

# Judicial Statistics

**2<sup>nd</sup> Bi-Annual Report**  
July to December 2023

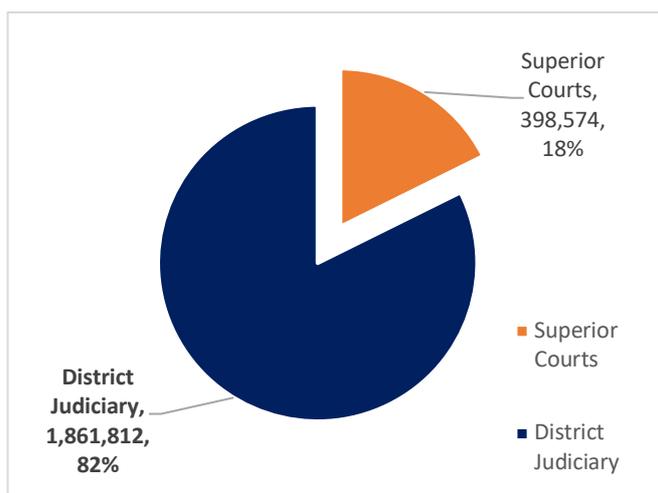


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## 1. Summary

This report provides overview of cases instituted, decided and pending at the different tiers of the Judiciary during the period from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31 December 2023. The report has been compiled on the basis of data collected from the Superior Courts on fortnightly basis.

- On 31 December 2023, a net pendency of 2,260,386 cases (2.26 million) was reported in the country,
- 398,574 cases (0.39 million) were pending in the \*Superior courts
- 1,861,812 cases (1.86 million) were pending in the District Judiciary.
- Around **82%** cases pending adjudication in the country are lying at the tier of the **District Judiciary**.



Courts	Pendency of Cases 01-07-2023	Pendency of Cases 31-12-2023
Supreme Court of Pakistan	55,302	56,155
Federal Shariat Court	102	85
High Courts	332,141	342,334
District Judiciary	1,788,816	1,861,812
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,176,361</b>	<b>2,260,386</b>

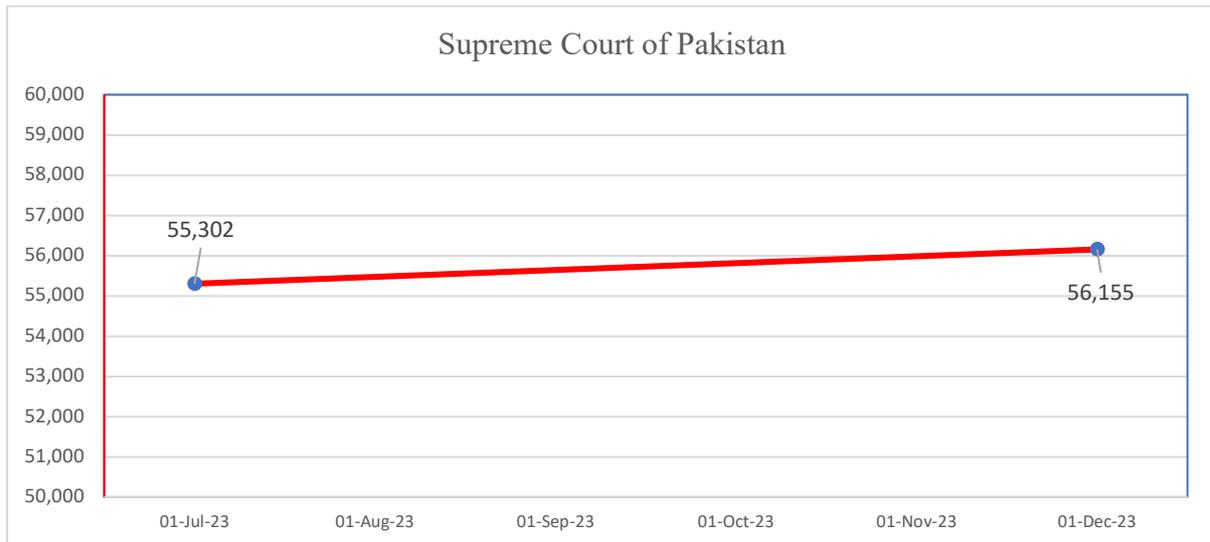
During the second half of the year (July to December' 2023), the net pendency of cases across the different tiers **increased by approximately 3.9%**.

