

BASIC FACTS ABOUT PAKISTAN

اسلامی جمہوریہ پاکستان

Official Name Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Father of the Nation

Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah (1876-1948)

National Poet Allama Muhammad Iqbal (1877-1938)

Head of the State Asif Ali Zardari, President Raja Pervez Ashraf, Prime Minister

Capital Islamabad

Area

| Total | 796,095 Sq. km. |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Punjab | 205,344 Sq. km. |
| Sindh | 140,914 Sq. km. |
| Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa | 74,521 Sq. km. |
| Balochistan | 347,190 Sq. km. |
| Federally Administered Tribal Areas | 27,220 Sq. km. |
| Islamabad (Capital) | 906 Sq. km. |

Population 165 million (estimated)-132 million (1998 census)

Pakistan is divided into four provinces viz.

1. Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa
2. Punjab
3. Sindh
4. Balochistan

The tribal belt adjoining Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa is managed by the Federal Government and is named FATA i.e., Federally Administered Tribal Areas. Azad Kashmir and Northern Areas have their own respective political and administrative machinery, yet certain of their subjects are taken care of by the Federal Government through the Ministry of Kashmir Affairs and Northern Areas. Provinces of Pakistan are further divided into Districts.

Religion 95% Muslims, 5% others

Annual per capita income US \$1085

GDP 5.8% **Currency** Pak. Rupee

Imports Industrial equipment, chemicals, vehicles, steel, iron ore, petroleum, edible oil, pulses and tea.

Exports

Cotton, textile goods, rice, leather items carpets, sports goods, handi-crafts, fish and fish prep. and fruit

Languages

Urdu (*National*) and English (*Official*)

Literacy rate 53% Government Parliamentary form **Parliament**

Parliament consists of two Houses i.e., [the Senate \(Upper House\)](#) and the [National Assembly \(Lower House\)](#).

The Senate is a permanent legislative body and symbolises a process of continuity in the national affairs. It consists of 100 members. The four Provincial Assemblies, Federally Administered Tribal Areas and Federal Capital form its electoral college.

The National Assembly has a total membership of 342 elected through adult suffrage (272 general seats, 60 women seats and 10 non-Muslim seats).

Pakistan National Flag

Dark green with a white vertical bar, a white crescent and a five-pointed star in the middle. The Flag symbolizes Pakistan's profound commitment to Islam, the Islamic world and the rights of religious minorities. ([For more details click here](#))

National Anthem Approved in August, 1954

Verses Composed by: Abdul Asar Hafeez Jullundhri

Tune Composed by: Ahmed G. Chagla

Duration: 80 seconds ([For more details click here](#)) **State Emblem** The State Emblem consists of:

1. The crescent and star which are symbols of Islam
2. The shield in the centre shows four major crops
3. Wreath surrounding the shield represents cultural heritage and
4. Scroll contains Quaid's motto: **Faith, Unity, Discipline** ([For more details click here](#))

Pakistan's Official Map

Drawn by Mian Mahmood Alam Suhrawardy (1920-1999)

National Flower

Jasmine.

National Tree

Deodar (Cedrus Deodara).

National Animal

Markhor.

National Bird

Chakor (Red-legged partridge)

Flora

Pine, Oak, Poplar, Deodar, Maple, Mulberry

Fauna

The Pheasant, Leopard, Deer, Ibex, Chinkara, Black buck, Neelgai, Markhor, Marco-Polo sheep, Green turtles, River & Sea fish, Crocodile, Waterfowls

Popular games

Cricket, Hockey, Football, Squash.

Tourist's resorts

Murree, Quetta, Hunza, Ziarat, Swat, Kaghan, Chitral and Gilgit

Archaeological sites

Moenjo Daro, Harappa, Taxila, Kot Diji, Mehr Garh, Takht Bhai.

