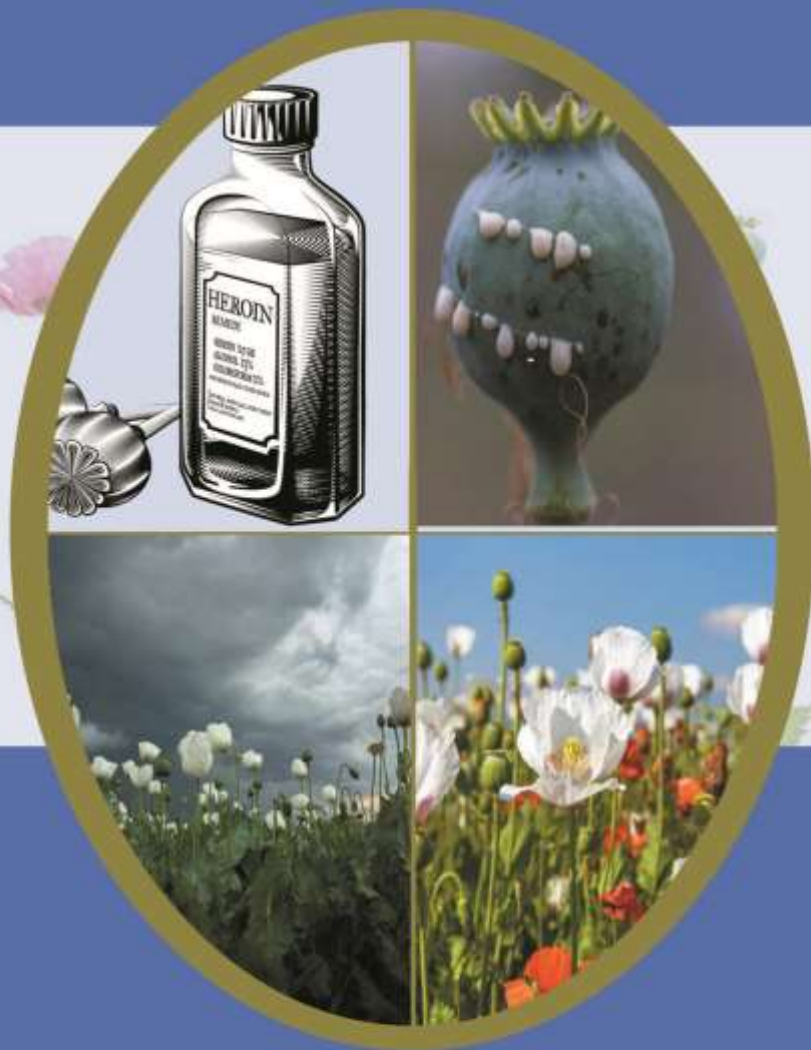




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1. Key Findings

1.1. Trends of Drug prices

Table1: Summary of Drug Prices

Types of drug	By Month			By Year		
	July_2024	August_2024	Change %	August_2023	August_2024	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	842	805	-4%	344	805	+134%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	854	812	-5%	354	812	+130%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	598	563	-6%	261	563	+116%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	602	573	-5%	272	573	+111%
Heroin Batan_100 (US\$/Kg)	10614	10194	-4%	-	-	-
Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 60% (US\$/Kg)	7357	7055	-4%	4236	7055	+67%
Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 40% (US\$/Kg)	6047	6028	-0.3%	3398	6028	+77%
Morphine (US\$/Kg)	5873	5370	-9%	3134	5370	+71%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 1) Price in (US\$/Kg)	204	197	-4%	124	197	+58%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 2) Price in (US\$/Kg)	139	131	-6%	75	131	+74%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 3) Price in (US\$/Kg)	129	113	-12%	53	113	+111%
Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	2.11	2.07	-2%	1.47	2.07	+41%
Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.23	1.16	-6%	1.003	1.16	+16%
Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1.11	0.87	-22%	1.173	0.87	-26%
Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.77	0.73	-5%	0.60	0.73	+22%
MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	14.8	14.9	+1%	14.7	14.9	+2%
MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	7.7	6.6	-15%	8.2	6.6	-19%
MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	6.2	6.0	-3%	7.3	6.0	-17%
MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	3.02	3.07	+1%	3.47	3.07	-12%

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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 25 provinces in August 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\$ 805/kg) at the end of August 2024, which is 4% Lower compared to the price reported in July 2024 (US\$ 842/kg). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in August 2024 is 134% higher than the price reported in August 2023, which was (US\$ 344/kg).

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



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

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Jul-24	Aug-24	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	1205	1207	+0.2%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and diykundy)	703	706	+0.4%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	992	938	-5%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	620	492	-21%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	635	624	-2%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	944	988	+5%
Average	842	805	-4%

3.1.2 Trader Price

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was (US\$ 812/kg) at the end of August 2024, showing 5% decrease compared to the price reported last month in July 2024 (US\$ 854/kg). The average dry opium price at trader level in August 2024 is 130% higher than the price reported last year in August 2023, which was (US\$ 354/kg).

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 0.4% and 0.2% in the Southern and Eastern regions respectively. The Price has decreased by 22%, 5% and 2% in the North-eastern, Western and Northern regions respectively.

