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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 | | |
|---|--------------|---------------|----------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| | October_2024 | November_2024 | Change % | November_2023 | November_2024 | Change % |
| Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg) | 791 | 766 | -3.2% | 603 | 766 | +27% |
| Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg) | 807 | 779 | -3.5% | 619 | 779 | +26% |
| Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg) | 525 | 485 | -7.6% | 585 | 485 | -17% |
| Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg) | 538 | 497 | -7.6% | 598 | 497 | -17% |
| Heroin Batan_100 (US\$/Kg) | 11044 | 10996 | -0.4% | - | 10996 | - |
| Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 60% (US\$/Kg) | 6679 | 6508 | -3% | 6422 | 6508 | +1% |
| Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 40% (US\$/Kg) | 5300 | 5166 | -3% | 5696 | 5166 | -9% |
| Morphine (US\$/Kg) | 5111 | 5184 | +1% | 4621 | 5184 | +12% |
| Cannabis resin (Garda # 1) Price in (US\$/Kg) | 249 | 244 | -1.6% | 184 | 244 | +33% |
| Cannabis resin (Garda # 2) Price in (US\$/Kg) | 174 | 155 | -11% | 131 | 155 | +19% |
| Cannabis resin (Garda # 3) Price in (US\$/Kg) | 160 | 135 | -16% | 102 | 135 | +32% |
| Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram) | 2.19 | 2.10 | -4% | 1.73 | 2.10 | +22% |
| Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram) | 1.42 | 1.32 | -7% | 1.20 | 1.32 | +11% |
| Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule) | 1.34 | 1.35 | +1% | 1.90 | 1.35 | -29% |
| Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule) | 0.91 | 1.05 | +14% | 0.75 | 1.05 | +40% |
| MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet) | 15.86 | 15.61 | -2% | 17.6 | 15.61 | -11% |
| MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet) | 6.54 | 6.37 | -3% | 11.1 | 6.37 | -43% |
| MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet) | 5.80 | 5.37 | -7% | 7.7 | 5.37 | -30% |
| MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet) | 3.101 | 3.18 | +3% | 3.40 | 3.18 | -6% |

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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 November 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\$ 766/kg) at the end of November 2024, which is 3.2% Lower compared to the price reported in October 2024 (US\$ 791/kg). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in November 2024 is 27% higher than the price reported in November 2023, which was (US\$ 603/kg).

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



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

| Region | Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg) | | Price change (%) |
|--|------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| | Oct-24 | Nov-24 | |
| Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar) | 1183 | 1187 | +0.4% |
| Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and diykundy) | 618 | 605 | -2% |
| Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz) | 1000 | 916 | -8% |
| North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar) | 515 | 473 | -8% |
| Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan) | 620 | 558 | -10% |
| Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa) | 928 | 905 | -2% |
| Average | 791 | 766 | -3.2% |

3.1.2 Trader Price

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was (US\$ 779/kg) at the end of November 2024, showing 3.5% a decrease compared to the price reported last month in October 2024 (US\$ 807/kg).

The average dry opium price at trader level in November 2024 is 26% higher than the price reported last year in November 2023, which was (US\$ 619/kg).

Dry opium price collected from traders has increased by 0.1% in the Eastern region and the Price has decreased by 10%, 6%, 5% and 2% in the Northern, Western, North-eastern and Southern regions respectively.

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

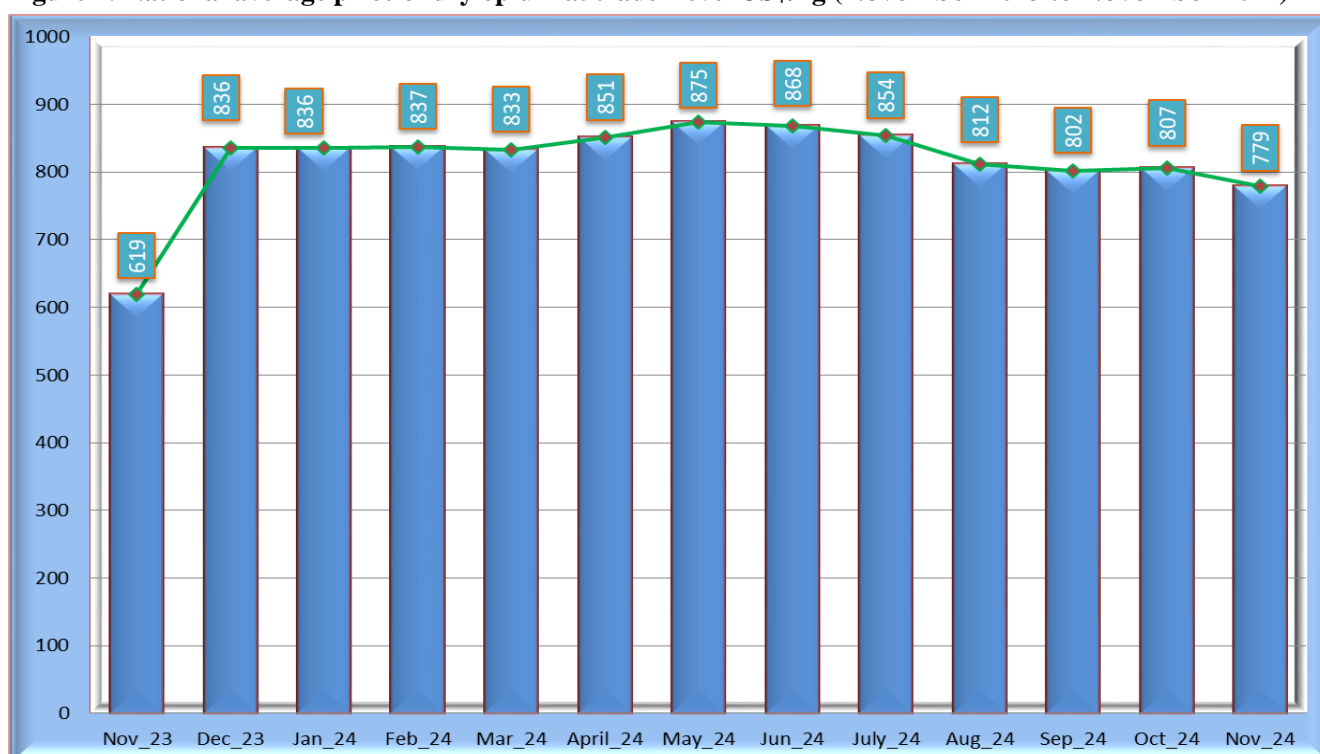


Table 3: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (October 2024 to November 2024)

| Region | Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg) | | Price change (%) |
|--|------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| | Oct-24 | Nov-24 | |
| Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar) | 1189 | 1190 | +0.1% |
| Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and diykundy) | 622 | 611 | -2% |
| Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz) | 1002 | 938 | -6% |
| North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar) | 537 | 507 | -5% |
| Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan) | 628 | 566 | -10% |
| Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa) | - | - | - |
| Average | 807 | 779 | -3.5% |

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\$ 777/kg) in November 2024, showing a decrease of 4% compared to the price reported in October 2024 (US\$ 811/kg). The average price of one kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province was (US\$ 832/kg) in November 2024, showing a decrease of 6% compared to the price reported in October 2024 (US\$ 880/kg).

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

| Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality) | Balkh | | Price change (Nov-Oct) % | Hilmand | | Price change (Nov-Oct) % |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|---------|--------|-----------------------------|
| | Oct-24 | Nov-24 | | Oct-24 | Nov-24 | |
| <i>Farm-gate price</i> (US\$/Kg) | 811 | 777 | -4% | 880 | 832 | -6% |

3.2.2. Trader price

In Balkh province, the average price of one kilogram of *Chaynaki* dry opium at trader level was (US\$ 786/kg) in November 2024, showing a decrease of 4% compared to the price reported in October 2024 (US\$ 822/kg). In Hilmand province, the average price of one kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at trader level was (US\$ 846/kg) in November 2024, showing a decrease of 5% compared to the price reported in October 2024 (US\$ 887/kg).

