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Karnataka

Best (Ranks 1-6) | Middle (Ranks 7-12) | Worst (Ranks 13-18)

	Rank among 18 large & mid-sized states			
	IJR 1 (2019)	IJR 2 (2020)	IJR 3 (2022)	IJR 4 (2025) NEW
Overall	6	14	1	1
Police	6	1	2	3
Prisons	3	14	2	2
Judiciary	16	12	2	4
Legal Aid	7	16	2	1

POLICE

Rank among 18 large & mid-sized states

IJR 1	IJR 2	IJR 3	IJR 4
6	1	2	3

IJR 4 Score (out of 10) 6.19

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	Indicator	IJR 1	IJR 2	IJR 3	IJR 4 NEW		
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Best value	Worst value
	Budgets						
1	Spend on police per person (Rs)	658	696	943	1,261	2,604 (PB)	774 (BH)
2	Share of training budget in police budget (%)	--	--	1.23	1.20	5.69 (BH)	0.03 (WB)
3	Training budget utilization (%)	--	--	90.2	96.9	98.7 (GJ)	34.2 (WB)
4	Spend on training per personnel (Rs)	--	5,520	8,031	8,224	20,530 (BH)	125 (WB)
5	Modernisation fund used (%)	27	20	99	99	99 (KA)	32 (WB)
	Human Resources						
6	Constables, vacancy (%)	20.5	15.2	12.0	5.7	0.6 (UK)	40.7 (WB)
7	Officers, vacancy (%)	14.2	19.2	10.8	1.2	1.2 (KA)	51.8 (RJ)
8	Officers in civil police (%)	16.7	13.7	17.2	17.6	29.5 (WB)	9.6 (TN)
9	Admin staff vacancy in forensics (%)	--	--	--	59.5	0.0 (CH/KL)	88.9 (MP)
10	Scientific staff vacancy in forensics (%)	--	--	--	32.1	3.7 (KL)	91.0 (TS)
	Diversity						
11	Share of women in police (%)	5.4	8.28	8.6	8.9	23.7 (BH)	7.1 (MP)
12	Share of women in officers (%)	4.0	6.9	6.4	6.1	20.1 (TN)	2.7 (KL)
13	SC officers, actual to reserved ratio (%)	96	126	116	119	131 (GJ)	39 (UP)
14	SC constables, actual to reserved ratio (%)	--	127	116	119	125 (TN)	69 (HR)
15	ST officers, actual to reserved ratio (%)	143	186	176	193	193 (KA)	0.1 (PB)
16	ST constables, actual to reserved ratio (%)	--	178	169	173	245 (BH)	0.02 (PB)
17	OBC officers, actual to reserved ratio (%)	103	164	148	141	155 (PB)	26 (RJ)
18	OBC constables, actual to reserved ratio (%)	--	158	140	140	188 (OD)	63 (WB)
	Infrastructure						
19	Population per police station (rural) (Number)	68,877	70,191	70,108	69,816	23,992 (KL)	301,130 (WB)
20	Population per police station (urban) (Number)	60,892	97,034	1,00,510	1,02,248	45,211 (OD)	283,301 (GJ)
21	Area per police station (rural) (Sq km)	342	345	345	345	85 (KL)	647 (RJ)
22	Area per police station (urban) (Sq km)	15.5	20.7	20.5	20.5	10.6 (TS)	64.9 (KL)
23	Services provided by state's citizen portals (%)	--	57.3	57.3	45.3	90.9 (GJ)	45.0 (BH)
24	Personnel per training institute (Number)	--	7,471	7,905	9,286	2,608 (TS)	38,882 (UP)
25	Police stations with CCTVs (%)	--	--	99.7	99.2	100 (Multiple)[1]	21.5 (JH)
26	Police stations with women help desks (%)	--	--	75.8	99.1	100 (Multiple)[2]	34.3 (TN)
	Workload						
27	Population per civil police (Number)	742	915	823	763	504 (PB)	1,522 (BH)
	Trends						
28	Women in total police (%)	4.7	34.9	9.6	15.3	280.2 (AP)	-5.4 (KL)
29	Women officers in total officers (%)	3.0	7.3	59.1	5.6	287.7 (BH)	-39.5 (UK)
30	Constable vacancy (%)	-1.3	-57.4	-40.4	-73.8	-73.8 (KA)	320.7 (OD)
31	Officer vacancy (%)	-12.9	-46.5	-34.8	-95.0	-95.0 (KA)	387.9 (UP)
32	Difference in spend: police vs state (pp)	-0.42	-1.94	-0.54	3.82	3.82 (WB)	-6.14 (OD)

Data period: January 2023 except indicator 1 (2022-23), indicators 2 to 5 (2021-22), indicator 23 (2024), indicators 28 to 31 (CY '18-'22) and indicator 32 (FY '19-'23).

