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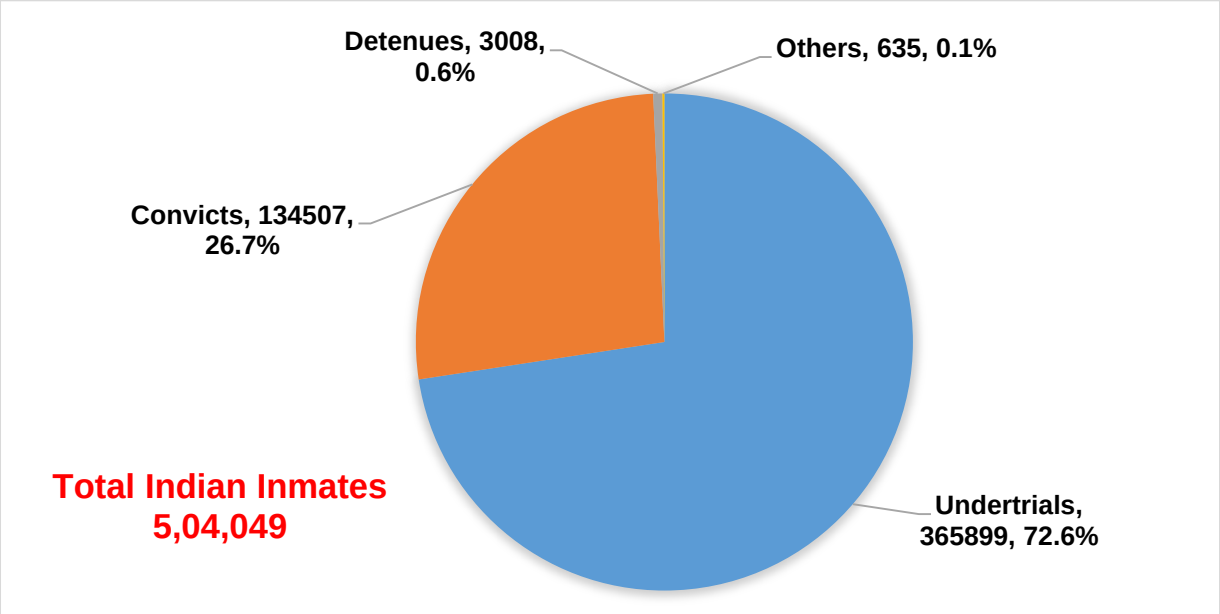
Indian Prisoners

Indian Prisoners

This chapter presents statistical information such as prisoner's category, age and gender profiles of Indian nationals who were confined in various jails in the country as on 31st December, 2024.

Share of Convicts, Undertrials, Detenues and Other inmates as on 31st December, 2024

A total of 5,04,049 Indian national inmates consisting of 4,84,278 Males, 19,673 Females and 98 Transgenders were confined in various Indian jails at the end of the year 2024. Out of the 5,04,049 Indian national prisoners, 1,34,507 were Convicts, 3,65,899 were Undertrials and 3,008 were Detenues. Uttar Pradesh has reported the highest number of inmates (86,326) followed by Bihar (51,756) and Madhya Pradesh (45,069) accounting for 17.1%, 10.3%, 8.9% of the total inmates **(Chart 3.1, Table 3.1).**