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

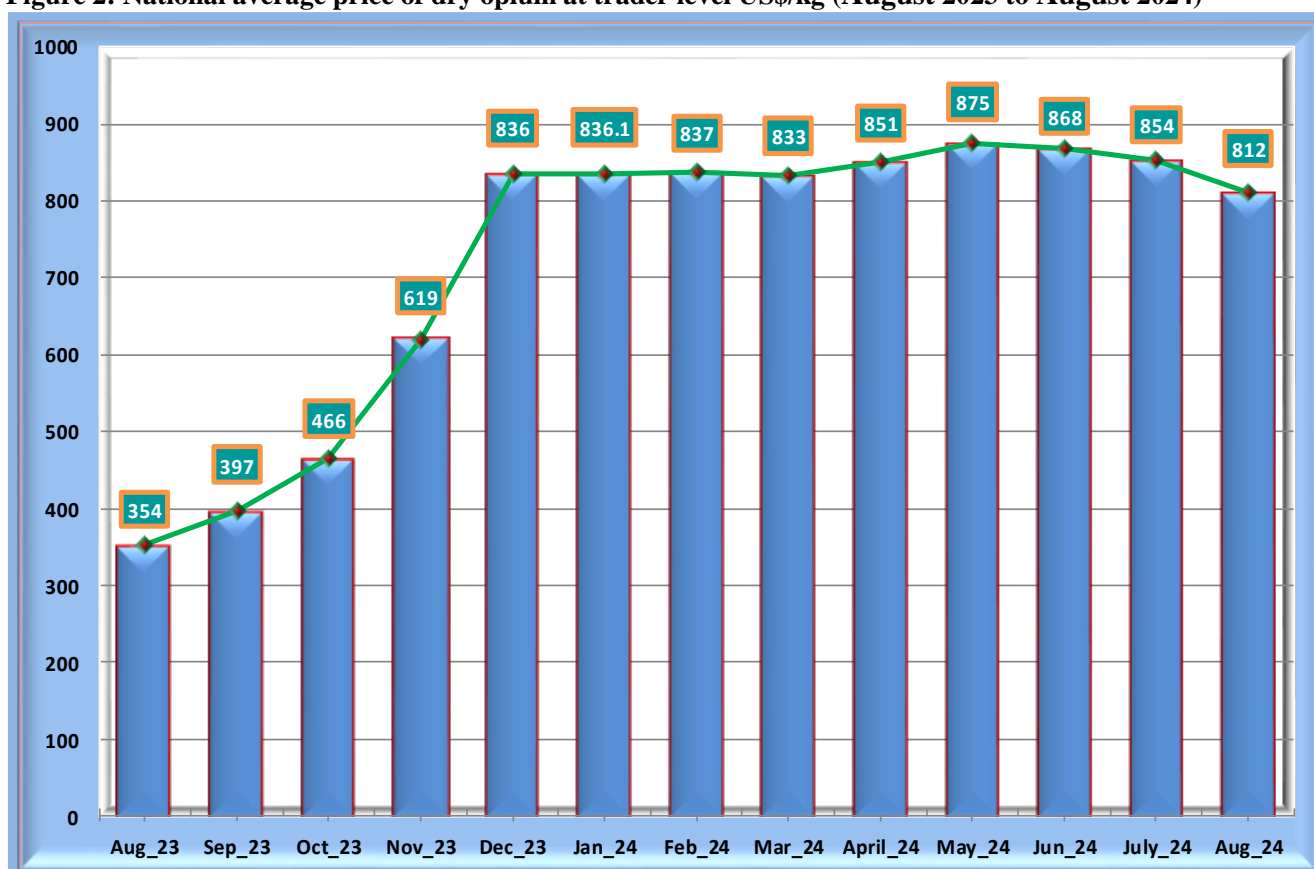


Table 3: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (July 2024 to August 2024)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Jul-24	Aug-24	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	1208	1210	+0.2%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and diykundy)	707	710	+0.4%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	1015	964	-5%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	645	506	-22%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	641	631	-2%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	-	-	-
Average	854	812	-5%

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\$ 843/kg) in August 2024, showing a decrease of 6% compared to the price reported in July 2024 (US\$ 895/kg). The average price of one kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province was (US\$ 964/kg) in August 2024, showing an increase of 3% compared to the price reported in July 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 (Aug-Jul) %	Hilmand		Price change (Aug-Jul) %
	Jul-24	Aug-24		Jul-24	Aug-24	
<i>Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)</i>	895	843	-6%	932	964	+3%

3.2.2. Trader price

In Balkh province, the average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level was (US\$ 851/kg) in August 2024, showing a decrease of 6% compared to the price reported in July 2024 (US\$ 901/kg). In Hilmand province, the average price of one kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at trader level was (US\$ 973/kg) in August 2024, showing an increase of 0.3% compared to the price reported in July 2024 (US\$ 970/kg).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Aug-Jul) %	Hilmand		Price change (Aug-Jul) %
	Jul-24	Aug-24		Jul-24	Aug-24	
<i>Trader price (US\$/Kg)</i>	901	851	-6%	970	973	+0.3%

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 (Aug-Jul) (%)	Change at trader level (Aug-Jul) (%)
		Jul-24		Aug-24			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and and Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	334862	335719	336113	336938	+0.4%	+0.4%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul and diykundi)	Pakistani Rupee	195161	196272	196272	197384	+1%	+1%
Western region (Badghis and Chor) *	Afghani	58158	60194	53383	55389	-8%	-8%
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz) *	Imanian Tuman	50319211	50696094	48802619	49697378	-3%	-2%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	43279	45033	34342	35323	-21%	-22%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	44165	44613	43658	44094	-1%	-1%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	Afghani	66267	-	69050	-	+4%	-

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

3.3 Fresh Opium

At the end of August 2024, the national average price of fresh opium decreased by 6% from (US\$ 598/kg) in July 2024 to (US\$ 563/kg) in August 2024 at the farm-gate level. Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level decreased by 4% from (US\$ 602/kg) in July 2024 to (US\$ 573/kg) in August 2024.

