

FROM ADDICT TO CONVICT

THE WORKING OF THE NDPS ACT IN PUNJAB

VOLUME 2

Volume 1 of the Report presented an in-depth analysis of the NDPS Act and its application in Punjab. To supplement some of the observations in Volume 1, this volume graphically represents the data collated from 18 districts of Punjab. Our dataset contains 13,350 cases brought before Special Courts under the NDPS Act across Punjab between 2013 and 2015. The graphs represent the kinds of drugs recovered, the classification of offences under the Schedule of the NDPS Act, sentencing patterns, bail and custody trends, and ages of the persons convicted. Drugs have been divided into two broad categories: narcotic drugs and pharmaceutical drugs. While the NDPS Schedule lists all drug quantities in grams, the judgments in our dataset list the quantities of pharmaceutical drugs in grams, tablets, capsules, or millilitres (ml) depending on the form in which the drug is recovered. We have thus followed the latter convention in our graphs. We found that the most-commonly occurring narcotic drugs across districts are: poppy husk, opium, heroin and smack. The most-commonly occurring pharmaceutical drugs are: dextropropoxyphene, diphenoxylate, codeine, alprazolam and nitrazepam. Sometimes, drugs have been generically termed intoxicant powder, tablets, capsules or injections. This has been done where either the judgment did not mention the pure drug ingredient or where we were unable to extract the drug name from the judgment.

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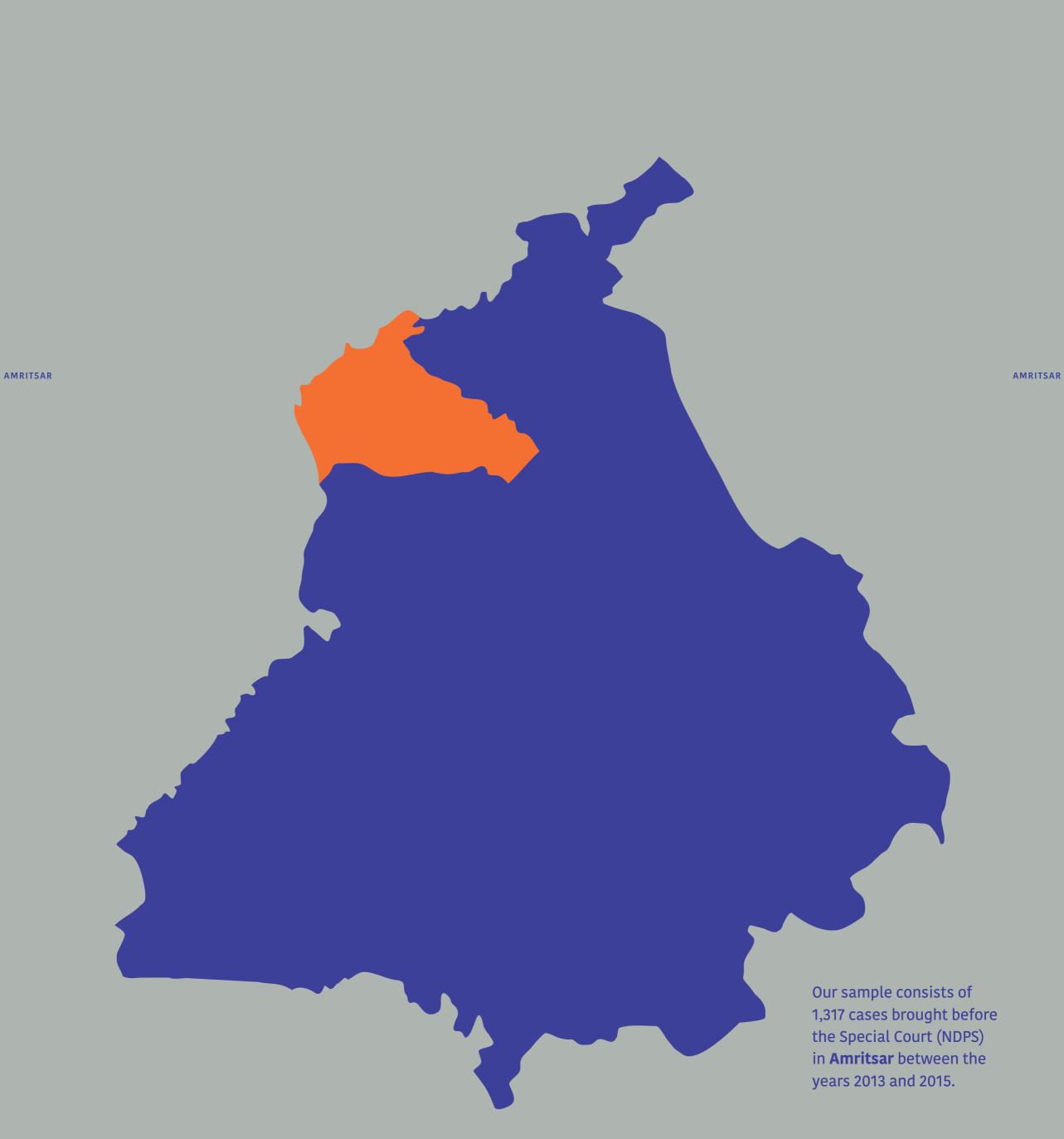
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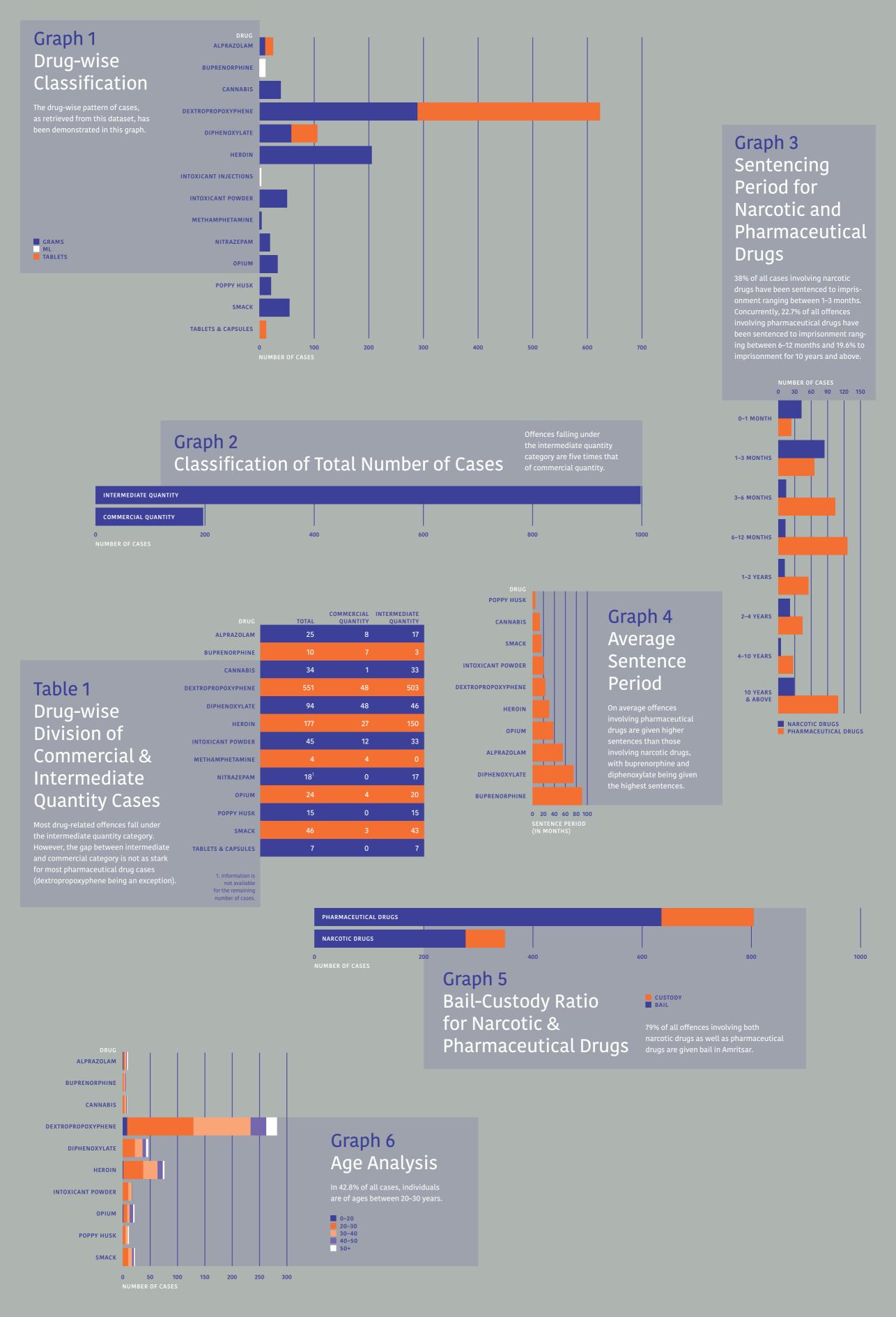
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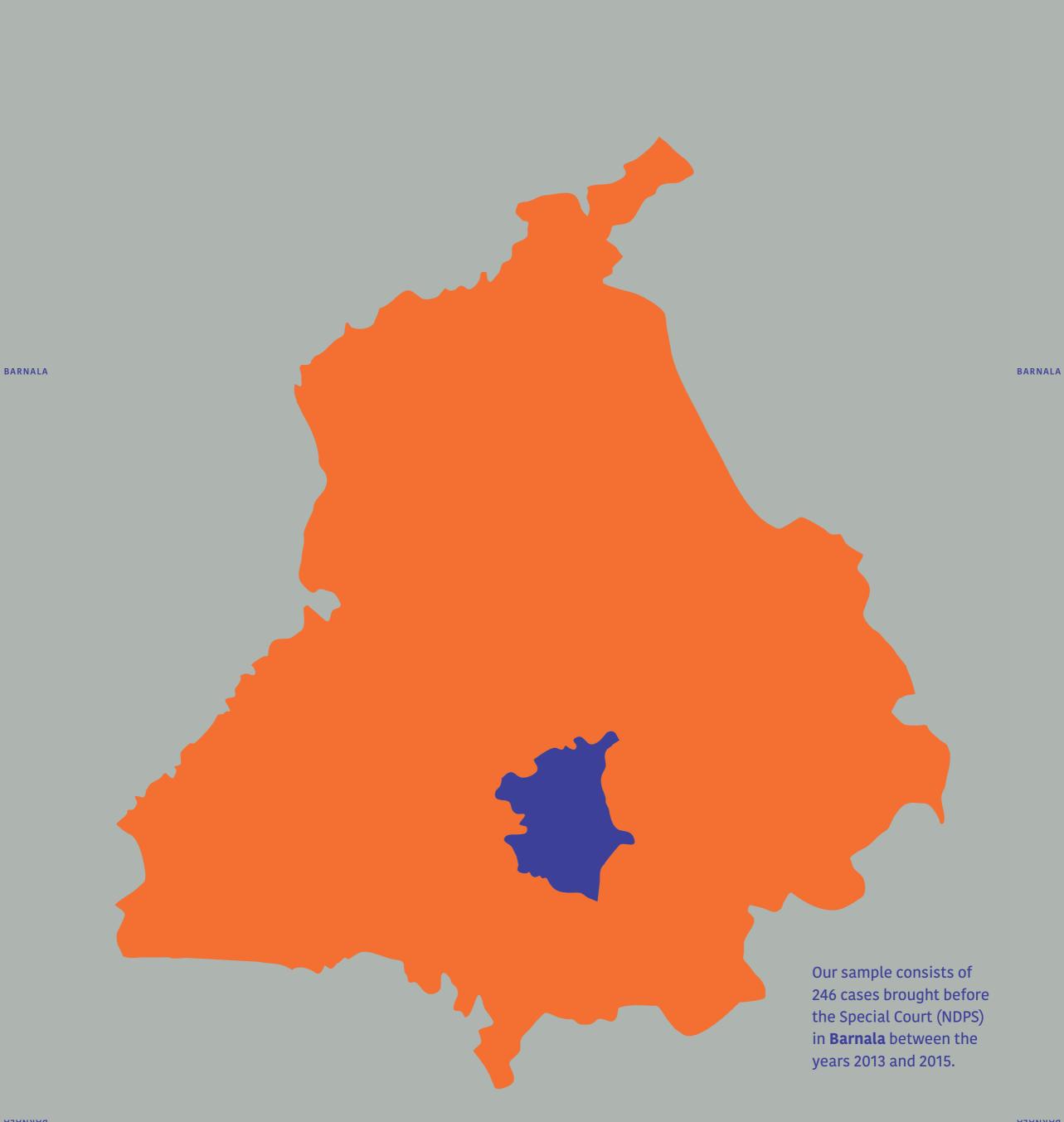
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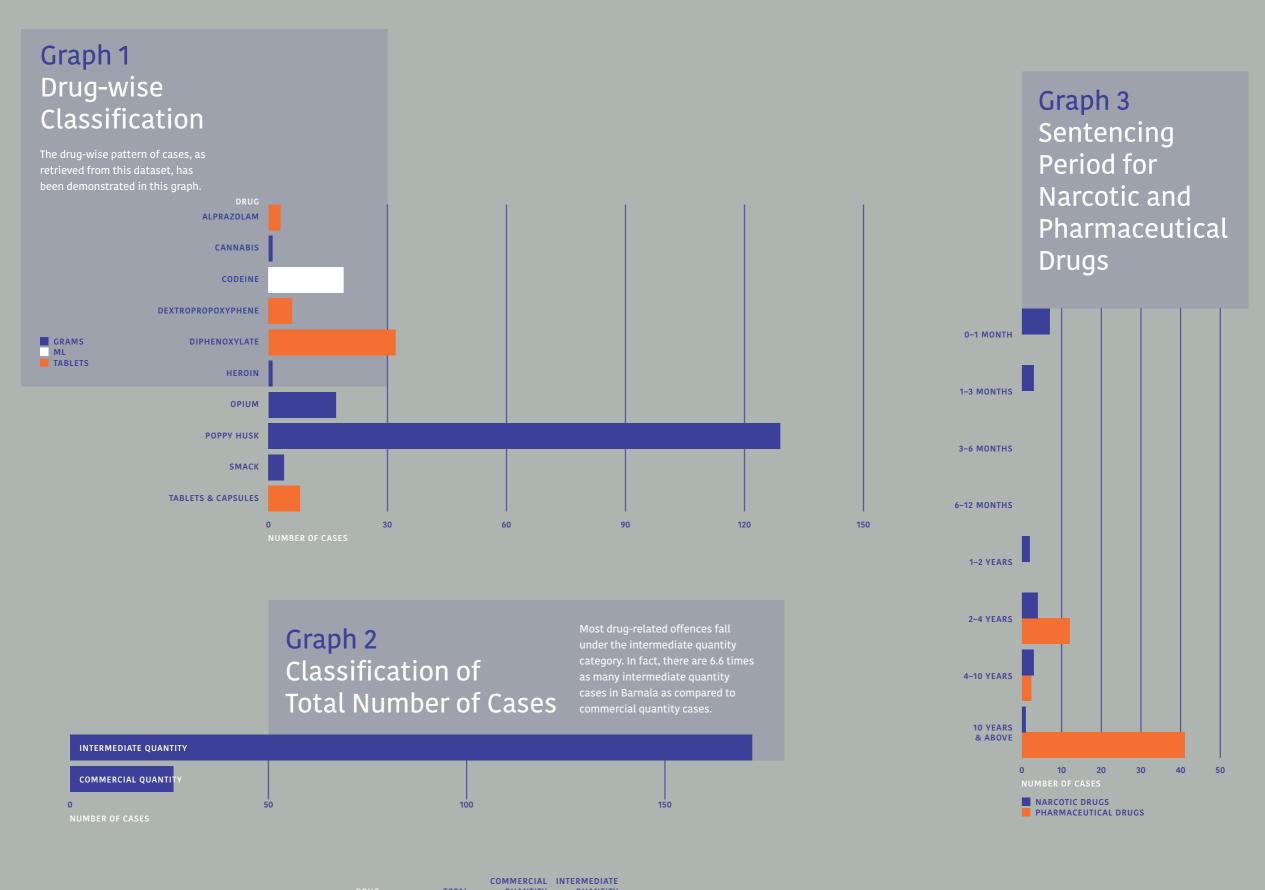