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

| Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality) | Balkh | | Price change (Nov-Oct) % | Hilmand | | Price change (Nov-Oct) % |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|---------|--------|-----------------------------|
| | Oct-24 | Nov-24 | | Oct-24 | Nov-24 | |
| <i>Trader price</i> (US\$/Kg) | 822 | 786 | -4% | 887 | 846 | -5% |

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 (Nov-Oct) (%) | Change at trader level (Nov-Oct) (%) |
|--|-----------------|--|----------|-----------|----------|--|---|
| | | Oct-24 | | Nov-24 | | | |
| | | Farm-gate | Trader | Farm-gate | Trader | | |
| Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and and Nangarhar) | Pakistani Rupee | 327543 | 329397 | 329694 | 330519 | +1% | +0.3% |
| Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul and diykundi) | Pakistani Rupee | 171577 | 172688 | 167849 | 169606 | -2% | -2% |
| Western region (Badghis and Ghor)* | Afghani | 52441 | 52982 | 50035 | 51605 | -5% | -3% |
| Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz) * | Imanian Tuman | 50743374 | 52108336 | 48553206 | 49415550 | -4% | -5% |
| North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar) | Afghani | 33828 | 35269 | 31687 | 33959 | -6% | -4% |
| Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan) | Afghani | 40611 | 41082 | 37425 | 37900 | -8% | -8% |
| Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa) | Afghani | 59833 | - | 60833 | - | +2% | - |

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

3.3 Fresh Opium

At the end of November 2024, the national average price of fresh opium decreased by 7.6% from (US\$ 525/kg) in October 2024 to (US\$ 485/kg) in November 2024 at the farm-gate level. Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level decreased by 7.6% from (US\$ 538/kg) in October 2024 to (US\$ 497/kg) in November 2024.

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

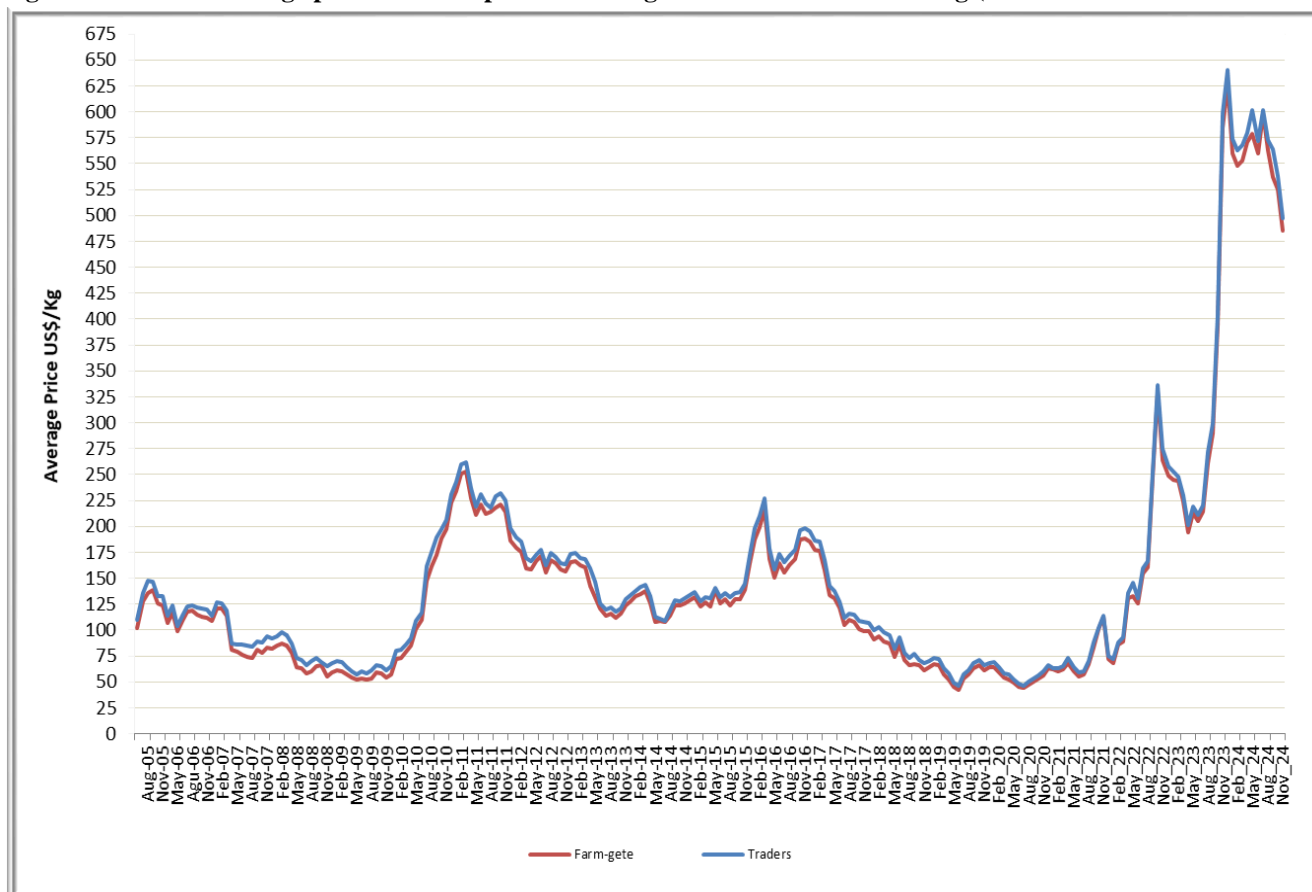


Table 7: Regional average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency

| Region | Local currency | Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency | | | | change at farm-gate level (Nov-Oct) (%) | Change at trader level (Nov-Oct) (%) |
|--|-----------------|--|----------|-----------|----------|---|--------------------------------------|
| | | Oct-24 | | Nov-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 | 135709 | 137849 | 130903 | 132760 | -4% | |
| Western region (Badghis and Chnor)* | Afghani | 41117 | 41683 | 36255 | 37248 | -12% | |
| Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz)* | Imanian Tuman | 29976733 | 30776845 | 28328488 | 28977176 | -5% | |
| North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar) | Afghani | 30473 | 31726 | 27967 | 29072 | -8% | |
| Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan) | Afghani | 34806 | 35288 | 30667 | 31142 | -12% | |
| Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa) | Afghani | - | - | - | - | - | |

* 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\$ 353/kg) is called as Khata - 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