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

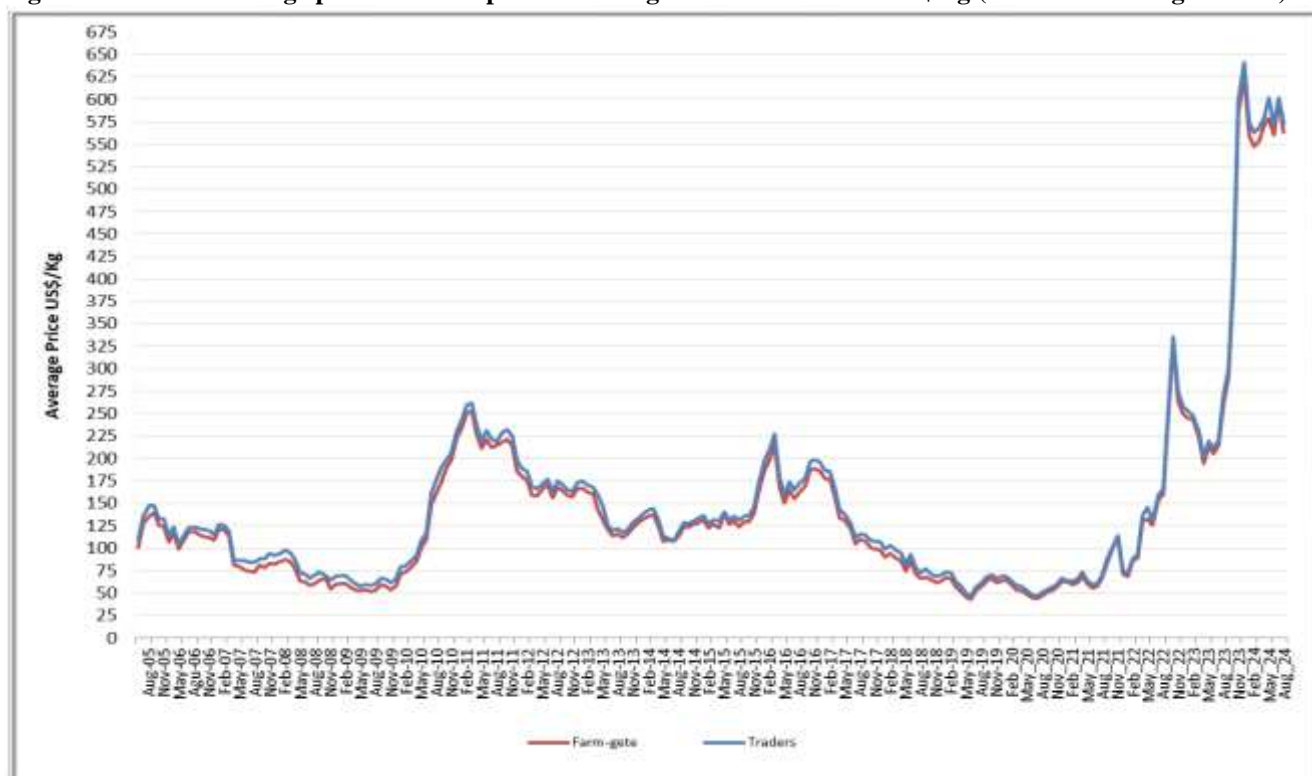


Table 7: Regional average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				change at farm-gate level (Aug-Jul) (%)	Change at trader level (Aug-Jul) (%)
		Jul-24		Aug-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	162887	164982	163992	166093	+1%	
Western region (Badghis and Ghor) *	Afghani	46996	48737	41247	45583	-12%	
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz) *	Imanian Tuman	35468816	35960442	31845557	32377025	-10%	
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	35106	35975	31658	33041	-10%	
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	37111	37574	36706	37153	-1%	
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	Afghani	64667	-	67667	-	+5%	

* 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 best powder in Hirat, Farah, Nimroz and Badghis provinces are the most expensive heroin reported in Afghanistan. The cheapest heroin (US\$ 374/kg) is called as Khata - 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

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

Provinces	Types of heroin	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Change (Aug-Jul) %
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,000	-	11,708	11,554	11,230	10,769	-4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,201	4,823	4,547	4,932	9,634	10,313	9,538	9,534	11,122	10,697	10,020	8,050	7,475	-7%
Takhar	Batan (100)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,134	10,698	9,998	9,618	-4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,294	4,873	4,749	5,036	10,141	11,787	10,040	10,072	10,100	10,644	9,699	8,193	7,318	-11%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	2,173	2,386	2,223	2,365	7,876	8,735	8,032	8,057	8,082	8,834	8,701	7,305	6,136	-16%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,481	5,178	4,901	5,242	11,140	12,734	10,542	10,575	9,823	10,332	9,628	8,308	7,017	-16%
Nangarhar	Off- white powder (Batan)	1,109	1,148	1,218	1,467	5,653	6,334	6,387	8,202	8,574	8,569	8,632	8,689	8,735	+1%
	Bist powder	558	577	620	771	5,236	5,473	5,518	7,015	7,409	7,410	7,469	7,501	7,945	+6%
	Chara # 1	75	80	88	148	838	1,242	1,270	1,331	1,435	1,447	1,451	1,569	1,609	+3%
	Chara # 2	61	64	74	103	642	700	583	630	681	702	745	759	808	+6%
	Khata # 1	53	56	63	95	178	287.1	322.0	342	386	403	439	450	478	+6%
	Khata # 2	42	44	49	81	143	201	233	252	281	306	342	353	374	+6%
Faryab	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality-60%	4,018	4,327	4,653	5,715	5,740	5,571	5,816	6,271	6,761	7,215	6,016	6,086	6,002	-1.4%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality-40%	3,092	3,349	3,682	4,103	4,121	4,248	4,431	4,703	5,071	5,388	5,300	5,327	5,259	-1.3%
Balkh	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality-60%	3,847	4,147	4,519	5,423	5,593	5,555	5,962	6,263	6,604	6,770	6,880	6,876	6,805	-1%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality-40%	2,654	2,962	3,305	3,884	4,097	4,097	4,506	4,982	5,340	5,642	5,447	5,543	5,504	-0.7%
	Bist powder 20%	1,339	1,597	1,780	2,081	2,179	2,222	2,496	2,705	2,810	3,103	2,867	3,008	2,959	-2%
Helmand	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,685	3,929	4,226	7,247	6,638	5,949	5,957	6,118	5,942	5,576	5,751	6,126	6,294	+3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	3,350	3,758	4,081	7,000	6,424	5,734	5,742	5,974	5,762	5,396	5,535	5,909	6,114	+3%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	6,700	6,970	7,440	10,905	10,456	8,709	8,721	8,277	8,102	7,374	8,267	8,648	8,811	+2%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	6,097	6,355	6,790	10,535	10,242	8,852	8,864	8,457	8,282	7,554	7,979	8,360	8,595	+3%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kandahar	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	3,618	3,758	4,081	7,282	6,638	5,949	5,957	6,082	5,942	5,576	5,751	6,126	6,294	+3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	3,250	3,553	3,828	7,035	6,424	5,734	5,742	5,830	5,762	5,396	5,535	5,909	6,114	+3%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	6,700	6,901	7,368	10,905	10,349	8,601	8,613	8,349	8,354	7,374	8,267	8,612	8,631	+0.2%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	6,030	6,491	6,934	10,570	10,099	8,709	8,721	8,457	8,210	7,554	7,979	8,288	8,415	+2%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Badghis	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	2,191	2,252	2,422	2,640	2,752	3,438	3,988	4,098	4,005	3,957	4,065	4,011	4,038	+1%
Hirat	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,104	3,710	4,845	4,841	6,954	6,876	6,896	7,256	7,237	7,279	7,132	7,248	6,874	-5%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	2,678	3,020	3,668	5,134	6,084	6,034	6,038	6,047	6,324	5,371	5,206	5,085	4,941	-3%
	Bist powder	3,469	3,840	4,429	5,354	7,968	7,858	7,963	8,537	7,940	-	-	-	-	-
	Morphine	3,165	3,384	3,599	3,814	5,940	5,823	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Farah	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	3,408	3,775	4,637	5,721	7,823	7,717	6,924	6,972	7,870	7,067	6,989	6,876	5,639	-18%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	3,651	3,983	5,122	6,161	8,692	9,121	8,690	8,893	6,464	5,936	5,848	6,052	6,444	+6%
	Morphine	3,104	3,319	4,429	5,427	6,084	7,016	6,301	6,403	6,324	5,229	5,135	5,873	5,370	-9%
Nimroz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	2,775	3,020	3,211	3,814	4,418	4,420	4,099	5,357	5,354	7,040	7,162	7,131	7,499	+5%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	2,215	2,689	2,860	3,227	3,549	3,508	3,462	4,524	4,521	5,073	5,321	4,728	4,742	+0.3%
	Bist powder	3,773	3,840	4,083	5,134	5,795	6,314	6,190	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 US\$

