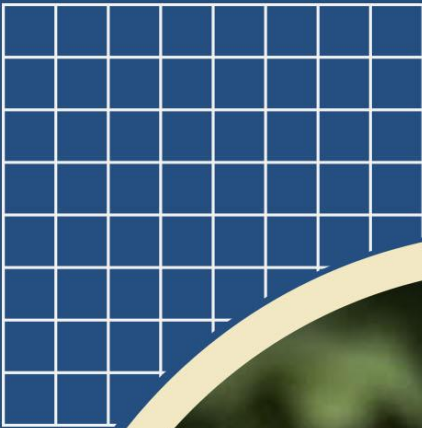




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1. Key Findings

1.1. Trends of Drug prices

Table1: Summary of Drug Prices

Types of drug	By Month			By Year		
	December_2024	January_2025	Change %	January_2024	January_2025	Change %
Dry opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	671	616	-8%	815	616	-24%
Dry opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	682	623	-8.7%	836.1	623	-26%
Fresh Opium Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)	405	358	-12%	560	358	-36%
Fresh Opium Trader price (US\$/Kg)	428	374	-13%	574	374	-35%
Heroin Batan_100 (US\$/Kg)	10382	9497	-8.5%	-	9497	-
Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 60% (US\$/Kg)	5762	5349	-7%	7848	5349	-32%
Heroin White powder (Crystal) - 40% (US\$/Kg)	4910	4516	-8%	6201	4516	-27%
Morphine (US\$/Kg)	4622	4194	-9%	6420	4194	-35%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 1) Price in (US\$/Kg)	230	216	-6%	197	216	+9%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 2) Price in (US\$/Kg)	149	144	-3%	129	144	+12%
Cannabis resin (Garda # 3) Price in (US\$/Kg)	117	103	-12%	121	103	-15%
Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	2.06	1.93	-6%	1.94	1.93	-0.2%
Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.21	1.15	-5%	1.39	1.15	-17%
Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1.32	1.14	-14%	2.19	1.14	-48%
Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.88	0.828	-6%	0.83	0.828	-1%
MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	15.07	13.60	-10%	15.3	13.60	-11%
MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	5.50	5.29	-4%	10.5	5.29	-49%
MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	5.25	4.75	-10%	6.2	4.75	-24%
MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	2.64	2.39	-10%	3.15	2.39	-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 25 provinces in January 2025. 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\$ 616/kg) at the end of January 2025, which is 8% Lower compared to the price reported in December 2024 (US\$ 671/kg). The average dry opium price at the farm-gate level in January 2025 is 24% Lower than the price reported in January 2024, which was (US\$ 815/kg).

Figure 1: National average price of dry opium at farm-gate level from (June 2004 - January 2025)



Table 2: Regional average farm-gate price of dry opium US\$/Kg (December 2024 to January 2025)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Dec-24	Jan-25	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	1068	1026	-4%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and diykundy)	525	452	-14%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	727	666	-8%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	445	410	-8%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	490	418	-15%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	919	883	-4%
Average	671	616	-8%

3.1.2 Trader Price

The national average dry opium price collected from traders was (US\$ 623/kg) at the end of January 2025, showing 8.7% decrease compared to the price reported last month in December 2024 (US\$ 682/kg).

The average dry opium price at trader level in January 2025 is 26% Lower than the price reported last year in January 2024, which was (US\$ 836.1/kg).

Dry opium price collected from traders has decreased by 15%, 14%, 10%, 8% and 4% in the Northern, Southern, Western, North-eastern and Eastern regions respectively.

Figure 2: National average price of dry opium at trader level US\$/kg (January 2024 to January 2025)