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

| Provinces | Types of heroin | Nov-23 | Dec-23 | Jan-24 | Feb-24 | Mar-24 | Apr-24 | May-24 | Jun-24 | Jul-24 | Aug-24 | Sep-24 | Oct-24 | Nov-24 | Change (Nov - Oct) % |
|------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------------|
| Badakhshan | Batan (100) | - | - | - | - | 11,000 | - | 11,708 | 11,554 | 11,230 | 10,769 | 11,273 | 11,288 | 11,236 | -0.5% |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 60% | 4,932 | 9,634 | 10,313 | 9,538 | 9,534 | 11,122 | 10,697 | 10,020 | 8,050 | 7,475 | 7,812 | 7,910 | 7,919 | +0.1% |
| Takhar | Batan (100) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12,134 | 10,698 | 9,998 | 9,618 | 10,123 | 10,801 | 10,757 | -0.4% |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 60% | 5,036 | 10,141 | 11,787 | 10,040 | 10,072 | 10,100 | 10,644 | 9,699 | 8,193 | 7,318 | 7,887 | 7,621 | 7,470 | -2.0% |
| Kunduz | White powder (Crystal) - 40% | 2,365 | 7,876 | 8,735 | 8,032 | 8,057 | 8,082 | 8,834 | 8,701 | 7,305 | 6,136 | 5,028 | 5,096 | 4,856 | -4.7% |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 60% | 5,242 | 11,140 | 12,734 | 10,542 | 10,575 | 9,823 | 10,332 | 9,628 | 8,308 | 7,017 | 6,416 | 6,420 | 6,454 | +0.5% |
| Nangarhar | Off- white powder (Batan) | 1,467 | 5,653 | 6,334 | 6,387 | 8,202 | 8,574 | 8,569 | 8,632 | 8,689 | 8,735 | 8,736 | 8,723 | 8,823 | +1.2% |
| | Bist powder | 771 | 5,236 | 5,473 | 5,518 | 7,015 | 7,409 | 7,410 | 7,469 | 7,501 | 7,945 | 7,499 | 6,932 | 7,005 | +1.0% |
| | Chara # 1 | 148 | 838 | 1,242 | 1,270 | 1,331 | 1,435 | 1,447 | 1,451 | 1,569 | 1,609 | 1,594 | 1,560 | 1,585 | +1.6% |
| | Chara # 2 | 103 | 642 | 700 | 583 | 630 | 681 | 702 | 745 | 759 | 808 | 786 | 758 | 778 | +2.6% |
| | Khata # 1 | 95 | 178 | 287 | 322 | 342 | 385.8 | 403.2 | 439 | 450 | 478 | 451 | 415 | 450 | +8.4% |
| | Khata # 2 | 81 | 143 | 201 | 233 | 252 | 281 | 306 | 342 | 353 | 374 | 361 | 343 | 353 | +2.9% |
| Faryab | Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality-60% | 5,715 | 5,740 | 5,571 | 5,816 | 6,271 | 6,761 | 7,215 | 6,016 | 6,086 | 6,002 | 6,158 | 6,313 | 5,966 | -5.5% |
| | Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality-40% | 4,103 | 4,121 | 4,248 | 4,431 | 4,703 | 5,071 | 5,388 | 5,300 | 5,327 | 5,259 | 5,372 | 5,543 | 5,220 | -5.8% |
| Balkh | Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality-60% | 5,423 | 5,593 | 5,555 | 5,962 | 6,263 | 6,604 | 6,770 | 6,880 | 6,876 | 6,805 | 7,045 | 7,237 | 6,929 | -4.3% |
| | Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality-40% | 3,884 | 4,097 | 4,097 | 4,506 | 4,982 | 5,340 | 5,642 | 5,447 | 5,543 | 5,504 | 5,680 | 5,851 | 5,555 | -5.1% |
| | Bist powder 20% | 2,081 | 2,179 | 2,222 | 2,496 | 2,705 | 2,810 | 3,103 | 2,867 | 3,008 | 2,959 | 3,040 | 3,080 | 2,912 | -5.4% |
| Helmand | Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality | 7,247 | 6,638 | 5,949 | 5,957 | 6,118 | 5,942 | 5,576 | 5,751 | 6,126 | 6,294 | 5,959 | 4,866 | 4,862 | -0.1% |
| | Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality | 7,000 | 6,424 | 5,734 | 5,742 | 5,974 | 5,762 | 5,396 | 5,535 | 5,909 | 6,114 | 5,778 | 4,686 | 4,682 | -0.1% |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 60% | 10,905 | 10,456 | 8,709 | 8,721 | 8,277 | 8,102 | 7,374 | 8,267 | 8,648 | 8,811 | 8,486 | 7,028 | 7,023 | -0.1% |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 40% | 10,535 | 10,242 | 8,852 | 8,864 | 8,457 | 8,282 | 7,554 | 7,979 | 8,360 | 8,595 | 8,270 | 6,812 | 6,807 | -0.1% |
| | Morphine | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kandahar | Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality | 7,282 | 6,638 | 5,949 | 5,957 | 6,082 | 5,942 | 5,576 | 5,751 | 6,126 | 6,294 | 5,959 | 4,866 | 4,862 | -0.1% |
| | Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality | 7,035 | 6,424 | 5,734 | 5,742 | 5,830 | 5,762 | 5,396 | 5,535 | 5,909 | 6,114 | 5,778 | 4,686 | 4,682 | -0.1% |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 60% | 10,905 | 10,349 | 8,601 | 8,613 | 8,349 | 8,354 | 7,374 | 8,267 | 8,612 | 8,631 | 8,306 | 7,209 | 7,023 | -2.6% |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 40% | 10,570 | 10,099 | 8,709 | 8,721 | 8,457 | 8,210 | 7,554 | 7,979 | 8,288 | 8,415 | 8,089 | 6,992 | 6,807 | -2.6% |
| | Morphine | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Badghis | White powder (Crystal) - 40% | 2,640 | 2,752 | 3,438 | 3,988 | 4,098 | 4,005 | 3,957 | 4,065 | 4,011 | 4,038 | 4,159 | 4,092 | 4,004 | -2.2% |
| Hirat | White powder (Crystal) - 60% | 4,841 | 6,954 | 6,876 | 6,896 | 7,256 | 7,237 | 7,279 | 7,132 | 7,248 | 6,874 | 7,129 | 7,150 | 6,350 | -11.2% |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 40% | 5,134 | 6,084 | 6,034 | 6,038 | 6,047 | 6,324 | 5,371 | 5,206 | 5,085 | 4,941 | 4,233 | 4,183 | 4,094 | -2.1% |
| | Bist powder | 5,354 | 7,968 | 7,858 | 7,963 | 8,537 | 7,940 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Morphine | 3,814 | 5,940 | 5,823 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5,639 | - | - | - |
| Farah | White powder (Crystal) - 60% | 5,721 | 7,823 | 7,717 | 6,924 | 6,972 | 7,870 | 7,067 | 6,989 | 6,876 | 6,444 | 7,278 | 6,846 | 6,723 | -1.8% |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 40% | 6,161 | 8,692 | 9,121 | 8,690 | 8,893 | 6,464 | 5,936 | 5,848 | 6,052 | 5,639 | 5,822 | 5,362 | 5,401 | +0.7% |
| | Morphine | 5,427 | 6,084 | 7,016 | 6,301 | 6,403 | 6,324 | 5,229 | 5,135 | 5,873 | 5,370 | 5,531 | 5,111 | 5,184 | +1.4% |
| Nimroz | White powder (Crystal) - 60% | 3,814 | 4,418 | 4,420 | 4,099 | 5,357 | 5,354 | 7,040 | 7,162 | 7,131 | 7,499 | - | - | - | - |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 40% | 3,227 | 3,549 | 3,508 | 3,462 | 4,524 | 4,521 | 5,073 | 5,321 | 4,728 | 4,742 | 4,049 | 4,998 | 4,714 | -5.7% |
| | Bist powder | 5,134 | 5,795 | 6,314 | 6,190 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,246 | 5,355 | 5,190 | -3.1% |
| | 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 % |
|------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------|----------|
| | | | Oct-24 | Nov-24 | |
| Badakhshan | Batan (100) | Afghani | 742,000 | 752,000 | +1.3% |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 60% | Afghani | 520,000 | 530,000 | +1.9% |
| Takhar | Batan (100) | Afghani | 710,000 | 720,000 | +1.4% |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 60% | Afghani | 501,000 | 500,000 | -0.2% |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 40% | Afghani | 335,000 | 325,000 | -3.0% |
| Kunduz | White powder (Crystal) - 60% | Afghani | 422,000 | 432,000 | +2.4% |
| Nangarhar | Off- white powder (Batan) | Pakistani Rupee | 2,416,000 | 2,450,000 | +1.4% |
| | Bist powder | Pakistani Rupee | 1,920,000 | 1,945,000 | +1.3% |
| | Chara # 1 | Pakistani Rupee | 432,000 | 440,000 | +1.9% |
| | Chara # 2 | Pakistani Rupee | 210,000 | 216,000 | +2.9% |
| | Khata # 1 | Pakistani Rupee | 115,000 | 125,000 | +8.7% |
| | Khata # 2 | Pakistani Rupee | 95,000 | 98,000 | +3.2% |
| Faryab | Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality -60% | Afghani | 410,000 | 400,000 | -2.4% |
| | Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality -40% | Afghani | 360,000 | 350,000 | -2.8% |
| Balkh | Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality -60% | Afghani | 470,000 | 464,000 | -1.3% |
| | Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality -40% | Afghani | 380,000 | 372,000 | -2.1% |
| | Bist powder - 20% | Afghani | 200,000 | 195,000 | -2.5% |
| Helmand | Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality | Pakistani Rupee | 1,350,000 | 1,350,000 | 0% |
| | Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality | Pakistani Rupee | 1,300,000 | 1,300,000 | 0% |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 60% | Pakistani Rupee | 1,950,000 | 1,950,000 | 0% |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 40% | Pakistani Rupee | 1,890,000 | 1,890,000 | 0% |
| | Morphine | Pakistani Rupee | - | - | - |
| Kandahar | Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality | Pakistani Rupee | 1,350,000 | 1,350,000 | 0% |
| | Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality | Pakistani Rupee | 1,300,000 | 1,300,000 | 0% |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 60% | Pakistani Rupee | 2,000,000 | 1,950,000 | -3% |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 40% | Pakistani Rupee | 1,940,000 | 1,890,000 | -3% |
| | Morphine | Pakistani Rupee | - | - | - |
| Badghis | White powder (Crystal) - 40% | Afghani | 269,000 | 268,000 | -0.4% |
| Hirat | White powder (Crystal) - 60% | Afghani | 470,000 | 425,000 | -9.6% |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 40% | Afghani | 275,000 | 274,000 | -0.4% |
| | Bist powder | Afghani | - | - | - |
| | Morphine | Afghani | - | - | - |
| | Morphine | Afghani | - | - | - |
| Farah | White powder (Crystal) - 60% | Afghani | 450,000 | 450,000 | 0% |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 40% | Afghani | 352,500 | 361,500 | +2.6% |
| | Morphine | Afghani | 336,000 | 347,000 | +3.3% |
| Nimruz | White powder (Crystal) - 60% | Afghani | - | - | - |
| | White powder (Crystal) - 40% | Afghani | 328519 | 315530 | -4.0% |
| | Bist powder | Afghani | 351985 | 347401 | -1.3% |
| | 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.