Province	Types of heroin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of heroin in local currency		Change (Aug-Jul) %
			Jul-24	Aug-24	
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	Afghani	784,000	752,000	-4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	562,000	522,000	-7%
Takhar	Batan (100)	Afghani	698,000	671,600	-4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	572,000	511,000	-11%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	510,000	428,500	-16%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	580,000	490,000	-16%
Nangarhar	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	2,415,000	2,432,000	+0.7%
	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	2,085,000	2,212,000	+6%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	436,000	448,000	+3%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	211,000	225,000	+7%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	125,000	133,000	+6%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	98,000	104,000	+6%
Faryab	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality -60%	Afghani	425,000	420,000	-1.2%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality -40%	Afghani	372,000	368,000	-1.1%
Balkh	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality -60%	Afghani	480,000	476,000	-0.8%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality -40%	Afghani	387,000	385,000	-0.5%
	Bist powder - 20%	Afghani	210,000	207,000	-1.4%
Helmand	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,700,000	1,750,000	+3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,640,000	1,700,000	+4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	2,400,000	2,450,000	+2%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Pakistani Rupee	2,320,000	2,390,000	+3%
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Kandahar	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,700,000	1,750,000	+3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,640,000	1,700,000	+4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	2,390,000	2,400,000	+0.4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Pakistani Rupee	2,300,000	2,340,000	+2%
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Badghis	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	280,000	282,000	+1%
Hirat	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	506,000	480,000	-5%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	355,000	345,000	-3%
	Bist powder	Afghani	-	-	-
	Morphine	Afghani	-	-	-
	Morphine	Afghani	-	-	-
Farah	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	480,000	393,750	-18%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	422,500	450,000	+7%
	Morphine	Afghani	410000	375000	-9%
Nimruz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	497855	523624	+5%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	330077	331130	+0.3%
	Bist powder	Afghani	-	-	-
	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.

