

Chapter – 2

Prisoners – Types and Demography

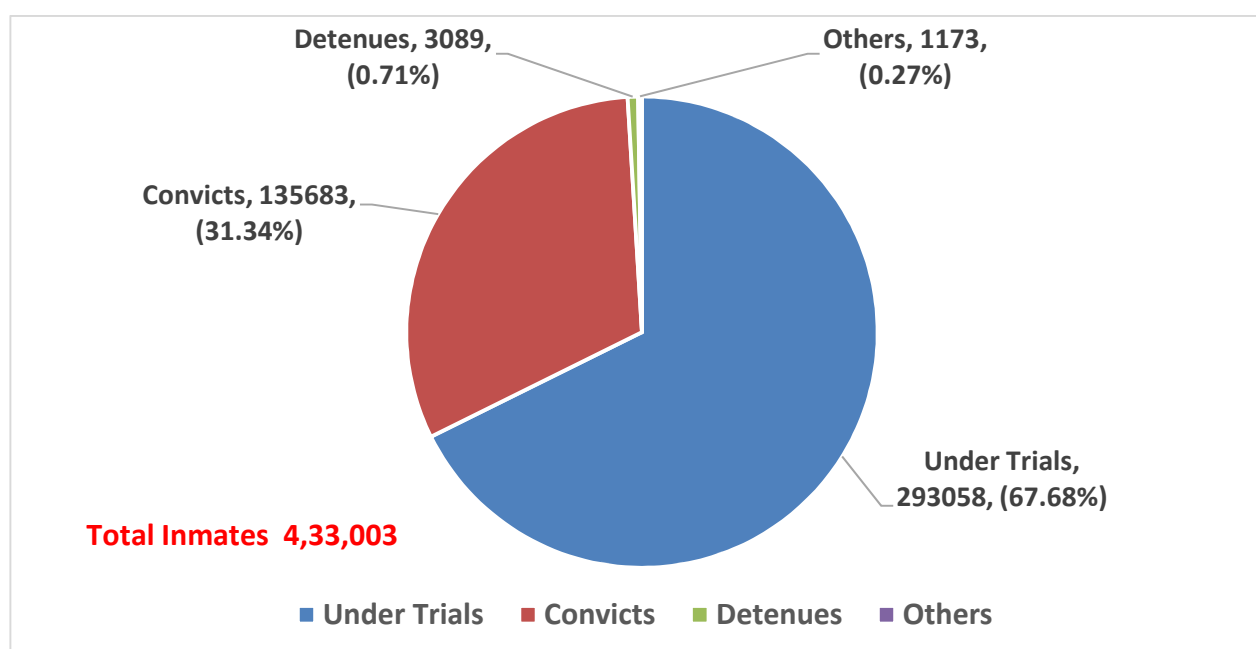
This chapter presents statistical information on different categories of prison inmates like convicts, under-trials, detenues and their age & gender profiles. Besides, details on women prison inmates including those staying with children have also been presented in this chapter.

Prison inmates lodged in various jails are categorised as Convicts, Undertrials and Detenues. A convict is a person found guilty of a crime and sentenced by a court of law and person serving a sentence in prison. An Undertrial is a person who is currently on trial in a court of law. A detainee is any person held lawfully in custody. However, 'Other' category refers to any person other than above mentioned categories.

Share of Convicts, Undertrial Inmates, Detenues and Other Inmates as on 31st December, 2016

A total of (4,33,003) prisoners as on 31st December, 2016 were confined in various jails across the country. The number of Convicts, Undertrial inmates and Detenues were reported as 1,35,683, 2,93,058 and 3,089 respectively accounting for 31.3%, 67.7% and 0.7% respectively at the end of 2016. Other prisoners accounted for 0.3% (1,173 prisoners) of total prisoners as on 31st December, 2016.

Only 9 states have reported lodging of civil prisoners in its jails. Out of 1,35,683 convicts, 164 were civil convicts and out of 2,93,058 undertrial prisoners, only 29 were civil inmates.



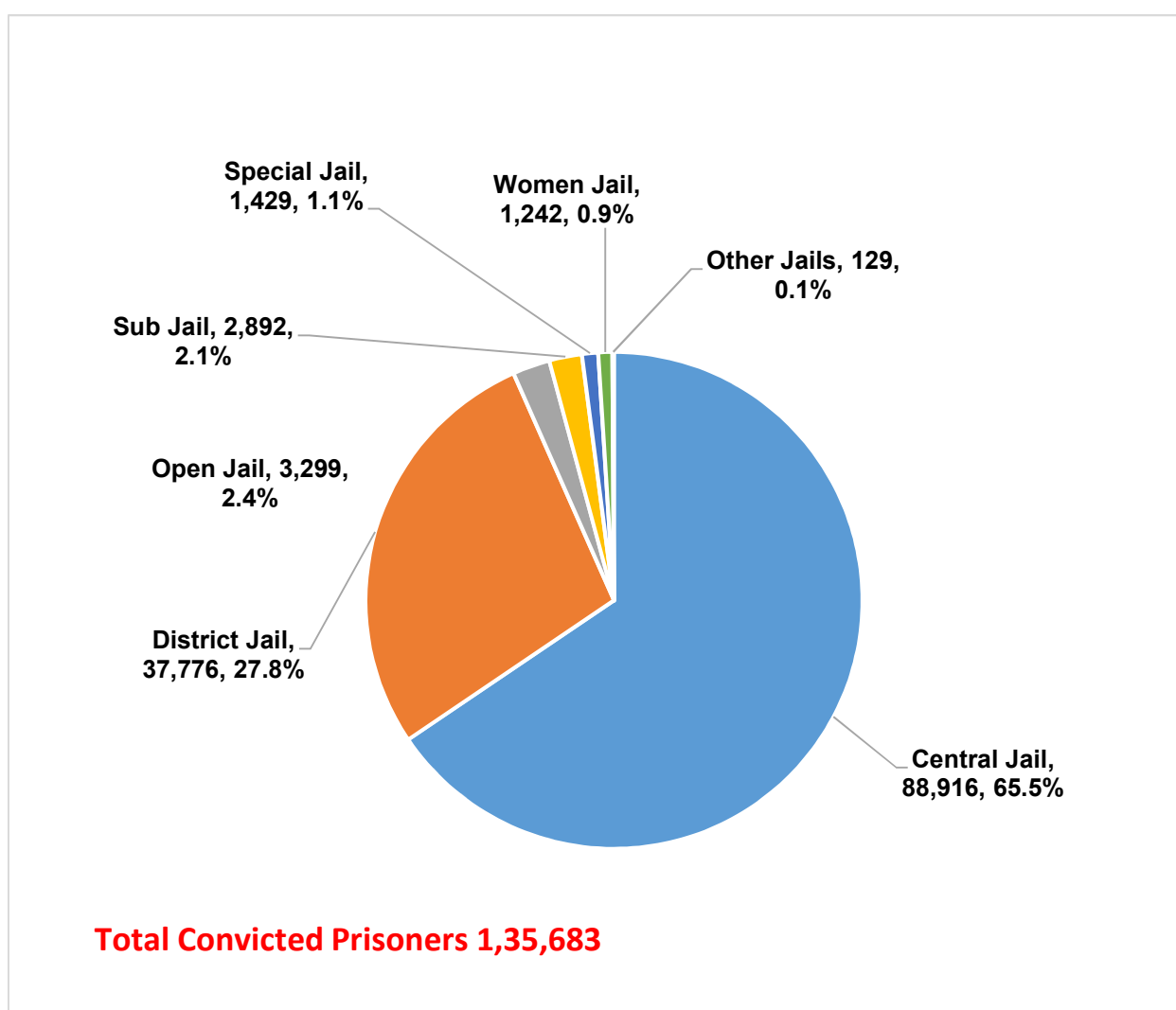
Share of Different Types of Prisoners as on 31st December 2016
Chart 2.1