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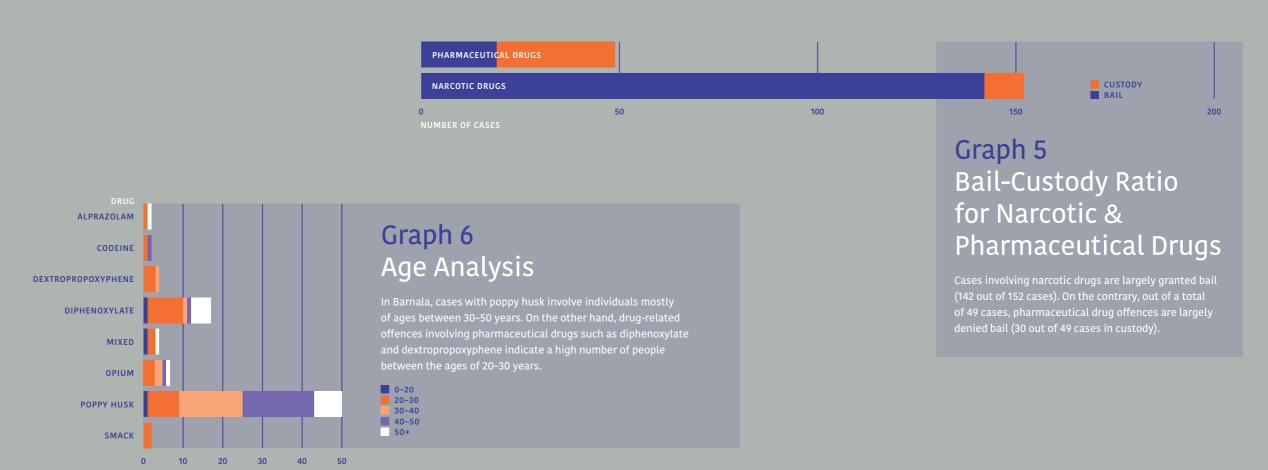


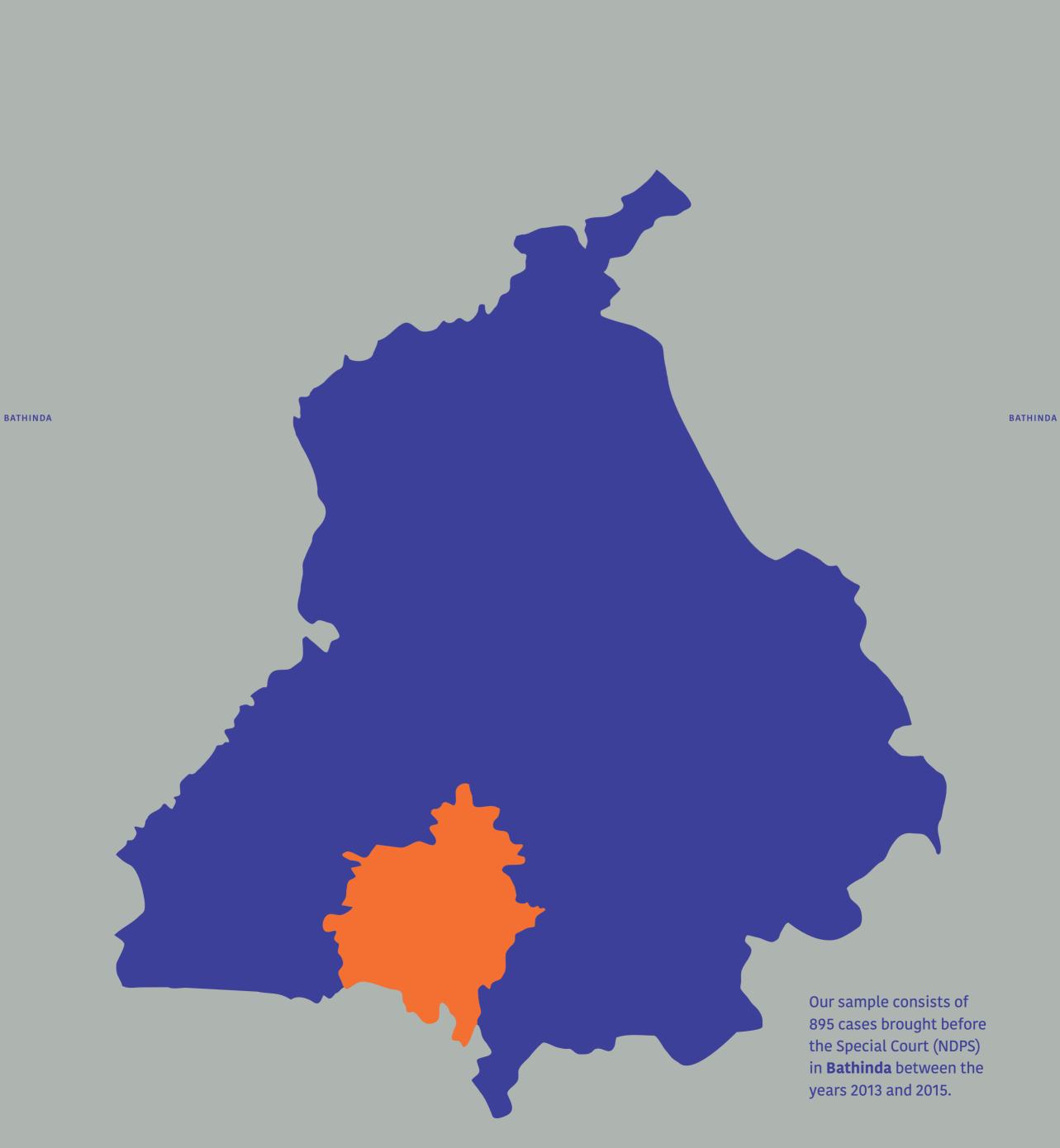


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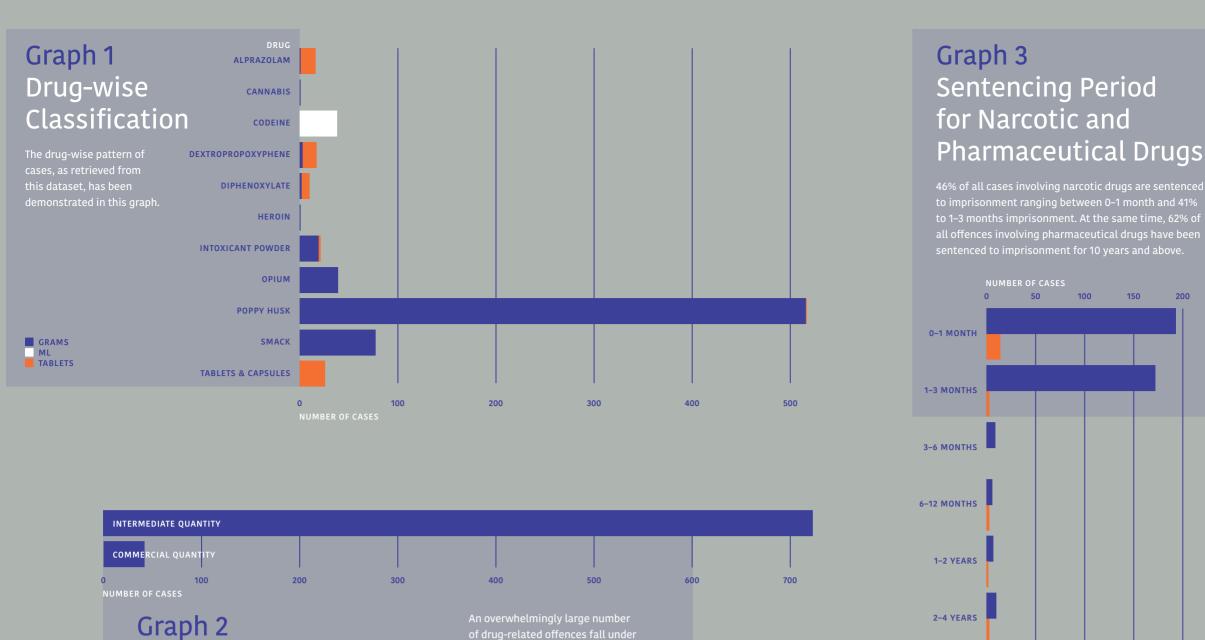
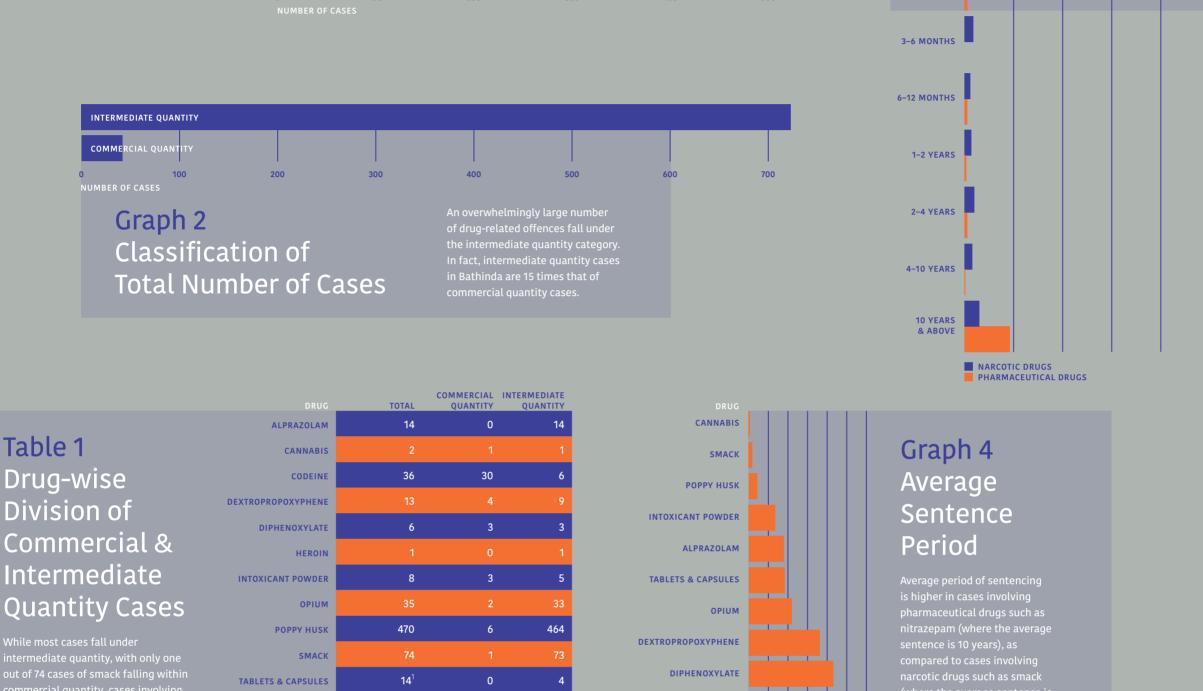