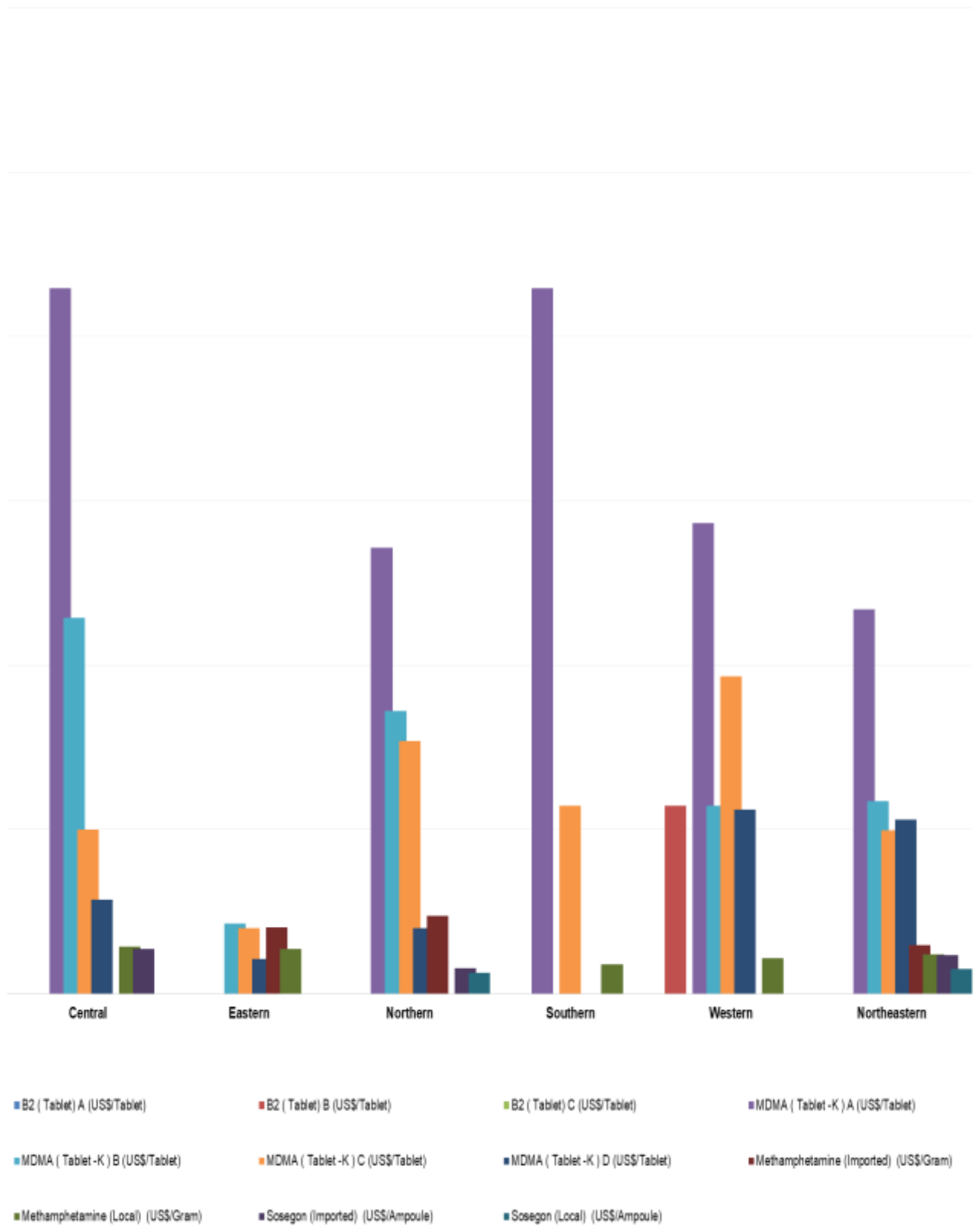
Synthetic drugs, could be addictive and creates a serious threat on the health of every one in daily life. Methamphetamine², Tablet K and Sosegon are available in Afghanistan, which Methamphetamine is sold in various names in Afghanistan. And Sheesha is the common name for Methamphetamine, for details 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	Aug-24
Central	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	-
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.4
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1.36
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	21.5
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	11.4
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	5.0
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	2.9
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
B2 (Tablet) C (US\$/Tablet)	-	
Eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	2.0
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.4
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	2.1
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	2.0
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	1.1
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
B2 (Tablet) C (US\$/Tablet)	-	
Northern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	2.4
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	-
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.8
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	13.6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	8.6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	7.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	2.0
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
B2 (Tablet) C (US\$/Tablet)	-	
Southern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	-
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	0.9
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	21.5
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	5.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
B2 (Tablet) C (US\$/Tablet)	-	
Western	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	-
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.1
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.0
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	14.3
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	5.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	9.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	5.6
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	5.7
B2 (Tablet) C (US\$/Tablet)	-	
Northeastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	1.5
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.2
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1.2
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.8
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	11.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	5.9
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	5.0
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	5.3
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
B2 (Tablet) C (US\$/Tablet)	-	

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



6. Cannabis Resin

There are mainly three types of cannabis resin available in Afghanistan, namely Garda # 1, # 2, and # 3, with the quality being 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 the 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), August 2023–August 2024

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Types of resin	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Change (Aug-Jul) %
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Garda # 1	37	41	47	49	86	108	100	90	94	101	104	112	115	+3%
Nangarhar	Garda # 2	Garda # 2	33	36	39	42	64	79	72	65	68	69	72	77	79	+2%
Nangarhar	Garda # 3	Garda # 3	19	21	25	28	43	57	54	50	52	56	54	61	68	+12%
Faryab	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	129	124	148	220	224	223	194	214	239	252	215	222	203	-9%
Faryab	Garda # 2 (Morchajoshi)	Garda # 2	103	103	121	176	188	195	166	185	204	208	186	189	171	-9%
Faryab	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	73	64	81	147	159	167	138	143	162	150	135	140	131	-6%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Patnosi)	Garda # 1	110	108	135	176	189	194	189	199	216	230	218	232	192	-17%
Balkh	Garda # 2 (Morchajoshi)	Garda # 2	85	79	94	147	145	167	154	171	190	195	182	198	153	-23%
Balkh	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	49	41	54	117	116	139	140	142	157	172	163	175	123	-30%
Baghlan	Garda # 1 (Chaki)	Garda # 1	121	121	152	205	210	216	209	213	221	224	207	215	200	-7%
Baghlan	Garda # 2 (Morchajoshi)	Garda # 2	97	98	120	147	152	154	146	157	173	177	160	172	157	-9%
Baghlan	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Garda # 3	73	68	90	117	116	119	111	121	132	134	125	139	129	-7%
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Garda # 1	176	189	187	208	217	217	210	213	218	207	213	236	243	+3%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Garda # 1	183	195	194	217	235	232	217	221	225	238	244	208	215	+3%
Kandahar	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	54	71	74	189	182	94	92	92	116	96	100	124	144	+16%
Kandahar	Garda # 2	Garda # 2	30	46	48	149	143	52	49	48	52	44	48	56	76	+35%
Kandahar	Garda # 3	Garda # 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hirat	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Garda # 1	219	247	249	264	275	295	277	299	302	233	221	236	215	-9%
Hirat	Garda # 2 (Morchajoshi)	Garda # 2	103	111	118	125	123	126	118	135	141	155	136	143	150	+5%
Panjshir	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Garda # 1	89	116	111	125	180	193	205	184	217	213	210	251	243	-3%
Panjshir	Garda # 2 (Morchajoshi)	Garda # 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