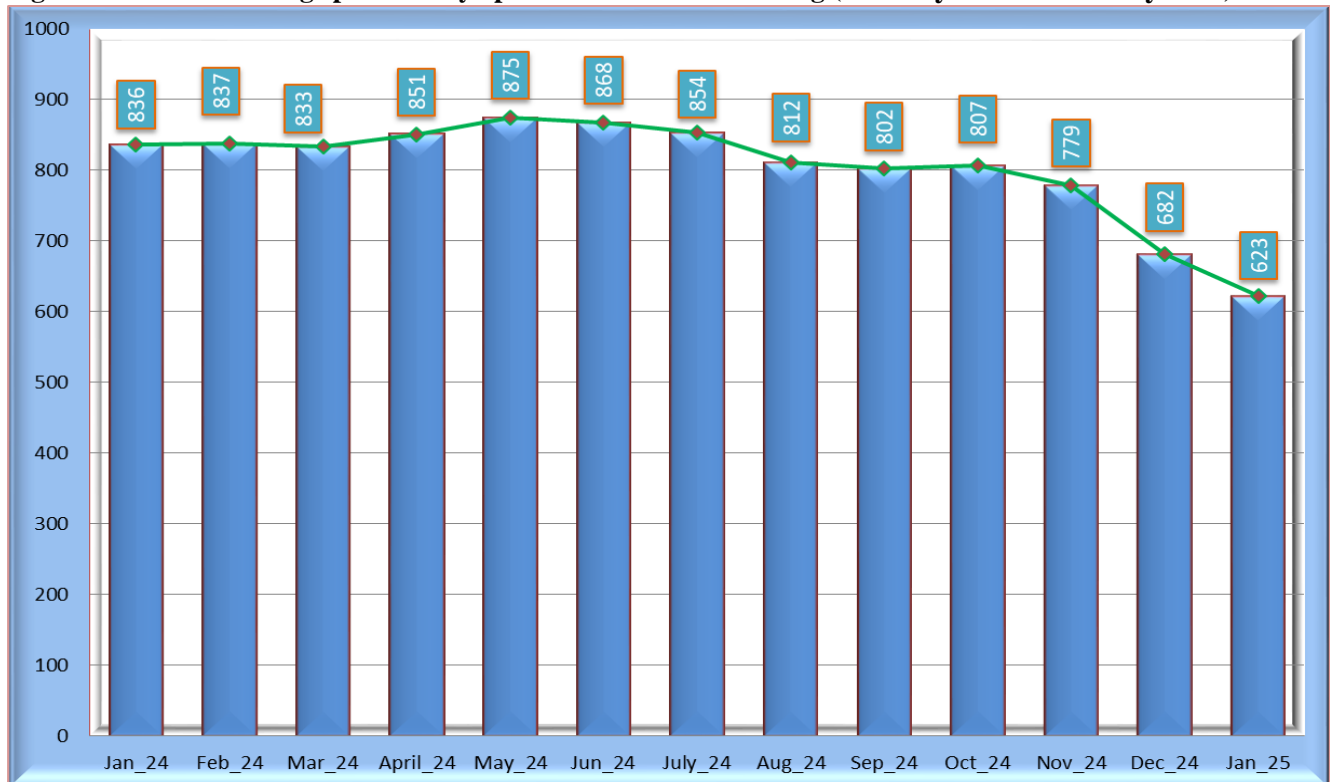


Table 3: Regional average price of dry opium from traders US\$/Kg (December 2024 to January 2025)

Region	Price of Dry Opium (US\$/Kg)		Price change (%)
	Dec-24	Jan-25	
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	1071	1029	-4%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Zabul and diykundy)	531	456	-14%
Western region (Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Hirat and Nimroz)	755	678	-10%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	478	440	-8%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Sur-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	496	423	-15%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	-	-	-
Average	682	623	-8.7%

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\$ 636/kg) in January 2025, showing a decrease of 15% compared to the price reported in December 2024 (US\$ 751/kg). The average price of one kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at the farm-gate level in Hilmand province was (US\$ 659/kg) in January 2025, showing a decrease of 13% compared to the price reported in December 2024 (US\$ 756/kg).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Jan - Dec) %	Hilmand		Price change (Jan - Dec) %
	Dec-24	Jan-25		Dec-24	Jan-25	
<i>Farm-gate price (US\$/Kg)</i>	751	636	-15%	756	659	-13%

3.2.2. Trader price

In Balkh province, the average price of one kilogram of **Chaynaki** dry opium at trader level was (US\$ 643/kg) in January 2025, showing a decrease of 15% compared to the price reported in December 2024 (US\$ 760/kg). In Hilmand province, the average price of one kilogram of Chaynaki dry opium at trader level was (US\$ 663/kg) in January 2025, showing a decrease of 13% compared to the price reported in December 2024 (US\$ 760/kg).

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

Dry Opium (Chaynaki quality)	Balkh		Price change (Jan - Dec) %	Hilmand		Price change (Jan - Dec) %
	Dec-24	Jan-25		Dec-24	Jan-25	
<i>Trader price (US\$/Kg)</i>	760	643	-15%	760	663	-13%

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 (Jan-Dec) (%)	Change at trader lavel (Jan-Dec) (%)
		Dec-24		Jan-25			
		Farm-gate	Trader	Farm-gate	Trader		
Eastern region (Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar)	Pakistani Rupee	296356	297214	285315	286172	-4%	-4%
Southern region (Hilmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan and Zabul and diykundi)	Pakistani Rupee	145627	147384	125663	126703	-14%	-14%
Western region (Badghis and Ghor) *	Afghani	44135	46020	43845	44880	-1%	-2%
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Ninroz) *	Iranian Tuman	36278293	37256259	33404571	34043083	-8%	-9%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	30921	33164	31071	33343	+0.5%	+0.5%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	33882	34314	31589	31996	-7%	-7%
Central region (Kabul, Ghazni and Kapisa)	Afghani	63667	-	65667	-	+3%	-

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

3.3 Fresh Opium

At the end of January 2024, the national average price of fresh opium decreased by 12% from (US\$ 405/kg) in December 2024 to (US\$ 358/kg) in January 2025 at the farm-gate level. Similarly, the national average price of fresh opium at trader level decreased by 13% from (US\$ 428/kg) in December 2024 to (US\$ 374/kg) in January 2025.

Figure 3: National average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level US\$/kg (June 2005 to January 2025)