Convicts

Jail-wise & State/UT-wise Distribution of Convicted Prisoners in Different Types of Jail as on 31st December, 2016

The highest number of convicted prisoners were lodged in Central Jails (65.5%) out of total 1,35,683 convicts followed by District Jails (27.8%) and Open jails (2.4%) as on 31st December, 2016 [Chart 2.2].

Uttar Pradesh has reported the most number of convicts (26,785) in its jails accounting for 19.7% of total number of convicted prisoner in the country, followed by Madhya Pradesh (16,844 convicts, 12.4%) and Punjab (9,931 convicts, 7.3%) at the end of 2016 [Table 2.1]. State/UT-wise, Sex-wise distribution of convicted prisoners in different types of jail is presented in Table 2.3-2.9.



* Other Jails include Borstal school etc.

Convicted Prisoners in Different Jails as on 31st December, 2016
Chart 2.2

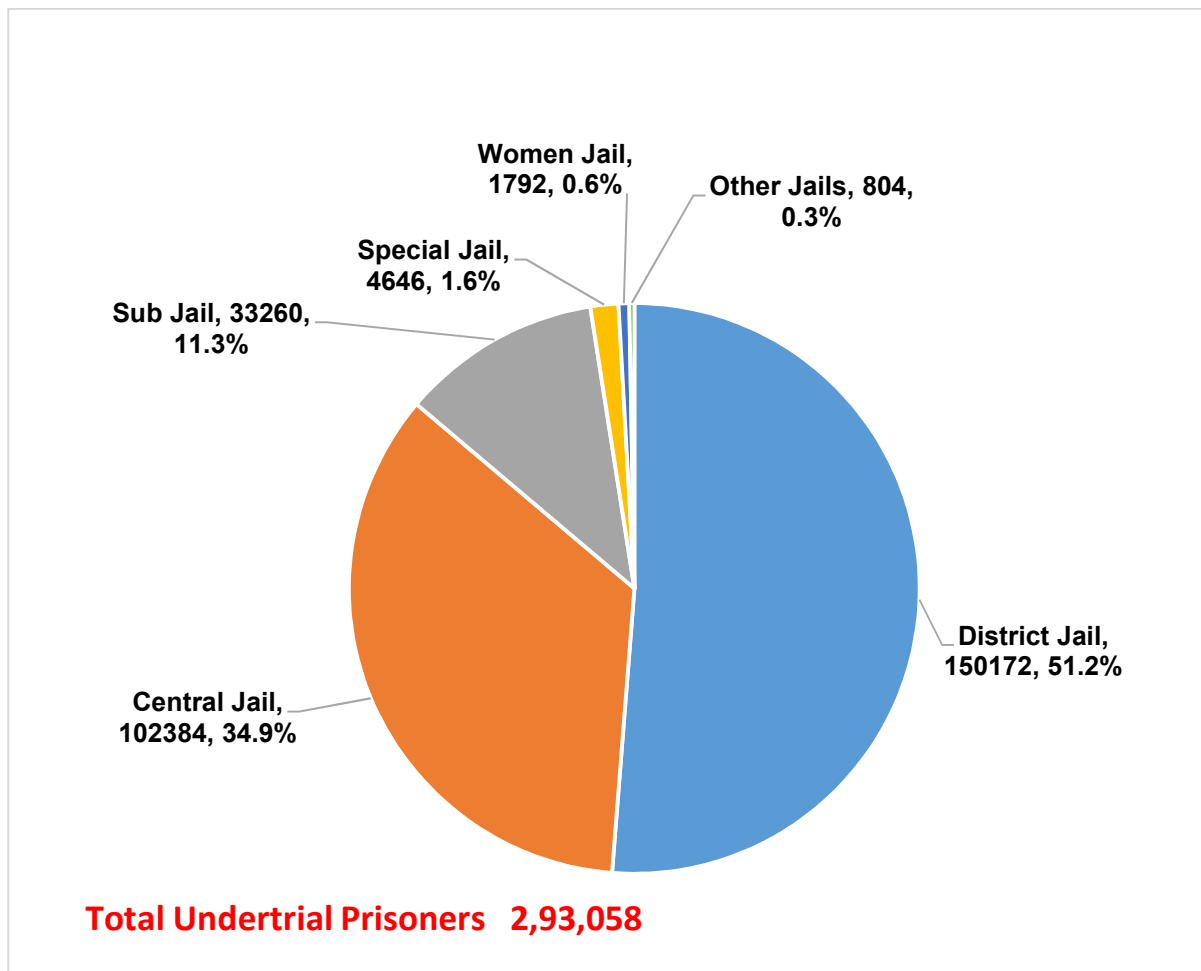
Undertrials

Jail-wise & State/UT-wise Distribution of Undertrial Prisoners in Different Types of Jails as on 31st December, 2016

Among the 2,93,058 undertrial prisoners, the highest number of undertrial prisoners were lodged in District Jails (51.2%, 1,50,172 undertrial prisoners) followed by Central Jails (34.9%, 1,02,384 undertrial prisoners) and Sub Jails (11.3%, 33,260 undertrial

prisoners) as on 31st December, 2016 [Chart 2.3].