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Share of Indian Inmates

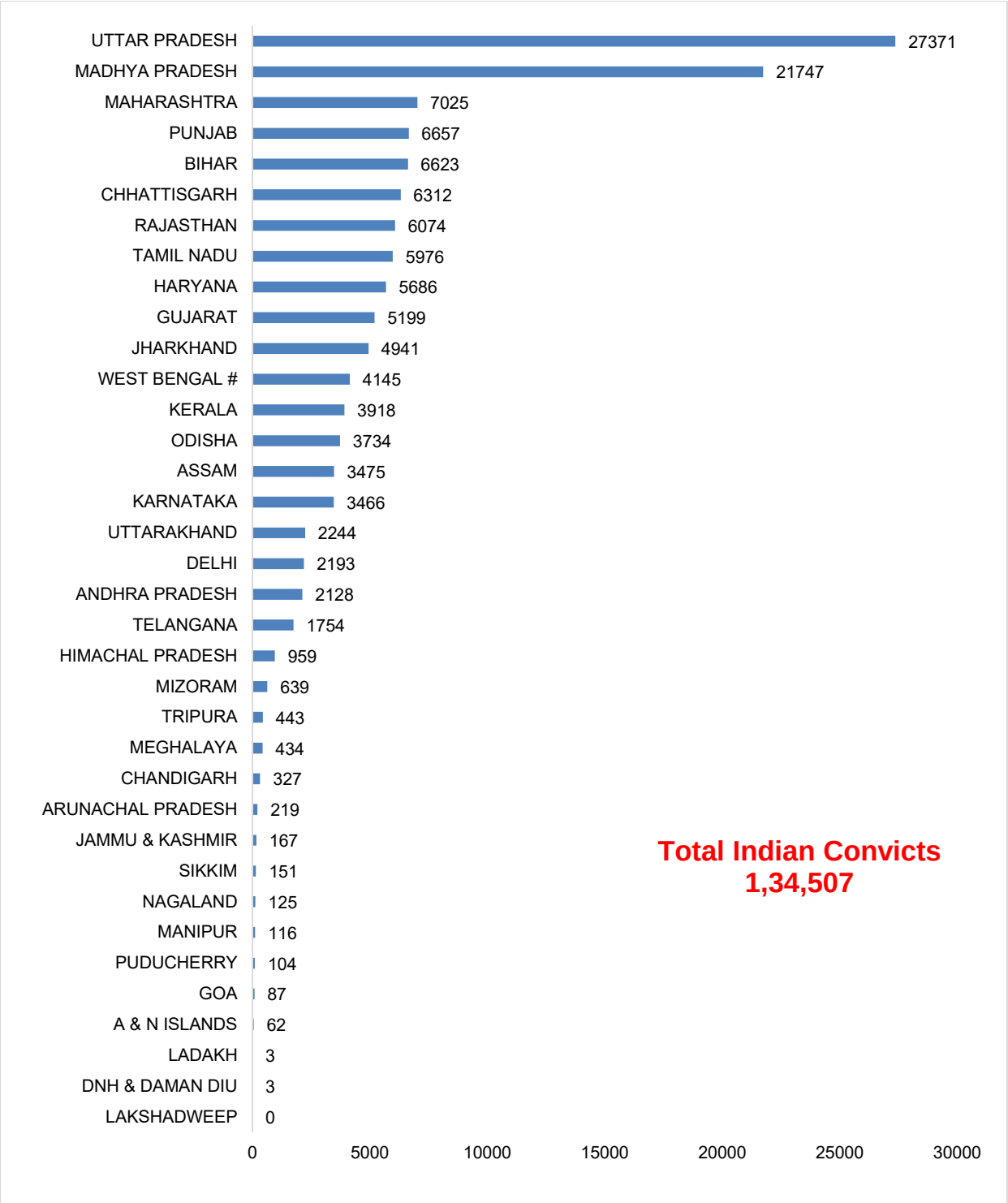
Chart 3.1

I. Convicts

A total of 1,34,507 Indian national inmates consisting of 1,29,474 Males, 5,018 Females and 15 Trans genders were confined in various jails in the country at the end of the year 2024. Uttar Pradesh has lodged the highest number of convicted prisoners (27,371) followed by Madhya Pradesh (21,747) and Maharashtra (7,025) accounting for 20.3%, 16.2%, 5.2% of the total convicts **(Chart 3.2, Table 3.1).**

Majority of convicts were in the age group 30 Yrs. - Below 50 Years

(51.7%) (69,521) followed by age group 18 Year – Below 30 Years (27.3%) (36,725) and age group 50 Years & Above (21.0%) (28,256) (**Chart 3.3, Table 3.2).**