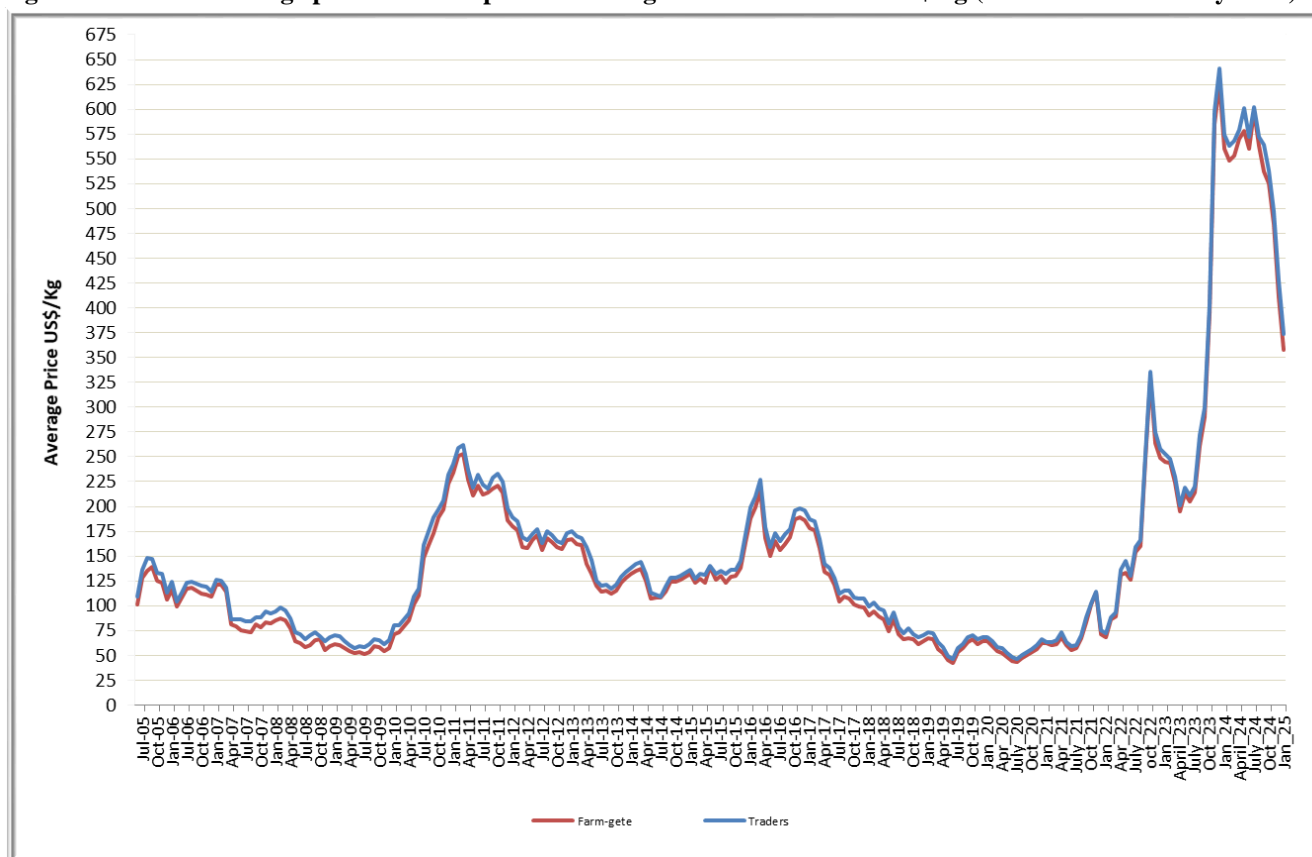


Table 7: Regional average price of fresh opium at farm-gate and trader level in other than USD currency

Region	Local currency	Price of 1 kg of Fresh Opium in local currency				change at farm-gate level (Jan-Dec) (%)	Change at trader level (Jan-Dec) (%)
		Dec-24		Jan-25			
		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	113829	115556	85943	87814	-24%	-24%
Western region (Badghis and Ghor) *	Afghani	31980	33085	31980	33085	0%	0%
Western region (Farah, Hirat and Nimroz) *	Iranian Tuman	19927479	21920562	19242128	21237334	-3%	-3%
North-eastern region (Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar)	Afghani	26382	27887	26781	28299	+1.5%	+1%
Northern region (Baghlan, Balkh, Faryab, Suri-Pul, Jawzjan and Samangan)	Afghani	24320	24740	23600	24036	-3%	-3%
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\$ 288/kg) is called as Khata - 2 reported in Nangarhar province.

Table 8: Prices of different types of heroin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), January 2024–January 2025