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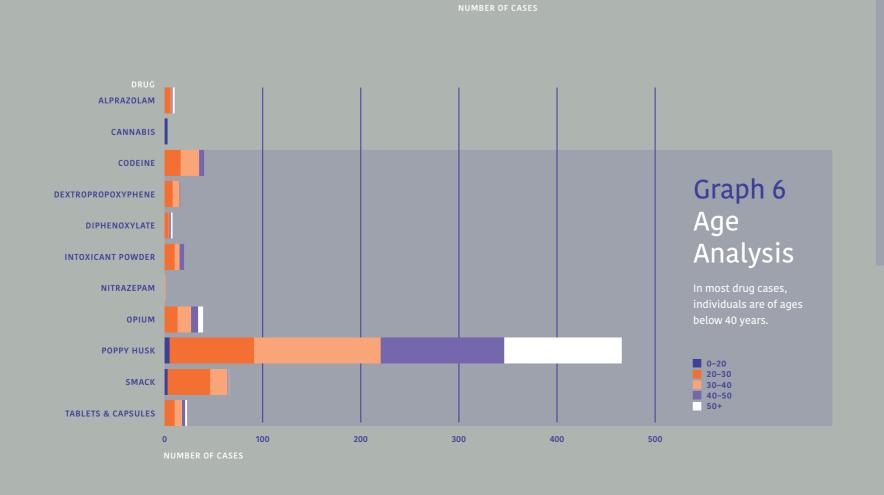
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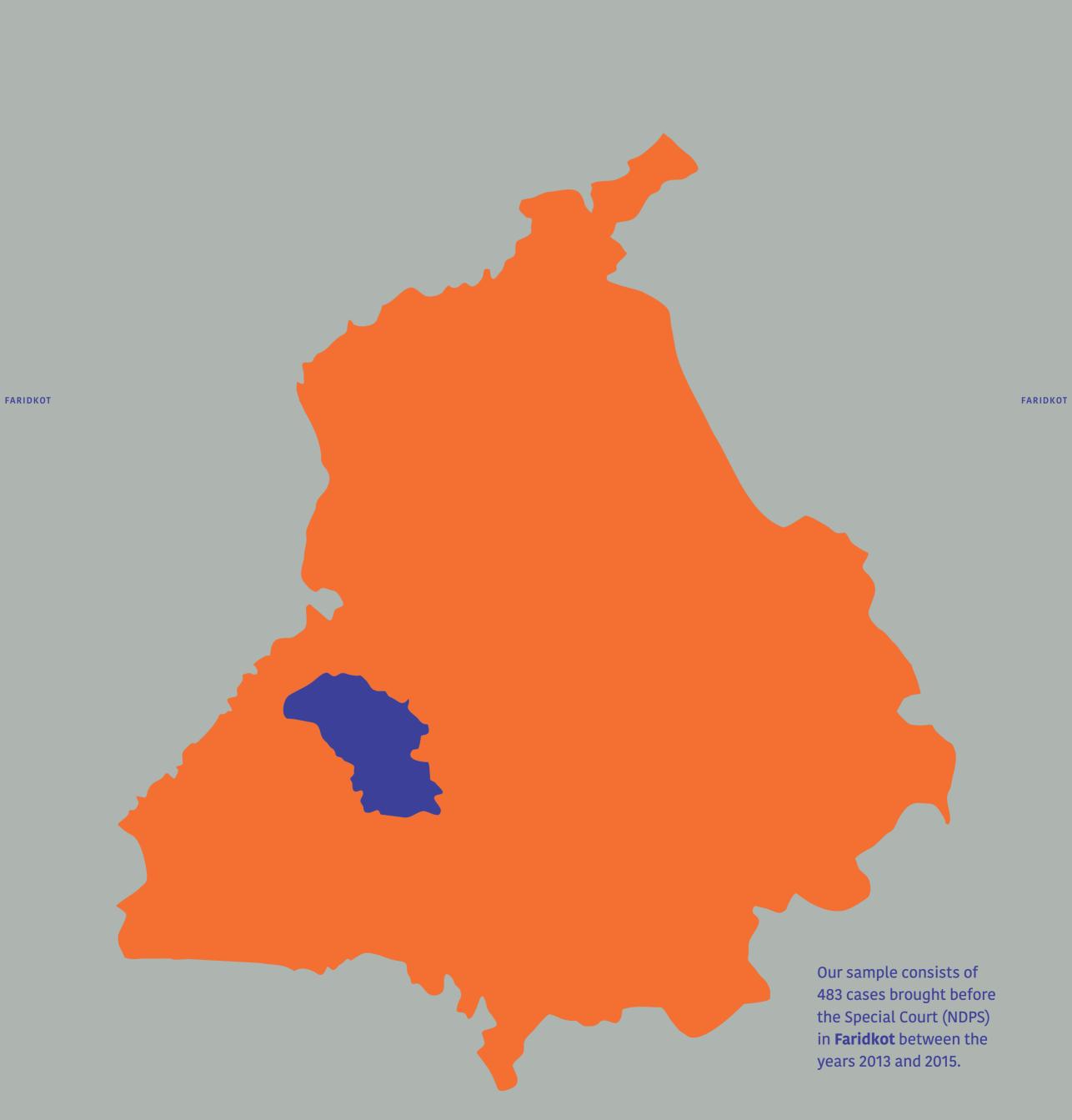
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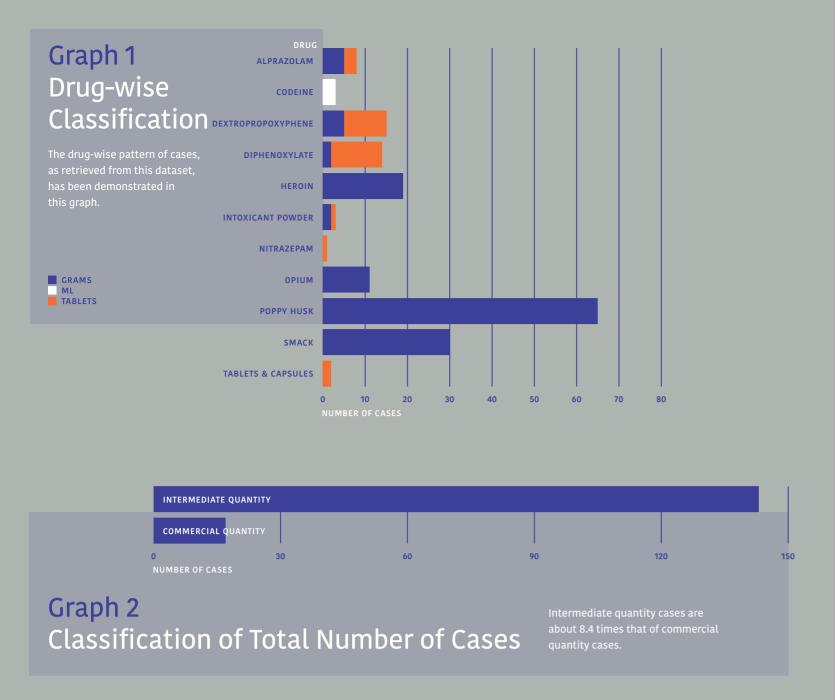
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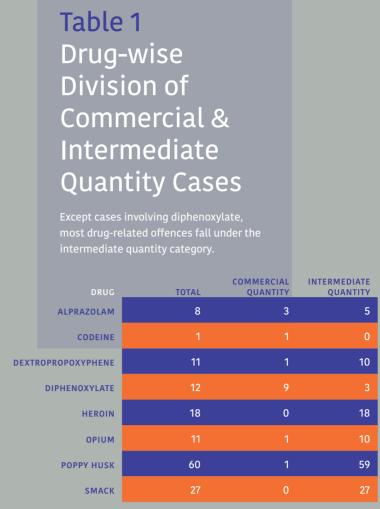
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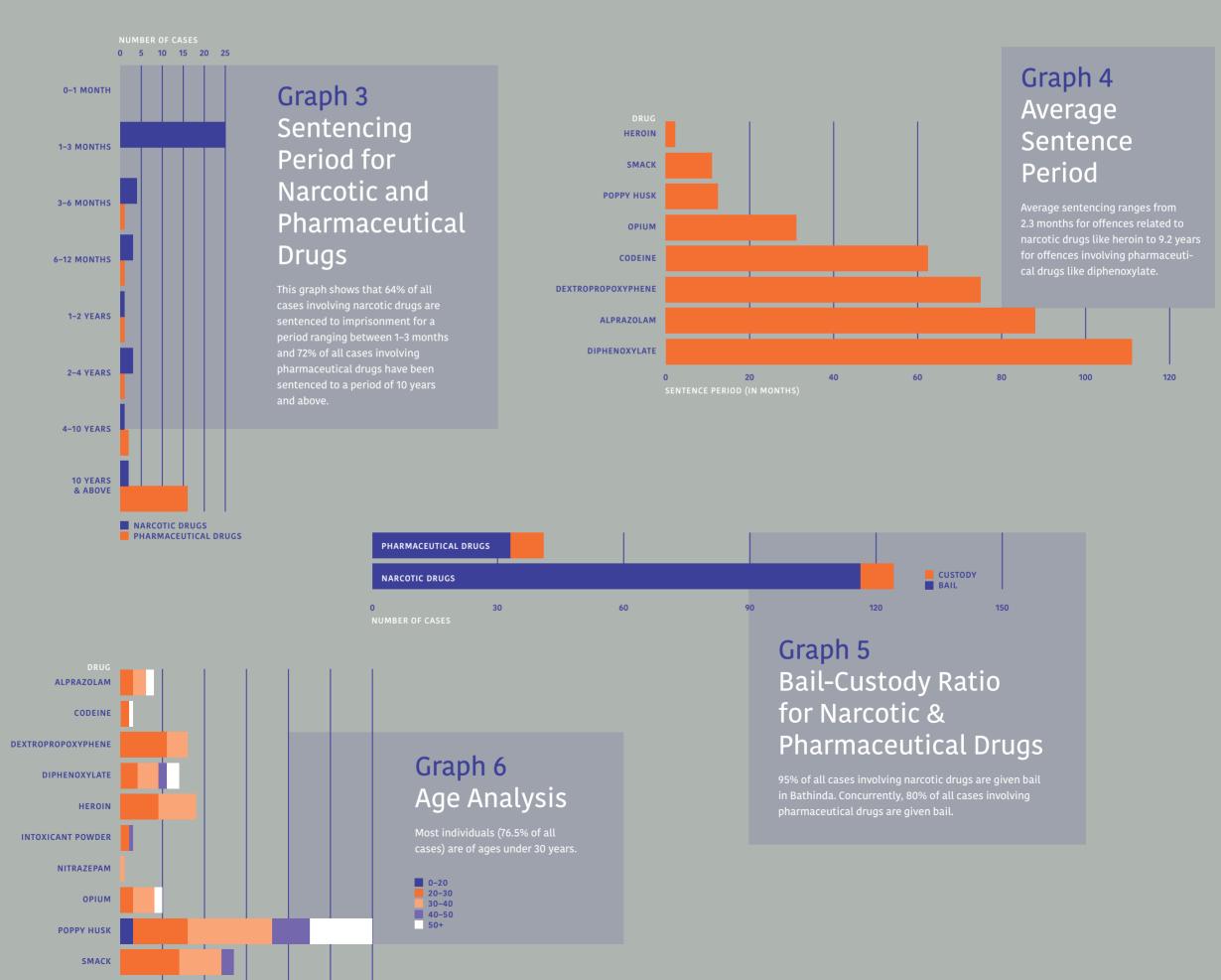


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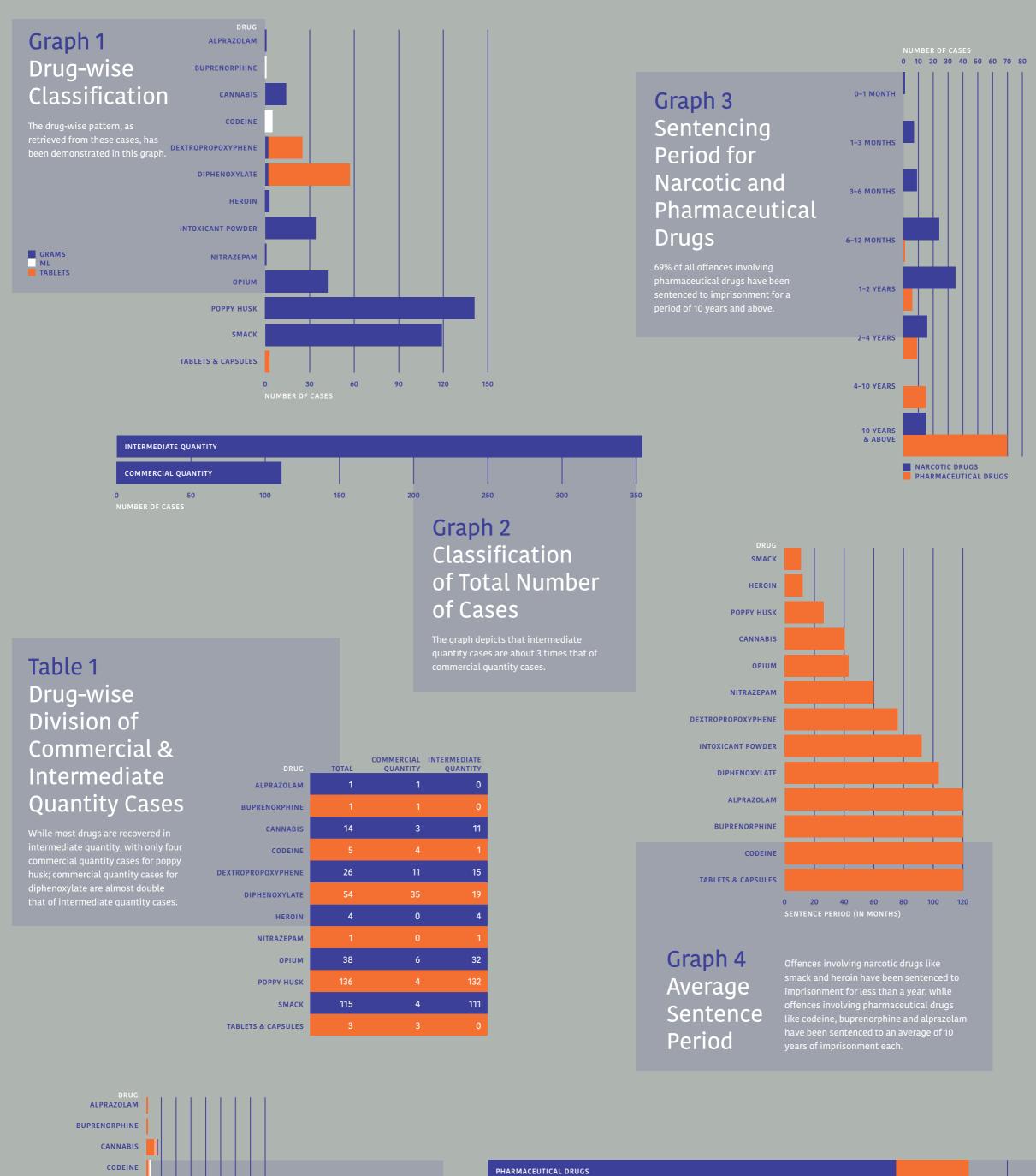


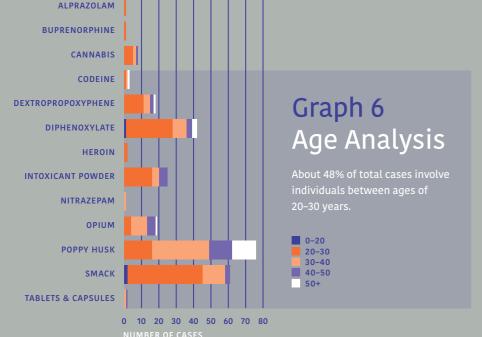
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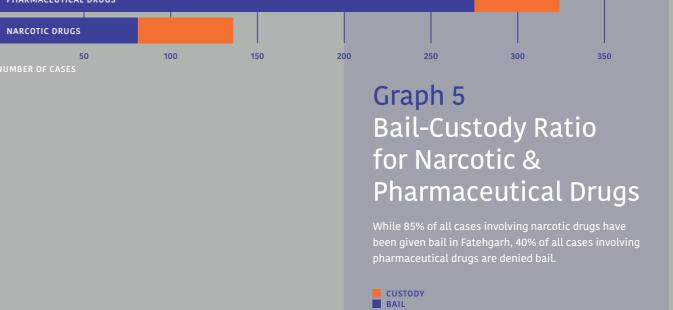