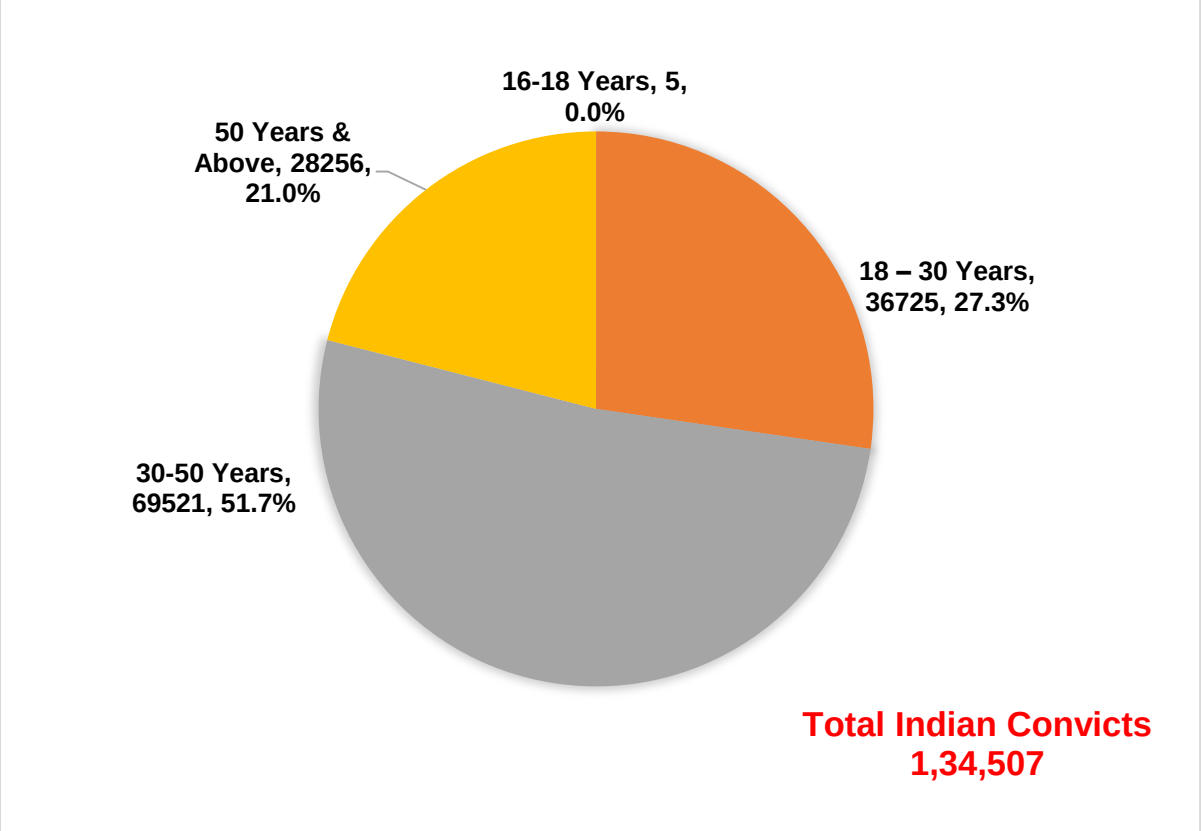


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State/UT-wise Indian Inmates (Convicts) as on 31st December, 2024