Provinces	Types of heroin	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Change (Jan-Dec) %
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	-	-	11,000	-	11,708	11,554	11,230	10,769	11,273	11,288	11,236	10,684	9,761	-8.6%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	10,313	9,538	9,534	11,122	10,697	10,020	8,050	7,475	7,812	7,910	7,919	7,344	6,595	-10.2%
Takhar	Batan (100)	-	-	-	-	12,134	10,698	9,998	9,618	10,123	10,801	10,757	10,080	9,233	-8.4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	11,787	10,040	10,072	10,100	10,644	9,699	8,193	7,318	7,887	7,621	7,470	7,056	6,595	-6.5%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	8,735	8,032	8,057	8,082	8,834	8,701	7,305	6,136	5,028	5,096	4,856	4,248	4,023	-5.3%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	12,734	10,542	10,575	9,823	10,332	9,628	8,308	7,017	6,416	6,420	6,454	6,077	5,698	-6.2%
Nangarhar	Off- white powder (Batan)	6,334	6,387	8,202	8,574	8,569	8,632	8,689	8,735	8,736	8,723	8,823	7,245	7,014	-3.2%
	Bist powder	5,473	5,518	7,015	7,409	7,410	7,469	7,501	7,945	7,499	6,932	7,005	5,515	5,252	-4.8%
	Chara # 1	1,242	1,270	1,331	1,435	1,447	1,451	1,569	1,609	1,594	1,560	1,585	1,262	1,223	-3.1%
	Chara # 2	700	583	630	681	702	745	759	808	786	758	778	701	683	-2.5%
	Khata # 1	287	322	342	386	403	439.1	449.7	478	451	415	450	378	324	-14.5%
	Khata # 2	201	233	252	281	306	342	353	374	361	343	353	324	288	-11.3%
Faryab	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality-60%	5,571	5,816	6,271	6,761	7,215	6,016	6,086	6,002	6,158	6,313	5,966	5,663	5,237	-7.5%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality-40%	4,248	4,431	4,703	5,071	5,388	5,300	5,327	5,259	5,372	5,543	5,220	4,912	4,527	-7.8%
Balkh	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality-60%	5,555	5,962	6,263	6,604	6,770	6,880	6,876	6,805	7,045	7,237	6,929	6,571	6,301	-4.1%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality-40%	4,097	4,506	4,982	5,340	5,642	5,447	5,543	5,504	5,680	5,851	5,555	5,304	4,914	-7.3%
	Bist powder 20%	2,222	2,496	2,705	2,810	3,103	2,867	3,008	2,959	3,040	3,080	2,912	2,717	2,491	-8.3%
Helmand	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	5,949	5,957	6,118	5,942	5,576	5,751	6,126	6,294	5,959	4,866	4,862	4,505	4,140	-8.1%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	5,734	5,742	5,974	5,762	5,396	5,535	5,909	6,114	5,778	4,686	4,682	4,325	3,960	-8.4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	8,709	8,721	8,277	8,102	7,374	8,267	8,648	8,811	8,486	7,028	7,023	5,947	5,579	-6.2%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	8,852	8,864	8,457	8,282	7,554	7,979	8,360	8,595	8,270	6,812	6,807	6,091	5,363	-11.9%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kandahar	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	5,949	5,957	6,082	5,942	5,576	5,751	6,126	6,294	5,959	4,866	4,862	4,505	4,140	-8.1%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	5,734	5,742	5,830	5,762	5,396	5,535	5,909	6,114	5,778	4,686	4,682	4,325	3,960	-8.4%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	8,601	8,613	8,349	8,354	7,374	8,267	8,612	8,631	8,306	7,209	7,023	5,947	5,579	-6.2%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	8,709	8,721	8,457	8,210	7,554	7,979	8,288	8,415	8,089	6,992	6,807	6,091	5,723	-6.0%
	Morphine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Badghis	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	3,438	3,988	4,098	4,005	3,957	4,065	4,011	4,038	4,159	4,092	4,004	3,989	3,654	-8.4%
Hirat	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	6,876	6,896	7,256	7,237	7,279	7,132	7,248	6,874	7,129	7,150	6,350	5,544	4,946	-10.8%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	6,034	6,038	6,047	6,324	5,371	5,206	5,085	4,941	4,233	4,183	4,094	-	-	-
	Bist powder	7,858	7,963	8,537	7,940	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Morphine	5,823	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,639	-	-	-	4,781	4,353	-9.0%
Farah	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	7,717	6,924	6,972	7,870	7,067	6,989	6,876	6,444	7,278	6,846	6,723	5,178	4,734	-8.6%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	9,121	8,690	8,893	6,464	5,936	5,848	6,052	5,639	5,822	5,362	5,401	-	-	-
	Morphine	7,016	6,301	6,403	6,324	5,229	5,135	5,873	5,370	5,531	5,111	5,184	4,464	4,036	-9.6%
Nimroz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	4,420	4,099	5,357	5,354	7,040	7,162	7,131	7,499	-	-	-	4,810	4,643	-3.5%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	3,508	3,462	4,524	4,521	5,073	5,321	4,728	4,742	4,049	4,998	4,714	-	-	-
	Bist powder	6,314	6,190	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,246	5,355	5,190	4,998	4,379	-12.4%
	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 %
			Dec-24	Jan-25	
Badakhshan	Batan (100)	Afghani	742,000	740,000	-0.3%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	510,000	500,000	-2%
Takhar	Batan (100)	Afghani	700,000	700,000	0%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	490,000	500,000	+2%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	295,000	305,000	+3%
Kunduz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	422,000	432,000	+2%
Nangarhar	Off- white powder (Batan)	Pakistani Rupee	2,010,000	1,950,000	-3%
	Bist powder	Pakistani Rupee	1,530,000	1,460,000	-5%
	Chara # 1	Pakistani Rupee	350,000	340,000	-3%
	Chara # 2	Pakistani Rupee	194,400	190,000	-2%
	Khata # 1	Pakistani Rupee	105,000	90,000	-14%
	Khata # 2	Pakistani Rupee	90,000	80,000	-11%
Faryab	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality -60%	Afghani	392,000	391,000	-0.3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality -40%	Afghani	340,000	338,000	-1%
Balkh	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality -60%	Afghani	454,720	468,000	+3%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality -40%	Afghani	367,000	365,000	-1%
	Bist powder - 20%	Afghani	188,000	185,000	-2%
Helmand	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,250,000	1,150,000	-8%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,200,000	1,100,000	-8%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	1,650,000	1,550,000	-6%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Pakistani Rupee	1,690,000	1,490,000	-12%
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Kandahar	Off- white powder (Batan) - high quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,250,000	1,150,000	-8%
	Off- white powder (Batan) - low quality	Pakistani Rupee	1,200,000	1,100,000	-8%
	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Pakistani Rupee	1,650,000	1,550,000	-6%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Pakistani Rupee	1,690,000	1,590,000	-6%
	Morphine	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Badghis	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	277,000	277,000	0%
Hirat	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	385,000	375,000	-3%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	-	-	-
	Bist powder	Afghani	-	-	-
	Morphine	Afghani	332,000	330,000	-0.6%
Farah	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	359,600	358,940	-0.2%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	-	-	-
	Morphine	Afghani	310000	306000	-1%
Nimruz	White powder (Crystal) - 60%	Afghani	334005	352000	+5%
	White powder (Crystal) - 40%	Afghani	-	-	-
	Bist powder	Afghani	347074	332000	-4%
	Morphine	Afghani	-	-	-