General notes: i. Indicators highlighted in yellow are new in IJR 4. ii. pp: percentage points (the difference between two percentages). iii. NA: Not available. iv. CY: Calendar year; FY: Financial year. v. SC: Scheduled castes; ST: Scheduled tribes; OBC: Other backward classes. vi. Civil police includes district armed reserve police. vii. In 'best value' and 'worst value' columns, state names have been abbreviated i.e BR for Bihar, GJ for Gujarat etc.

State notes: 1. BH/UK/WB. 2. PB/OD/WB.

PRISONS

Rank among 18 large & mid-sized states

IJR 1	IJR 2	IJR 3	IJR 4
3	14	2	2

IJR 4 Score (out of 10) 6.78

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Best (Ranks 1-6) Middle (Ranks 7-12) Worst (Ranks 13-18)

	Indicator	IJR 1	IJR 2	IJR 3	IJR 4 NEW		
	Budgets	Value	Value	Value	Value	Best value	Worst value
1	Spend per inmate (Rs)	28,229	30,424	38,454	37,808	267,673 (AP)	17,219 (MH)
2	Prison budget utilized (%)	97.2	75.6	98.9	98.2	100.0 (TN)	71.4 (BH)
	Human Resources						
3	Officers, vacancy (%)	25.7	7.8	14.5	10.8	8.8 (TS)	69.0 (UK)
4	Cadre staff, vacancy (%)	14.6	30.4	21.29	23.8	7.2 (TN)	64.8 (JH)
5	Correctional staff, vacancy (%)	33.3	93.3	20.7	20.7	0.0 (TS)	100.0 (HR, PB)
6	Medical staff, vacancy (%)	56.1	73.4	61.2	63.8	12.4 (TN)	65.1 (WB)
7	Medical officers, vacancy (%)	61.1	77.8	66.7	74.1	4.5 (AP)	90.0 (UK)
8	Personnel trained (%)	--	23.9	155.1	66.4	66.4 (KA)	0.8 (CH)
	Diversity						
9	Women in prison staff (%)	18.7	26.2	32.0	32.9	32.9 (KA)	1.8 (HR)
	Infrastructure						
10	Prison occupancy (%)	107.9	101.4	100.6	104	77 (TN)	183 (UK)
11	Share of jails with 150-250% occupancy (%)	--	--	--	10.2	2.2 (OD)	42.1 (KL)
12	Share of jails with 250%-plus occupancy (%)	--	--	--	0.0	0.0 (Multiple)[1]	36.4 (UP)
13	Undertrials detained for 1-3 years (%)	--	--	20.4	24.3	6.6 (AP)	27.2 (HR)
14	Jails with V-C facility (%)	--	31	68	93	100 (Multiple)[2]	63 (RJ)
	Workload						
15	Inmates per officer (Number)	141	46	49	49	22 (TN)	409 (JH)
16	Inmates per cadre staff (Number)	11.3	7.2	6.1	6.6	5.5 (AP)	25.9 (JH)
17	Inmates per correctional staff (Number)	7,422	7,258	673	704	213 (OD)	24,659 (RJ)
18	Inmates per medical officer (Number)	--	--	1,719	2,315	345 (AP)	6,858 (UK)
19	Women inmates per woman medical officer (Number)	--	--	--	309	39 (AP)	2,405 (UP)
	Trends						
20	Officer vacancy (%)	241.0	-69.1	-58.5	-53.0	-69.3 (OD)	677.9 (TS)
21	Cadre staff vacancy (%)	27.2	20.5	-53.4	14.7	-56.3 (TN)	362.4 (OD)
22	Share of women in prison staff (%)	-3.5	41.0	64.5	50.0	86.3 (UP)	-66.2 (HR)
23	Inmates per prison officer (%)	3.56	-14.2	-15.0	-14.6	-14.6 (KA)	11.7 (UK)
24	Inmates per cadre staff (%)	-1.3	-8.2	-9.2	-7.8	-7.8 (KA)	13.6 (BH)
25	Share of undertrial prisoners (pp)	1.07	0.67	0.96	1.54	0.01 (MP)	3.90 (PB)
26	Spend per inmate (%)	12.5	5.6	6.8	8.3	58.6 (UK)	-6.84 (WB)
27	Prison budget used (pp)	0.95	-4.06	0.34	4.26	4.26 (KA)	-3.57 (TS)
28	Difference in spend: prisons vs state (pp)	-1.25	-6.69	6.26	18.36	254.71 (UK)	-5.44 (AP)

Data period: December 2022, except indicators 1 and 2 (2022-23), indicator 8 (2022), indicators 20 to 25 (CY '18-'22), and indicators 26 to 26 (FY '19-'23).
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State notes: 1. AP/GJ/HR/KA/KL/OD/PB/TN/TS. 2. BH/CH/HR/UK/WB.