Chart 3.2



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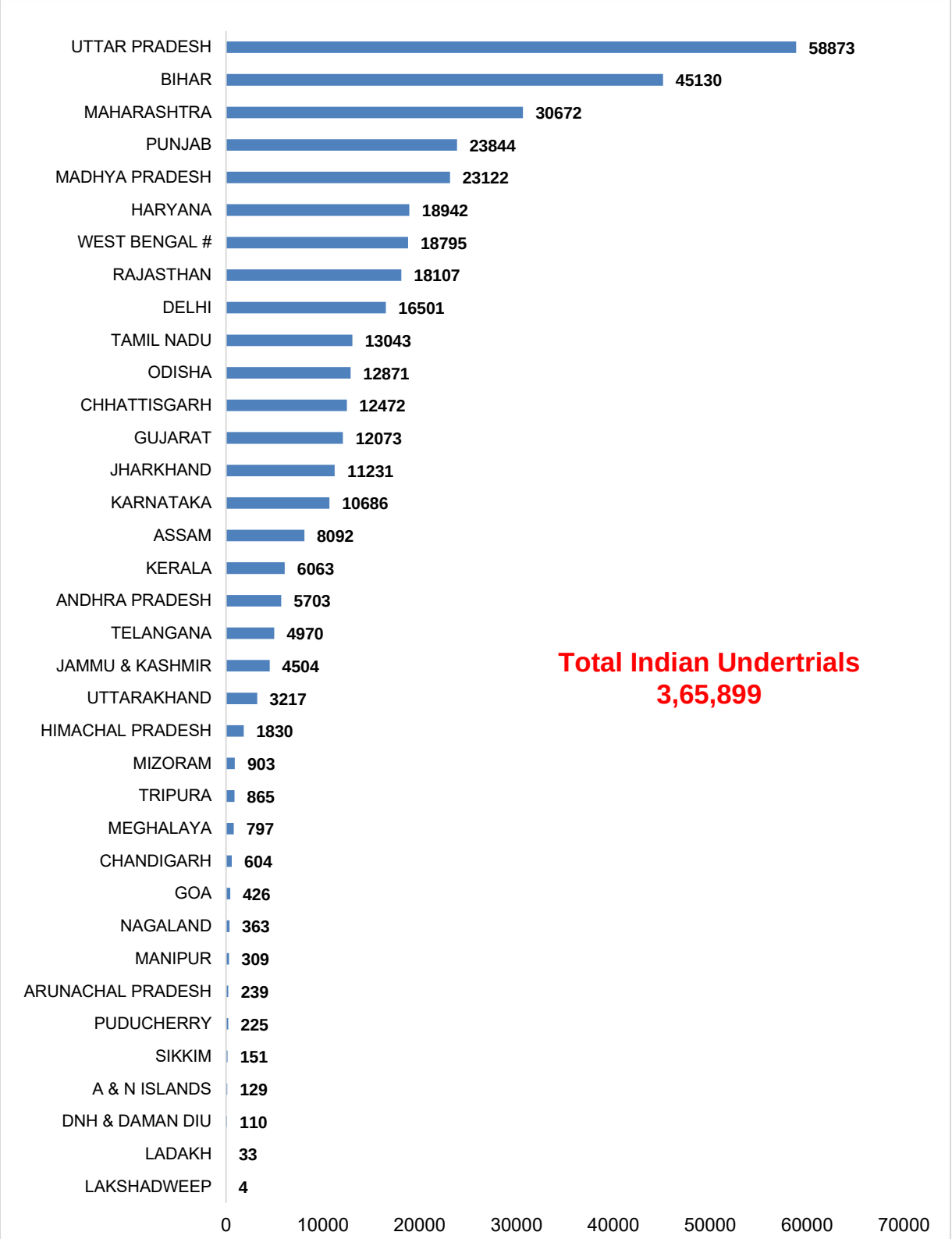
Age-wise Share of Indian Inmates (Convicts) as on 31st December, 2024

Chart 3.3

II. Undertrials

A total of 3,65,899 Indian national inmates consisting of 3,51,249 Males, 14,567 Females and 83 Trans genders were confined in various jails in the country at the end of the year 2024. Uttar Pradesh has lodged the highest number of Undertrial prisoners (58,873) followed by Bihar (45,130) and Maharashtra (30,672) accounting for 16.1%, 12.3% and 8.4% of the total Indian undertrials **(Chart 3.4, Table 3.1).**

Majority of Undertrials were in the age group 18 Yrs. – Below 30 Years (48.2%) (1,76,261) followed by the age group 30 Yrs. - Below 50 Years (40.8%) (1,49,119) and the age group 50 Years & Above (11.1%) (40,519) **(Chart 3.5, Table 3.3)**.