5. Synthetic Drugs

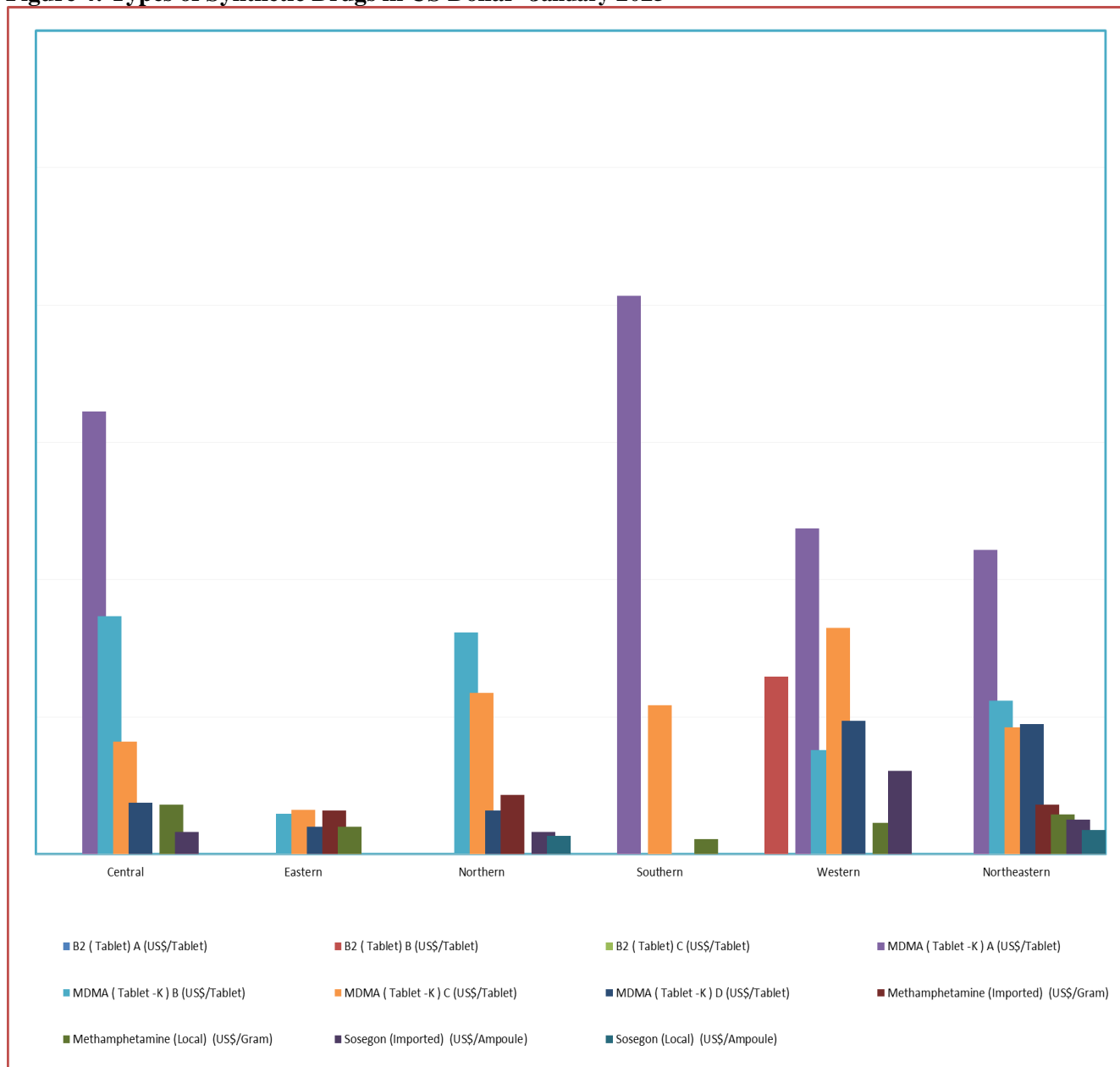
Synthetic drugs are a dangerous chemical and it has intensive effects on health, and after a long time it makes consumer addicted, and can be potentially life threatening. Primary users, of these synthetic drugs are youths in Afghanistan; because products are cheap and easily accessible to teenagers 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	Jan-25
Central	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	-
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.8
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.81
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	16.1
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	8.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	4.1
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	1.9
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) C (US\$/Tablet)	-
Eastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	1.6
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.0
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	1.5
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	1.6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	1.0
	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)	0.7
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	8.1
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	5.9
	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)	0.6
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	20.3
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	5.4
	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)	1.2
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	3.0
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	-
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	11.9
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	3.8
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	8.2
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	4.9
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	6.5
	B2 (Tablet) C (US\$/Tablet)	-
Northeastern	Methamphetamine (Imported) (US\$/Gram)	1.8
	Methamphetamine (Local) (US\$/Gram)	1.5
	Sosegon (Imported) (US\$/Ampoule)	1.3
	Sosegon (Local) (US\$/Ampoule)	0.9
	MDMA (Tablet -K) A (US\$/Tablet)	11.1
	MDMA (Tablet -K) B (US\$/Tablet)	5.6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) C (US\$/Tablet)	4.6
	MDMA (Tablet -K) D (US\$/Tablet)	4.7
	B2 (Tablet) A (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) B (US\$/Tablet)	-
	B2 (Tablet) C (US\$/Tablet)	-

Figure 4: Types of Synthetic Drugs in US Dollar- January 2025

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), Jan 2024–Jan 2025

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Change (Jan -Dec) %
Nangarhar	Garda # 1	108	100	90	94	101	104	112	115	108	101	90	80	72	-10%
Nangarhar	Garda # 2	79	72	65	68	69	72	77	79	76	72	64	63	61	-3%
Nangarhar	Garda # 3	57	54	50	52	56	54	61	68	65	61	55	54	53	-3%
Faryab	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	223	194	214	239	252	215	222	203	267	285	268	257	231	-10%
Faryab	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	195	166	185	204	208	186	189	171	223	234	224	212	188	-11%
Faryab	Garda # 3 (khaka)	167	138	143	162	150	135	140	131	178	189	179	168	145	-13%
Balkh	Garda # 1 (Patnosi)	194	189	199	216	230	218	232	192	297	320	293	254	225	-12%
Balkh	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	167	154	171	190	195	182	198	153	237	253	221	184	155	-16%
Balkh	Garda # 3 (khaka)	139	140	142	157	172	163	175	123	178	188	155	123	105	-15%
Baghlan	Garda # 1 (Chaki)	216	209	213	221	224	207	215	200	310	308	269	234	212	-10%
Baghlan	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	154	146	157	173	177	160	172	157	243	246	209	178	155	-13%
Baghlan	Garda # 3 (khaka)	119	111	121	132	134	125	139	129	199	200	149	123	107	-13%
Badakhshan	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	217	210	213	218	207	213	236	243	260	280	276	252	237	-6%
Takhar	Garda # 1 (Shirak)	232	217	221	225	238	244	208	215	238	254	284	245	231	-6%
Kandahar	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	94	92	92	116	96	100	124	144	136	116	160	200	240	+20%
Kandahar	Garda # 2	52	49	48	52	44	48	56	76	68	48	80	100	160	+60%
Kandahar	Garda # 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hirat	Garda # 1 (Sherak)	295	277	299	302	233	221	236	215	252	262	291	302	277	-8%
Hirat	Garda # 2 (Morchajoshi)	126	118	135	141	155	136	143	150	178	190	202	158	145	-8%
Panjshir	Garda # 1 (Jooshi)	193	205	184	217	213	210	251	243	263	310	313	245	215	-12%
Panjshir	Garda # 2 (Morchajosh)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Figure 5: Average price of cannabis resin (Garda #1, best quality) in US\$/kg, Jan 2024–Jan 2025