Uttar Pradesh has reported the most number of undertrial prisoners (68,432) in its jails accounting for 23.4% of total number of undertrial prisoner in the country, followed by Bihar (27,753 undertrial prisoners, 9.5%) and Maharashtra (22,693 undertrial prisoners, 7.7%) at the end of 2016. State/UT-wise, Sex-wise distribution of undertrial prisoners in different type of jails is presented in Table 2.3-2.9.



*Other Jails include Borstal School, Open jails etc.

Undertrial Prisoners in Different Jails as on 31st December, 2016

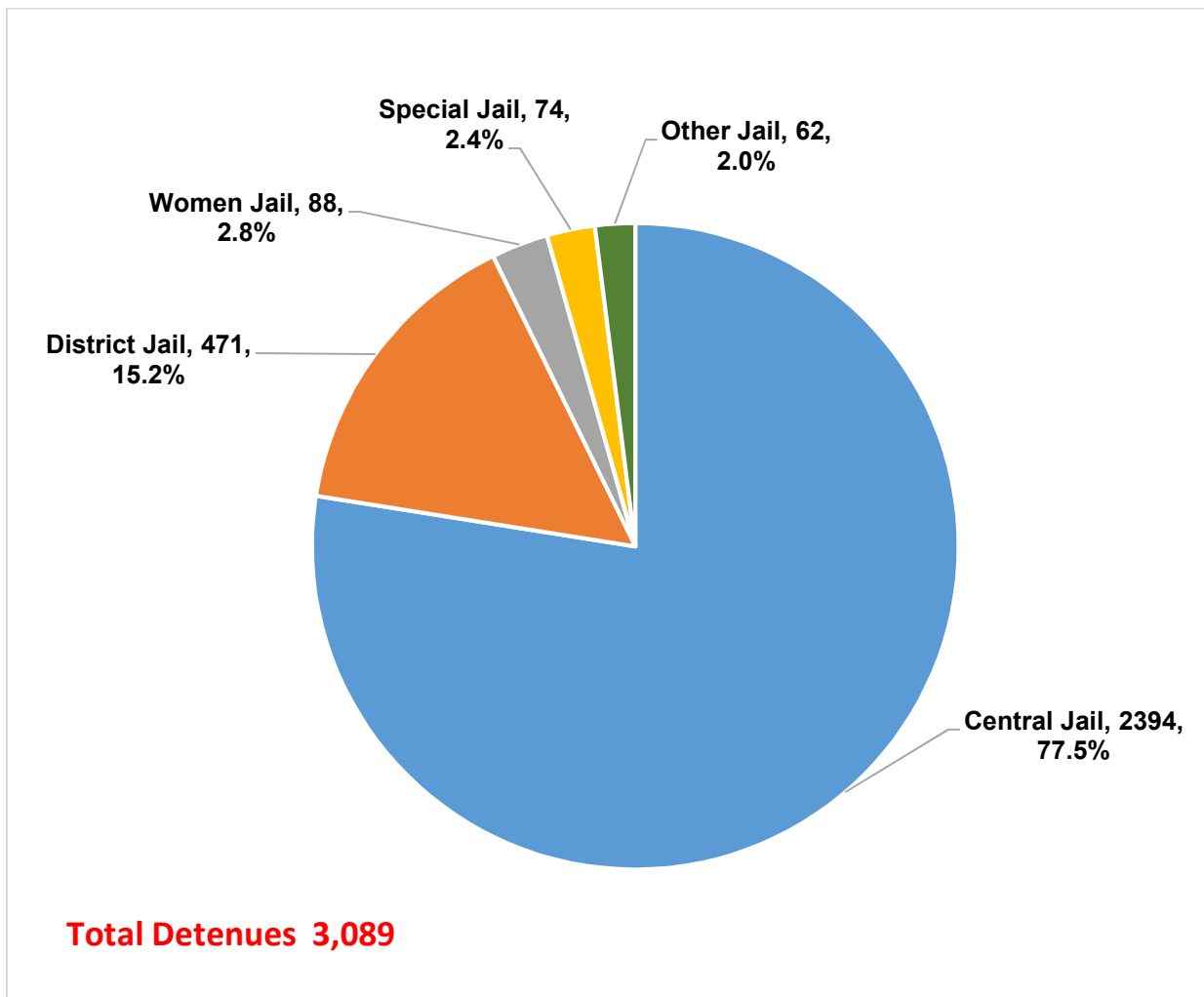
Chart 2.3

Detenues

State/UT – wise Distribution of Detenues in Different Types of Jails as on 31st December, 2016

Among the 3,089 detenues, the highest number of detenues (77.5%, 2,394 detenues) were lodged in Central Jails, followed by District Jails (15.2%, 471 detenues) and Women Jails (2.8%, 88 detenues) as on 31st December, 2016 [Chart 2.4].

Out of 3,089 detenues lodged in only 18 States/UTs, Tamil Nadu has reported the highest number of detenues (47.9%, 1,481 detenues) in its jails followed by Jammu & Kashmir (14.0%, 432 detenues) and Telangana (9.6%, 297 detenues) as on 31st December, 2016. State/UT-wise, Sex-wise distribution of undertrial prisoners in different type of jails is presented in **Table 2.3-2.9**.



* Other Jails include Borstal School, Sub Jails etc.

Detenues in Different Jails as on 31st December, 2016
Chart 2.4

Other Inmates

Distribution of Other Inmates in Different Jails as on 31st December, 2016

Certain inmates who are not classified under Convicts, Undertrial and Detenues, are termed as Other Inmates. There were 1,173 other inmates were lodged in various jails of the country as on 31st December, 2016. The highest number of such inmates were lodged in Central Jails (82.9%, 973 inmates) followed by District Jails (11.3%, 133 inmates). Other Jail includes Sub Jail and Special Jail which together contribute 5.7% of such inmates (67 inmates).