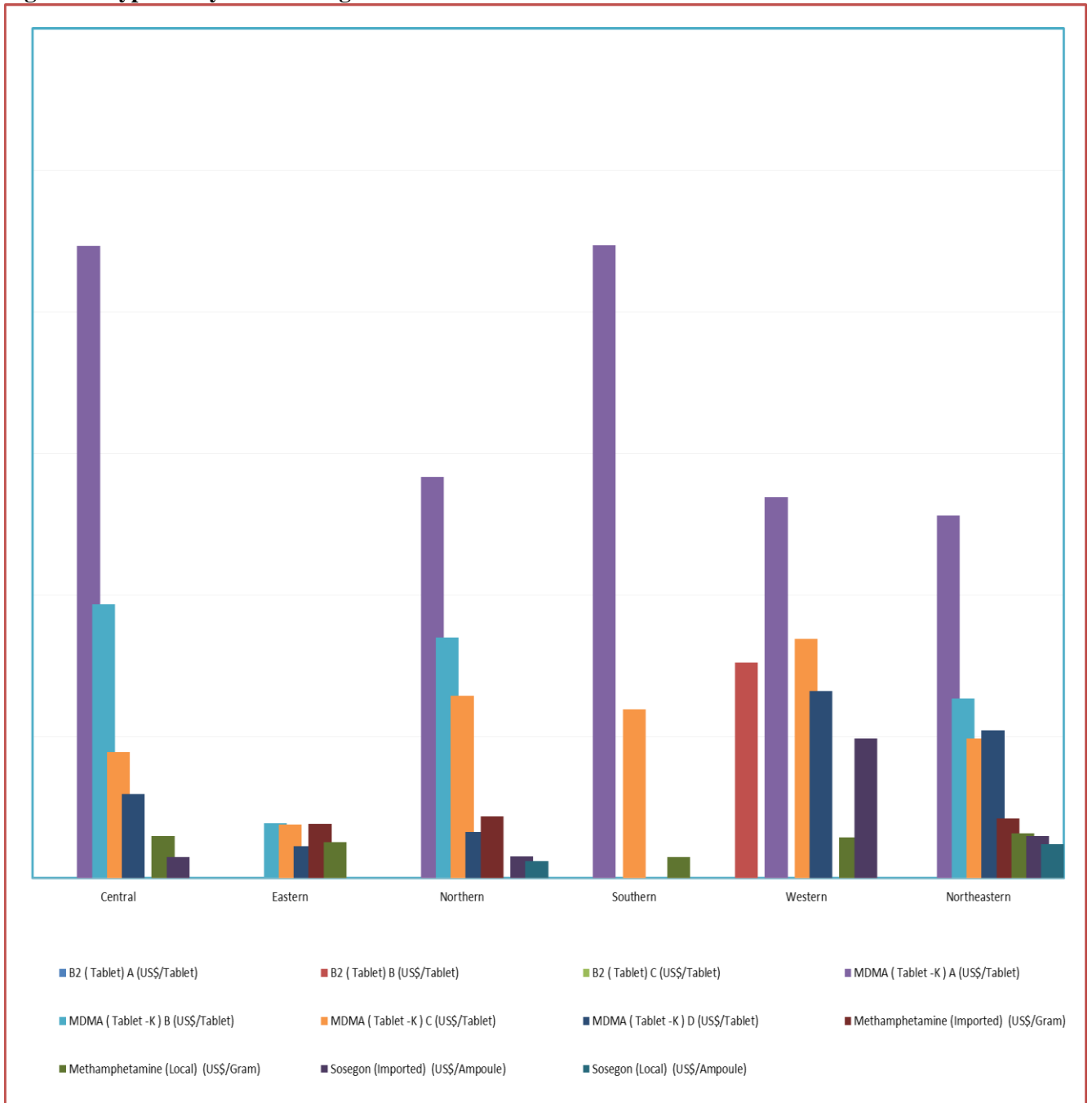
Synthetic drugs, could be addictive and creates a serious threat on the health of every one in daily life. Methamphetamine², Tablet K and Sosegon are available in Afghanistan, which Methamphetamine is sold in various names in Afghanistan. And Sheesha is the common name for Methamphetamine, for details 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 | Nov-24 |
|------------------------------|--|--------|
| Central | Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram) | - |
| | Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram) | 1.5 |
| | Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule) | 0.74 |
| | Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule) | - |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet) | 22.3 |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet) | 9.7 |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet) | 4.5 |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet) | 3.0 |
| | B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet) | - |
| B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet) | - | |
| B2 (Tablet) C (US\$/Tablet) | - | |
| Eastern | Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram) | 1.9 |
| | Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram) | 1.3 |
| | Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule) | - |
| | Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule) | - |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet) | - |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet) | 2.0 |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet) | 1.9 |
| | 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) | 2.2 |
| | Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram) | - |
| | Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule) | 0.8 |
| | Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule) | 0.6 |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet) | 14.2 |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet) | 8.5 |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet) | 6.4 |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet) | 1.6 |
| | B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet) | - |
| B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet) | - | |
| B2 (Tablet) C (US\$/Tablet) | - | |
| Southern | Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram) | - |
| | Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram) | 0.7 |
| | Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule) | - |
| | Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule) | - |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet) | 22.3 |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet) | - |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet) | 6.0 |
| | 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) | 1.4 |
| | Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule) | 4.9 |
| | Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule) | - |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet) | 13.4 |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet) | - |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet) | 8.4 |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet) | 6.6 |
| | B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet) | - |
| B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet) | 7.6 | |
| B2 (Tablet) C (US\$/Tablet) | - | |
| Northeastern | Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram) | 2.1 |
| | Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram) | 1.6 |
| | Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule) | 1.5 |
| | Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule) | 1.2 |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet) | 12.8 |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet) | 6.3 |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet) | 4.9 |
| | MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet) | 5.2 |
| | B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet) | - |
| B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet) | - | |
| B2 (Tablet) C (US\$/Tablet) | - | |