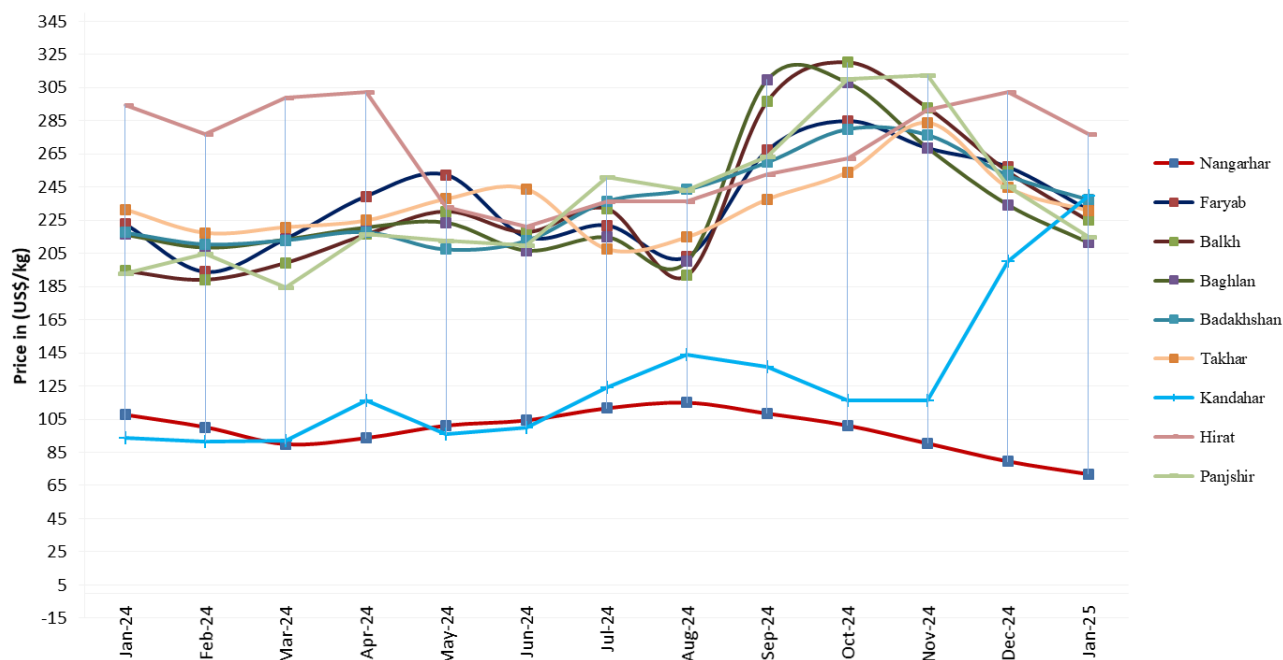
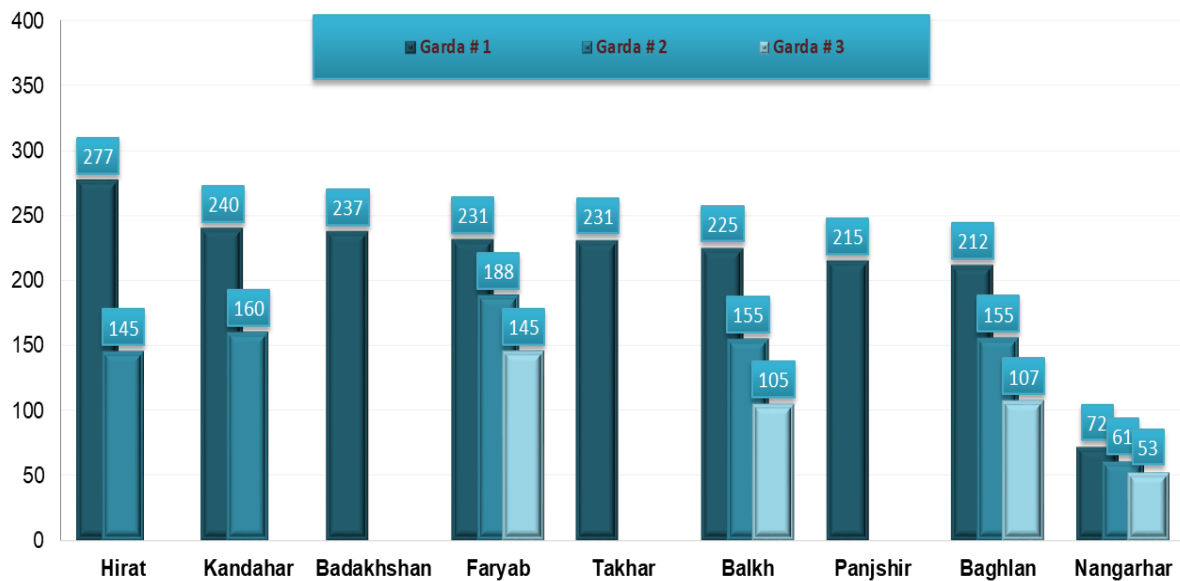


Figure 6: Prices of different types of cannabis resin in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), January 2025**Table 12: Prices of 1 kilogram of different types of cannabis resin in local currency, Dec 2024– Jan 2025**

