

# Crime in India – 2021

## SNAPSHOTS

### (Metropolitan Cities - >2 Million Population)

(19 Metropolitan Cities : Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Coimbatore, Delhi, Ghaziabad, Hyderabad, Indore, Jaipur, Kanpur, Kochi, Kolkata, Kozhikode, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Patna, Pune and Surat)

#### **A) Overall Crime**

- i. A total of 9,52,273 cognizable crimes comprising 6,30,937 Indian Penal Code (IPC) crimes and 3,21,336 Special & Local Laws (SLL) crimes were registered in 19 metropolitan cities during 2021, showing an increase of 3.1% over 2020 (9,24,016 cases). [Table – 1B.1& 1B.2]
- ii. During 2021, IPC crimes registered have declined by 5.6% and SLL crimes registered have increased by 25.5% over 2020. [Table – 1B.1& 1B.2]
- iii. Percentage share of IPC was 66.3% while percentage share of SLL cases was 33.7% during 2021. [Table – 1B.1& 1B.2]
- iv. Under IPC crimes, majority of cases were registered under Theft accounting for 40.1% (2,53,068 out of 6,30,937 cases) followed by Disobedience to order duly promulgated by Public Servant (Sec. 188 IPC) 14.1% (89,134 cases) and Hurt with 6.7% (42,426 cases) during 2021. [Table – 1B.4]
- v. Under SLL crimes, majority of cases were registered under Prohibition Act accounting for 20.8% (66,883 out of 3,21,336 cases) followed by City/Town Police Acts accounting for 8.1% (25,972 cases) and Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 accounting for 5.7% (18,328 cases) during 2021. [Table – 1B.5]
- vi. During 2021, total of 10,22,873 IPC cases (3,91,812 cases pending from previous year + 6,30,937 cases reported during the year + 124 cases re-opened for investigation) were under investigation, out of which total of 5,87,865 cases were disposed of by police including 3,19,975 cases which were charge sheeted, resulting in the charge sheeting rate of 54.4%.

#### **B) Offences Affecting the Human Body<sup>1</sup> - Summary**

A total of 82,720 cases of offences affecting the human body were registered which accounted for 13.1% of total IPC crimes in 19 metropolitan cities during 2021. Out of these cases Hurt (42,426 cases) accounted for maximum cases i.e. 51.3% followed by cases of Kidnapping & Abduction (13,121 cases, 15.9%) and cases of Causing Death by Negligence (7,810 cases, 9.4%). [Table – 1B.4]

The cases registered under offences against human body depict an increase of 18.1% in 2021 over 2020 (70,016 cases). The crime rate registered under this head show an increased from 61.4 in 2020 to 72.5 in 2021. [Table – 1B.4]

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Note: 1: Chapter XVI of IPC covers gamut of cases relating to “Offences affecting the Human Body”

## C) Murder

- i. A total of 1,955 cases of murder were registered during 2021, showing an increase 5.7% over 2020 (1,849 cases). The crime rate registered also show an increase from 1.6 in 2020 to 1.7 in 2021. [Table – 2B.1]
- ii. ‘Disputes’ (849 cases) was the motive of murder in highest number of cases followed by ‘Personal Vendetta or Enmity’ (380 cases) and ‘Love Affairs’ (122 cases). [Table – 2B.2]

## D) Kidnapping & Abduction

- i. A total of 13,121 cases of kidnapping & abduction were registered during 2021, showing an increase of 27.4% over 2020 (10,297 cases). [Table – 2D.1]
- ii. During 2021, a total of 13,091 kidnapped or abducted persons (3,758 male and 9,333 female) were recovered out of which 13,026 persons were recovered alive and 65 were found dead. [Table – 2D.4]

## E) Offences against Public Tranquillity

A total of 4,577 cases of offences against public tranquillity were registered under various sections of IPC during 2021, out of which Unlawful Assembly cases (2,191) accounting for 47.9% of total such cases. The cases of offences registered against public tranquillity have increased by 3.2% in 2021 over 2020 (4,437 cases). [Table – 1B.4]

## F) Crime against Women

- i. A total of 43,414 cases of crime against women were registered during 2021, showing an increase of 22.9% over 2020 (35,331 cases). [Table – 3B.1]
- ii. Majority of cases under crime against women were registered under ‘Cruelty by Husband or his Relatives’ (33.0%) followed by ‘Kidnaping & Abduction of Women’ (20.0%), ‘Assault on Women with Intent to Outrage her Modesty’ (17.5%), and ‘Rape’ (7.4%). [Table – 3B.2]

## G) Crime against Children

- i. A total of 19,055 cases of crime against children were registered during 2021, showing an increase in registration by 26.7% over 2020 (15,043 cases). [Table – 4B.1]
- ii. In percentage terms, crime heads reporting majority of cases under ‘Crime Against Children’ were kidnapping & abduction (56.6%) followed by Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (30.8%). [Table – 4B.2]

## H) Juveniles in Conflict with Law

- i. A total of 5,828 cases have been registered against Juveniles during 2021, showing a decrease of 2.4% over 2020 (5,974 cases). [Table – 5B.1]

- ii. A total of 7,635 juveniles were apprehended in 5,828 cases, out of which 6,976 juveniles were apprehended under IPC cases and 659 juveniles were apprehended under SLL cases during 2021. [Table – 5B.4]
- iii. Majority (76.2%) of juveniles in conflict with law apprehended under IPC & SLL crimes were in the age group of 16 to 18 years (5,816 out of 7,635) during 2021. [Table –5B.4]

## **I) Crime against Senior Citizens**

A total of 4,264 cases of crime against senior citizens (aged above 60 years) were registered in 19 metropolitan cities during 2021 as compared to 4,029 cases during 2020, showing an increase in the registration by 5.8% during 2021 over 2020.

