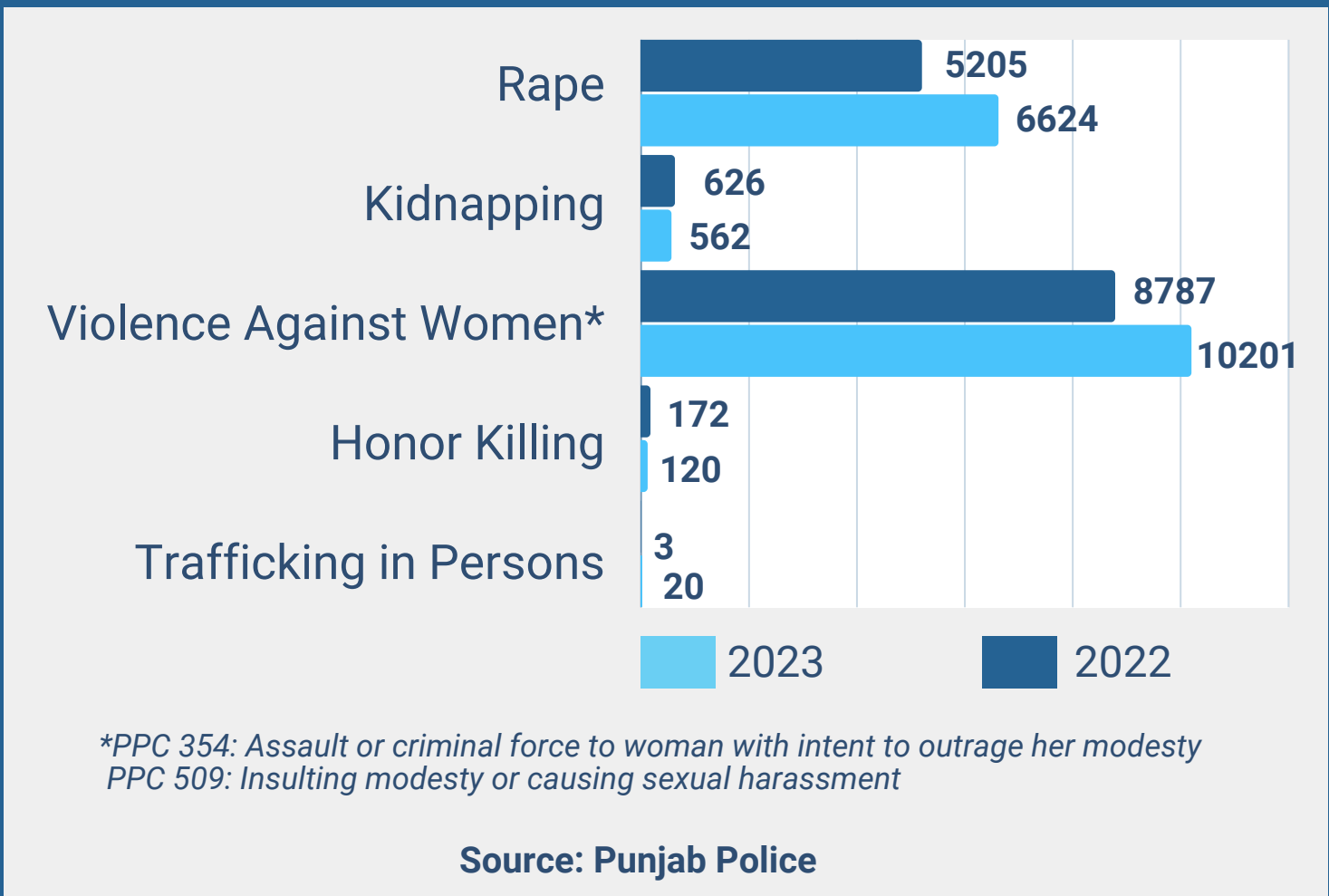


Violence Against Women in Punjab: 2022 vs. 2023



Approximately every
45
minutes, a woman was raped in
2023.

28
cases of violence against
women were reported
approximately **every single**
day in 2023.



11
women were kidnapped
approximately **every week** in
2023.

10
women were killed in the name
of honor (on average) **every**
month in 2023.



Hotspot Districts for 2023:

Rape:

1. Faisalabad (728)
2. Lahore (721)
3. Sargodha (398)

Kidnapping:

1. Lahore (136)
2. Faisalabad (30)
3. Vehari (26)

Violence Against Women:

1. Lahore (1464)
2. Sheikhpura (1198)
3. Kasur (877)

Honor Killing:

1. Rahim Yar Khan (9)
2. Jhang (8)
- = Rajanpur (8)

Trafficking in Persons

1. Chiniot (19)

Throughout 2023, violence against women in the province of Punjab was alarmingly high, especially cases under Section 354 and 509 of the Pakistan Penal Code, which encompasses assault, sexual harassment and general abuse. Likewise, the number of rape cases reported were also high in number. Overall, cases of violence were higher in urban metropolitan centers like Lahore and Faisalabad for most indicators, though crimes like honor killing and trafficking in persons were higher in smaller districts.