Province	Types of cannabis resin	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of different types of cannabis resin in local currency		Change (Jan -Dec) %
			Dec-24	Jan-25	
Nangarhar	Carda # 1	Pakistani Rupee	22,000	20,000	-9%
	Carda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	17,500	17,000	-3%
	Carda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	15,000	14,700	-2%
Faryab	Carda # 1 (Sherak)	Afghani	17,800	17,200	-3%
	Carda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	14,700	14,000	-5%
	Carda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	11,600	10,800	-7%
Balkh	Carda # 1 (Patnosi)	Afghani	17,600	16,700	-5%
	Carda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	12,700	11,500	-9%
	Carda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	8,500	7,800	-8%
Baghlan	Carda # 1 (Chaki)	Afghani	16,200	15,800	-2%
	Carda # 2 (Morchajosh)	Afghani	12,300	11,600	-6%
	Carda # 3 (khaka)	Afghani	8,500	8,000	-6%
Badakhshan	Carda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	17,500	18,000	+3%
Takhar	Carda # 1 (Shirak)	Afghani	17,000	17,500	+3%
Kandahar	Carda # 1 (Sherak)	Pakistani Rupee	55,556	66,667	+20%
	Carda # 2	Pakistani Rupee	27,778	44,444	+60%
	Carda # 3	Pakistani Rupee	-	-	-
Hirat	Carda # 1	Afghani	21,000	21,000	0%
	Carda # 2	Afghani	11,000	11,000	0%
Panjshir	Carda # 1 (Jooshi)	Pakistani Rupee	17,000	16,000	-6%
	Carda # 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, Dec 2024– Jan 2025

Province	Types of seed	Local currency	Prices of 1 kg of cannabis seed and poppy seed in local currency		Change %
			Dec-24	Jan-25	
Badakhshan	Poppy seed	Afghani	85	90	+6%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	38	45	+18%
Takhar	Poppy seed	Afghani	90	90	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	45	50	+11%
Balkh	Poppy seed	Afghani	90	100	+11%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	80	80	0%
Baghlan	Poppy seed	Afghani	100	120	+20%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	90	85	-6%
Faryab	Poppy seed	Afghani	120	126	+5%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	73	70	-4%
Hirat	Poppy seed	Afghani	90	90	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	80	85	+6%
Farah	Poppy seed	Afghani	130	130	0%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	80	80	0%
Hilmand	Poppy seed	Afghani	55	41	-25%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	47	50	+6%
Kandahar	Poppy seed	Afghani	55	53	-4%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	47	50	+6%
Zabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	55	53	-4%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	53	56	+6%
Uruzgan	Poppy seed	Afghani	58	59	+1%
	Cannabis seed	Afghani	53	56	+6%
Nangarhar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	390	375	-4%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	65	55	-15%
Kunar	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	250	250	0%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	-	-	-
Laghman	Poppy seed	Pakistani Ruppee	180	182	+1%
	Cannabis seed	Pakistani Ruppee	135	130	-4%
Kabul	Poppy seed	Afghani	250	270	+8%
Ghazni	Cannabis seed	Afghani	-	-	-
Kapisa	Poppy seed	Afghani	120	150	+25%

Table 14: Prices of cannabis and poppy seeds in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), January 2024– January 2025

Types of seeds	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Increase/Decrease (%)
Cannabis seed	0.924	0.933	1.105	1.016	0.980	1.105	1.054	0.920	0.882	0.940	0.902	0.849	0.767	-10%
Poppy seed	1.417	1.603	1.978	1.669	1.659	1.679	1.553	1.468	1.407	1.438	1.400	1.467	1.339	-9%

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), Jan 2025

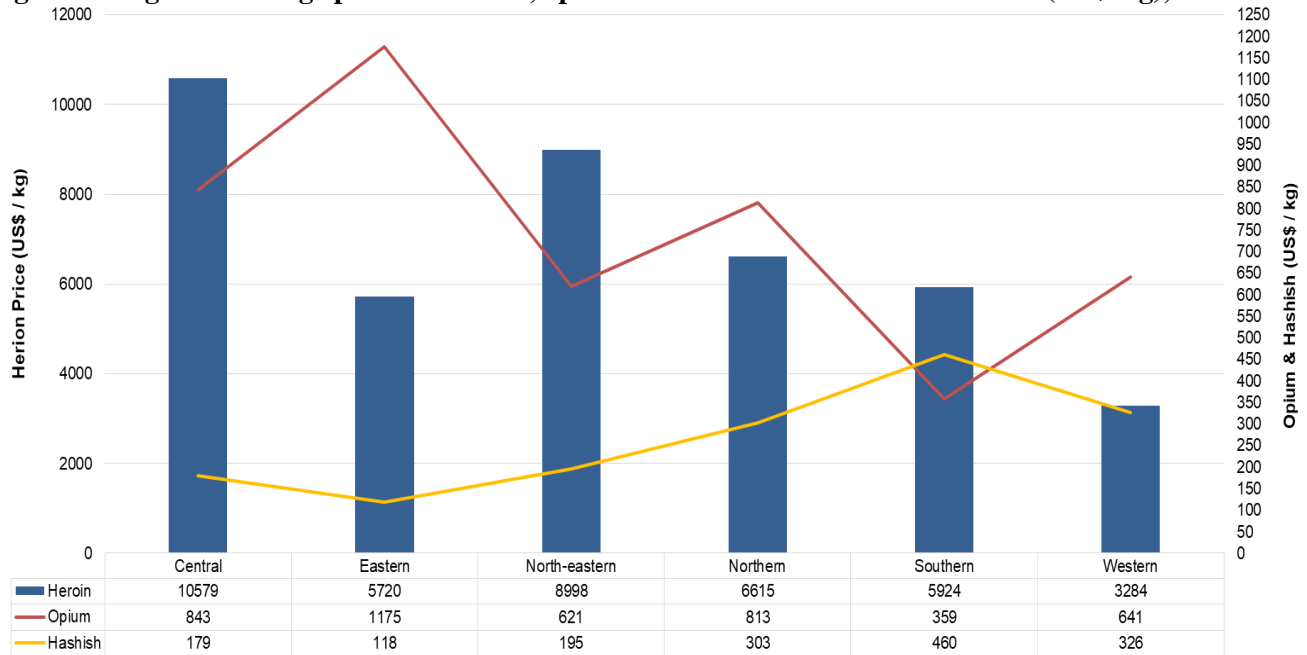


Table 15: Average prices of heroin, opium and hashish at consumer level in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), Jan 23 – Jan 24