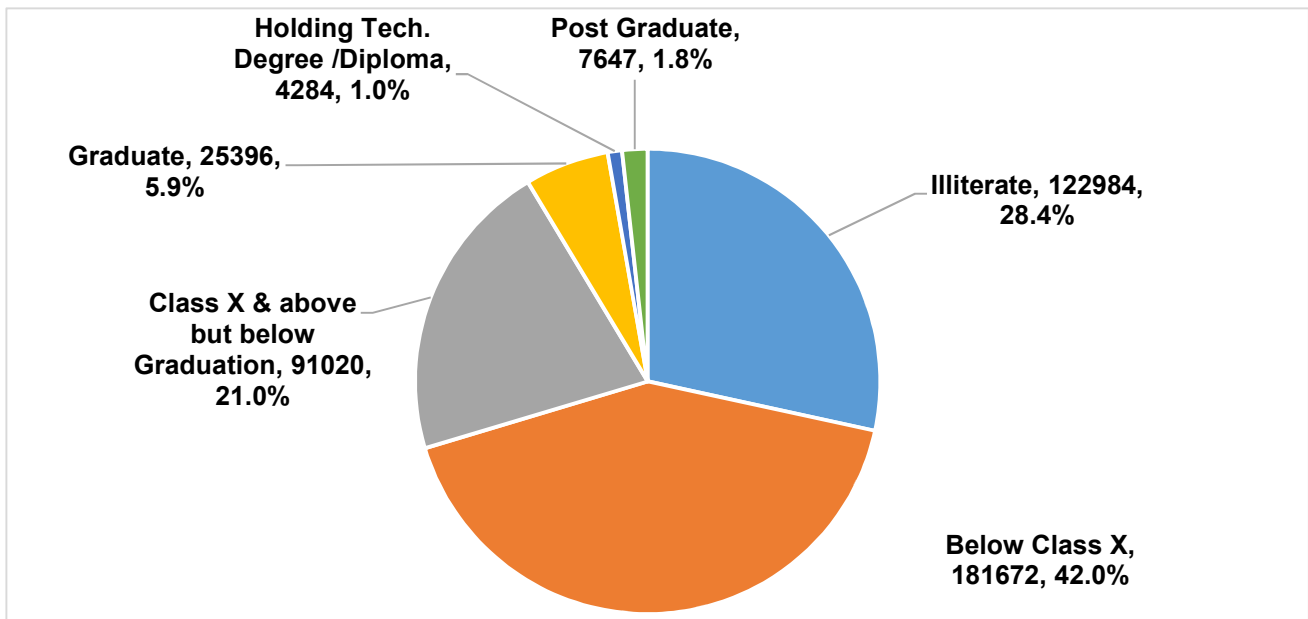
Demographic Profile (Education and Domicile) of Prison Inmates

Demographic profile of prison inmates refer to classification of inmates on the basis of their educational status and domicile status of inmates [Table 2.10A – Table 2.13B].

Education Profile

I. Prison Inmates

Among the 4,33,003 prisoners as on 31st December, 2016, the highest number of prisoners were having education Below Class X (42.0%) followed by prisoners with no education (28.4%) and prisoners with education Class X & above but Below Graduation (21.0%) [Chart 2.5].



Educational Profile of Prison Inmates as on 31st December, 2016

Chart 2.5

II. Convicts

A total of 36,992 out of 1,35,683 convicts lodged in various jails in the country were reported as illiterate and 57,312 convicts were educated below

class Xth standard. These two categories accounted for 27.3% and 42.2% of total convicts (1,35,683) respectively. State/UT-wise educational profile of convicts is presented in Table 2.10A.

III. Undertrials

Out of 2,93,058 undertrials lodged in various jails in the country, a total of 84,493 undertrial prisoners were illiterate and 1,22,752 were educated below class Xth standard. These two categories have accounted for 28.8% and 41.9% of total undertrials prisoners respectively which taken together constitute 70.7% (2,07,245 out of 2,93,058) of the total undertrial inmates.

IV. Detenues

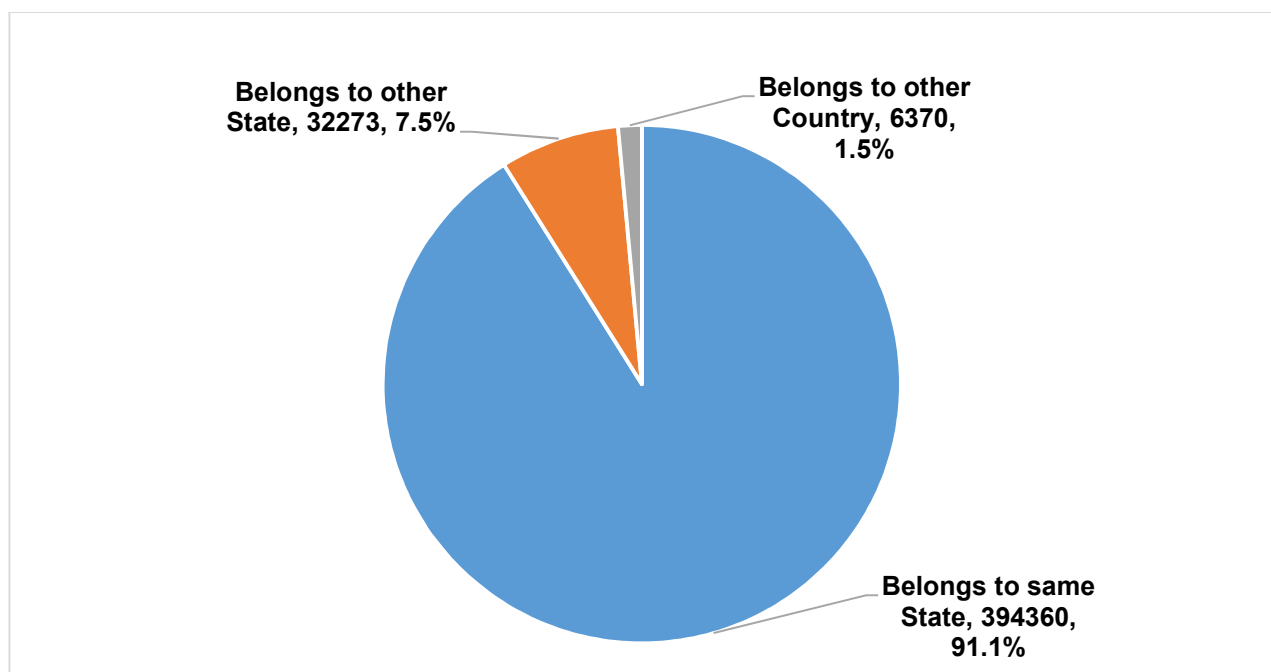
865 out of 3,089 detenues were illiterate and 1,233 were educated below

class Xth standard. These two categories accounted for 28.0% and 39.9% of total detenues respectively, which together constitutes 67.9% (2,098 out of 3,089) of total detenues as on 31st December, 2016.

Domicile Profile

I. Prison Inmates

Among the 4,33,003 prisoners as on 31st December, 2016, around 91.1% of prisoners belong to the State followed by prisoners belonging to the Other States (7.5%) and prisoner belonging to the Other Country [Chart – 2.6].