- 2,381,465 cases (2.38 million) were instituted
- 2,308,461 cases (2.30 million) were decided during the period.

## 2. Supreme Court of Pakistan

Pendency 1-7-2023	Institution Jul-Dec, 23	Disposal Jul-Dec, 23	Balance 31-12-2023
55,302	9,519	8,666	56,155*

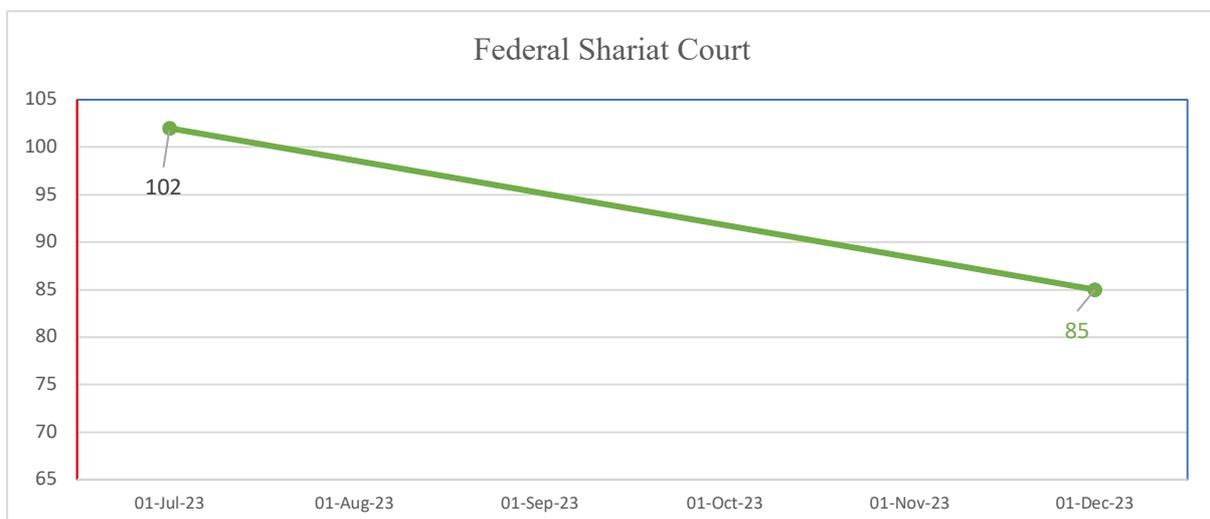
An increase of around **1.5%** in cases pending for adjudication has been observed during the last six months of the year 2023.



## 3. Federal Shariat Court

Pendency 1-7-2023	Institution Jul-Dec, 23	Disposal Jul-Dec, 23	Balance 31-12-2023
102	32	49	85

A decrease of around **17%** in cases pending for adjudication has been observed during the last six months of the year 2023.