Types of drug	Average prices in (US\$/kg)													Change (Jan-Dec) (%)
	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	
Heroin	7,150	7,624	7,427	7,928	7,500	7,398	8,220	8,016	8,688	8,807	8,674	8,070	7,531	-7%
Opium	850	812	867	896	885	871	954	922	934	931	905	815	740	-9%
Hashish	214	214	210	226	224	217	226	224	234	249	244	271	265	-2%

9. Price of Acetic Anhydride

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

Variety of Acetic Anhydride	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Increase/Decrease (%)
Acetic Anhydride - A* (Garmani)	243	232	245	255	223	204	210	207	220	223	218	200	182	-9%
Acetic Anhydride - B* (Japani)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acetic Anhydride - C* (Indian)	122	119	126	133	145	155	159	166	155	145	180	144	126	-13%
Acetic Anhydride - D* (Pakistani)	104	90	72	77	80	152	156	162	160	153	151	126	108	-15%
Acetic Anhydride - E* (Chinees)	203	193	199	206	204	198	199	194	179	175	190	169	141	-17%
Acetic Anhydride - F* (Irani)	131	134	103	105	109	96	114	112	120	125	108	131	133	+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), December 2024– January 2025

Average Price Of "Ephedra" For Each Zone (US\$/Kg)			
Region	Dec-24	Jan-25	Change %
Northern	0.74	0.68	-9%
North-east	0.74	0.71	-5%
Western	0.72	0.71	-1%
Central	0.82	0.68	-17%
Southern	1.24	1.14	-8%
Eastern	0.91	0.81	-11%
Average Prices for Afghanistan	0.87	0.80	-8%

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, January 2025

Province	Types of crops	Price/Kg in Pakistani Rupee (PRs)	Price/Kg in Afghani (AFs)	Price/Kg in (US\$)
Nangarhar	Wheat	-	32	0.4
Nangarhar	Cotton	-	95	1.3
Nangarhar	Rice Imported	-	85	1.1
Nangarhar	Rice Local	-	35	0.5
Balkh	Wheat	-	19	0.3
Balkh	Cotton	-	75	1.0
Balkh	Rice Imported	-	98	1.3
Balkh	Rice Local	-	55	0.7
Badakhshan	Wheat	-	24	0.3
Badakhshan	Rice Imported	-	120	1.6
Badakhshan	Rice Local	-	68	0.9
Takhar	Wheat	-	22	0.3
Takhar	Rice Imported	-	120	1.6
Takhar	Rice Local	-	62	0.8
Helmand	Wheat	-	24	0.3
Helmand	Cotton	-	124	1.7
Helmand	Rice Imported	-	81	1.1
Kandahar	Wheat	-	26	0.3
Kandahar	Cotton	-	129	1.7
Kandahar	Rice Imported	-	80	1.1
Hirat	Wheat	-	21	0.3
Hirat	Cotton	-	160	2.1
Hirat	Saffron	-	135000	1781
Hirat	Rice Imported	-	85	1.1
Hirat	Rice Local	-	65	0.9

Table 19: Average prices of wheat, cotton, saffron, imported, and local rice in Afghanistan (US\$/kg), January 2024– January 2025

Types of crops	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Increase/Decrease (%)
Wheat (Local)	0.40	0.43	0.46	0.38	0.33	0.31	0.29	0.30	0.33	0.35	0.34	0.34	0.32	-5%
Cotton	1.90	1.93	1.88	1.94	1.84	1.77	1.79	1.77	1.81	1.85	1.82	1.74	1.57	-10%
Saffron	1014	982	1108	1736	1714	1668	1655	1776	1961	1993	1927	1858	1781	-4%
Rice (Imported)	1.51	1.64	1.53	1.55	1.46	1.42	1.36	1.29	1.29	1.37	1.34	1.28	1.28	0%
Rice (Local)	0.95	0.98	1.10	0.96	0.87	0.85	0.79	0.81	0.82	0.85	0.82	0.79	0.76	-4%

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 (8% and 8.7%), as has the average price of fresh opium (12% and 13%). 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 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. According to our analysis, among the factors mentioned above, the most significant is low enforcement, primarily due to the arrest of drug traffickers and the discovery and seizure of hundreds of tons of drugs nationwide.

Changes in Opium Prices at the Regional Level:

- In the ***Western region***, the decline in smuggling can be attributed to stringent security measures at the borders, along with a reduction in buying and selling within the provinces of the western zone.
- In the ***southern region***, due to the increase in poppy cultivation in different seasons, the demand for opium has decreased, law enforcement and Synthetic drugs have increased;
- In the ***eastern region***, it is due to the closure of borders and the focus of counter narcotics officials on the points used by traffickers, especially in the borders of Nangarhar province;
- In the ***north and northeast region***, due to the decrease in the demand for drugs from smugglers in the local market, the implementation of orders and the enforcement of the law, the arrest of sellers, the collection of drug addicts, and the increase in the production and use of synthetic drugs such as: Methamphetamine, tablet K and other synthetic drugs, the price of opium has decreased this month;

- In the **Central region**, the price of opium has not changed significantly compared to a month ago.

Second 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.

The third part of hashish, except of Kandahar province, the average price of hashish across the country has decreased compared to a month ago. The reason for this decrease in the eastern region is the supply of fresh hashish products and in the northern region, the demand for hashish is decreasing due to the use of various intoxicating tablets.

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.

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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	109	109	16	

Afghanistan: Average dry Opium Price (January, 2025)



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