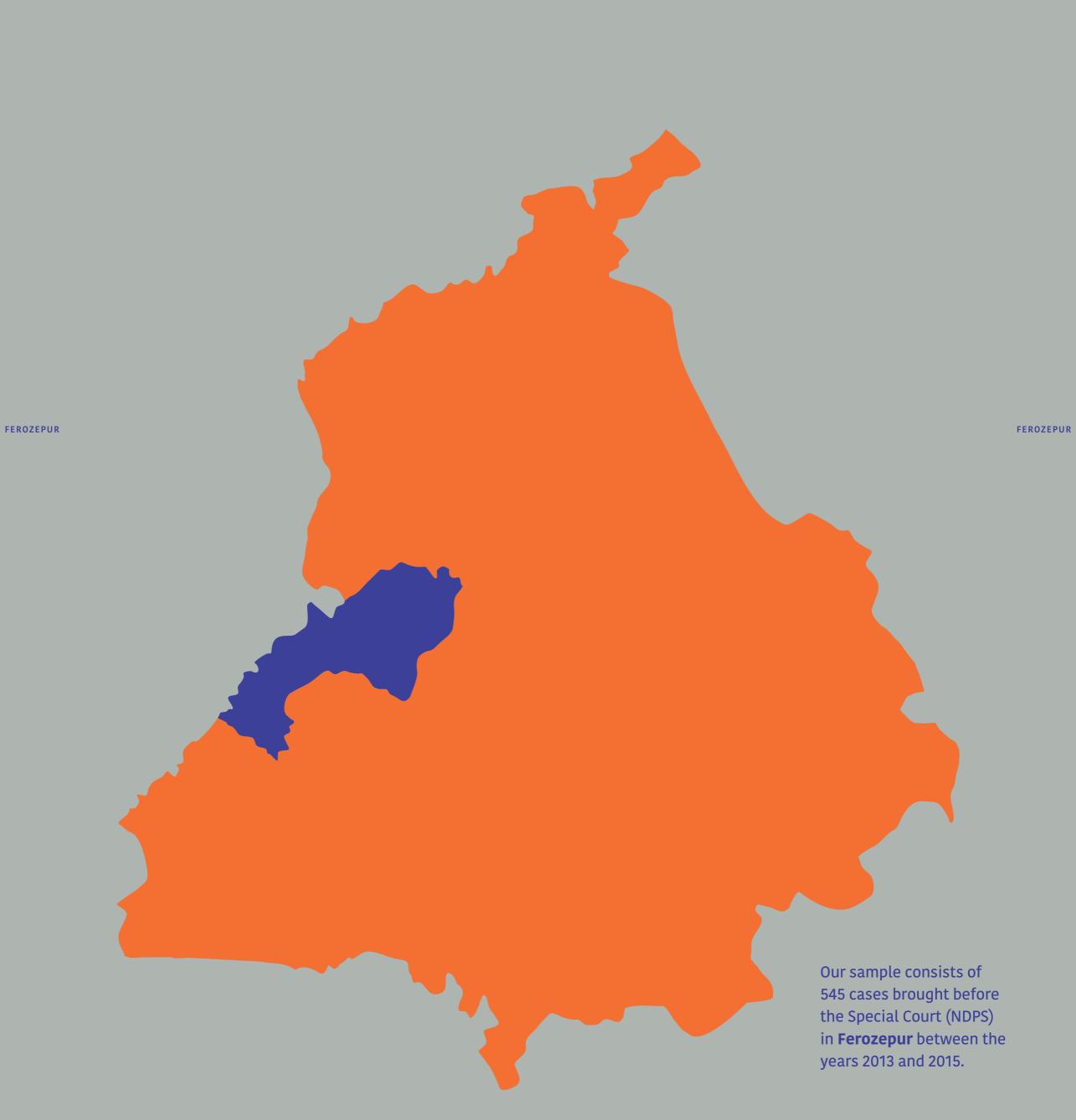




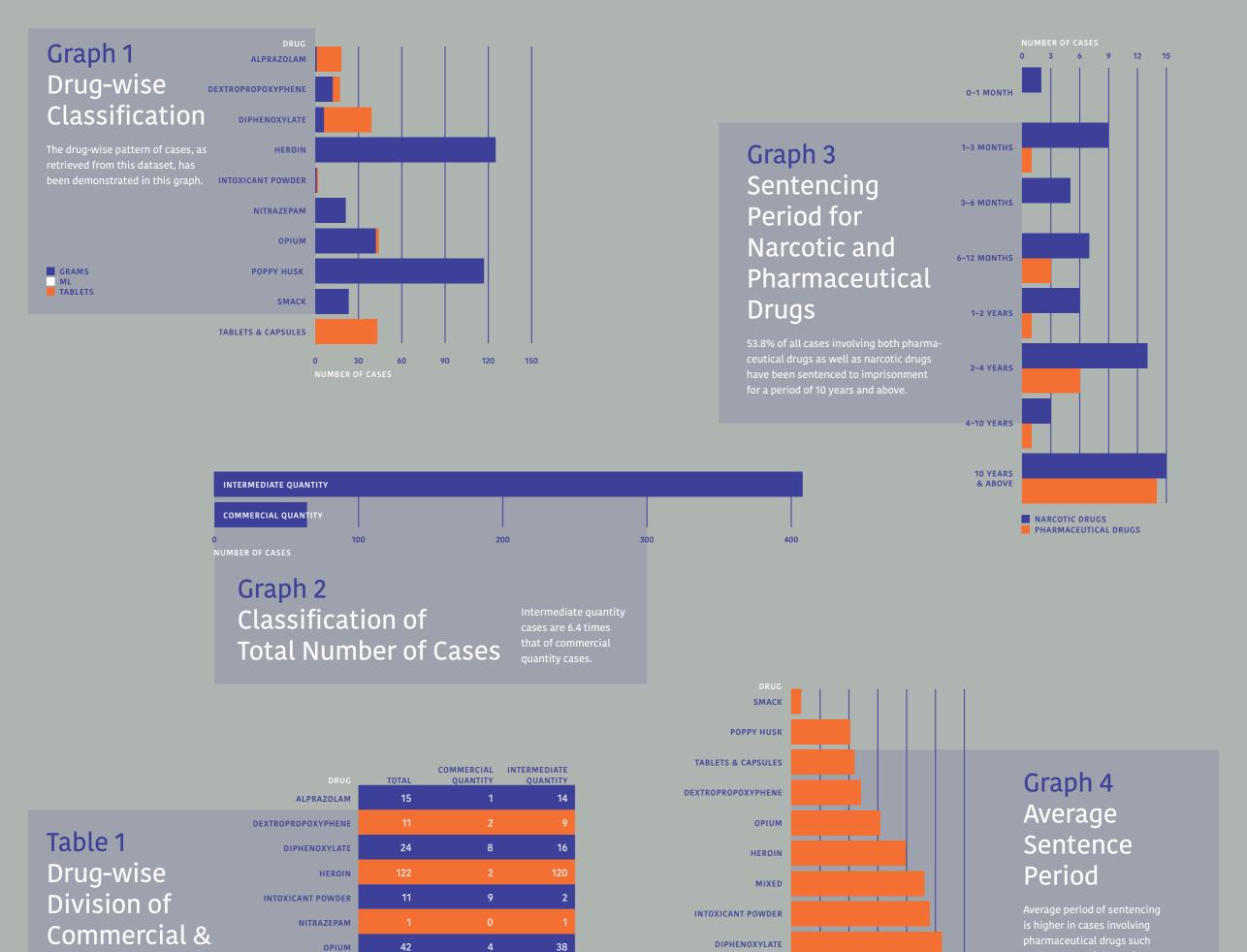




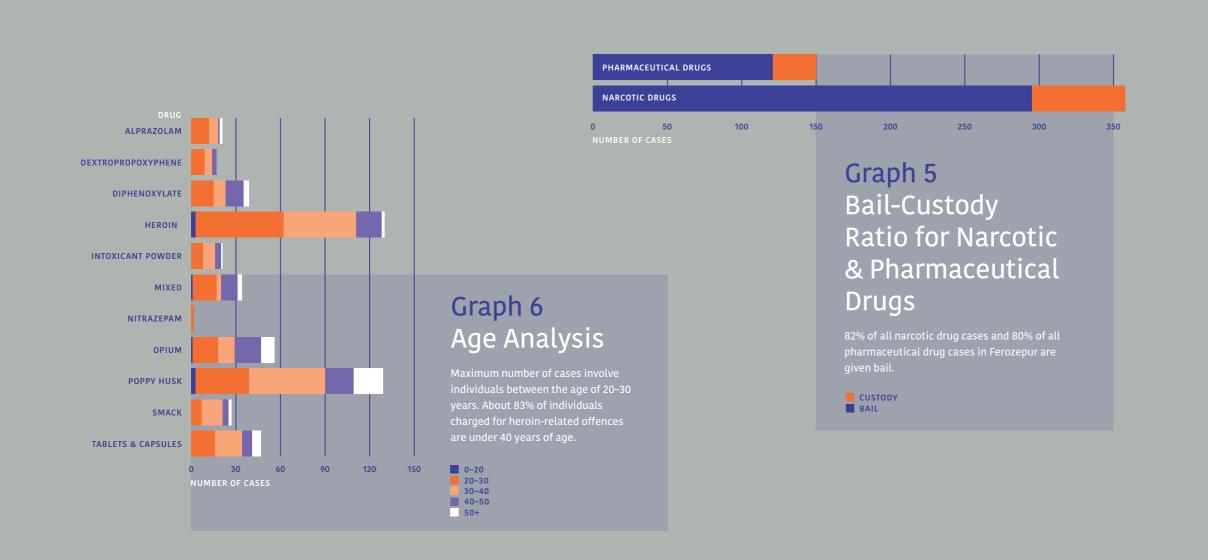




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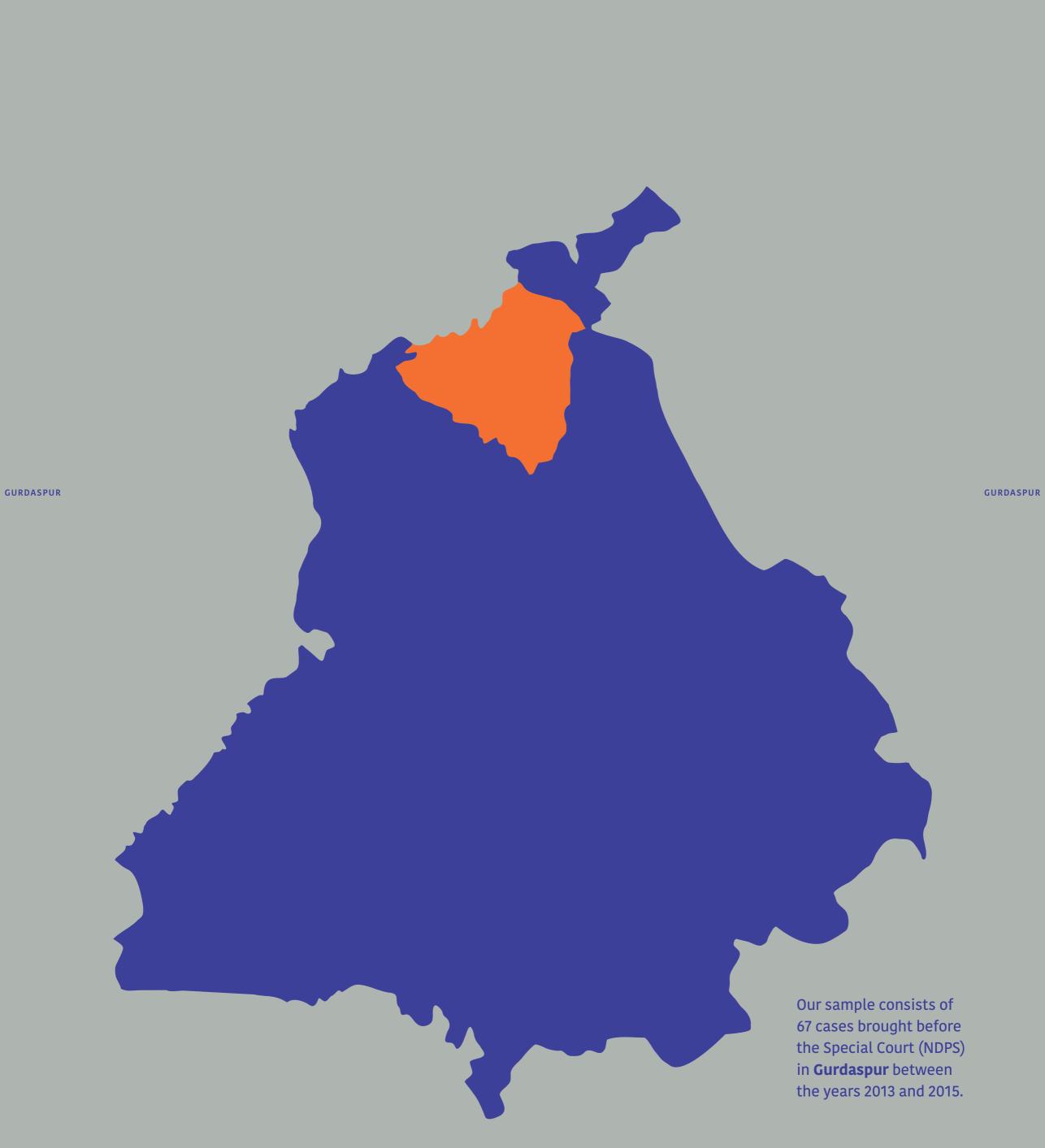


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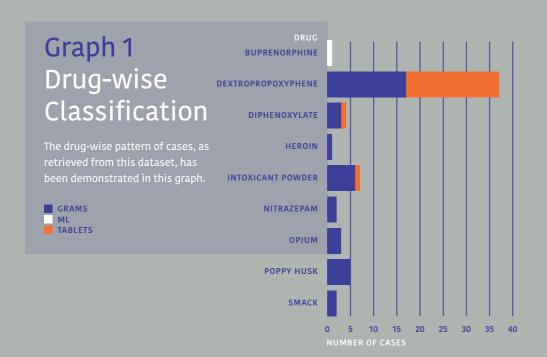
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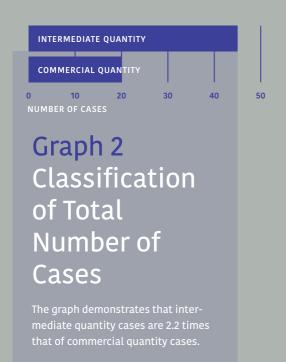
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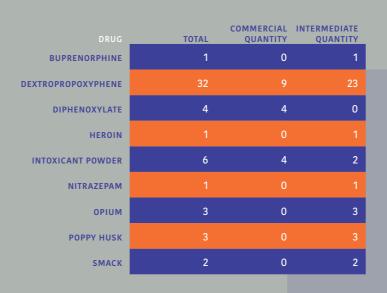
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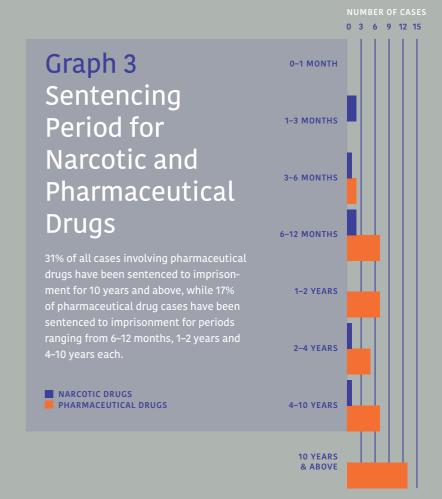
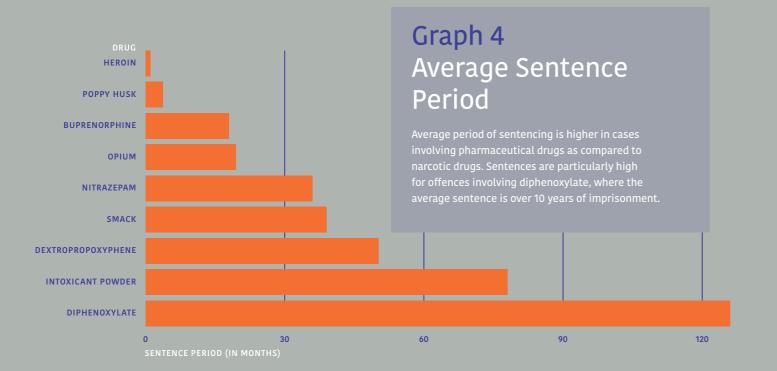
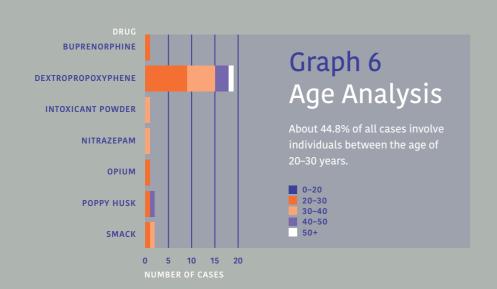
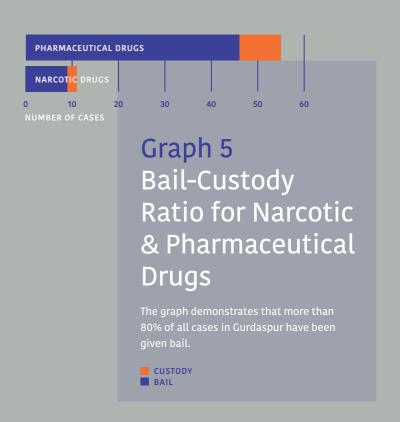


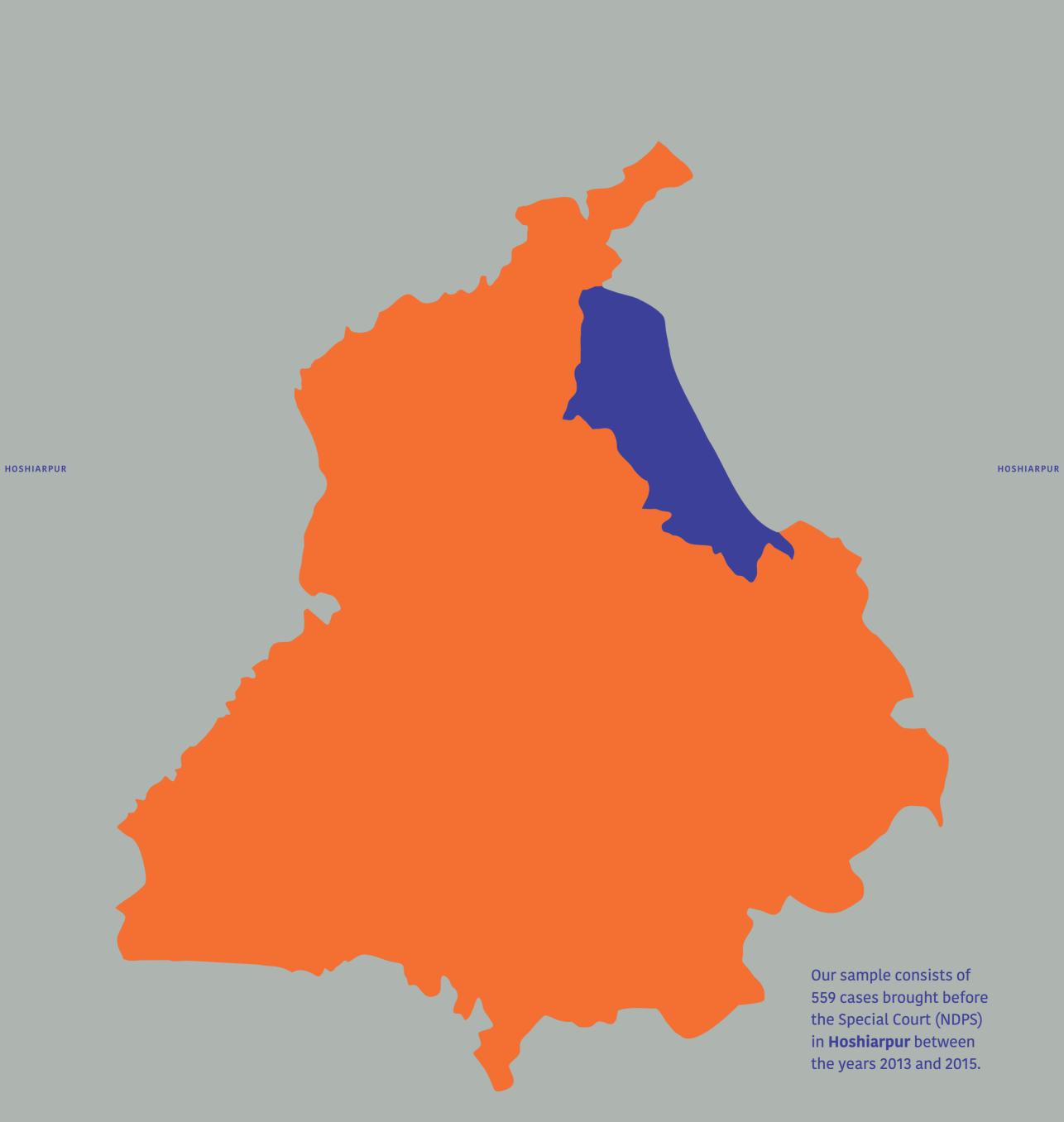
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The table shows that apart from diphenoxylate, most cases in Gurdaspur fall under the intermediate quantity category.