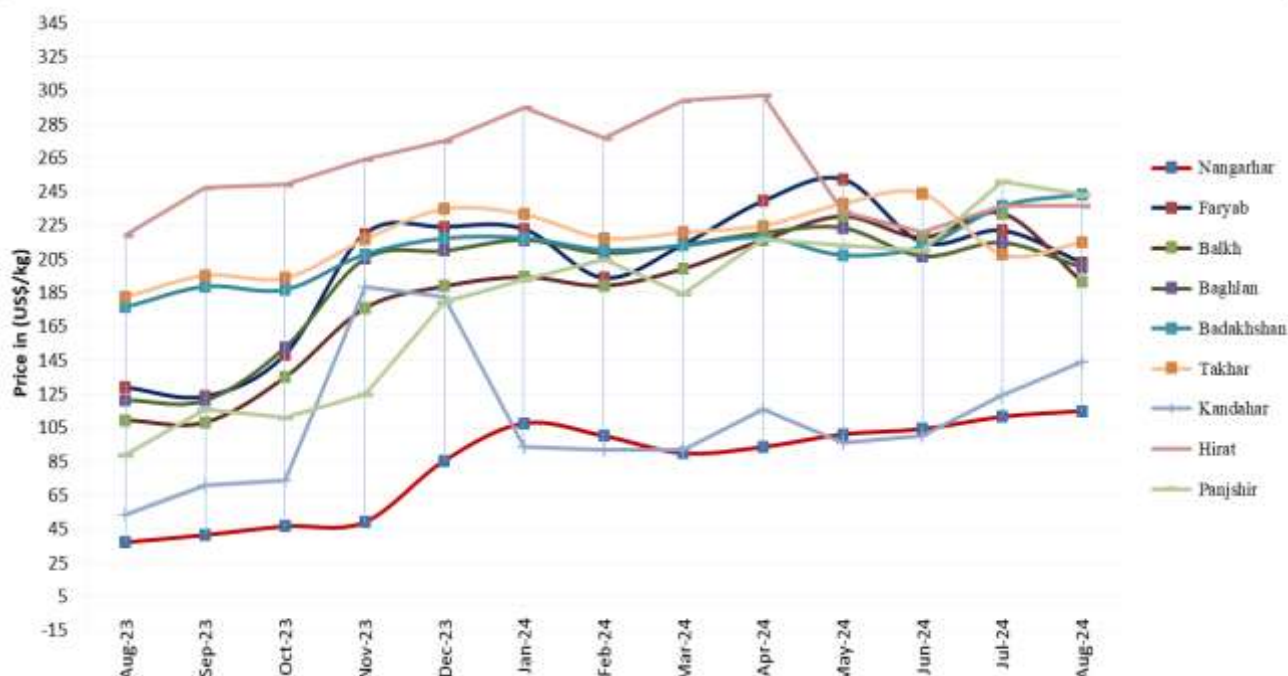
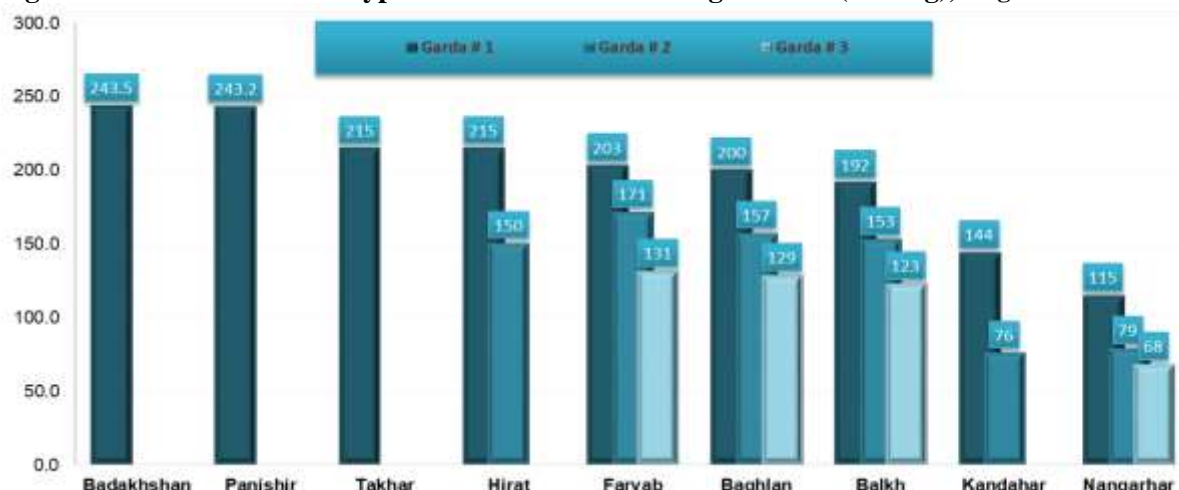


Figure 6: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), August 2024**Table 12: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in local currency, Jul 2024– Aug 2024**

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Aug-Jul) %
			Jul-24	Aug-24	
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	31,000	32,000	+3%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	21,500	22,000	+2%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	17,000	19,000	+12%
Faryab	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Afghani	15,500	14,200	-8%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	13,200	12,000	-9%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	9,800	9,200	-6%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Patnosi)	Afghani	16,200	13,400	-17%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	13,800	10,700	-22%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	12,200	8,600	-30%
Baghlan	Garda # 1 (Chaki)	Afghani	15,000	14,000	-7%
	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	12,000	11,000	-8%
	Garda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	9,700	9,000	-7%
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	16,500	17,000	+3%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	14,500	15,000	+3%
Kandahar	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	Pakistani Rupee	34,444	40,000	+16%
	Garda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	15,556	21,111	+36%
	Garda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Hirat	Garda # 1	Afghani	16,500	15,000	-9%
	Garda # 2	Afghani	10,000	10,500	+5%
Panjshir	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	Pakistani Rupee	17,500	17,000	-3%
	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, July 2024– August 2024

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change %
			Jul-24	Aug-24	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	80	95	+19%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	55	+10%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	120	130	+8%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	80	80	0%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	80	75	-6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	70	70	0%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	85	80	-6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	70	70	0%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	130	120	-8%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	80	75	-6%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	100	100	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	85	85	0%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	150	130	-13%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	80	85	+6%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	70	73	+4%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	50	53	+6%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	73	73	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	53	53	0%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	78	81	+4%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	56	59	+5%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	67	70	+4%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	53	56	+5%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	300	315	+5%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	170	180	+6%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	-	-	-
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	-	-	-
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	180	180	0%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	120	125	+4%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	170	180	+6%
Ghazni	Cannabis seed	Afghani	-	-	-
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	150	130	-13%

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

Types of seeds	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.882	0.923	0.929	0.924	0.933	1.105	1.016	0.980	1.105	1.054	0.920	0.882	0.900	+2%
Poppy seed	1.314	1.336	1.442	1.417	1.603	1.978	1.669	1.659	1.679	1.553	1.468	1.407	1.408	+0.03%