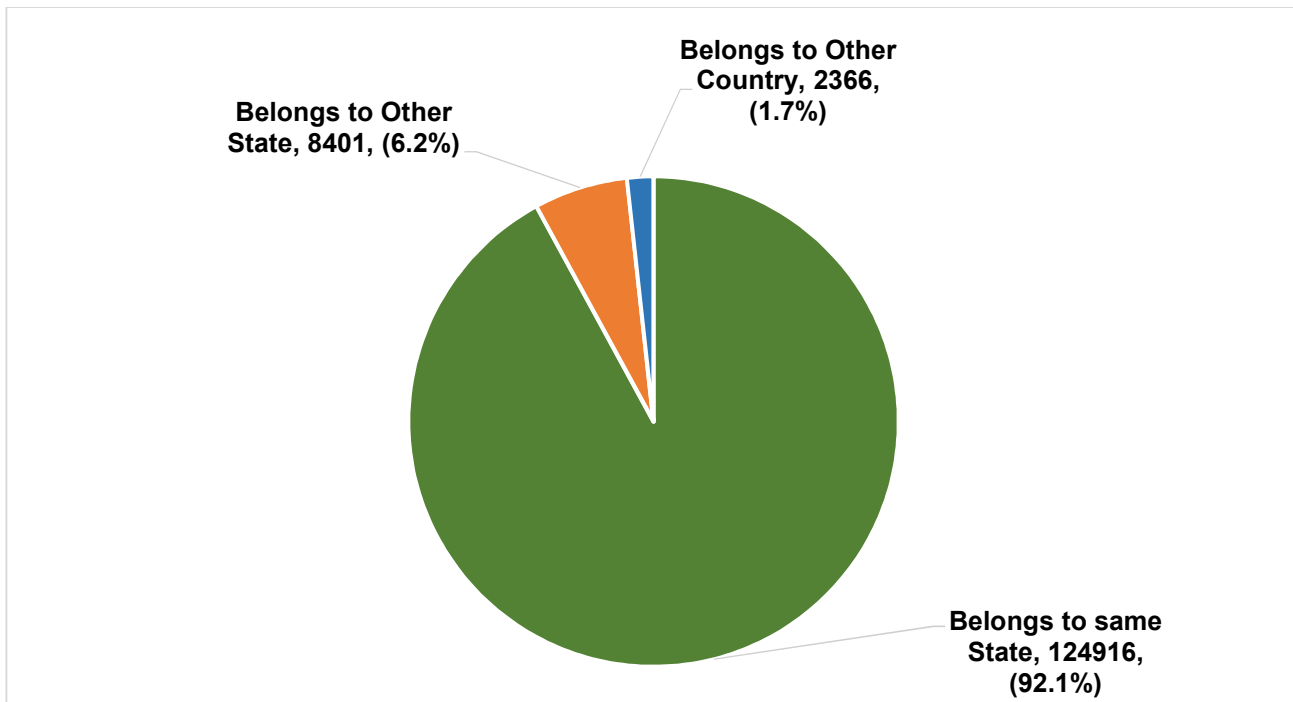
Domicile of Origin of Prison Inmates as on 31st December, 2016

Chart 2.6

II. Convicts

Among the 1,35,683 convicted-inmates lodged in various jails in the country, 1,24,916 convicted-inmates belong to the respective states accounting for 92.1% of all inmates followed by Convicts from

other states (6.2%, 8,401 convicts) [Chart 2.7]. Convicts of other countries contribute 1.7% of all convicts (2,366 convicts out of 1,35,683) as on 31st December, 2016. State/UT-wise domicile of origin of convicts is presented in Table 2.10B.



Domicile of Origin of Convicted Prisoners as on 31st December, 2016

Chart 2.7

Haryana has reported the most number of convicts of other states (17.0%, 1,430 convicts) followed by Maharashtra (9.6%, 803 convicts) and Delhi (9.3%, 782 convicts) as on 31st December, 2016

belonging to other countries (**Table 2.12B**).

Age-group wise Type of Prisoners as on 31st December, 2016

III. Undertrials

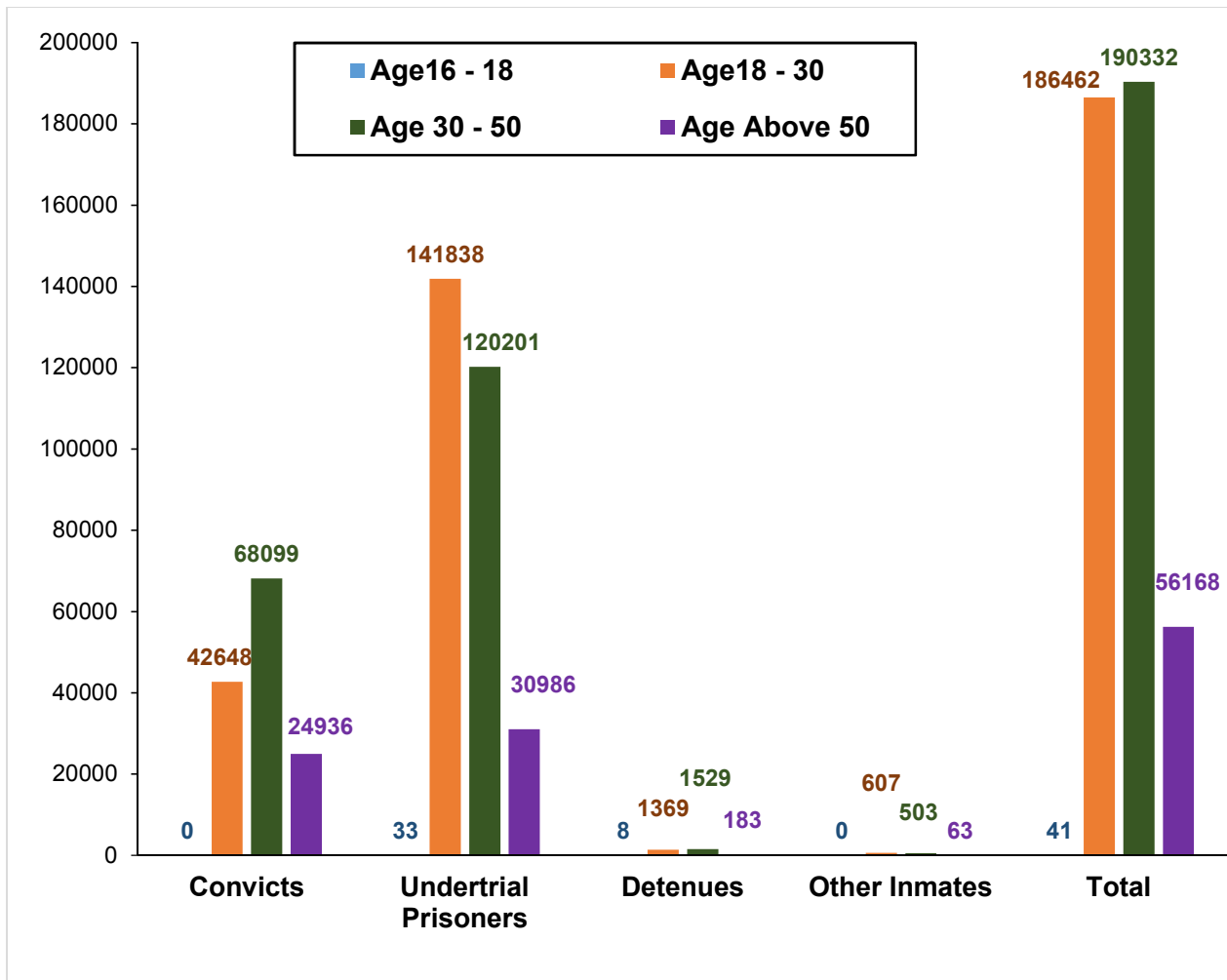
Around 90.8% (2,66,039 out of 2,93,058) of total undertrial prisoners were from the same State/UT. This is followed by undertrial prisoners of other States/UTs which contributed around 8.1% (23,761) and undertrial prisoners of other countries accounted for 1.1% (3,258) of total undertrial prisoners as on 31st December, 2016 (**Table 2.11B**).