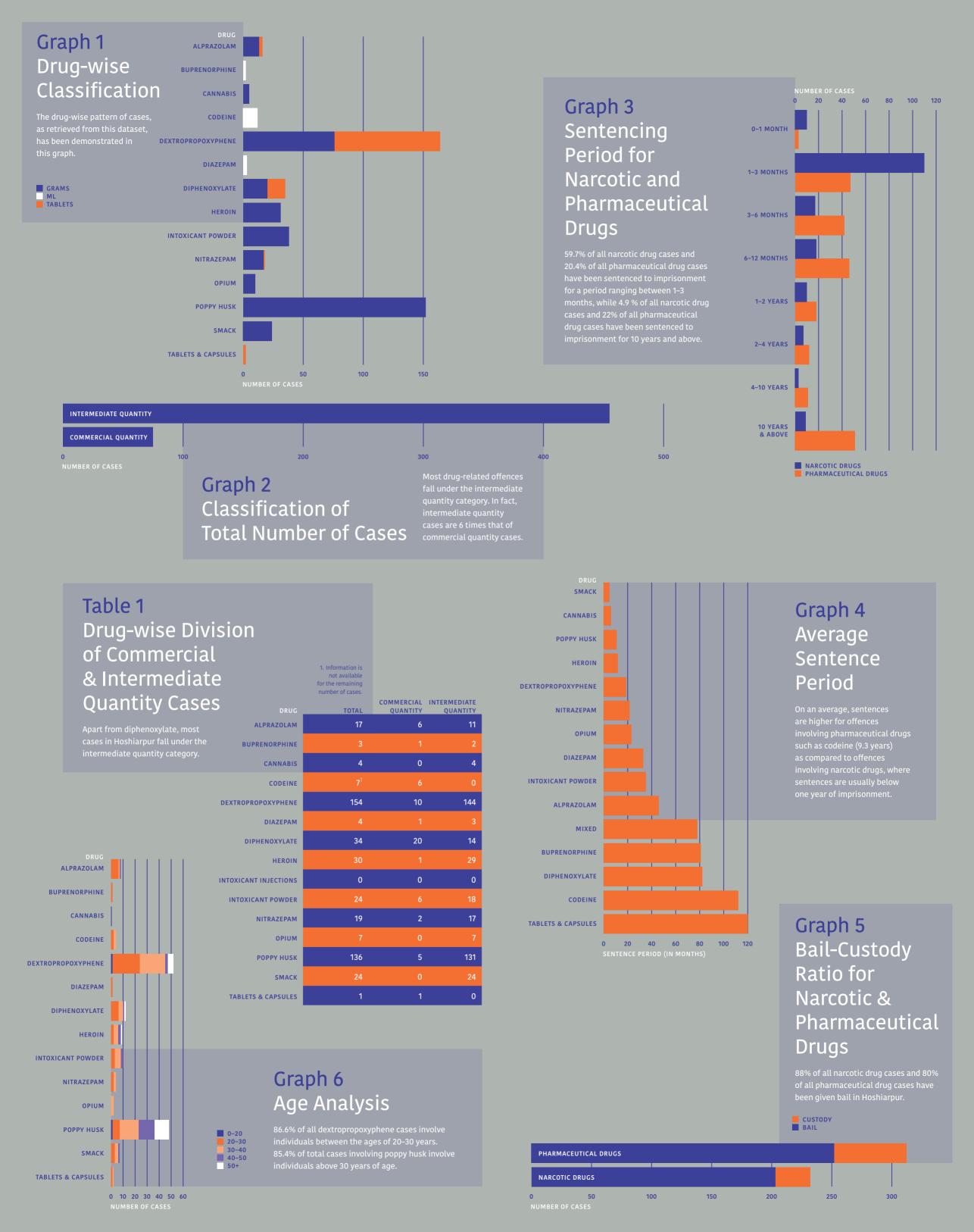






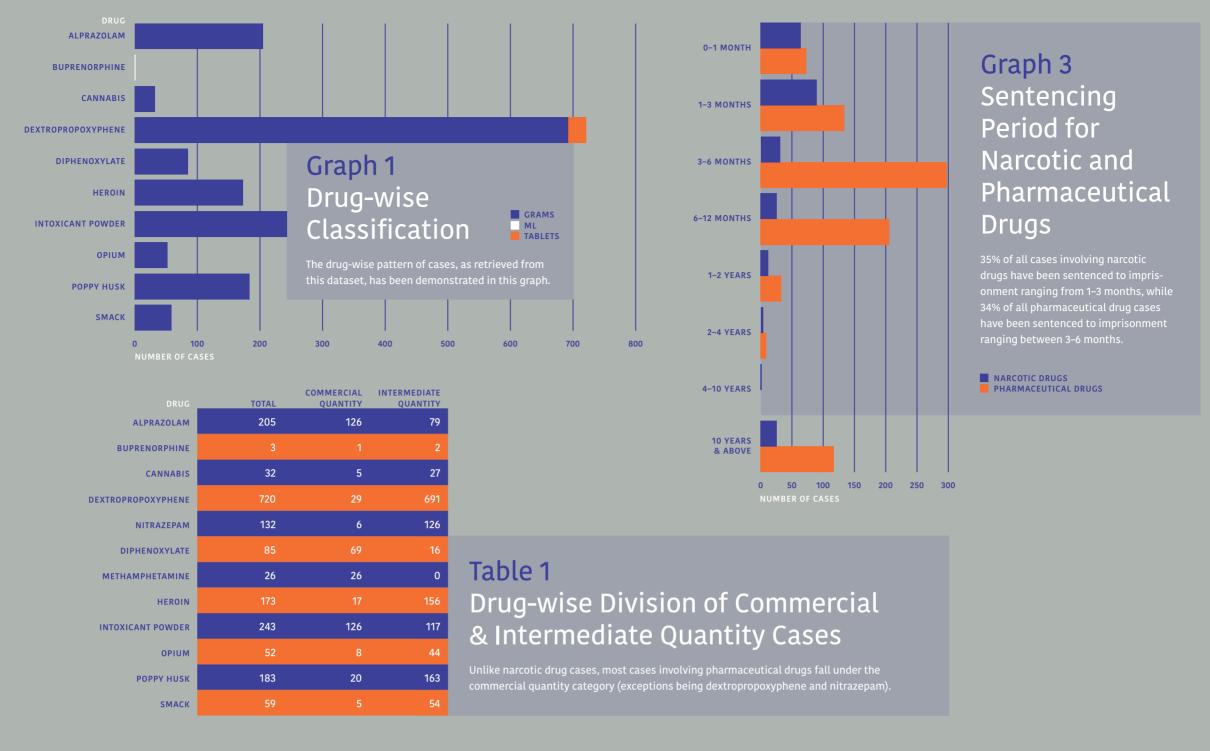


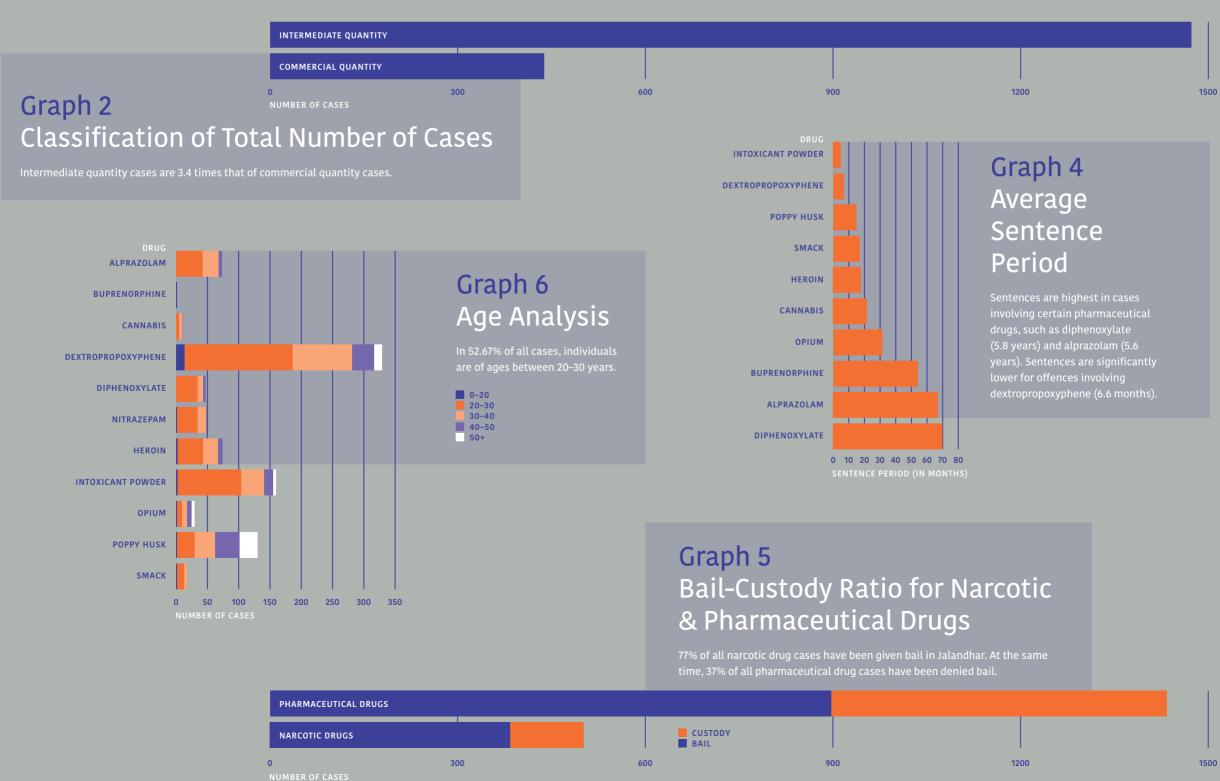
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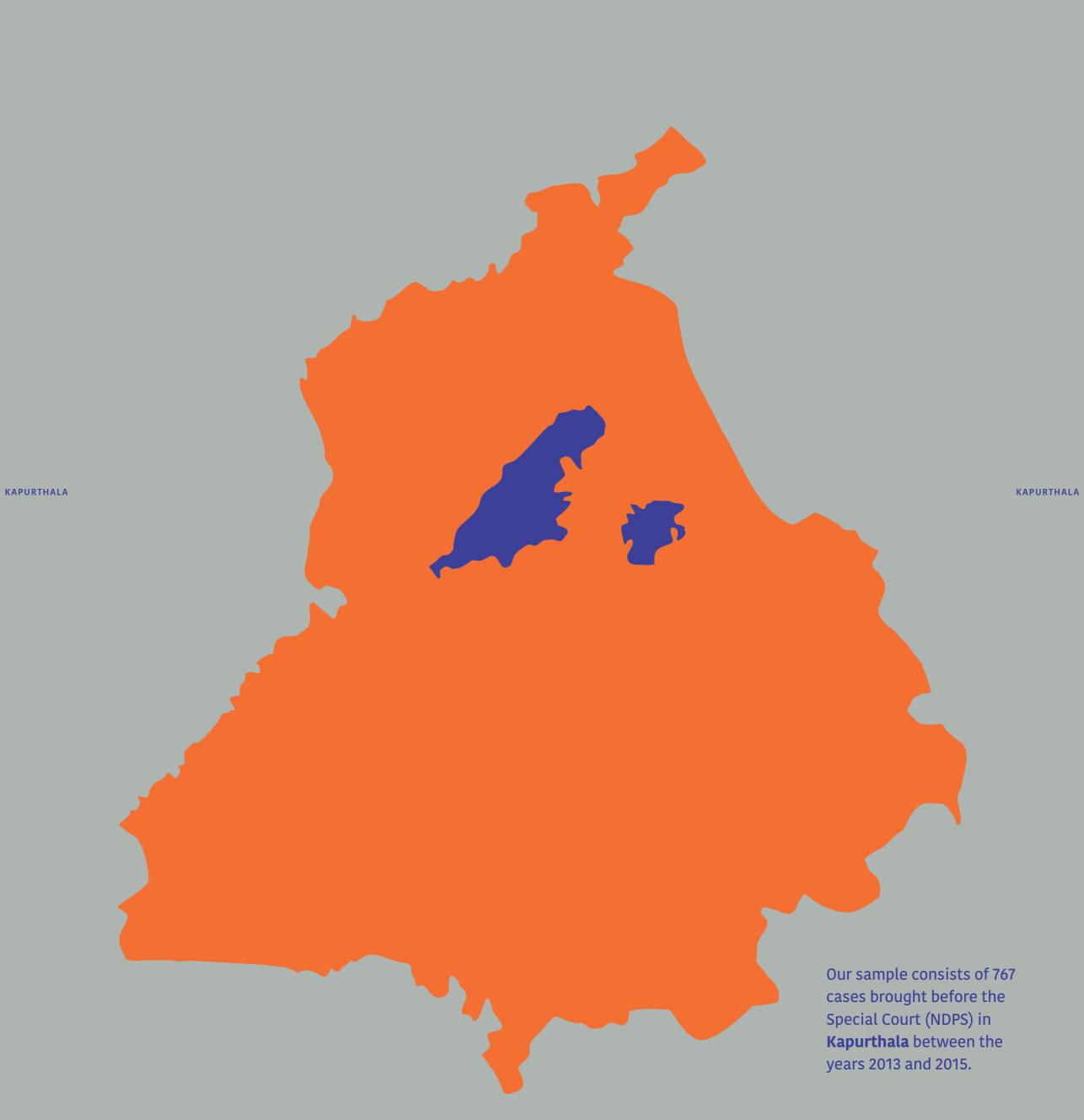