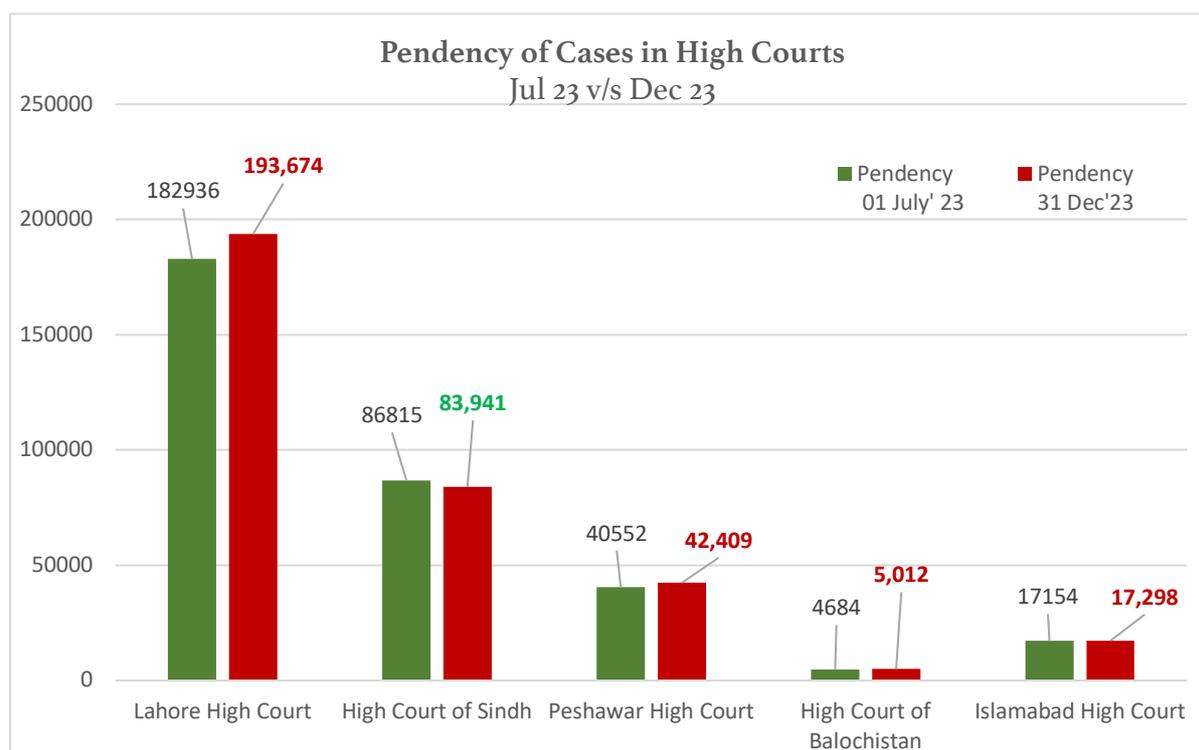
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## 4. High Courts

The institution, disposal and pendency of cases in all High Courts during the period from July to December, 2023:

High Court	Pendency 1-7-2023	Institution Jul-Dec, 23	Disposal Jul-Dec, 23	Balance 31-12-2023
Lahore High Court	182936	73600	62862	193674
High Court of Sindh	86815	17727	20616	*83941
Peshawar High Court	40552	12846	11024	*42409
High Court of Balochistan	4684	3403	3129	*5012
Islamabad High Court	17154	5514	4736	*17298
<b>Total</b>	<b>332141</b>	<b>113090</b>	<b>102367</b>	<b>*342334</b>

A net increase of around **3%** in cases pending for adjudication at the tier of High Courts has been witnessed during the last six months of the year 2023.