As on 31st December, 2016, the most number of inmates (1,90,332) were belonging to the age group 30-50 followed by age group 18-30 (1,86,462). Around 56,168 inmates were belonging to the age group Above 50. Only 41 inmates were belonging to age group 16-18 years as on 31st December, 2016.

IV. Detenues

95.6% (2,954 out of 3,089) of detenues belonged to the same State/UT while only 3.0% (92) of detenues were belonging to the different State/UT as on 31st December, 2016. 43 detenues were

Among the convicts, inmates belonging to age group 30-50 were more (68,099) than the inmates of any other age groups. However, in case of undertrial prisoners, inmates belonging to age group 18-30 were the highest (1,41,838 undertrial inmates) followed by inmates belonging to age group 30-50 (1,20,201 undertrial inmates) and inmates of more than 50 years of age (30,986) as on 31st December, 2016 [**Chart 2.8**].

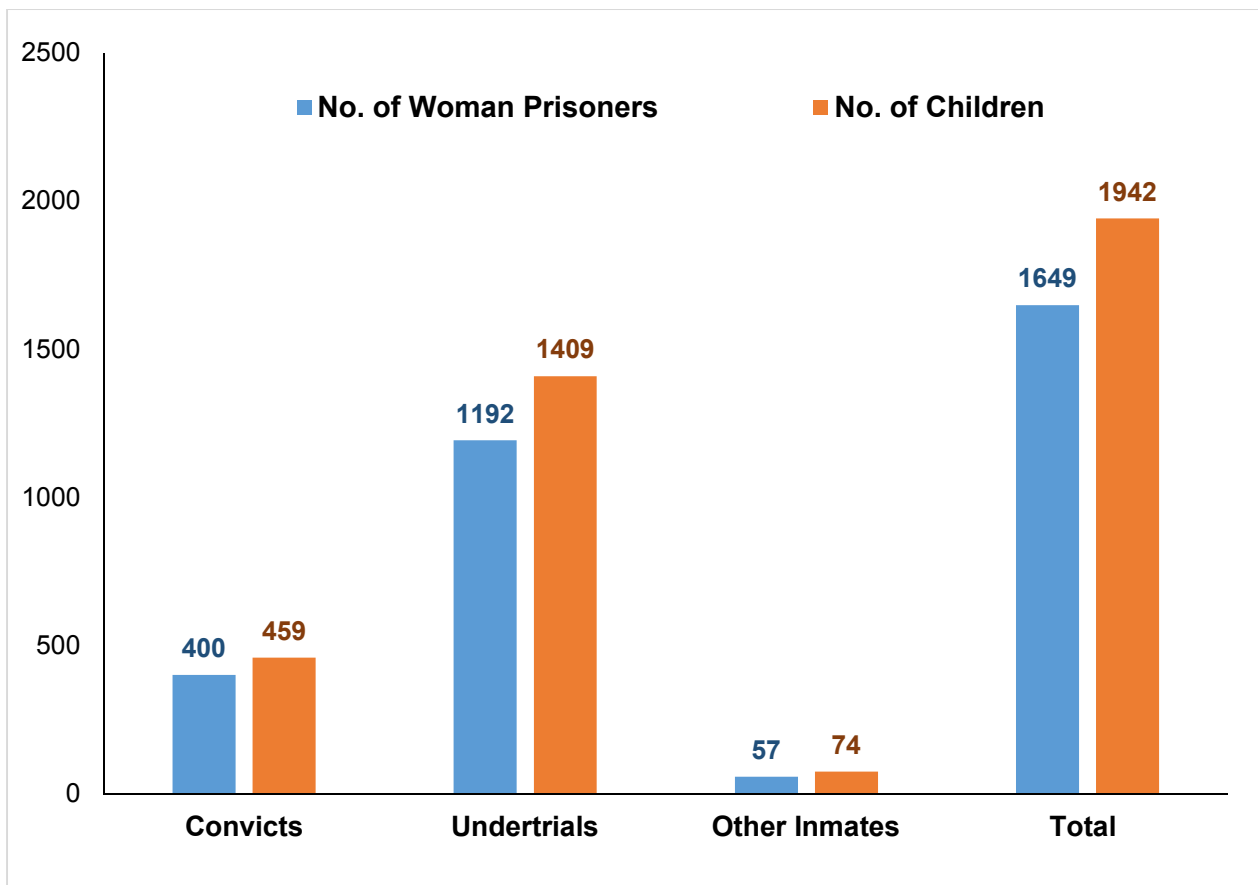


Other Inmates in Different Jails as on 31st December, 2016
Chart 2.8

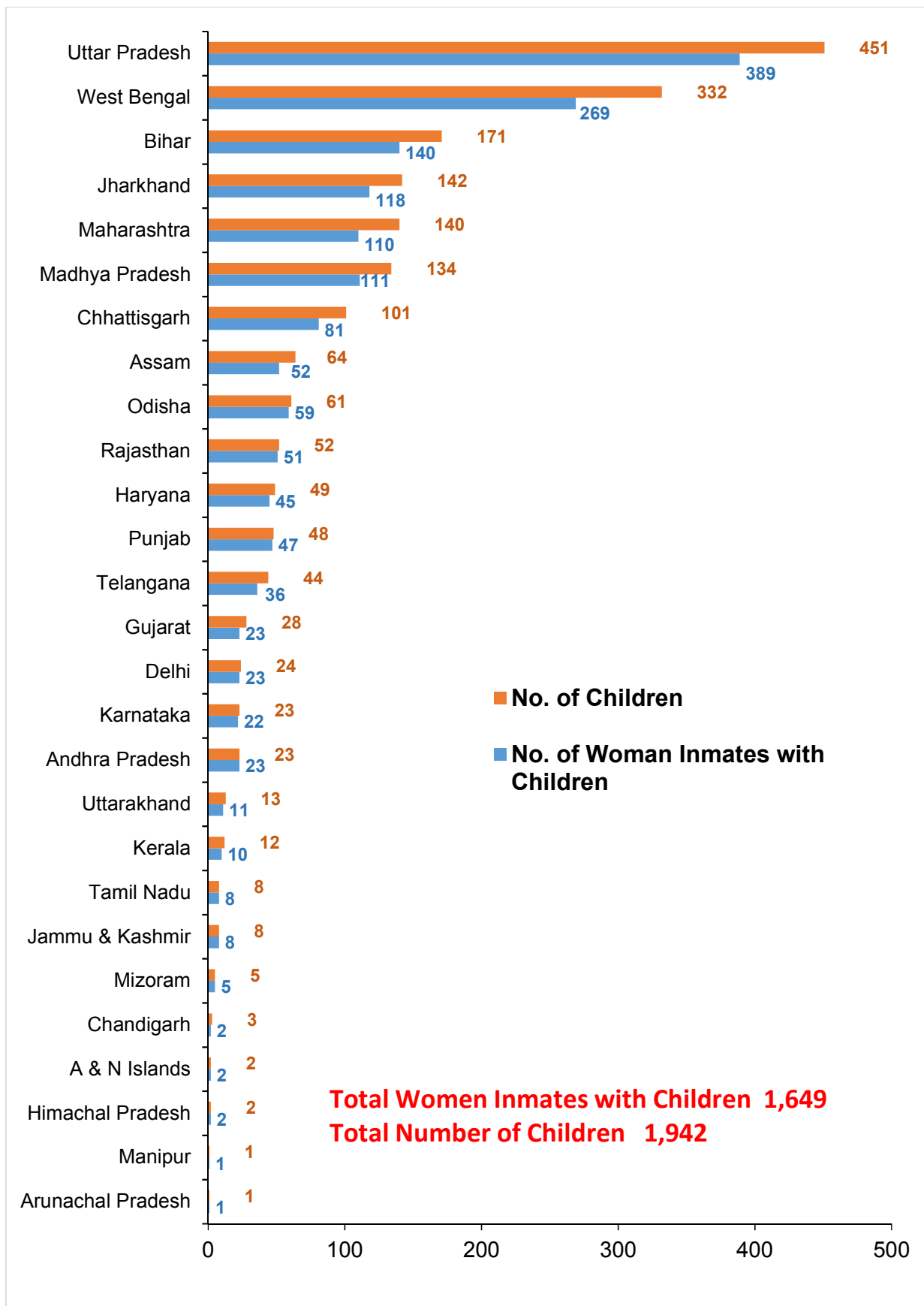
Women Prisoners with Children as on 31st December, 2016