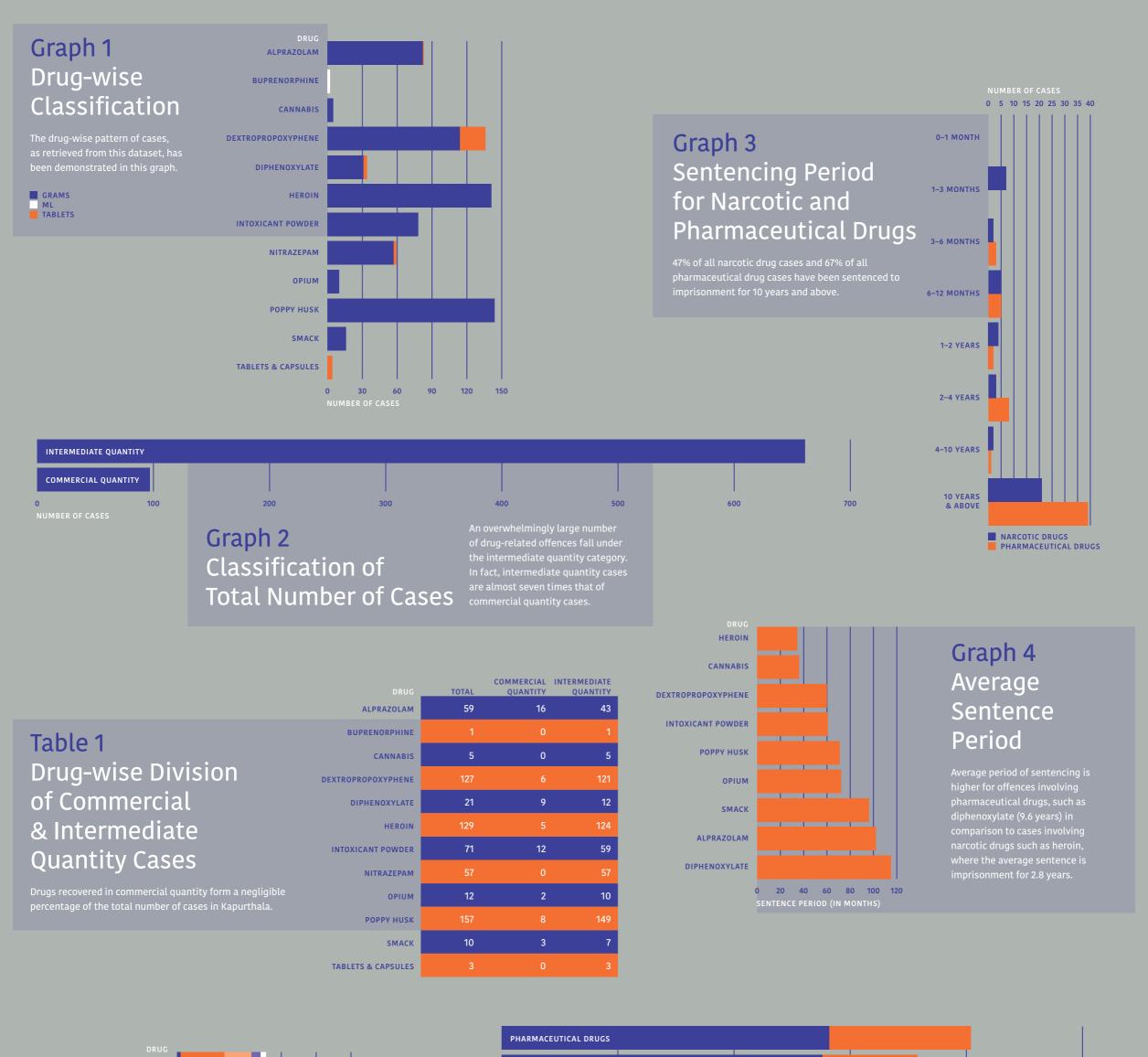
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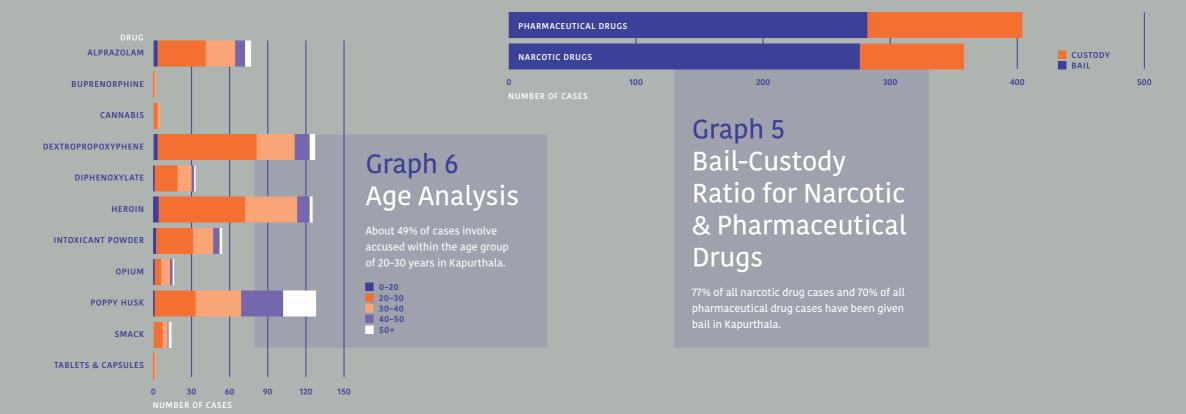






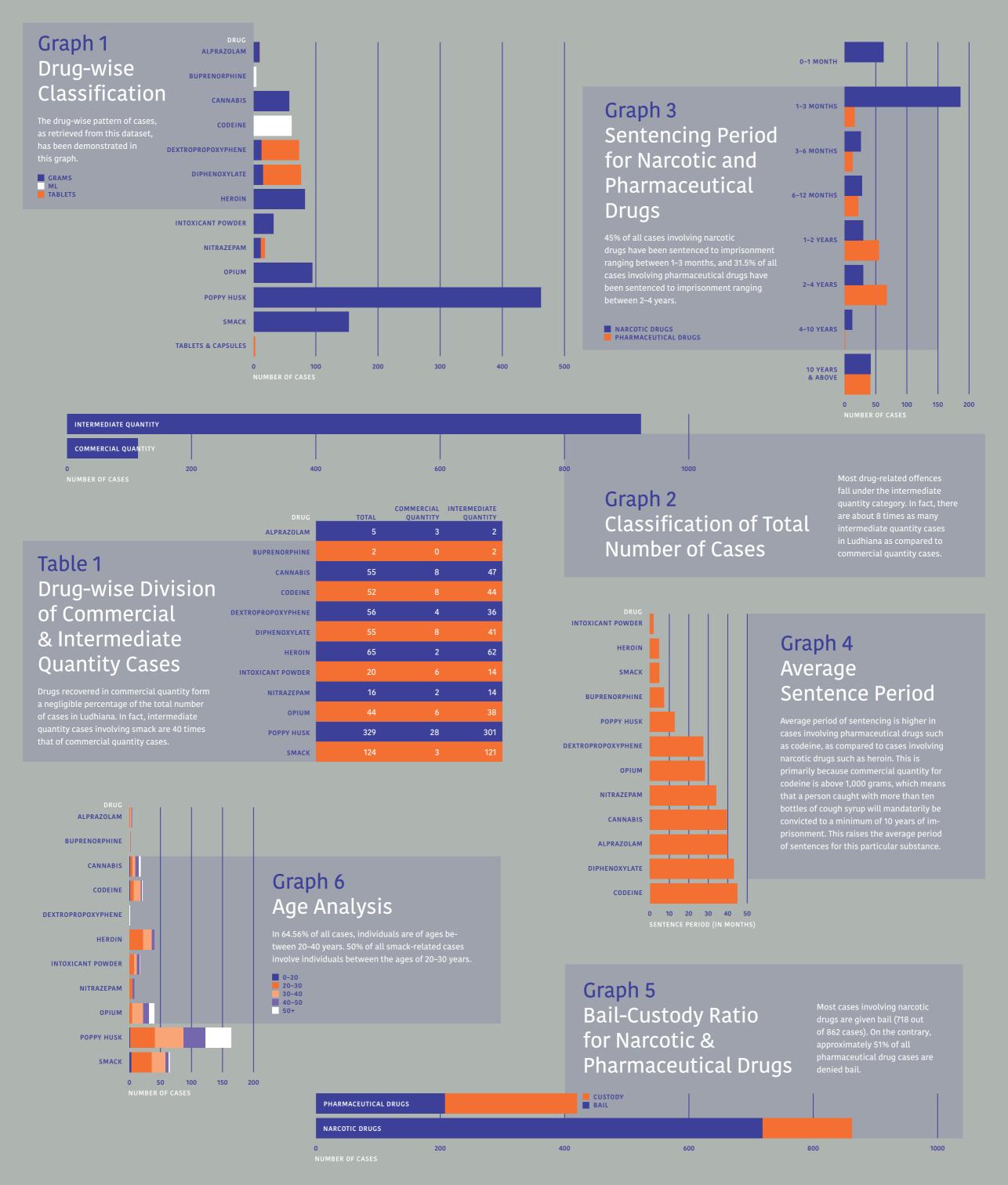
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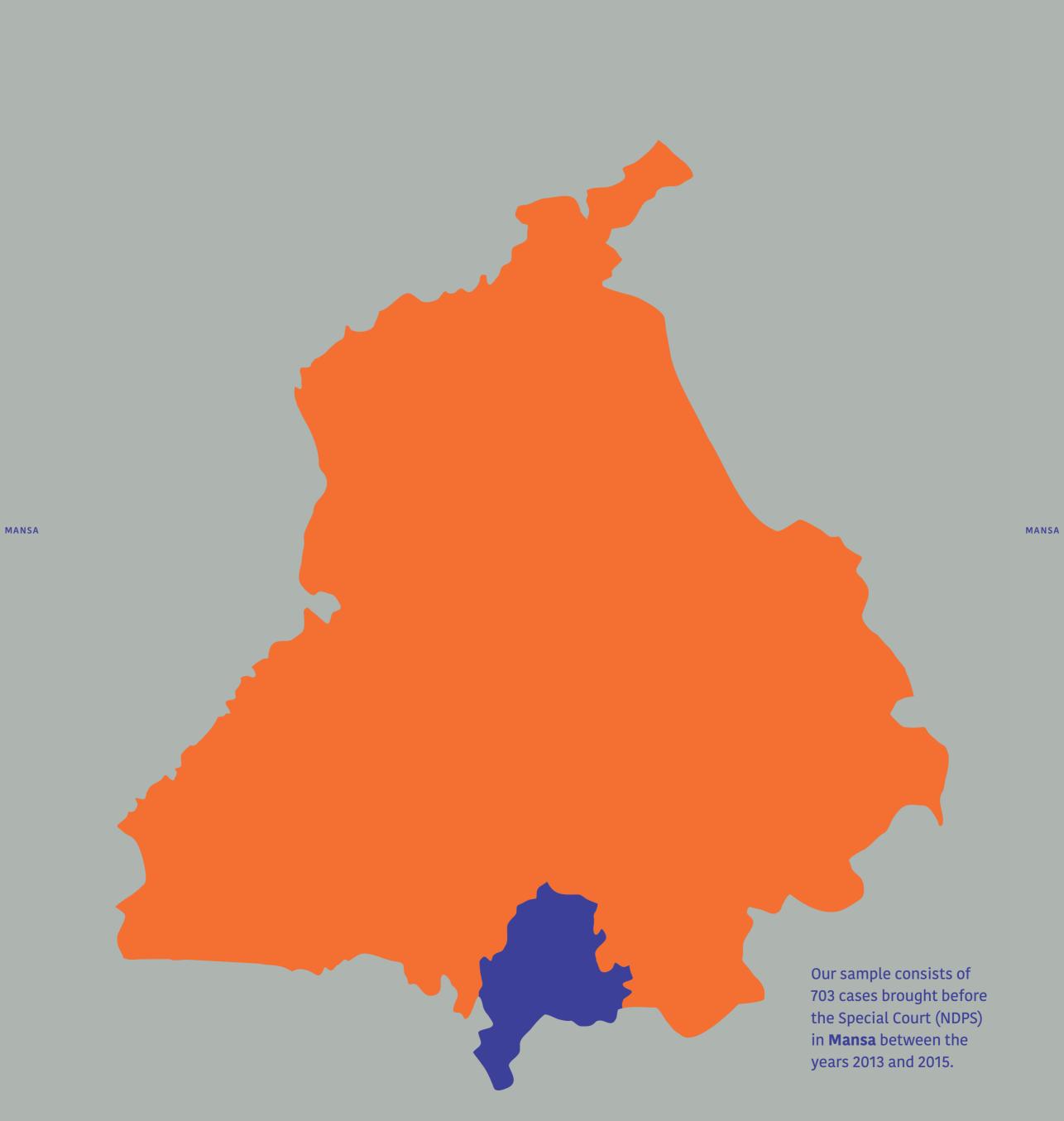