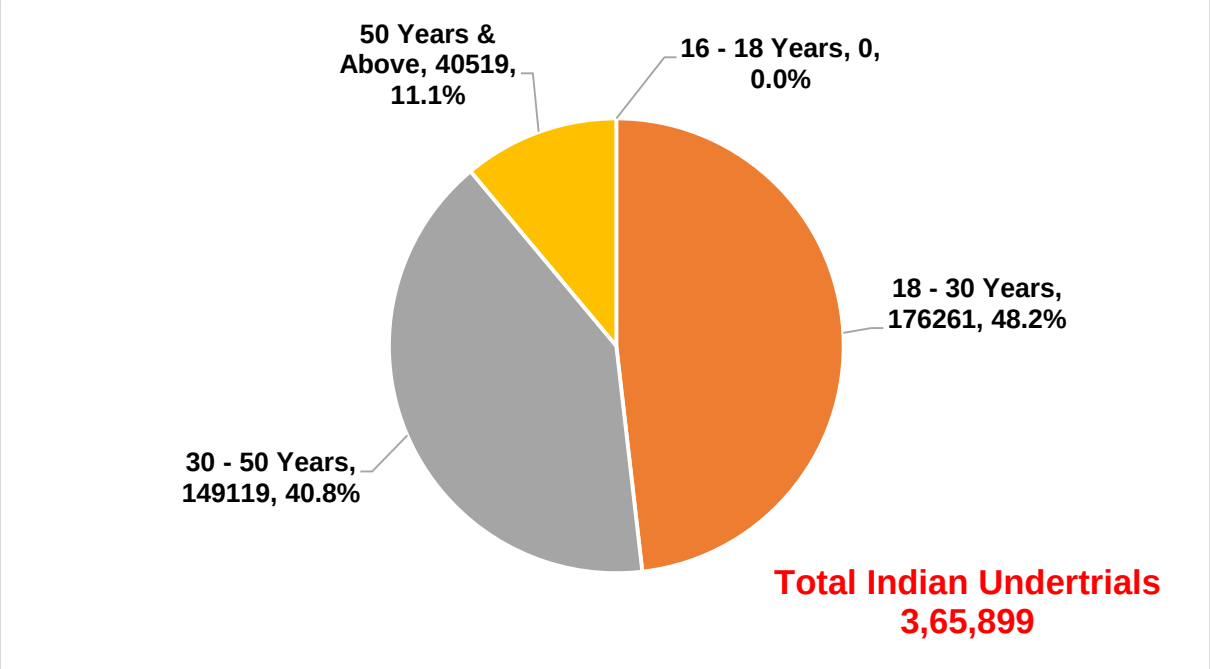


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State/UT-wise Indian Inmates (Undertrials) as on 31st December, 2024

Chart 3.4



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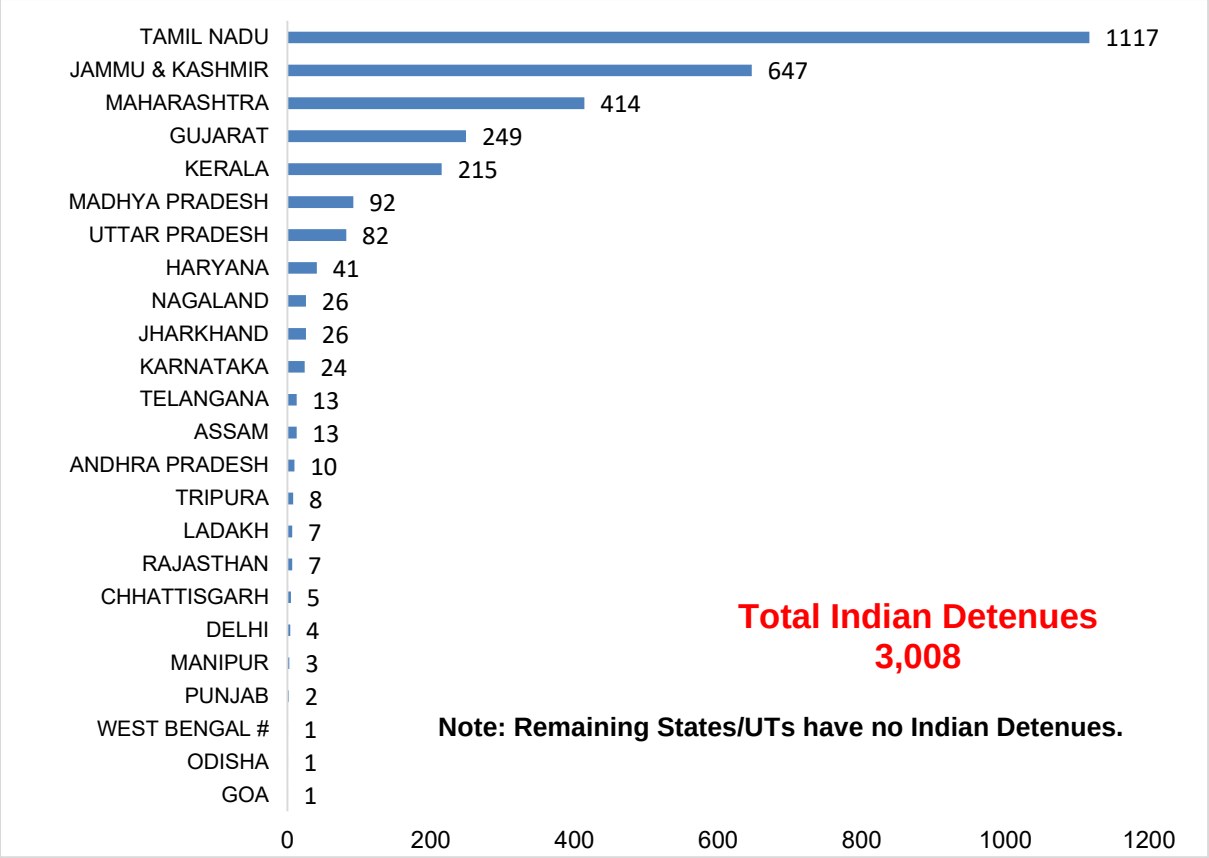
Age-wise Share of Indian Inmates (Undertrials) as on 31st December, 2024