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), Aug 2024

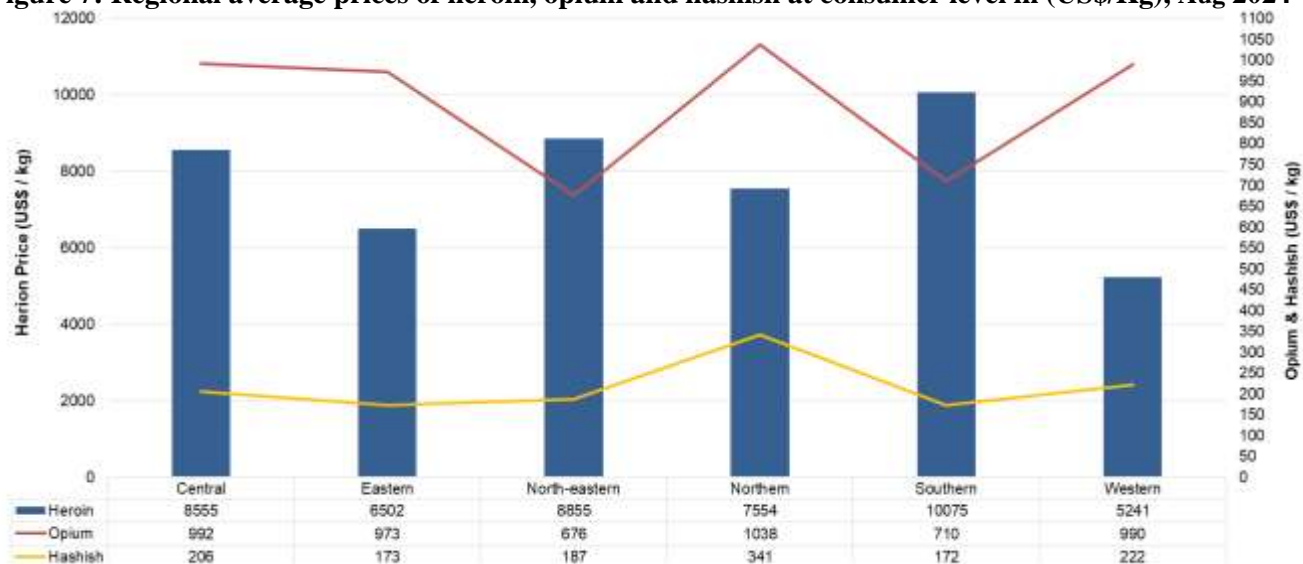


Table 15: Average prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), Aug 23 – Aug 24

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Aug-Jul) (%)
	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	
Heroin	3,782	4,413	4,463	5,605	7,997	7,150	7,624	7,427	7,928	7,500	7,398	8,220	8,016	-2%
Opium	413	456	496	592	1,502	850	812	867	896	885	871	954	922	-3%
Hashish	136	148	165	216	264	214	214	210	226	224	217	226	224	-1%

9. Price of Acetic Anhydride

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

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Increase / Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A* (Garmani)	159	160	178	191	182	243	232	245	255	223	204	210	207	-2%
Acetic Anhydride - B* (Japani)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acetic Anhydride - C* (Indian)	58	66	72	91	143	122	119	126	133	145	155	159	166	+5%
Acetic Anhydride - D* (Pakistani)	55	57	61	88	136	104	90	72	77	80	152	156	162	+3%
Acetic Anhydride - E* (Chinees)	169	168	179	182	203	203	193	199	206	204	198	199	194	-2%
Acetic Anhydride - F* (Irani)	81	85	92	108	116	131	134	103	105	109	96	114	112	-1%

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), July 2024– August 2024

Average Price Of "Ephedra" For Each Zone (US\$/Kg)			
Region	Jul-24	Aug-24	Change (Aug-Jul) %
Northern	0.77	0.73	-6%
North-east	0.74	0.78	+5%
Western	1.31	1.28	-2%
Central	0.86	0.88	+2%
Southern	1.13	1.45	+29%
Eastern	1.01	1.07	+6%
Average Prices for Afghanistan	0.96	1.05	+9%

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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, August 2024

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Nangarhar	Wheat	-	25	0.4
Nangarhar	Cotton	-	100	1.4
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	-	110	1.6
Nangarhar	Rice Local	-	46	0.7
Balkh	Wheat	-	18	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	90	1.3
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	90	1.3
Balkh	Rice Local	-	50	0.7
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	22	0.3
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	104	1.5
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	104	1.0
Takhar	Wheat	-	67	0.3
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	100	1.4
Takhar	Rice Local	-	59	0.8
Helmand	Wheat	-	22	0.3
Helmand	Cotton	-	127	1.8
Helmand	Rice Imported	-	74	1.1
Kandahar	Wheat	-	24	0.3
Kandahar	Cotton	-	132	1.9
Kandahar	Rice Imported	-	73	1.0
Hirat	Wheat	-	16	0.2
Hirat	Cotton	-	170	2.4
Hirat	Saffron	-	124000	1776
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	80	1.1
Hirat	Rice Local	-	60	0.9

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

Types of crops	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Increase/Decrease
Wheat (Local)	0.36	0.36	0.40	0.41	0.41	0.40	0.43	0.46	0.38	0.33	0.31	0.29	0.30	+5%
Cotton	1.97	1.97	2.07	2.13	2.07	1.90	1.93	1.88	1.94	1.84	1.77	1.79	1.77	-1%
Saffron	852	852	911	969	1100	1014	982	1108	1736	1714	1668	1655	1776	+7%
Rice (Imported)	1.42	1.42	1.51	1.50	1.56	1.51	1.64	1.53	1.55	1.46	1.42	1.36	1.29	-5%
Rice (Local)	0.81	0.81	0.84	0.82	0.88	0.95	0.98	1.10	0.96	0.87	0.85	0.79	0.81	+3%

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

First Part Opium:

Changes in the price of opium in Afghanistan: Compared to the last month, the average price of dry opium in Afghanistan has decreased by 4% and 5%, respectively, at the level of the field and at the level of traders, and the price of fresh opium at the level of the field and at the level of traders decreased by 6% and 5%, respectively. The **main reason** for the decrease in the price of opium is the arrest of smugglers in the north-eastern region of the country and the collection of drug addicts from the cities.