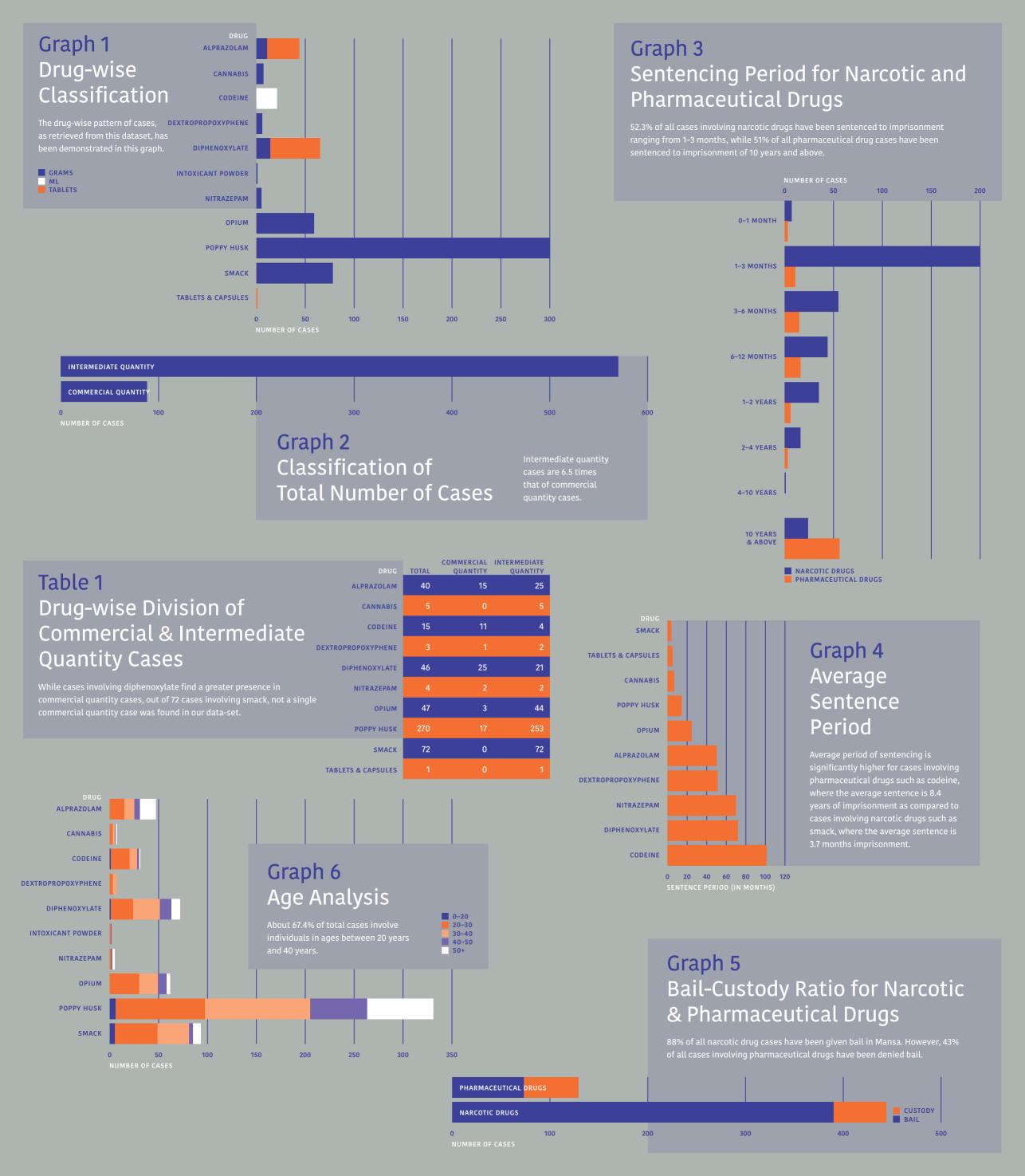


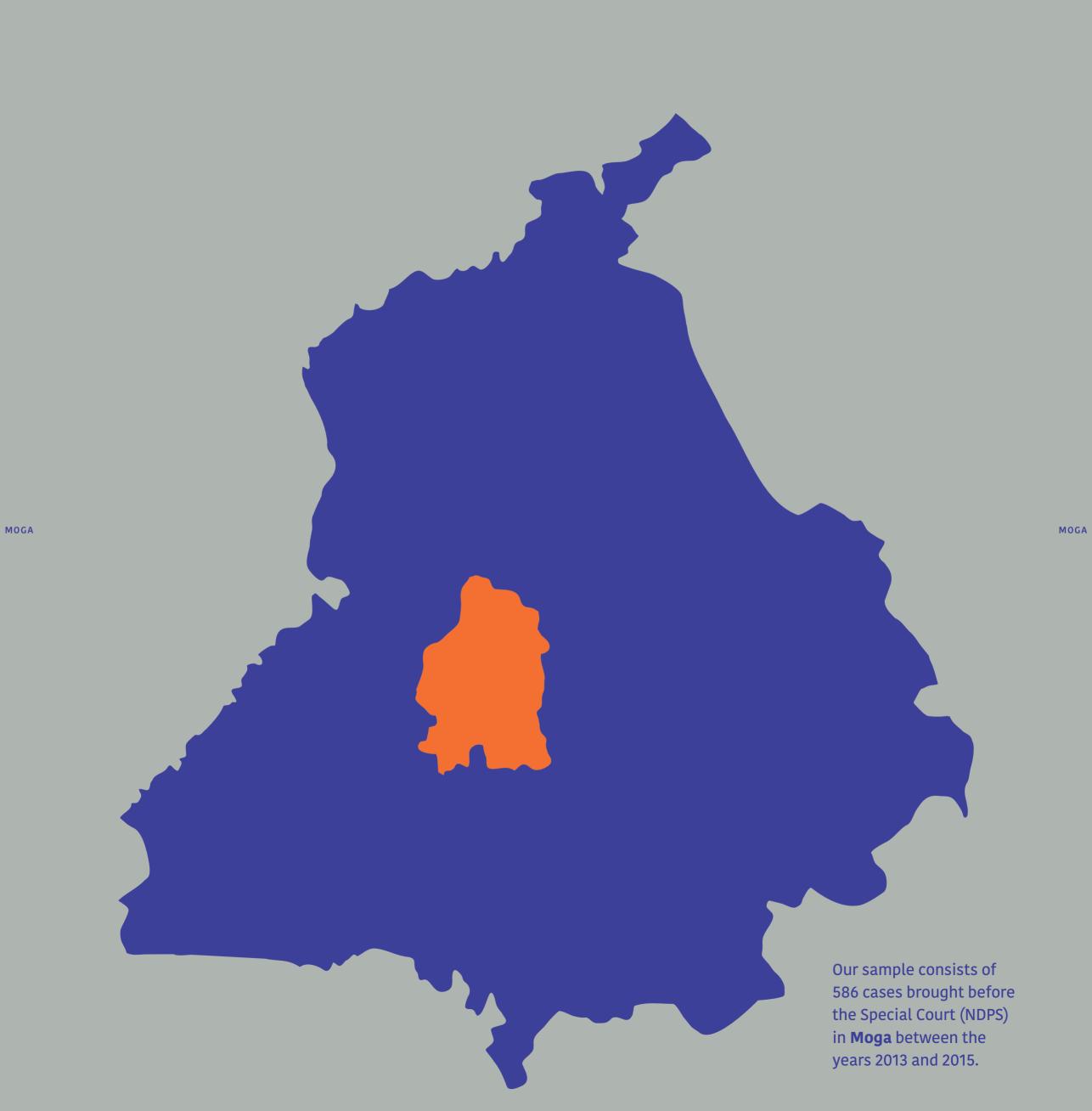
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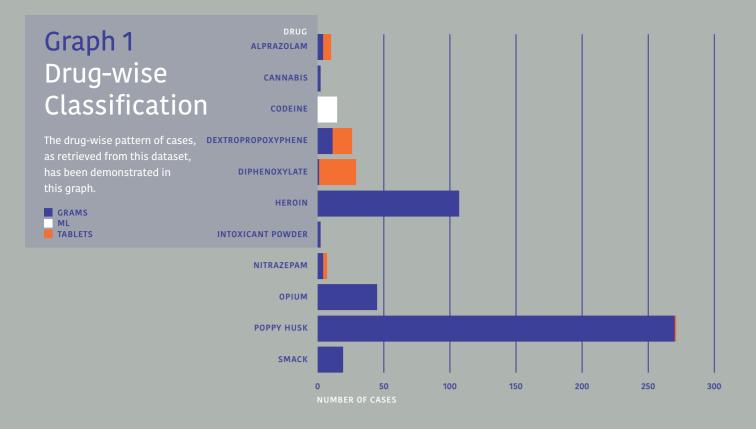


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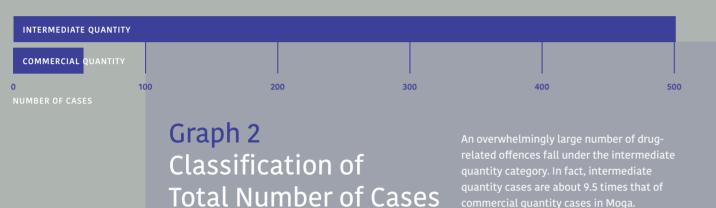
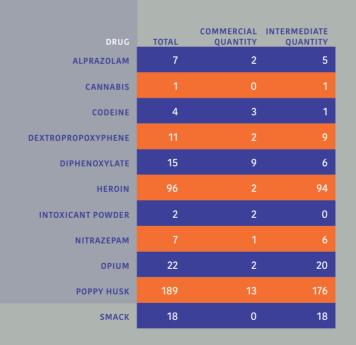
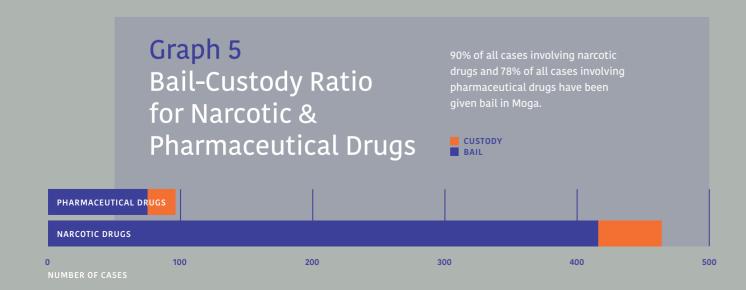
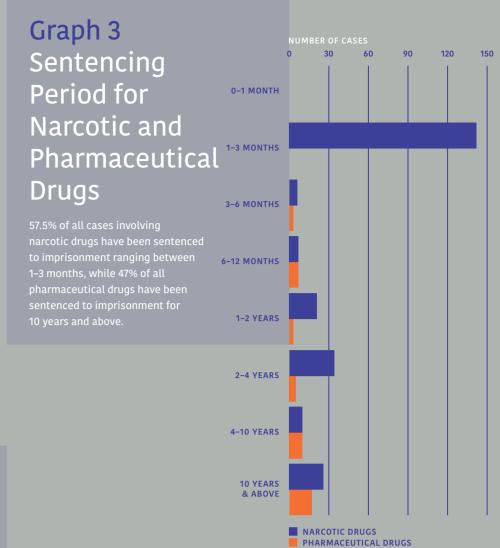


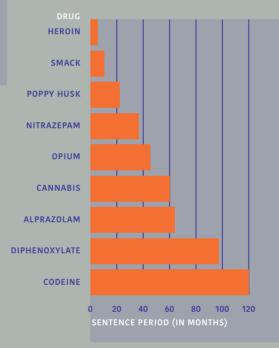
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Most drug related offences fall under the intermediate quantity category. So much so that intermediate quantity cases involving heroin are 47 times that of commercial quantity cases. On the other hand, offences involving codeine and diphenoxylate, have a higher presence under commercial quantity.



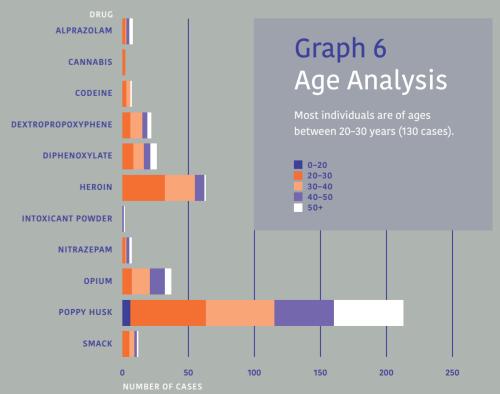


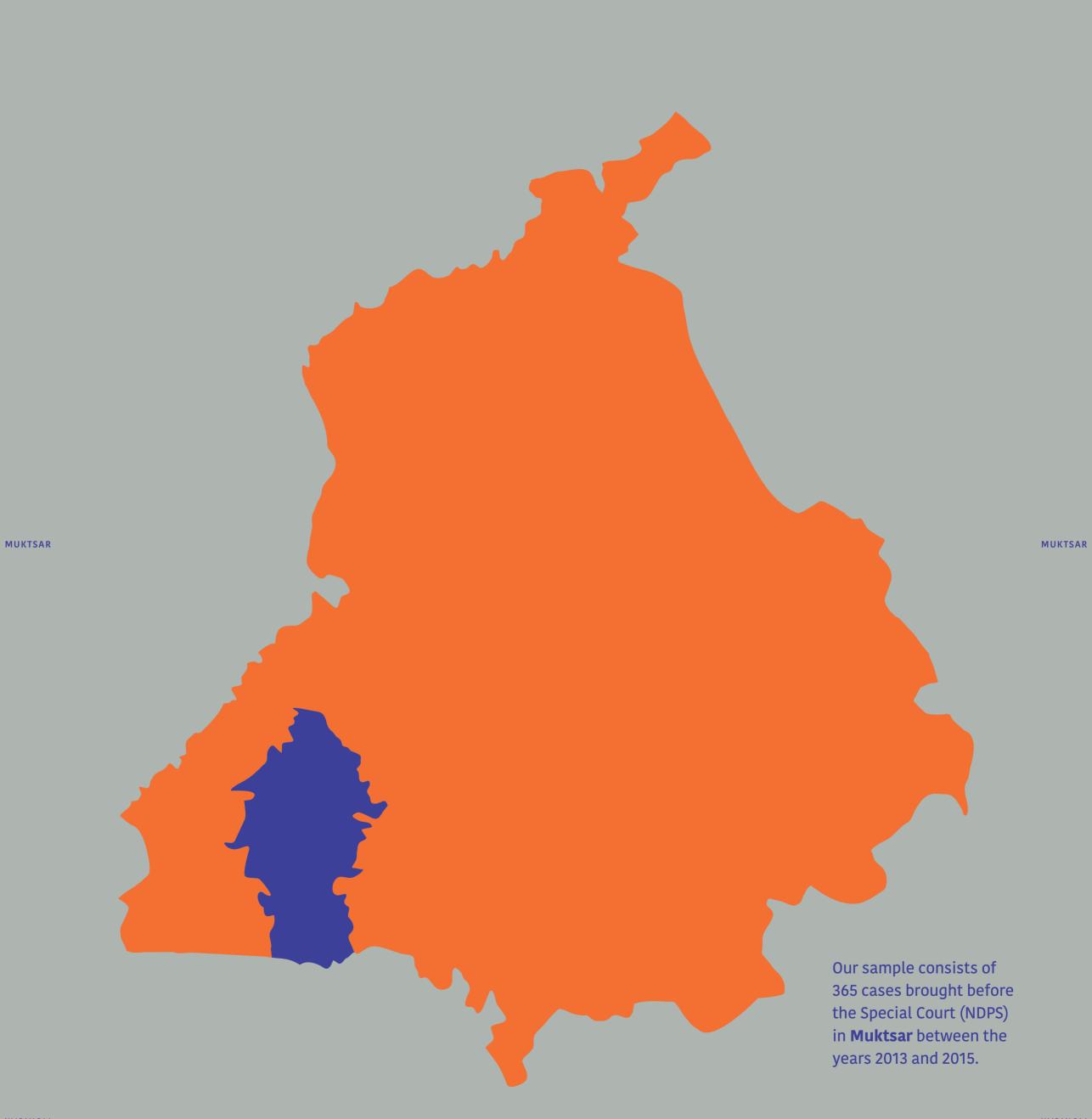




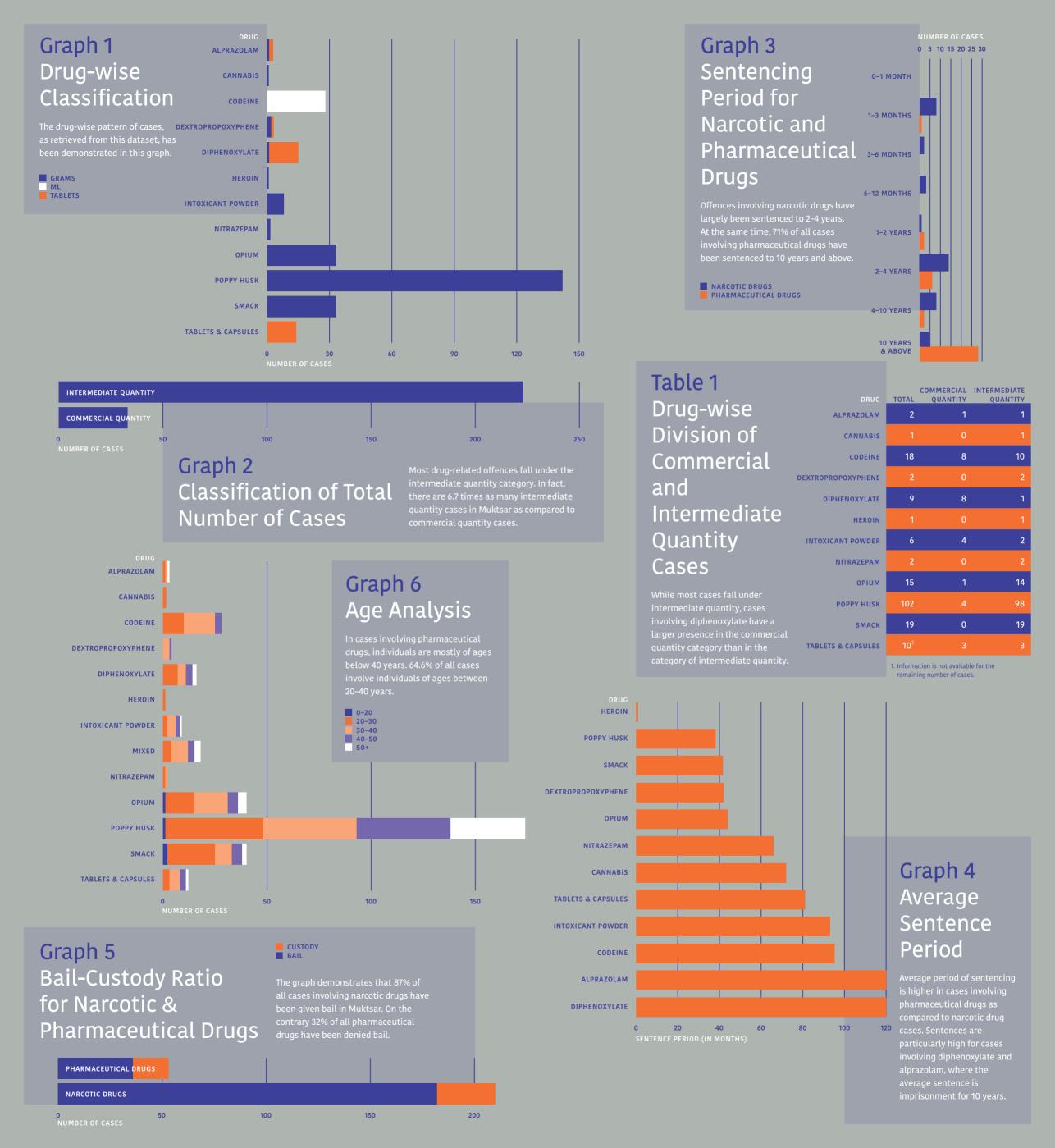
Graph 4 Average Sentence Period

Average period of sentencing ranges from 5.3 months for heroin to a significantly higher sentence of about 8 years for diphenoxylate