Figure 4: Types of Synthetic Drugs in US Dollar- November 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), Nov 2023–Nov 2024

| Province | Types of cannabis resin | Types of resin | Nov-23 | Dec-23 | Jan-24 | Feb-24 | Mar-24 | Apr-24 | May-24 | Jun-24 | Jul-24 | Aug-24 | Sep-24 | Oct-24 | Nov-24 | Change (Nov - Oct) % |
|------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------------|
| Nangarhar | Garda # 1 | Garda # 1 | 49 | 86 | 108 | 100 | 90 | 94 | 101 | 104 | 112 | 115 | 108 | 101 | 90 | -11% |
| Nangarhar | Garda # 2 | Garda # 2 | 42 | 64 | 79 | 72 | 65 | 68 | 69 | 72 | 77 | 79 | 76 | 72 | 64 | -11% |
| Nangarhar | Garda # 3 | Garda # 3 | 28 | 43 | 57 | 54 | 50 | 52 | 56 | 54 | 61 | 68 | 65 | 61 | 55 | -11% |
| Faryab | Garda # 1 (Sherak) | Garda # 1 | 220 | 224 | 223 | 194 | 214 | 239 | 252 | 215 | 222 | 203 | 267 | 285 | 268 | -6% |
| Faryab | Garda # 2 (Morchajosh) | Garda # 2 | 176 | 188 | 195 | 166 | 185 | 204 | 208 | 186 | 189 | 171 | 223 | 234 | 224 | -4% |
| Faryab | Garda # 3 (khaka) | Garda # 3 | 147 | 159 | 167 | 138 | 143 | 162 | 150 | 135 | 140 | 131 | 178 | 189 | 179 | -5% |
| Balkh | Garda # 1 (Patnosi) | Garda # 1 | 176 | 189 | 194 | 189 | 199 | 216 | 230 | 218 | 232 | 192 | 297 | 320 | 293 | -9% |
| Balkh | Garda # 2 (Morchajosh) | Garda # 2 | 147 | 145 | 167 | 154 | 171 | 190 | 195 | 182 | 198 | 153 | 237 | 253 | 221 | -12% |
| Balkh | Garda # 3 (khaka) | Garda # 3 | 117 | 116 | 139 | 140 | 142 | 157 | 172 | 163 | 175 | 123 | 178 | 188 | 155 | -17% |
| Baghlan | Garda # 1 (Chaki) | Garda # 1 | 205 | 210 | 216 | 209 | 213 | 221 | 224 | 207 | 215 | 200 | 310 | 308 | 269 | -13% |
| Baghlan | Garda # 2 (Morchajosh) | Garda # 2 | 147 | 152 | 154 | 146 | 157 | 173 | 177 | 160 | 172 | 157 | 243 | 246 | 209 | -15% |
| Baghlan | Garda # 3 (khaka) | Garda # 3 | 117 | 116 | 119 | 111 | 121 | 132 | 134 | 125 | 139 | 129 | 199 | 200 | 149 | -25% |
| Badakhshan | Garda # 1 (Shirak) | Garda # 1 | 208 | 217 | 217 | 210 | 213 | 218 | 207 | 213 | 236 | 243 | 260 | 280 | 276 | -1% |
| Takhar | Garda # 1 (Sherak) | Garda # 1 | 217 | 235 | 232 | 217 | 221 | 225 | 238 | 244 | 208 | 215 | 238 | 254 | 284 | +12% |
| Kandahar | Garda # 1 (Shirak) | Garda # 1 | 189 | 182 | 94 | 92 | 92 | 116 | 96 | 100 | 124 | 144 | 136 | 116 | 116 | -0.1% |
| Kandahar | Garda # 2 | Garda # 2 | 149 | 143 | 52 | 49 | 48 | 52 | 44 | 48 | 56 | 76 | 68 | 48 | 48 | -0.1% |
| Kandahar | Garda # 3 | Garda # 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Hirat | Garda # 1 (Sherak) | Garda # 1 | 264 | 275 | 295 | 277 | 299 | 302 | 233 | 221 | 236 | 215 | 252 | 262 | 291 | +11% |
| Hirat | Garda # 2 (Morchajoshi) | Garda # 2 | 125 | 123 | 126 | 118 | 135 | 141 | 155 | 136 | 143 | 150 | 178 | 190 | 202 | +6% |
| Panjshir | Garda # 1 (Jooshi) | Garda # 1 | 125 | 180 | 193 | 205 | 184 | 217 | 213 | 210 | 251 | 243 | 263 | 310 | 313 | +1% |
| Panjshir | Garda # 2 (Morchajosh) | Garda # 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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