JUDICIARY

Rank among 18 large & mid-sized states

IJR 1	IJR 2	IJR 3	IJR 4
16	12	2	4

IJR 4 Score (out of 10) 6.70

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	Indicator	IJR 1	IJR 2	IJR 3	IJR 4 NEW		
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Best value	Worst value
	Budgets						
1	Per capita spend on judiciary (Rs)	113	126	193.4	203	343 (PB)	101 (BH)
	Human Resources						
2	Population per High Court judge (Number)	21,43,695	21,45,463	13,72,816	13,98,735	802,933 (KL)	3,836,147 (BH)
3	Population per sub. court judge (Number)	66,300	60,373	63,162	59,392	43,046 (PB)	114,334 (WB)
4	High Court judge vacancy (%)	54.0	50.4	21.0	21.0	4.3 (KL)	50.6 (UP)
5	Sub. court judge vacancy (%)	29.0	16.3	21.9	16.1	9.4 (UK)	31.1 (GJ)
6	High Court staff vacancy (%)	14.9	14.3	26.0	16.6	4.1 (KL)	46.6 (GJ)
	Diversity						
7	Women judges (High Court) (%)	10.3	10.9	10.2	16.3	33.3 (TS)	0.0 (UK)
8	Women judges (sub. court) (%)	28.2	30.7	33.6	37.0	55.3 (TS)	20.8 (GJ)
9	SC judges, actual to reserved (sub. court) (%)	--	--	85	110	111 (AP)	18 (OD)
10	ST judges, actual to reserved (sub. court) (%)	--	--	66	116	119 (TS)	0 (PB)
11	OBC judges, actual to reserved (sub. court) (%)	--	--	75	168	168 (KA)	0 (WB)
	Infrastructure						
12	Courthall shortfall (%)	23.6	15.8	14.3	10.3	-11.0 (MH)	25.4 (HR)
	Workload						
13	Cases pending above 3 years (High Court) (%)	--	--	--	42.7	42.7 (KA)	71.0 (UP)
14	Cases pending above 3 years (sub. court) (%)	--	--	--	35.5	23.9 (PB)	70.7 (BH)
15	Case clearance rate (High Court) (%)	70	82	82	88	129 (JH)	75 (UK)
16	Case clearance rate (sub. court) (%)	93	95	95	94	113 (KL)	64 (WB)
	Trends						
17	Cases pending (per High Court judge) (%)	15.3	16.9	-5.4	-4.7	-11.5 (TS)	13.7 (UK)
18	Cases pending (per sub. court judge) (%)	0.48	-3.6	3.6	5.0	-1.3 (BH)	10.0 (WB)
19	Total cases pending (High Court) (%)	7.8	12.8	3.3	2.5	-4.4 (RJ)	8.9 (MH)
20	Total cases pending (sub. court) (%)	3.6	4.5	5.2	5.8	-0.1 (GJ)	12.1 (UK)
21	Judge vacancy (High Court) (%)	111.9	20.1	-51.4	-25.7	-82.1 (KL)	125.0 (UK)
22	Judge vacancy (sub. court) (%)	9.4	-28.3	41.8	-23.7	-33.6 (UK)	119.9 (WB)
23	Case clearance rate (High Court) (pp)	-3.03	-1.14	2.72	-1.17	9.83 (AP)	-3.59 (UK)
24	Case clearance rate (sub. court) (pp)	-1.87	0.18	0.18	-0.90	5.78 (HR)	-5.08 (WB)
25	Difference in spend: judiciary vs state (pp)	-6.45	-4.91	8.24	6.10	6.13 (RJ)	-1.67 (PB)

Data period: February 2025 except indicator 1 (2022-23), indicators 3, 5, 12, 13, 14 (January 2025), indicator 6 (June 2024), indicators 15 and 16 (2024), indicators 17 to 24: CY '20-'24, and indicator 25: FY '19-'23.
General notes: i. Indicators highlighted in yellow are new in IJR 4. ii. Sub. court: subordinate court. iii. pp: percentage points (the difference between two percentages). iv. NA: Not available. v. CY: Calendar year; FY: Financial year. vi. SC: Scheduled castes; ST: Scheduled tribes; OBC: Other backward classes. vii. States and UTs that share a High Court have been assigned identical values for High Court indicators. These are Assam, Arunachal Pradesh Mizoram and Nagaland; Kerala and Lakshadweep; Maharashtra, Goa, D&N Haveli & Daman & Diu; Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh; Tamil Nadu and Puducherry; West Bengal and Andaman & Nicobar Islands; Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. viii. In 'best value' and 'worst value' columns, state names have been abbreviated i.e BR for Bihar, GJ for Gujarat etc.