Chart 3.5

III. Detenues

A total of 3,008 Indian national inmates consisting of 2,926 Males and 82 Females were confined in various jails in the country at the end of the year 2024. Tamil Nadu has lodged the highest number of Detenues (1,117) followed by Jammu & Kashmir (647) and Maharashtra (414) accounting for 37.1%, 21.5% and 13.8 % of the total Detenues inmates. These above three states have contributed to 72.4% of total Detenues **(Chart 3.6, Table-3.1).**

Majority of Detenues were in the age group 18 Yrs. – Below 30 Years (45.6%) (1,371), age group 30 years – Below 50 Years (44.8%) (1,348) and the age group 50 Years & Above (9.6%) (289) **(Chart 3.7, Table 3.4).**

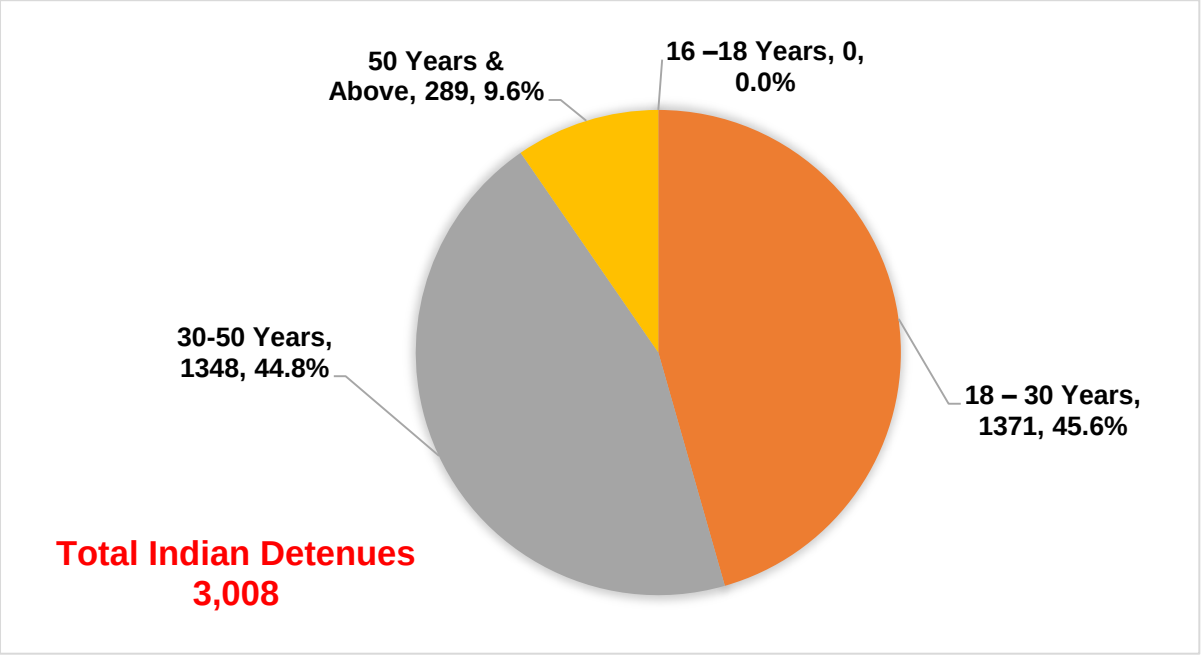


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State/UT-wise Indian Inmates (Detenues) as on 31st December, 2024