There were 1,649 woman prisoners with 1,942 children as on 31st December, 2016. Among these woman prisoners, 1,192 woman prisoners were undertrial prisoners who were accompanied by 1,409 children and 400 convicted prisoners who were accompanied by 459 children [Chart 2.9] [Table 2.17].

Uttar Pradesh has reported the highest number of Woman with children (389 women with 451 children) followed by West Bengal (269 women with 332 children) and Bihar (140 women with 171 children) as on 31st December, 2016. Only 9 States/UTs have no woman inmates with children [Chart 2.10].



Type of Woman Prisoners with Children as on 31st December, 2016
Chart 2.9



State/UT-wise Woman Inmates with Children as on 31st December, 2016

Chart 2.10

Indian and Foreign Inmates as on 31st December 2016

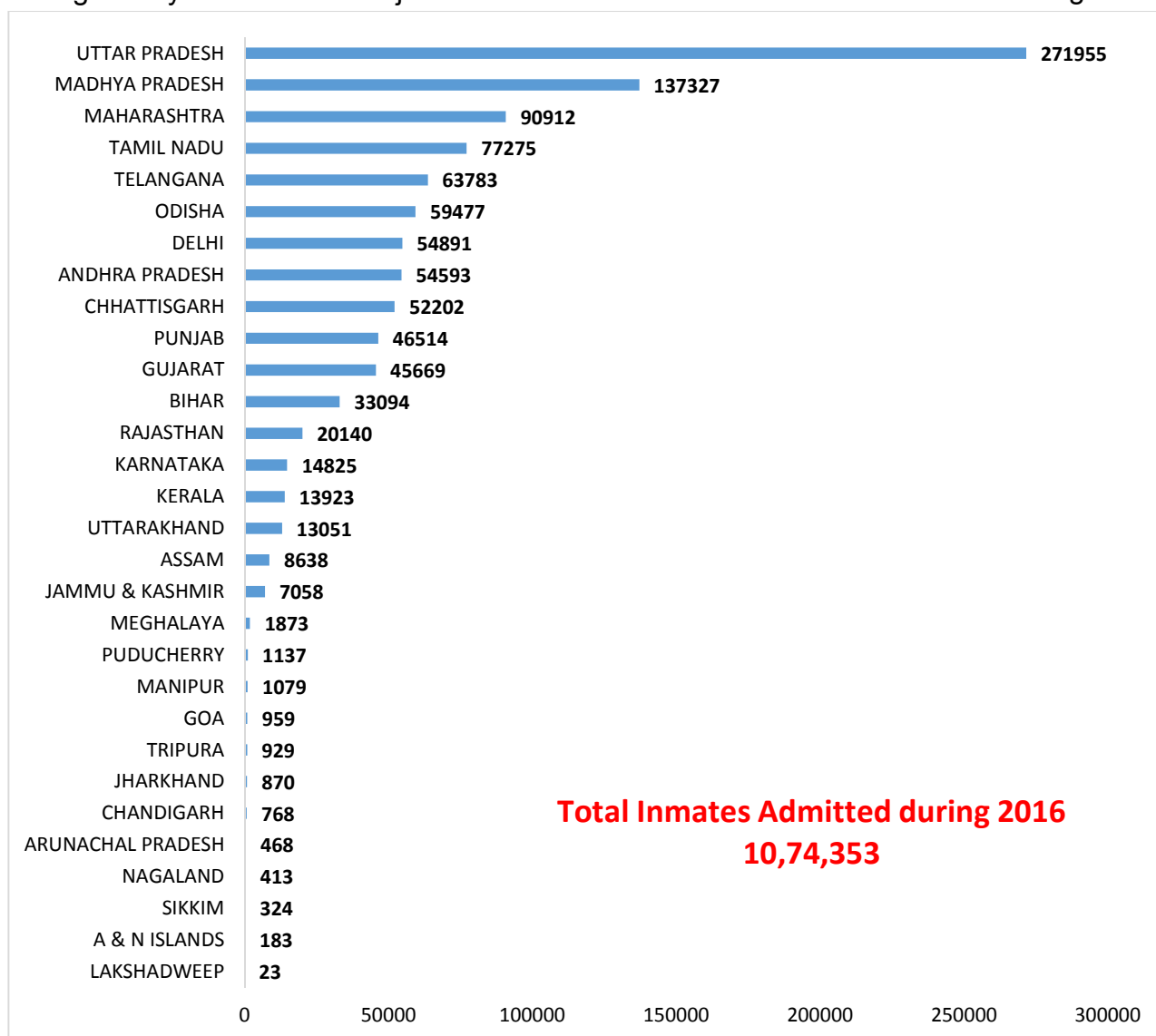
Out of total 4,33,003 prison inmates, 4,26,633 (98.5%) inmates were Indians and 6,370 (1.5%) inmates were Foreigners [Table 2.18]. Out of 18,498 female inmates, 17,580 (95.0%) were Indians and 918 (5.0%) were Foreigners [Table 2.19].