Changes in Opium Prices at the Regional Level:

- The price of opium in the western region has decreased compared to last month, due to the implementation of the law, the decrease of buyers, the increase in the supply of fresh opium, and, on the other hand, methamphetamine factories in Ghor province. It is an activity that has diverted the attention of drug dealers from the production of opium and heroin to the production of methamphetamine.
- The price of opium has dropped by 21% in the north-east region, the main reason being the arrest of drug smugglers.
- There has been no significant change in the price of opium in the eastern region compared to the previous month.
- The price of opium in the northern region has increased by 2% compared to the previous month, which is due to the end of the opium harvest season and the control of the market and sale of opium.

- The price of opium in the central zone has increased by 5% compared to the previous month, which is due to the increase in the price of opium in Kabul and Ghazni province, although the price of opium in the north-eastern region has decreased in Kapisa. The price of opium has decreased in the province, but this decrease in prices has not affected the increase in prices in Kabul and Ghazni.
- There has been no significant change in the price of opium in the southern region compared to last month.

Second Part Cannabis:

The price of hashish has increased compared to the previous month in the east and north-eastern regions due to the destruction of hashish, but it has decreased in the north, west, and central regions compared to the previous month, due to the increase in drug prices. The collection of drug addicts, and another reason is to control the purchase and sale of hashish.

Third Part Heroin:

Heroin is made from opium; the decline in the average price of opium in Afghanistan is caused by the decrease in the price of heroin. **According** to field data, **adding** another type of substance (referred to as heroin drug) to heroin **results in a decrease in both** the quality and price of heroin.

Fourth Part Synthetic Drugs:

According to our analysis, synthetic drugs are mostly used by addicts. So on this basis, it can be said that the decrease in the price of synthetic drugs is due to the accumulation of addicts, because the main demand has decreased at the level of cities. The reason for the increase in the prices of some synthetic drugs, such as all types of Tablet-k and the destruction of tablet production factories, is the prevention of their sale and entry into the country as a result of border control by the active forces and authorities of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.

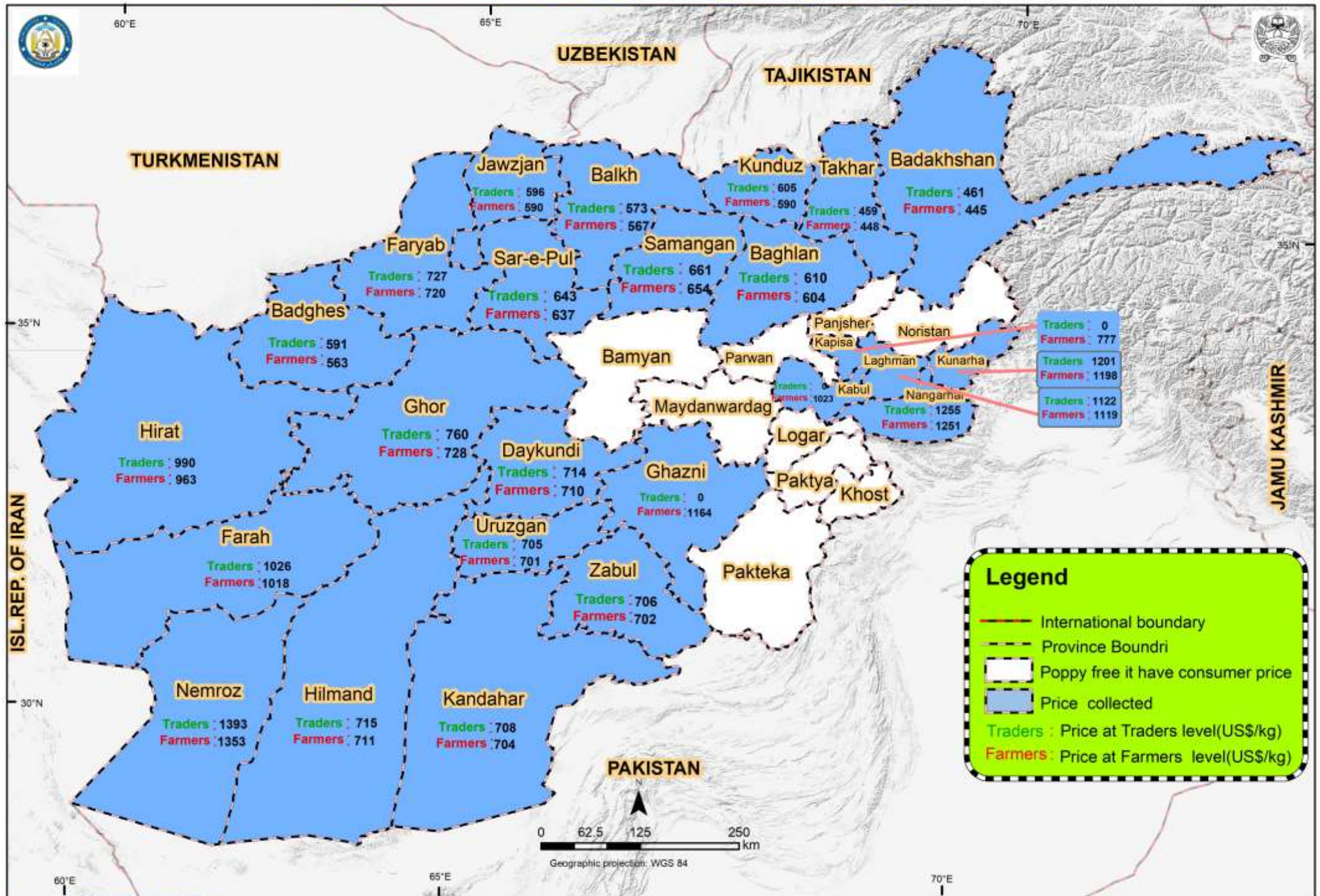
13. Methodology

- ❖ 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	174	171	25
Fresh Opium	117	114	21

Afghanistan: Average dry Opium Price (August, 2024)





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