Chart 3.6



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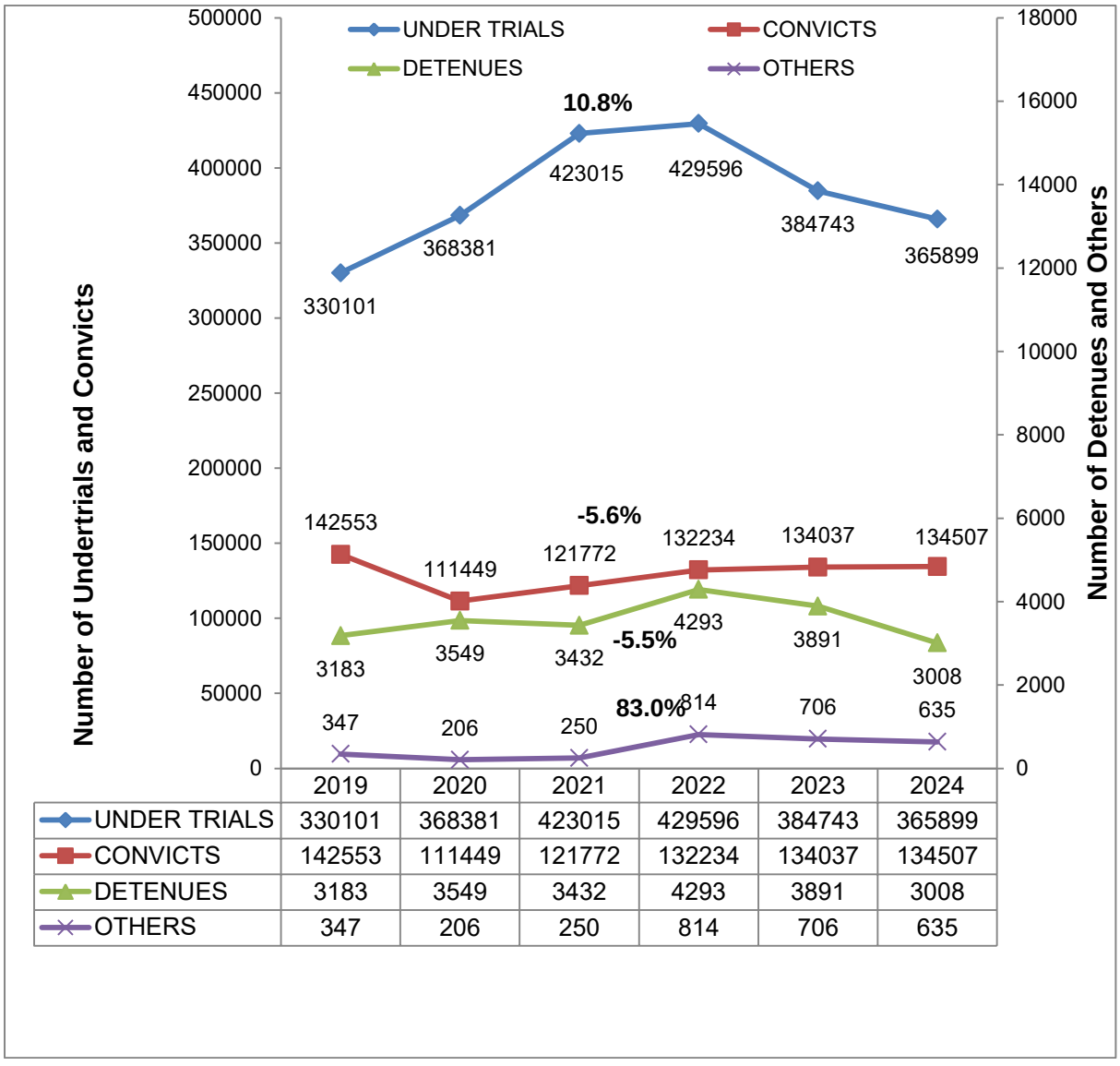
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Age-wise Share of Indian Inmates (Detenues) as on 31st December, 2024

Chart 3.7

Trend in Number of Convicts, Undertrials, Detenues and Other Indian Inmates during 2019-2024

A total of 4,76,184, 4,83,585, 5,48,469, 5,66,937, 5,23,377 and 5,04,049 Indian inmates were lodged in various jails of the country as on 31st December of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 respectively. The number of Indian inmates in the prisons has increased by 5.9% in 2024 over 2019 (status as on 31st December of respective years). Among these inmates, number of Convicts and Detenues have decreased by 5.6% and 5.5% respectively and Undertrials has increased by 10.8% as on 31st December of 2024 over 2019 **(Chart 3.8)**.



	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
UNDER TRIALS	330101	368381	423015	429596	384743	365899
CONVICTS	142553	111449	121772	132234	134037	134507
DETENUES	3183	3549	3432	4293	3891	3008
OTHERS	347	206	250	814	706	635

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

Trend in Number of Different Types of Indian Inmates during 2019-2024

Chart 3.8