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan to prevent the cultivation of poppy and hashish and to destroy its fields.
- ❖ Disrupting the order of drug stock markets and reducing drug stocks.
- ❖ Presence of local, regional, and international demand for drug use.
- ❖ Pursuing drug smugglers.

Reasons for the rise and fall of each category of drugs

The average price of opium in Afghanistan has decreased compared to last month, and the reasons are as follows:

First Part Poppy:

- According to field data, the price of opium has decreased in the southern zone due to the increase in poppy cultivation in Pakistan.
- In the western zone, the price of opium has decreased due to the decrease of drug seekers (addicts) from the level of cities, and due to the beginning of spring poppy cultivation in some provinces, the price of opium has decreased.
- A delegation led by the Deputy Minister of Counter-Narcotics went to the North-East Zone and discussed with the officials the seriousness of counter-narcotics. Because of this, the buying and selling of drugs in the said zone has been limited, and the price of opium has decreased.

Second Part Cannabis:

- In the southern zone, the level of cultivation and production of cannabis in Pakistan has increased, due to which the price of cannabis has decreased in this zone for several months.
- In the eastern zone, due to enforcement and greater control over the purchase and sale of cannabis, the price of cannabis has decreased.
- In the northern zone, the price of cannabis decreased in February due to the decrease in demand.

Third Part Heroin: Heroin is made from opium; a decrease in the price of opium leads to a fall in the price of heroin.

Fourth Part Synthetic Drugs:

- According to our analysis, synthetic drugs are mostly used by addicts. Therefore, it can be said on the same basis that the price reduction of synthetic drugs is due to the accumulation of addicts because the main applicants have decreased at the level of cities.
- The reason for the increase in the prices of some synthetic drugs, such as Pakistani tablet-k and imported methamphetamine, is the prevention of their entry into the country as a result of border control by the active forces and authorities of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.

13. Methodology

- ❖ Prices are collected in the last week of every month from around twenty farmers and equal numbers of traders by NSAD Survey coordinators generally from different farmers and traders each month. The price data collection is sourced from a few known farmers and traders as well.
- ❖ Opium prices are collected from 25 out of 34 provinces namely Kabul, Ghazni, Kapisa, Badakhshan, Baghlan, Badghis, Balkh, Farah, Faryab, Ghor, Hilmand, Hirat, Kandahar, Kunar, Kunduz, Laghman, Nangarhar, Nimroz, Uruzgan, Takhar, Sur-Pul, Samangan, Jawzjan and Zabul. The prices of dry and fresh opium are collected from farmers (at farm-gate level) and traders (at trader level).
- ❖ Different varieties of heroin, morphine collected from twelve provinces of Afghanistan namely Badakhshan, Takhar, Kunduz, Balkh, Faryab, Badghis, Hilmand, Kandahar, Nangarhar, Hirat, Nimroz and Farah, and cannabis resin prices are collected from eight provinces of Afghanistan namely Badakhshan, Balkh, Hirat, Nangarhar, Kandahar and Takhar. (Garda # 1(Patnosi)) in Balkh province is a new Garda of cannabis resin reported in January 2021 year.
- ❖ Prices of some licit crops such as, wheat, saffron, and cotton, imported and local rice is also collected from seven provinces of Afghanistan and included in this report.
- ❖ Prices of poppy seeds, cannabis seeds and acetic anhydride are included in the report as well.
- ❖ The prices are also presented in local currency for convenience of certain analysis; however, the national average prices are presented in USD. At the regional level, average prices are reflected in local currency with exception of the Western region since prices are reported in two different currencies.
- ❖ Prices are reported in different currencies in different regions. The prices in Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar) and Southern region (Kandahar, Hilmand, Uruzgan and Zabul) are reported in Pakistani rupees. In Northern (Balkh, Baghlan, Farayb, Sur-Pul, Samangan and Jawzjan) and North-eastern (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar) regions, the prices are reported in Afghani. However, prices are reported in two different currencies namely Afghani and Iranian Tuman in Western (Nimroz and Farah,) region. The prices are converted in US\$ using the exchange rate from (oanda.com) site considering the rates on the same date the observation is made.
- ❖ The synthetic drugs (Methamphetamine per gram, Sosegon per Ampoul, Tablet K per Tablet are reported from six regions (Kabul, Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunar, Faryab, Jawzjan, Sari-pul, Balkh, Samangan, Baghlan, Hilmand, Kandahar, Zabul, Badghis, Hirat, Ghor, Farah, Nimroz, Badakhshan, Takhar, and Kunduz) provinces of the country in US\$, Methamphetamine is sold in various names in Afghanistan. And Sheesha is the common name for Methamphetamine.

Table 20: Number of observations of dry and fresh opium prices

	Number of observations (n)		Number of provinces price collected
	Farm-gate price	Trader price	
Dry Opium	183	181	24
Fresh Opium	73	70	15

Afghanistan: Average dry Opium Price (February, 2024)



Source: NSAD/DM-CN/MoIA

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