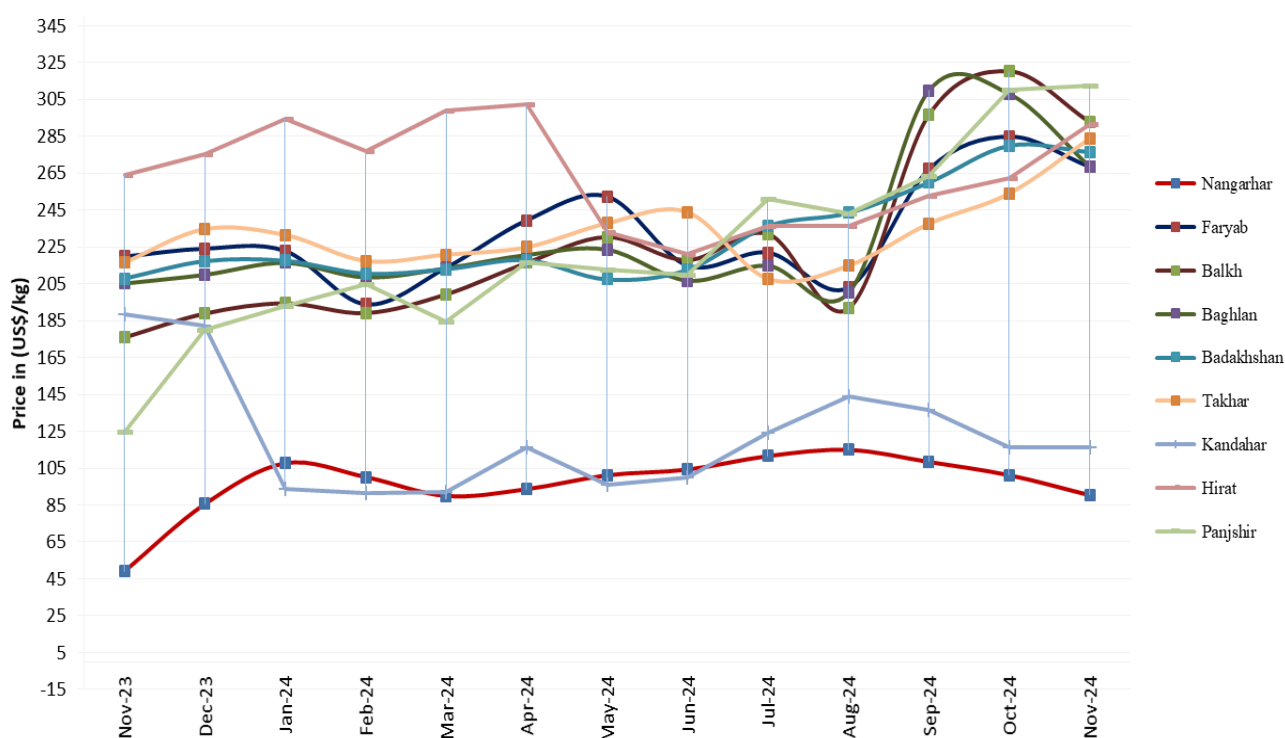
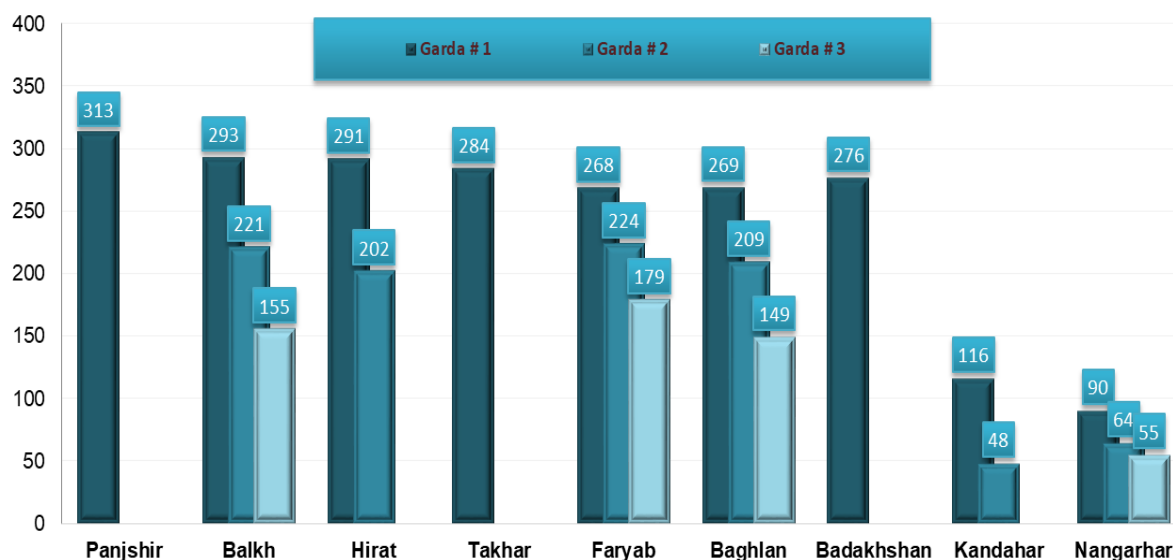


Figure 6: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), November 2024

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

| Province | Types of cannabis resin | Local currency | Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency | | Change (Nov-Oct) % |
|------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---|--------|--------------------|
| | | | Oct-24 | Nov-24 | |
| Nangarhar | Garda # 1 | Pakistani Rupee | 28,000 | 25,000 | -11% |
| | Garda # 2 | Pakistani Rupee | 20,000 | 17,800 | -11% |
| | Garda # 3 | Pakistani Rupee | 17,000 | 15,130 | -11% |
| Faryab | Garda # 1 (Sherak) | Afghani | 18,500 | 18,000 | -3% |
| | Garda # 2 (Morhajosh) | Afghani | 15,200 | 15,000 | -1% |
| | Garda # 3 (khaka) | Afghani | 12,300 | 12,000 | -2% |
| Balkh | Garda # 1 (Patnosi) | Afghani | 20,800 | 19,600 | -6% |
| | Garda # 2 (Morhajosh) | Afghani | 16,400 | 14,800 | -10% |
| | Garda # 3 (khaka) | Afghani | 12,200 | 10,400 | -15% |
| Baghlan | Garda # 1 (Chaki) | Afghani | 20,000 | 18,000 | -10% |
| | Garda # 2 (Morhajosh) | Afghani | 16,000 | 14,000 | -13% |
| | Garda # 3 (khaka) | Afghani | 13,000 | 10,000 | -23% |
| Badakhshan | Garda # 1 (Shirak) | Afghani | 18,400 | 18,500 | +1% |
| Takhar | Garda # 1 (Shirak) | Afghani | 16,700 | 19,000 | +14% |
| Kandahar | Garda # 1 (Sherak) | Pakistani Rupee | 32,222 | 32,222 | 0% |
| | Garda # 2 | Pakistani Rupee | 13,333 | 13,333 | 0% |
| | Garda # 3 | Pakistani Rupee | - | - | - |
| Hirat | Garda # 1 | Afghani | 17,250 | 19,500 | +13% |
| | Garda # 2 | Afghani | 12,500 | 13,500 | +8% |
| Panjshir | Garda # 1 (Jooshi) | Pakistani Rupee | 20,000 | 21,000 | +5% |
| | Garda # 2 (Morhajosh) | 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, October 2024– November 2024

| Province | Types of seed | Local currency | Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency | | Change % |
|------------|---------------|------------------|--|--------|----------|
| | | | Oct-24 | Nov-24 | |
| Badakhshan | Poppy seed | Afghani | 84 | 90 | +7% |
| | Cannabis seed | Afghani | 38 | 40 | +5% |
| Takhar | Poppy seed | Afghani | 85 | 90 | +6% |
| | Cannabis seed | Afghani | 50 | 50 | 0% |
| Balkh | Poppy seed | Afghani | 80 | 85 | +6% |
| | Cannabis seed | Afghani | 75 | 80 | +7% |
| Baghlan | Poppy seed | Afghani | 85 | 90 | +6% |
| | Cannabis seed | Afghani | 80 | 84 | +5% |
| Faryab | Poppy seed | Afghani | 120 | 110 | -8% |
| | Cannabis seed | Afghani | 75 | 70 | -7% |
| Hirat | Poppy seed | Afghani | 95 | 95 | 0% |
| | Cannabis seed | Afghani | 80 | 80 | 0% |
| Farah | Poppy seed | Afghani | 150 | 140 | -7% |
| | Cannabis seed | Afghani | 80 | 75 | -6% |
| Hilmand | Poppy seed | Afghani | 62 | 70 | 12% |
| | Cannabis seed | Afghani | 57 | 48 | -15% |
| Kandahar | Poppy seed | Afghani | 57 | 67 | 17% |
| | Cannabis seed | Afghani | 57 | 48 | -15% |
| Zabul | Poppy seed | Afghani | 70 | 73 | 3% |
| | Cannabis seed | Afghani | 60 | 54 | -10% |
| Uruzgan | Poppy seed | Afghani | 60 | 67 | 12% |
| | Cannabis seed | Afghani | 57 | 56 | -1% |
| Nangarhar | Poppy seed | Pakistani Ruppee | 335 | 425 | +27% |
| | Cannabis seed | Pakistani Ruppee | 115 | 80 | -30% |
| Kunar | Poppy seed | Pakistani Ruppee | 0 | 250 | - |
| | Cannabis seed | Pakistani Ruppee | - | - | - |
| Laghman | Poppy seed | Pakistani Ruppee | 165 | 170 | +3% |
| | Cannabis seed | Pakistani Ruppee | 120 | 130 | +8% |
| Kabul | Poppy seed | Afghani | 180 | 220 | +22% |
| Ghazni | Cannabis seed | Afghani | - | - | - |
| Kapisa | Poppy seed | Afghani | 120 | 130 | +8% |