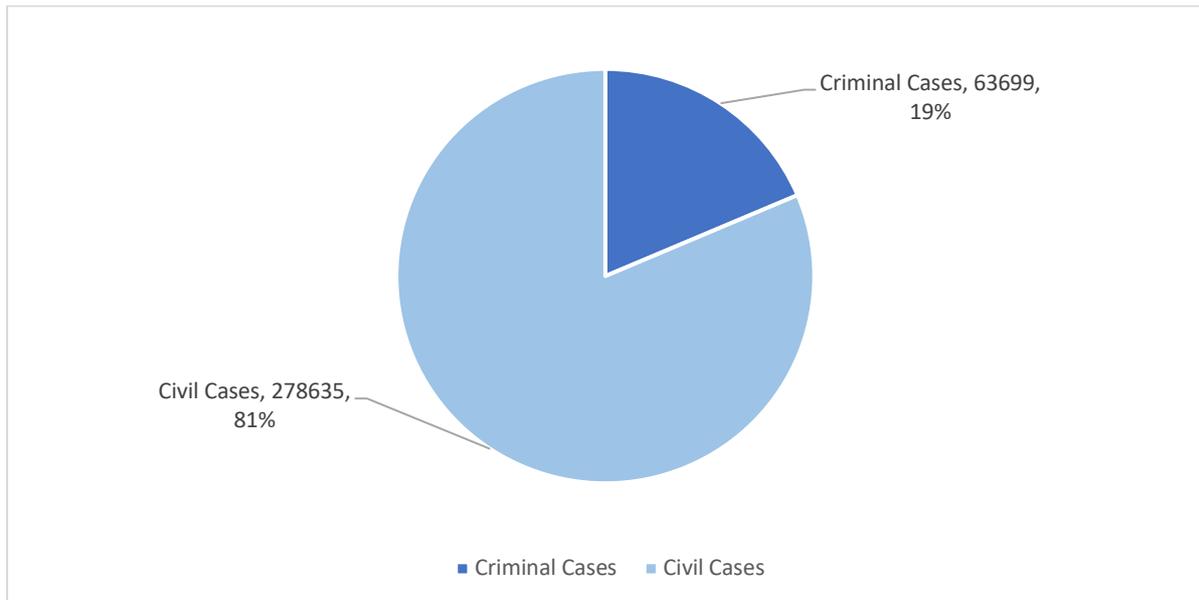
During July to December 2023, the pendency:

- **Increased by 5.7%** in the Lahore High Court
- **Decreased by 3.3%** in the High Court of Sindh
- **Increased by 4.6%** in the Peshawar High Court
- **Increased by 7.0%** in the High Court of Balochistan
- **Increased by 0.8%** in the Islamabad High Court

\* The difference in balance (i.e. pendency + institution - disposal) is due to remand, re-open, physical verification etc.

## 5.1 Jurisdiction-wise break-up of Cases in the High Courts

Jurisdiction	Pendency 1-7-2023	Institution Jul-Dec, 23	Disposal Jul-Dec, 23	Balance 31-12-2023
Criminal Cases	59428	44516	40332	*63699
Civil Cases	272713	68574	62035	*278635
<b>Total</b>	<b>332141</b>	<b>113090</b>	<b>102367</b>	<b>*342334</b>

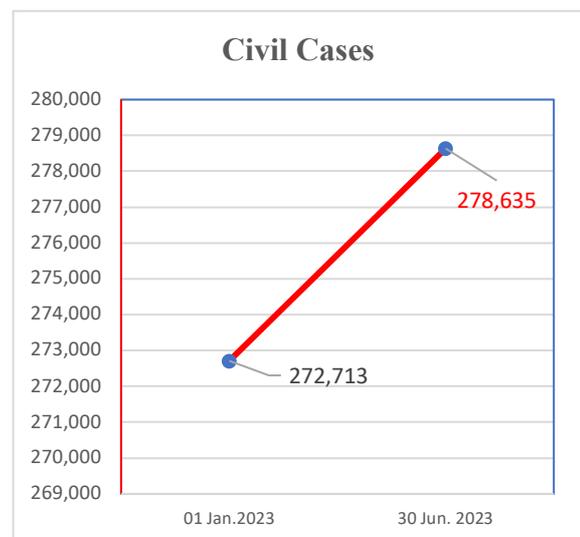


⇒ **19%** of the cases pending in the High Court's pertain to criminal jurisdiction

⇒ **81%** of the cases pending in the High Court's pertain to civil jurisdiction.