State/UT – wise Inmates Admitted during 2016

State/UT – wise prisoners admitted during the year in various jails of the

country is presented in Table 2.20. During the year 2016, a total of 10,74,353 inmates were lodged in various jails of the country.

Among the States/UTs, Uttar Pradesh has reported the highest number of inmates (2,71,955) lodged during 2016 followed by Madhya Pradesh (1,37,327) and Maharashtra (90,912) accounting for 25.3%, 12.8% and 8.5% respectively of total number of inmates at national level [Chart 2.11]. Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Mizoram, West Bengal, D & N Haveli and Daman & Diu did not furnish data on inmates admitted during 2016.

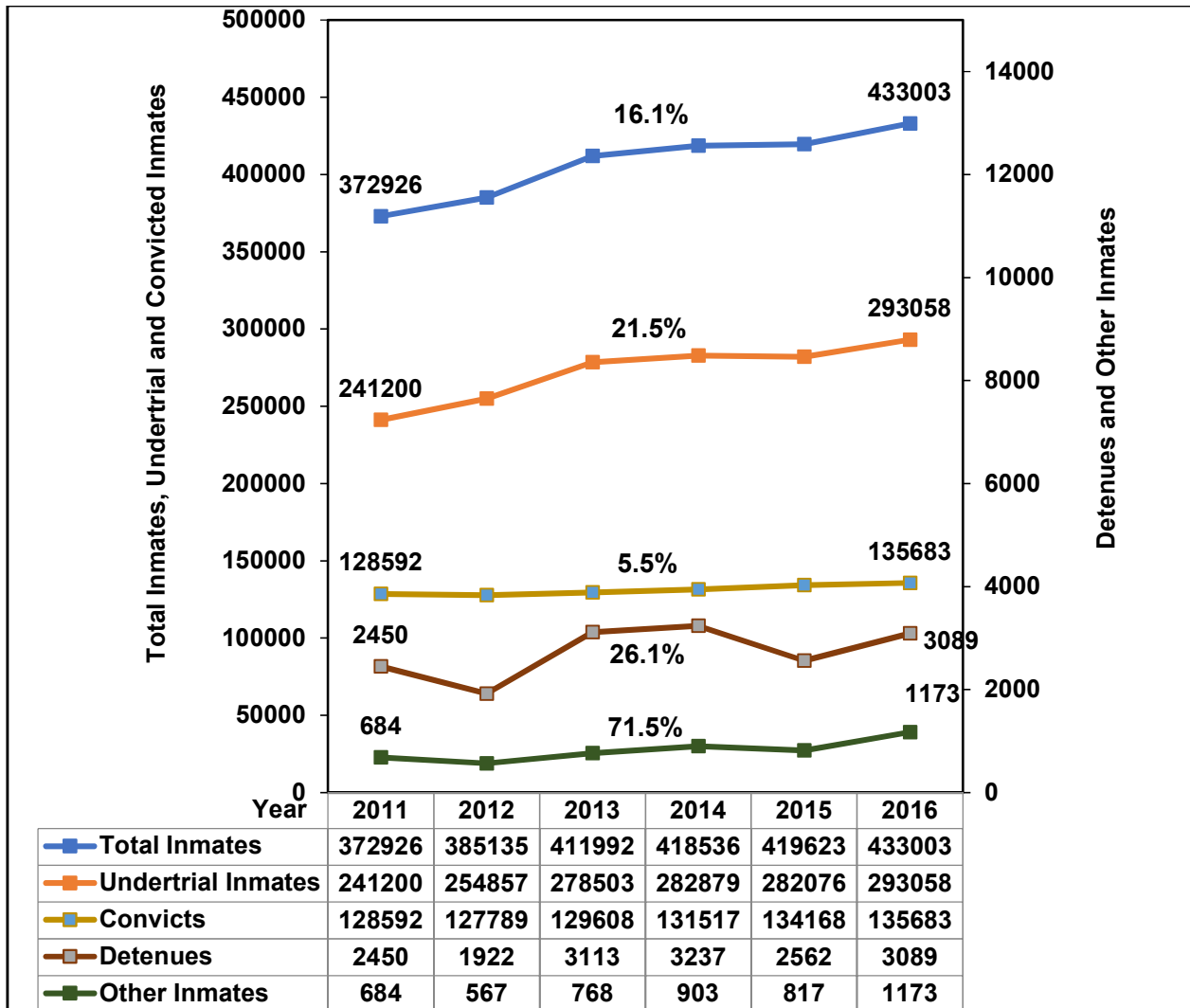


**State/UT-wise Inmates Admitted during 2016
Chart 2.11**

Trend in Number of Convicts, Undertrial Inmates, Detenues and Other Inmates in 2011-2016

The number of Inmates in the prisons has increased by 16.1% during 2011-2016 (from 3,72,926 inmates in 31.12.2011 to 4,33,003 inmates in 31.12.2016). Among

the inmates, number of convicts during 2011-2016 has increased by 5.5% whereas the number of undertrial inmates has increased by 21.5%. Also, the number of detenues has increased by 26.1% during the same period. [Chart 2.12].



Note: Figures as on 31st December of the respective year

Trend in Number of Different Types of Prison Inmate during 2011-2016
Chart 2.12