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

| Types of seeds | Nov-23 | Dec-23 | Jan-24 | Feb-24 | Mar-24 | Apr-24 | May-24 | Jun-24 | Jul-24 | Aug-24 | Sep-24 | Oct-24 | Nov-24 | Increase/Decrease (%) |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------|
| Cannabis seed | 0.929 | 0.924 | 0.933 | 1.105 | 1.016 | 0.980 | 1.105 | 1.054 | 0.920 | 0.882 | 0.940 | 0.902 | 0.849 | -6% |
| Poppy seed | 1.442 | 1.417 | 1.603 | 1.978 | 1.669 | 1.659 | 1.679 | 1.553 | 1.468 | 1.407 | 1.438 | 1.400 | 1.467 | +5% |

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), Nov 2024

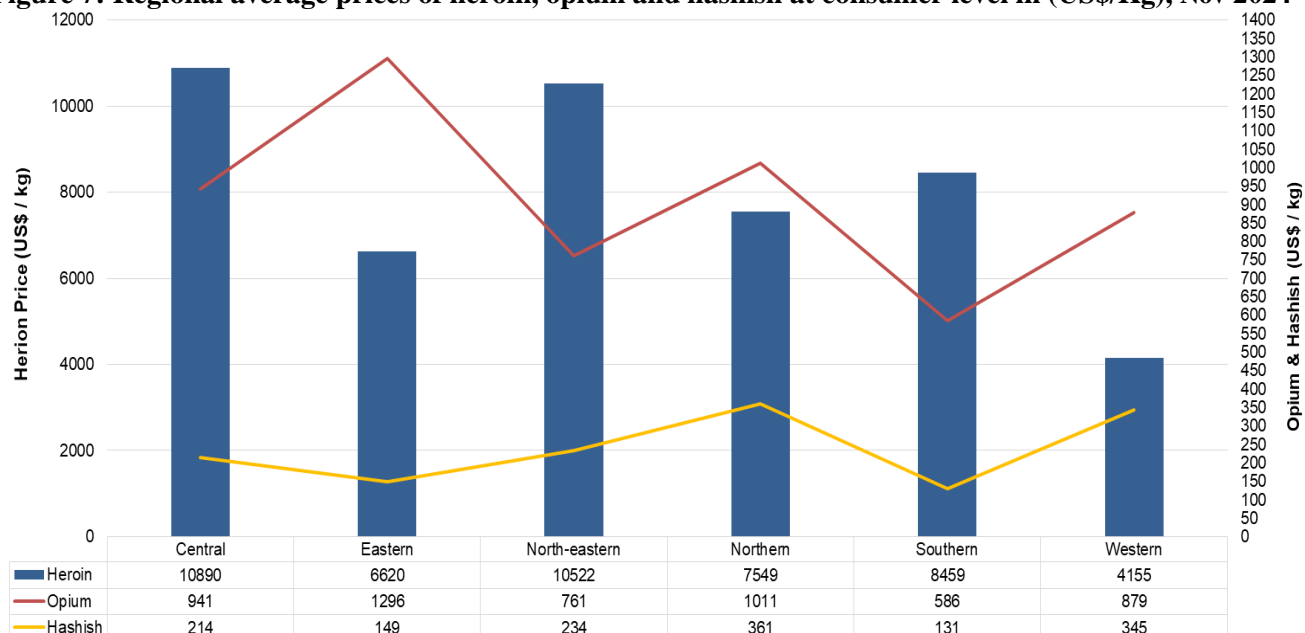


Table 15: Average prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), Nov 23 – Nov 24

| Types of drug | Average prices in (US\$/kg) | | | | | | | | | | | | | Change (Nov-Oct) (%) |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------------|
| | Nov-23 | Dec-23 | Jan-24 | Feb-24 | Mar-24 | Apr-24 | May-24 | Jun-24 | Jul-24 | Aug-24 | Sep-24 | Oct-24 | Nov-24 | |
| Heroin | 5,605 | 7,997 | 7,150 | 7,624 | 7,427 | 7,928 | 7,500 | 7,398 | 8,220 | 8,016 | 8,688 | 8,807 | 8,674 | -2% |
| Opium | 592 | 1,502 | 850 | 812 | 867 | 896 | 885 | 871 | 954 | 922 | 934 | 931 | 905 | -2.7% |
| Hashish | 216 | 264 | 214 | 214 | 210 | 226 | 224 | 217 | 226 | 224 | 234 | 249 | 244 | -2.2% |

9. Price of Acetic Anhydride

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

| Variety of Acetic Anhydride | Nov-23 | Dec-23 | Jan-24 | Feb-24 | Mar-24 | Apr-24 | May-24 | Jun-24 | Jul-24 | Aug-24 | Sep-24 | Oct-24 | Nov-24 | Increase/Decrease (%) |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------|
| Acetic Anhydride - A* (Garmani) | 191 | 182 | 243 | 232 | 245 | 255 | 223 | 204 | 210 | 207 | 220 | 223 | 218 | -2% |
| Acetic Anhydride - B* (Japani) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Acetic Anhydride - C* (Indian) | 91 | 143 | 122 | 119 | 126 | 133 | 145 | 155 | 159 | 166 | 155 | 145 | 180 | +25% |
| Acetic Anhydride - D* (Pakistani) | 88 | 136 | 104 | 90 | 72 | 77 | 80 | 152 | 156 | 162 | 160 | 153 | 151 | -1% |
| Acetic Anhydride - E* (Chinees) | 182 | 203 | 203 | 193 | 199 | 206 | 204 | 198 | 199 | 194 | 179 | 175 | 190 | +9% |
| Acetic Anhydride - F* (Irani) | 108 | 116 | 131 | 134 | 103 | 105 | 109 | 96 | 114 | 112 | 120 | 125 | 108 | -14% |

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), October 2024– November 2024

| Average Price Of "Ephedra" For Each Zone (US\$/Kg) | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Region | Oct-24 | Nov-24 | Change % |
| Northern | 0.75 | 0.69 | -9% |
| North-east | 0.85 | 0.82 | -4% |
| Western | 0.88 | 0.79 | -10% |
| Central | 0.96 | 0.92 | -3% |
| Southern | 1.43 | 1.42 | -0.1% |
| Eastern | 0.99 | 0.98 | -2% |
| Average Prices for Afghanistan | 0.99 | 0.95 | -4% |

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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, November 2024

| Province | Types of crops | Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs) | Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs) | Price/Kg in (US\$) |
|------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Nangarhar | Wheat | - | 31 | 0.5 |
| Nangarhar | Cotton | - | 102 | 1.5 |
| Nangarhar | Rice Imported | - | 98 | 1.5 |
| Nangarhar | Rice Local | - | 37 | 0.6 |
| Balkh | Wheat | - | 20 | 0.3 |
| Balkh | Cotton | - | 80 | 1.2 |
| Balkh | Rice Imported | - | 92 | 1.4 |
| Balkh | Rice Local | - | 50 | 0.7 |
| Badakhshan | Wheat | - | 23 | 0.3 |
| Badakhshan | Rice Imported | - | 100 | 1.5 |
| Badakhshan | Rice Local | - | 100 | 1.0 |
| Takhar | Wheat | - | 65 | 0.3 |
| Takhar | Rice Imported | - | 100 | 1.5 |
| Takhar | Rice Local | - | 59 | 0.9 |
| Helmand | Wheat | - | 23 | 0.3 |
| Helmand | Cotton | - | 127 | 1.9 |
| Helmand | Rice Imported | - | 81 | 1.2 |
| Kandahar | Wheat | - | 26 | 0.4 |
| Kandahar | Cotton | - | 132 | 2.0 |
| Kandahar | Rice Imported | - | 80 | 1.2 |
| Hirat | Wheat | - | 17 | 0.3 |
| Hirat | Cotton | - | 170 | 2.5 |
| Hirat | Saffron | - | 129000 | 1927 |
| Hirat | Rice Imported | - | 80 | 1.2 |
| Hirat | Rice Local | - | 65 | 1.0 |