An increase of 7.1% reported in Criminal Cases



An increase of 2.2 % reported on Civil Cases

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**i. Criminal Cases – High Courts**

<b>High Court</b>	<b>Pendency 1-7-2023</b>	<b>Institution Jul-Dec, 23</b>	<b>Disposal Jul-Dec, 23</b>	<b>Balance 31-12-2023</b>
Lahore High Court	37702	27710	25187	40225
High Court of Sindh	11469	7175	7196	*11448
Peshawar High Court	8250	6939	5583	*9609
High Court of Balochistan	1032	1252	1130	*1203
Islamabad High Court	975	1440	1236	*1214
<b>Total</b>	<b>59428</b>	<b>44516</b>	<b>40332</b>	<b>*63699</b>

**ii. Civil Cases – High Courts**

<b>High Court</b>	<b>Pendency 1-7-2023</b>	<b>Institution Jul-Dec, 23</b>	<b>Disposal Jul-Dec, 23</b>	<b>Balance 31-12-2023</b>
Lahore High Court	145234	45890	37675	153449
High Court of Sindh	75346	10552	13420	*72493
Peshawar High Court	32302	5907	5441	*32800
High Court of Balochistan	3652	2151	1999	*3809
Islamabad High Court	16179	4074	3500	*16084
<b>Total</b>	<b>272713</b>	<b>68574</b>	<b>62035</b>	<b>*278635</b>

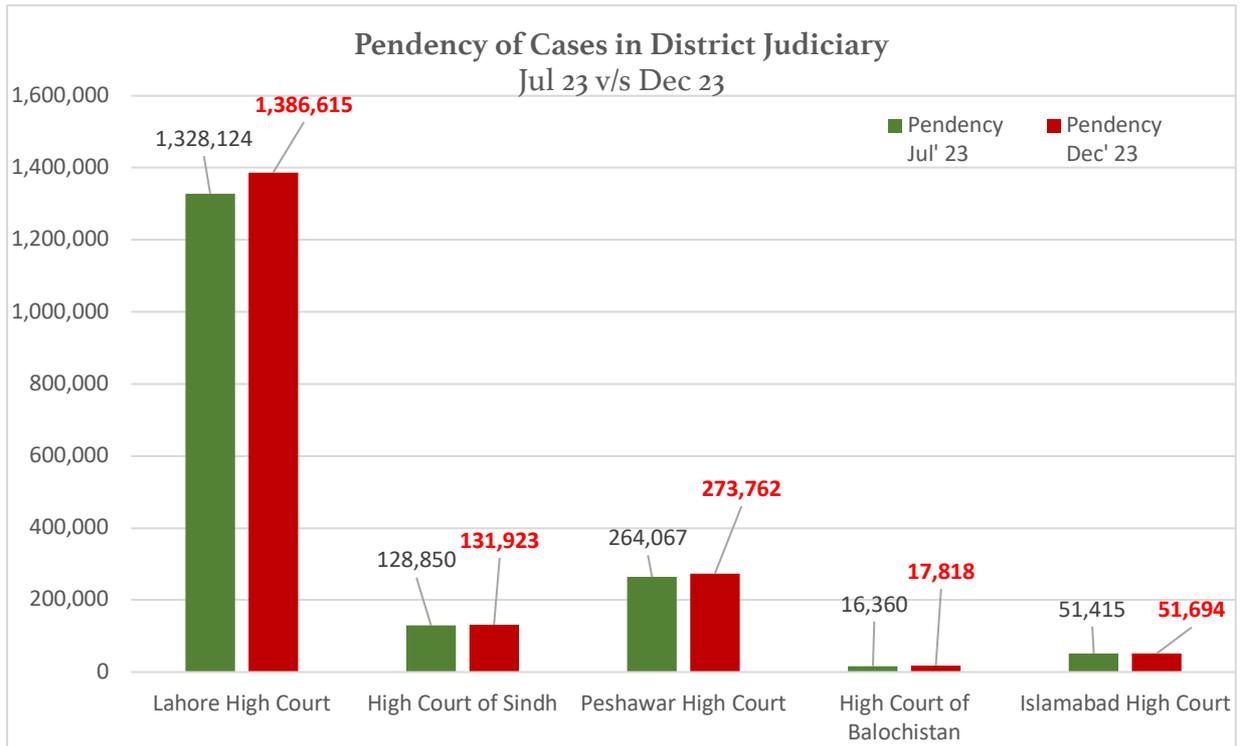
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## 5. District Judiciary