Crime head-wise cases revealed that Theft (28.3%, 1,208 cases) registered the highest number of cases of crimes against Senior Citizens followed by FCF (Forgery, Cheating & Fraud) with 26.4% (1,124 cases) during 2021. [Table – 6B.1]

## **J) Crime/Atrocities against Scheduled Castes (SCs)**

A total of 1,761 cases were registered for committing crime against Scheduled Castes (SCs), showing an increase in registration by 18.6% over 2020 (1,485 cases). Crime head-wise cases revealed that Criminal Intimidation with 18.4% (324 cases) formed the highest number of cases registered under crimes/atrocities against Scheduled Castes (SCs) during 2021, it was followed by cases under SC / ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act with 16.9% (298 cases) and Rape with 12.7% (223 cases). [Table – 7B.2]

## **K) Crime/Atrocities against Scheduled Tribes (STs)**

A total of 264 cases were registered under crime against Scheduled Tribes (STs), showing an increase in registration by 19.5% over 2020 (221 cases). Crime head-wise cases revealed that rape (49 cases) formed the highest number of cases registered under crimes/atrocities against Scheduled Tribes (STs) accounting for 18.6% during 2021, it was followed by simple hurt with 8.3% (22 cases) and Assault on Women with Intent to Outrage her Modesty with 8.0% (21 cases). [Table – 7D.2]

## **L) Economic Offences**

A total of 35,185 cases registered under economic offences, showing a decrease in registration by 30.5% over 2020 (26,970 cases). In 19 metropolitan cities, out of three specified category of economic offences viz. criminal breach of trust, counterfeiting and FCF (forgery, cheating & fraud), maximum cases were registered under FCF (31,140 cases) accounting for 88.5% during 2021. [Table – 8B.2]

## M) Cyber Crimes

A total of 17,115 cases have been registered under Cyber Crimes, showing a decline of 8.3% over 2020 (18,657 cases). Cyber crime rate has declined from 16.4 in 2020 to 15.0 in 2021. Crime head-wise cases revealed that Computer Related Offences (section 66 of IT Act) (8,513 cases) formed the highest number of Cyber Crimes accounting for 49.7% during 2021. [Table – 9B.2]

## N) Offences against Property

As compared to 2,40,409 cases registered under offences against property in 2020, a total of 2,76,830 cases were registered, showing an increase of 15.1% during 2021. Maximum cases were reported under theft (2,53,068 cases) accounting for 91.4% of total such cases.

Maximum theft cases were reported in Delhi (1,98,133 cases) followed by Jaipur (7,860 cases), Mumbai (7,820 cases) and Bengaluru (6,066 cases) accounting for 78.3%, 3.1%, 3.1% and 2.4% of total theft cases registered respectively. [Table – 1B.4]

## O) Offences Relating to Documents & Property Marks

As compared to 24,630 cases in 2020, 31,259 cases were registered under offences relating to documents & property marks during 2021 comprising of criminal breach of trust, counterfeiting and FCF (forgery, cheating & fraud). FCF (31,140 cases) accounted for 99.6 % of total such cases. [Table – 1B.4]

## P) Disposal of IPC Cases by Police & Court

S. No.	Crime Head under IPC	Total Cases for Investigation	Cases Charge-sheeted	Charge-sheeting Rate	Total Cases for Trial	Total Cases Convicted	Conviction Rate
1.	Murder	3,193	1,854	92.5	22,431	237	44.6
2.	Rape	4,538	2,961	89.3	22,313	156	24.8
3.	Rioting	3,951	1,568	93.6	29,737	211	38.5
4.	Kidnapping & Abduction	28,137	2,728	20.6	28,161	170	39.0

## Q) Disposal of SLL Cases by Police & Court

S. No.	Crime Head under SLL	Total Cases for Investigation	Cases Charge-sheeted	Charge-sheeting Rate	Total Cases for Trial	Total Cases Convicted	Conviction Rate
1.	The Excise Act	15,320	11,412	99.6	61,647	4,919	92.7
2.	Motor Vehicle Act	3,349	3,139	99.9	80,150	4,731	97.7
3.	Narcotics Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985	30,354	16,557	99.9	74,987	7,367	80.1

## R) Arrests, Convictions & Acquittals

A total of 8,58,433 persons were arrested in 19 Metropolitan cities during 2021 as follows:

- i. A total of 5,15,926 persons were arrested under 6,30,937 IPC crimes. A total of 4,56,700 persons were charge-sheeted, 92,630 persons were convicted, 71,679 persons were acquitted and 16,976 persons were discharged. [Table – 19B.6]
- ii. A total 3,42,507 persons were arrested under 3,21,336 SLL crimes. A total of 3,06,453 persons were charge-sheeted, 95,304 persons were convicted, 60,713 persons were acquitted and 3,524 persons were discharged. [Table – 19B.8]

**Amongst these 19 Metropolitan Cities, cities reporting highest Charge-sheeting Rate under IPC Crimes are Surat (96.5%), Kolkata (93.9%) and Ahmedabad (92.0%).**