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

| Types of crops | Nov-23 | Dec-23 | Jan-24 | Feb-24 | Mar-24 | Apr-24 | May-24 | Jun-24 | Jul-24 | Aug-24 | Sep-24 | Oct-24 | Nov-24 | Increase/Decrease (%) |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------|
| Wheat (Local) | 0.41 | 0.41 | 0.40 | 0.43 | 0.46 | 0.38 | 0.33 | 0.31 | 0.29 | 0.30 | 0.33 | 0.35 | 0.34 | -2% |
| Cotton | 2.13 | 2.07 | 1.90 | 1.93 | 1.88 | 1.94 | 1.84 | 1.77 | 1.79 | 1.77 | 1.81 | 1.85 | 1.82 | -1% |
| Saffron | 969 | 1100 | 1014 | 982 | 1108 | 1736 | 1714 | 1668 | 1655 | 1776 | 1961 | 1993 | 1927 | -3% |
| Rice (Imported) | 1.50 | 1.56 | 1.51 | 1.64 | 1.53 | 1.55 | 1.46 | 1.42 | 1.36 | 1.29 | 1.29 | 1.37 | 1.34 | -2% |
| Rice (Local) | 0.82 | 0.88 | 0.95 | 0.98 | 1.10 | 0.96 | 0.87 | 0.85 | 0.79 | 0.81 | 0.82 | 0.85 | 0.82 | -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: The average price of dry opium at the farm and trader levels has decreased compared to the previous month (3.2% and 3.5%), as has the average price of fresh opium (7.6% and 7.6%). The reasons for this decline in prices include the collection of drug addicts from urban areas, an increase in opium production in Pakistan, law enforcement efforts to prevent its purchase and sale within Afghanistan, and a decrease in the value of the Iranian toman against the US dollar due to political conditions in the Middle East. Additionally, the rise in the value of the US dollar against other currencies also contributes to the overall decrease in opium prices compared to the previous month.

Changes in Opium Prices at the Regional Level:

- In the **Western region**, the price of opium has decreased compared to a month ago, attributed to reduced smuggling to Iran due to stringent security measures at the borders and a decline in buying and selling within the western zone provinces.
- In the **Northeastern region**, the price of opium has decreased due to a lack of buyers.
- In the **Northern region**, the price of opium has decreased due to tighter control over its buying and selling and a lack of buyers.
- In the **Central region**, the price of opium has not changed significantly compared to a month ago.
- In the **Southern region**, the price of opium remains stable compared to the previous month; however, a slight decrease can be noted due to the rise in the value of the US dollar against other currencies.

Second Part Cannabis:

The average price of hashish nationwide has decreased compared to a month ago. The reason for this decrease in the eastern zone is the supply of fresh hashish, and in the northern zone, the demand for hashish has decreased due to the use of various intoxicating tablets. However, in the western, north-eastern and central zones, the price of hashish has increased slightly, the main reason being the decrease in hashish production due to the eradication of its farms.

Third Part Heroin:

Since heroin is derived from opium, the nationwide decrease in the average price of opium has led to a reduction in the price of heroin.

Fourth Part Synthetic Drugs:

There are three reasons for the decrease in the price of most synthetic drugs: the first reason is the gathering of drug addicts from cities; the second reason is the efforts to prevent the buying and selling of drugs; and the third reason is the increase in the value of the US dollar against other currencies.

However, the rise in the price of Sosigan ampoules and local Tablets-K indicates the scarcity of these substances; this is because the discovery and seizure of narcotic tablets and the destruction of their production factories are part of the agenda of the counter-narcotics forces and the Deputy Minister of Counter-Narcotics.

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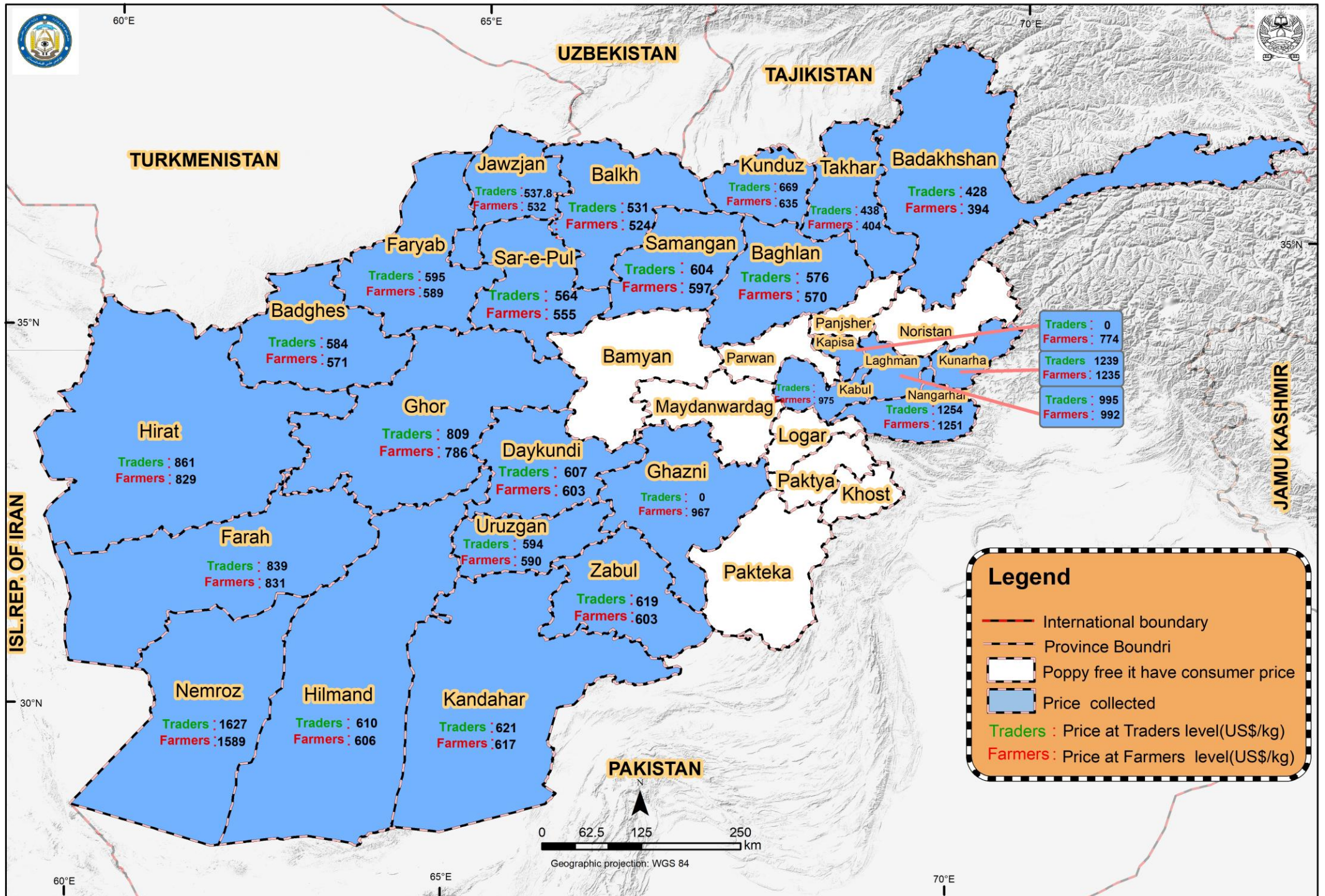
13. Methodology

- ❖ 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 | 173 | 170 | 25 |
| Fresh Opium | 111 | 111 | 17 |

Afghanistan: Average dry Opium Price (November 2024)





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