The institution, disposal and pendency of cases in all High Courts during the period from July to December, 2023:

District Judiciary	Pendency 1-7-2023	Institution Jul-Dec, 23	Disposal Jul-Dec, 23	Balance 31-12-2023
Punjab	1328124	1684403	1630103	*1386615
Sindh	128850	206318	204305	*131923
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	264067	265455	259458	*273762
Balochistan	16360	36702	36518	*17818
Islamabad	51415	65945	66995	*51694
<b>Total</b>	<b>1788816</b>	<b>2258823</b>	<b>2197379</b>	<b>*1861812</b>

A net increase of around **4%** in cases pending for adjudication at the tier of District Judiciary has been witnessed.



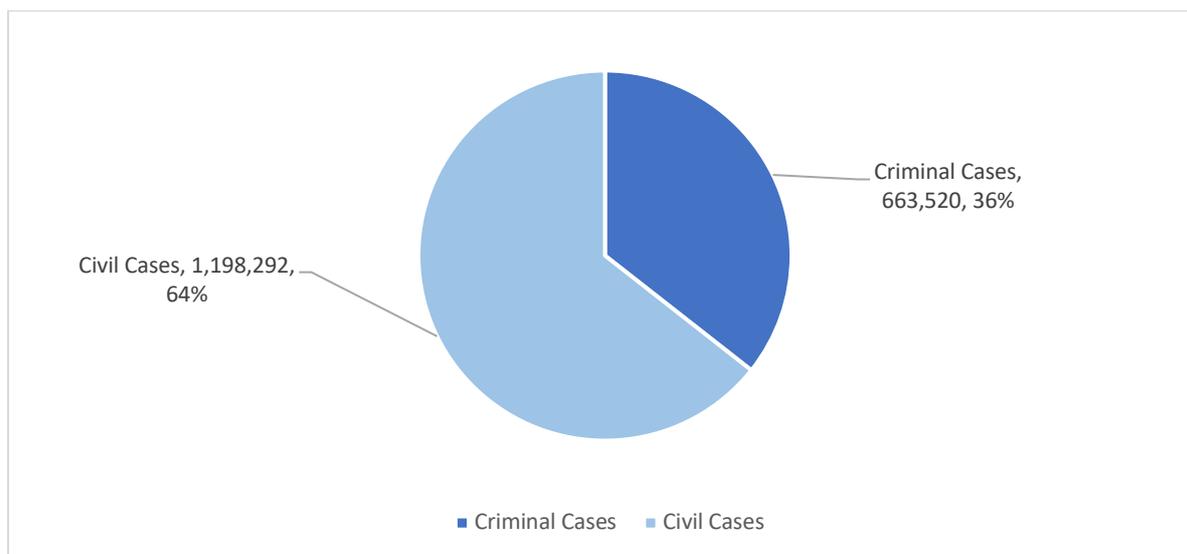
During July to December 2023, the pendency **increased** by:

- **4.4%** in the District Judiciary of Punjab Province
- **2.4%** in the District Judiciary of Sindh Province
- **3.7%** in the District Judiciary of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province
- **8.9%** in the District Judiciary of Balochistan
- **0.5%** in the District Judiciary of Islamabad Capital Territory