LEGAL AID

Rank among 18 large & mid-sized states

IJR 1	IJR 2	IJR 3	IJR 4
7	16	2	1

IJR 4 Score (out of 10) 7.52

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	Indicator	IJR 1	IJR 2	IJR 3	IJR 4 NEW		
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Best value	Worst value
	Budgets						
1	State's share in legal aid budget (%)	44.7	49.2	76.7	80.8	93.4 (UP)	55.8 (WB)
2	State legal aid budget utilized (%)	--	--	99.97	99.97	147 (RJ)	52 (UK)
3	NALSA fund utilized (%)	76.8	88.7	68.5	63.9	110.4 (PB)	18.7 (UP)
4	Per capita spend on legal aid (Rs)	--	--	--	6.9	16.0 (HR)	1.9 (WB)
	Human Resources						
5	DLSA secretary vacancy (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 (Multiple)[1]	50.0 (TN)
6	PLVs per lakh population (Number)	4.9	3.16	6.3	7.6	7.6 (KA)	1.1 (UP)
7	Sanctioned secretaries as % of DLSAs (%)	100	100	100	100	109 (MH)	93 (KL)
	Diversity						
8	Share of women in panel lawyers (%)	29.9	28.3	38.8	43.8	48.6 (KL)	14.2 (OD)
9	Women PLVs (%)	45.4	48.4	58.4	59.0	63.3 (KL)	26.7 (RJ)
10	Women DLSA secretaries (%)	--	--	--	20.0	69.2 (OD)	0.0 (RJ)
	Infrastructure						
11	DLSAs as % of state judicial districts (%)	100	100	100	100	105 (WB)	100 (Multiple)[2]
12	Presence of front offices in DLSAs (%)	--	--	100	100	100 (Multiple)[3]	32 (TS)
13	Legal services clinic per jail (Number)	0.62	0.58	0.91	0.93	1.97 (GJ)	0.68 (RJ)
14	Villages per legal services clinic (Number)	186.4	180.2	174.5	856.2	15.4 (KL)	19,567.0 (CH)
	Workload						
15	PLA cases: settled as % of received (%)	50.4	34.0	39.9	26.9	90.9 (CH)	0.0 (GJ)
16	SLSA LAs: Pre-litigation cases disposed (%)	--	--	--	NA[4]	100.0 (AP)	1.8 (GJ)
17	SLSA LAs: Pending cases disposed (%)	--	--	--	NA[5]	100.0 (GJ)	1.8 (RJ)

Data period: 2023-24 except indicators 1 to 4 (2022-23), indicators 5, 6 and 8 (March 2024), indicators 7, 9 and 10 (September 2024), and indicators 11 and 14 (December 2024).
General notes: i. Indicators highlighted in yellow are new in IJR 4. ii. pp: percentage points (the difference between two percentages). iii. NA: Not available. iv. CY: Calendar year; FY: Financial year. v. DLSA: District Legal Services Authority; LA: Lok Adalat; PLA: Permanent Lok Adalat; PLV: Para-Legal Volunteer; SLSA: State Legal Services Authority. vi. In 'best value' and 'worst value' columns, state names have been abbreviated i.e BR for Bihar, GJ for Gujarat etc.
State notes: 1. CH/GJ/HR/JH/KA/MH/PB/RJ/TS/UP/UK/WB. 2. AP/BH/CH/GJ/HR/JH/KA/KL/MH/OD/PB/RJ/TN/UP/UK. 3. AP/BH/CH/GJ/HR/JH/KA/KL/MH/OD/PB/RJ/TN/UK. 4. Data shows 0 pre-litigation cases taken up by SLSAs. 5. Data shows 0 pending cases taken up by SLSAs.

Data sources

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Judiciary: National Commission on Population, 2019; Combined Finance and Revenue Accounts of the Union and State Governments in India for 2022-2023, Comptroller and Auditor General of India; Finance Division of Ministry of Home Affairs; Department of Justice; Parliamentary questions; Supreme Court Annual Report (Volume 2 - High Courts) 2023-2024; National Judicial Data Grid.

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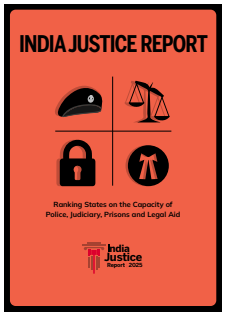

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