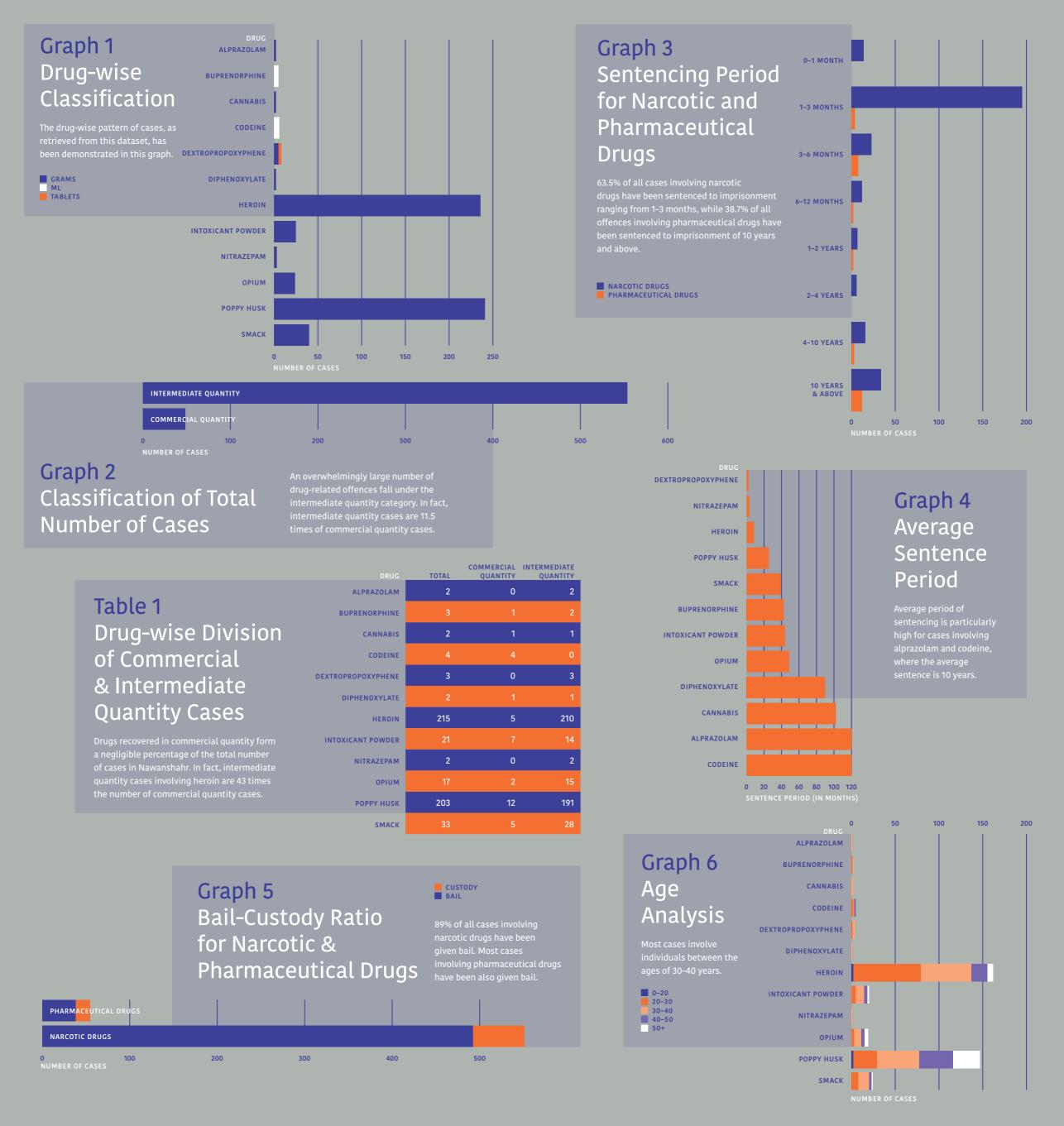


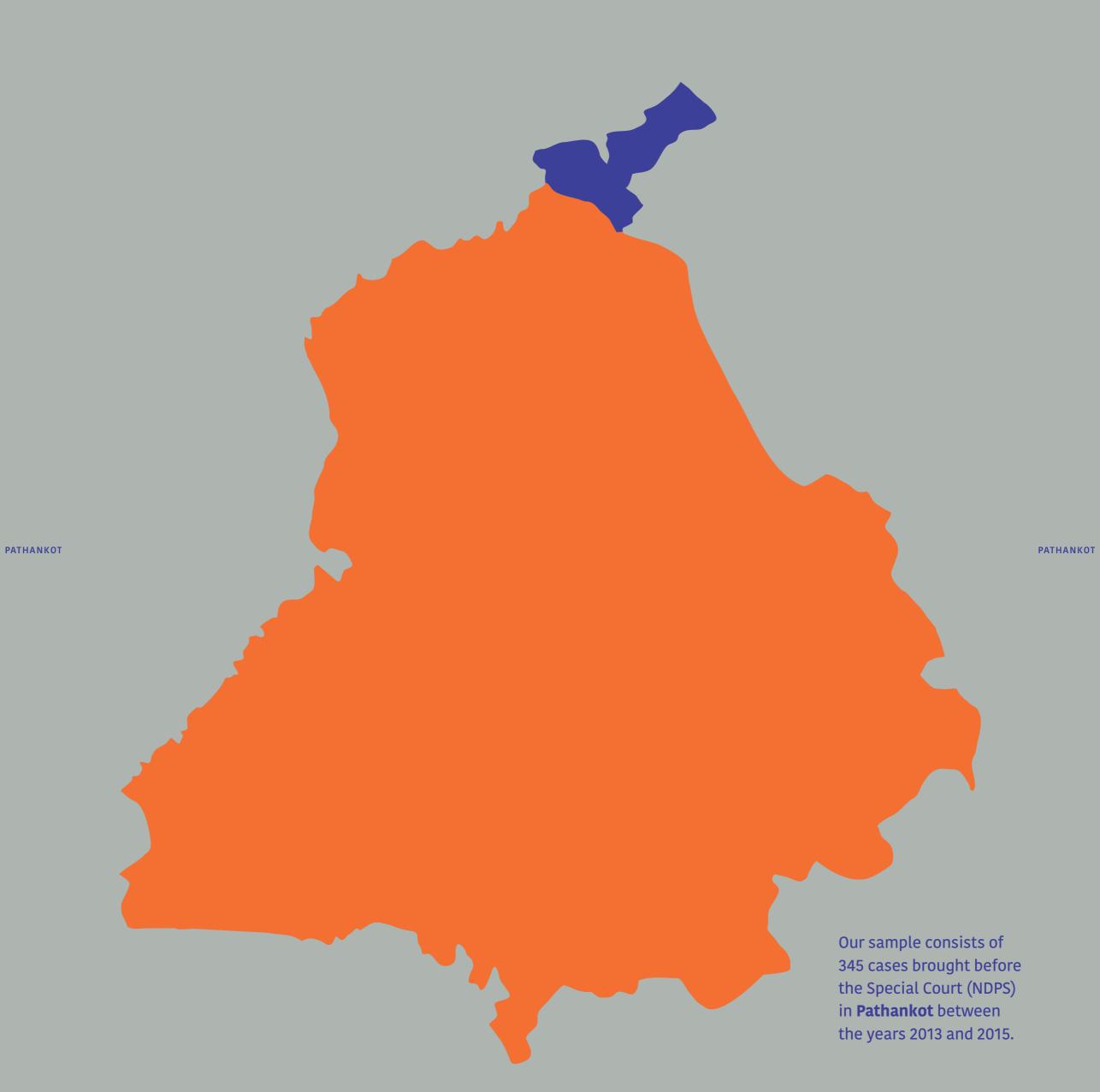


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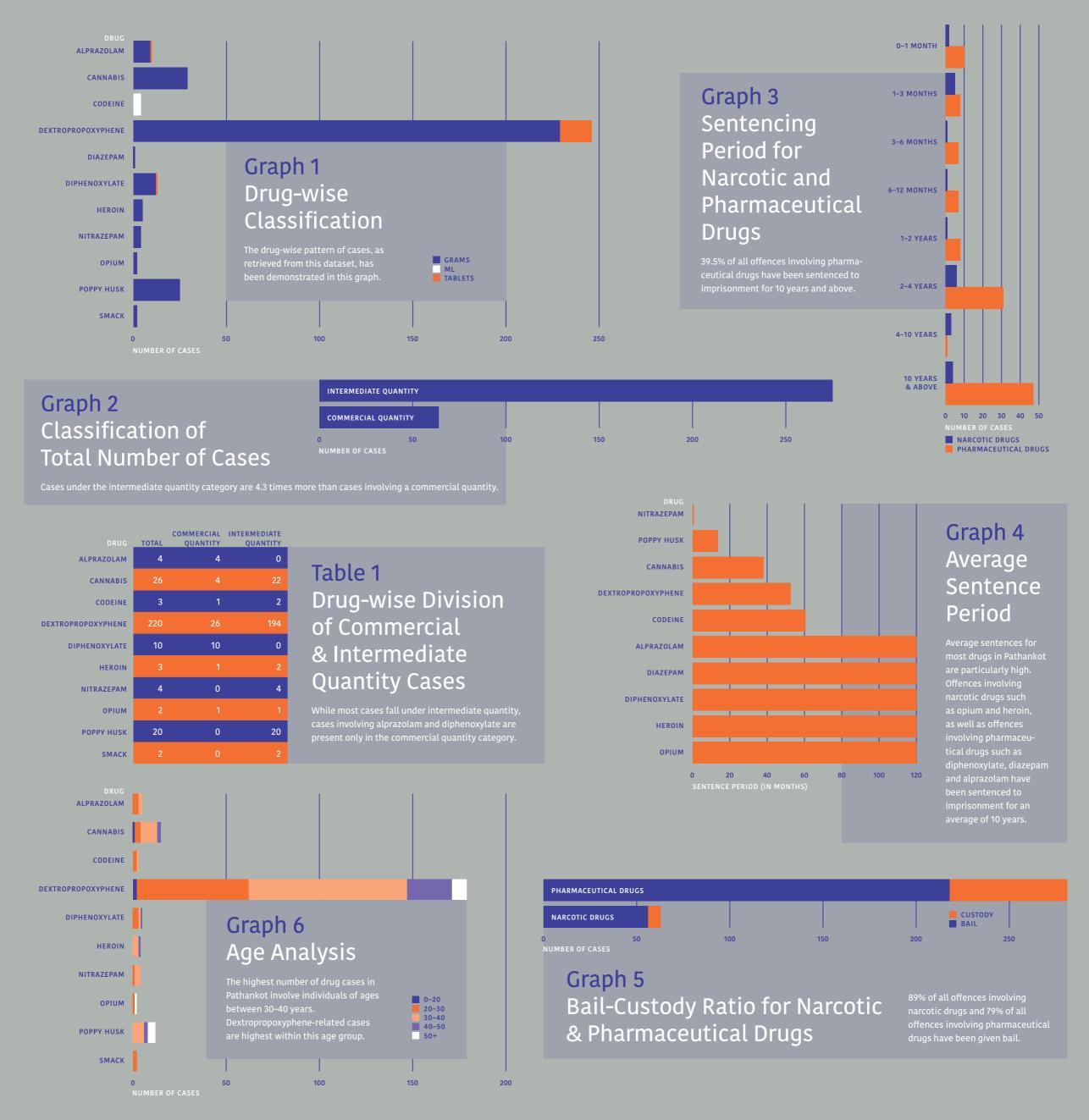


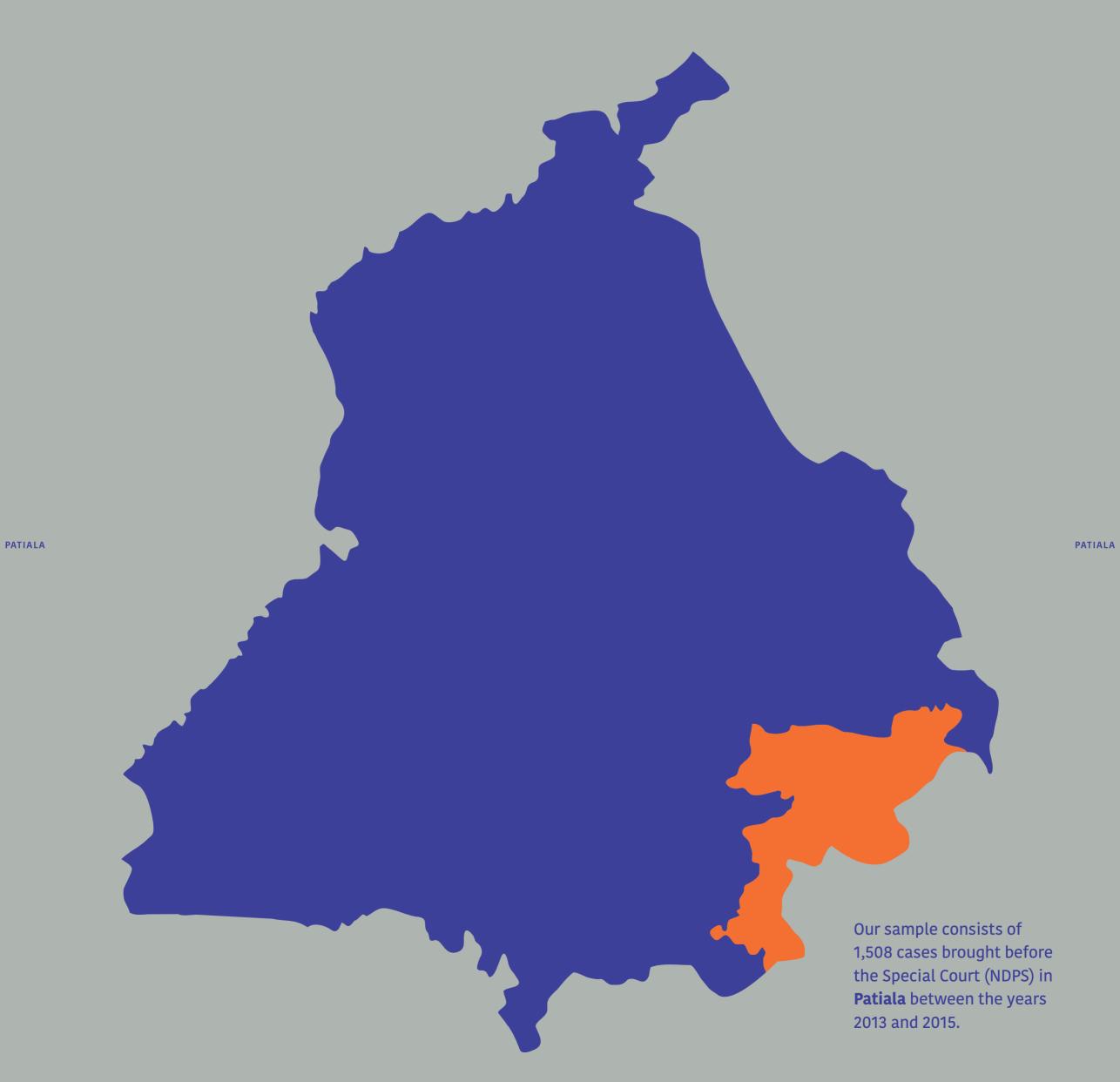




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