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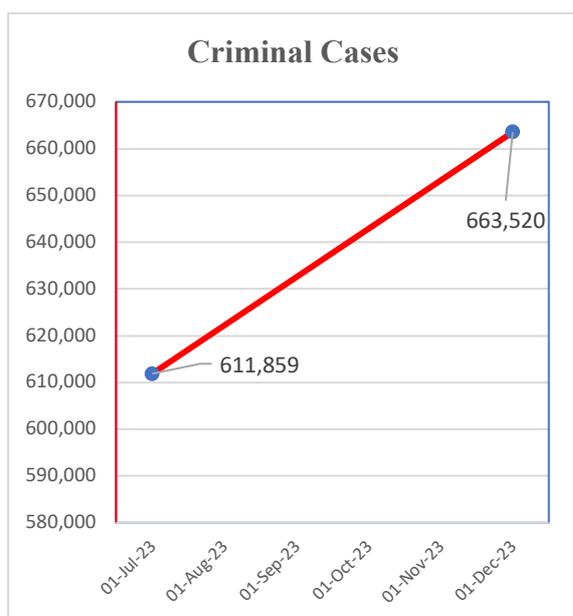
## 6.1 Jurisdiction-wise break-up of Cases in the District Judiciary

District Judiciary	Pendency 1-7-2023	Institution Jul-Dec, 23	Disposal Jul-Dec, 23	Balance 31-12-2023
Criminal Cases	611859	1420398	1372576	*663520
Civil Cases	1176957	838425	824803	*1198292
<b>Total</b>	<b>1788816</b>	<b>2258823</b>	<b>2197379</b>	<b>1861812</b>

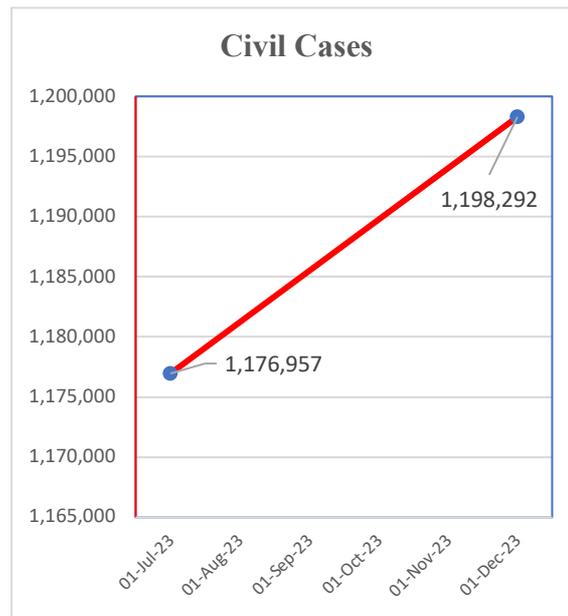


⇒ **36%** of the cases pending in the District Judiciary pertain to criminal jurisdiction

⇒ **64%** of the cases pending in the District Judiciary pertain to civil jurisdiction.



An increase of 8% reported in Criminal Cases



An increase of 1.8% reported in Civil Case

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**i. Criminal Cases – District Judiciary**

District Judiciary	Pendency 1-7-2023	Institution Jul-Dec, 23	Disposal Jul-Dec, 23	Balance 31-12-2023
Punjab	420239	1026174	983568	*464638
Sindh	62665	153309	151436	*65328
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	100450	181080	178552	*103686
Balochistan	7496	21859	22046	*7902
Islamabad	21009	37976	36974	*21966
<b>Total</b>	<b>611859</b>	<b>1420398</b>	<b>1372576</b>	<b>*663520</b>

**ii. Civil Cases – District Judiciary**

District Judiciary	Pendency 1-7-2023	Institution Jul-Dec, 23	Disposal Jul-Dec, 23	Balance 31-12-2023
Punjab	907885	658229	646535	*921977
Sindh	66185	53009	52869	*66595
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	163617	84375	80906	*170076
Balochistan	8864	14843	14472	*9916
Islamabad	30406	27969	30021	*29728
<b>Total</b>	<b>1176957</b>	<b>838425</b>	<b>824803</b>	<b>*1198292</b>