Major Cities

Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta, Rawalpindi, Hyderabad, Faisalabad, Multan and Sialkot

Major Crops

Cotton, Wheat, Rice and Sugarcane

Agricultural Growth Rate

4.1 % on the average for the last six years--1.5% in 2007-08

Total cropped area

25.01 million hectares

Industry

Textiles, Cement, Fertiliser, Steel, Sugar, Electric Goods, Shipbuilding

Energy

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| Major sources | Electricity (Hydel, Thermal, Nuclear) Oil, Coal, and Liquid Petroleum Gas |
| Power Generating Capacity | 22763 MW (See http://www.wapda.gov.pk/) |

Health

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| Hospitals | 916 |
| Dispensaries | 4,600 |
| Basic Health Units (BHUs) | 5,301 |
| Maternity & Child Health Centres | 906 |
| Rural Health Centres (RHCs) | 552 |
| Tuberculosis (TB) Centres | 289 |
| Hospital Beds | 99,908 |
| Doctors (registered) | 113,206 |
| Dentists (registered) | 6,127 |
| Nurses (registered) | 48,446 |
| Paramedics | 23,559 |
| Lady Health Workers | 6,741 |

Education

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| Primary Schools | 155,000 |
| Middle Schools | 28,728 |
| High Schools | 16,100 |
| Secondary Vocational Institutions | 636 |
| Arts & Science Colleges | 1,066 |
| Professional Colleges | 382 |
| Universities | 51 |

Transport & Communication

Total length of roads 259,758 km

Pakistan Railway network 7,791 km

Locomotives 580

Railway stations 781 (See <http://www.pakrail.com/>)

Pakistan International Airlines Covers 38 international and 24 domestic stations with a fleet of 49 planes. (See <http://www.piac.com.pk/>)

Eight (Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore, Quetta, Peshawar, Multan, Faisalabad and Gwadar) (See <http://www.caapakistan.com.pk/>)

Major Airports

Seaports

International Three (Karachi, Bin Qasim and Gwadar)

Fish Harbours-Cum-Mini Ports Three (Minora, Gawadar, and Keti Bandar)

Communications

Post Offices 12,170
(See <http://www.pakpost.gov.pk/>)

Telephone connections 5,052,000 (See <http://www.ptcl.com.pk/>)

Public Call Offices 217,597

Telegraph offices 299

Internet Connections 2 million

Mobile Phones 10,542,641

Employment

Total Labour force 46.84 million

Employed Labour Force 43.22 million

Agriculture Sector 18.60 million

Manufacturing & Mining sector 5.96 million

Construction 2.52 million

Trade 6.39 million

Transport 2.48 million

Others 6.98 million

Media

Print Media (In accordance with Central Media List)

Dailies 540

Weeklies 444

Fortnightlies 55

Monthlies 268

News Agencies

Official APP (See <http://www.app.com.pk/>)

Private PPI, NNI, On Line and Sana.

Electronic Media

- Television Public Sector** [Pakistan Television Corporation](http://ptv.com.pk) (See <http://ptv.com.pk>) Five TV centres at Islamabad, Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta and Karachi covering 88.58% population and 49 re-broadcasting stations. 6 channels: PTV Home, PTV News, PTV National (Regional programming in Balochi, Pashto, Punjabi, Sindhi), PTV Global (for U.S.A.), PTV Bolan (PTV Quetta) and AJK TV (Azad Jammu & Kashmir Television – Kashmiri channel for local viewers)
- Private Sector** More than 50 channels {Pakistan Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) has issued licences to more than 81 applicants so far} (See <http://www.pemra.gov.pk/>)
- Radio Public:** Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (Radio Pakistan) (See <http://www.radio.gov.pk/>) has 31 radio stations throughout Pakistan besides eight FM stations at Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar, Quetta, Faisalabad, Sialkot and Hyderabad. Besides its World Service in English and Urdu, Radio Pakistan beams its external services in seven languages to different parts of the world.
- Private:** PEMRA has issued licences for the establishment of more than 100 FM Radio stations including universities for educational purposes. A number of radio stations are already operational in major cities of Pakistan. (See <http://www.pemra.gov.pk/>)
- Cable Operators** More than 900 (See <http://www.pemra.gov.pk/>)

Banks

Central Bank

[State Bank of Pakistan](#)

Nationalized Scheduled

[First Woman Bank Ltd.](#)

Banks

[National Bank of Pakistan](#)

Specialized Banks

[Zari Taraqiati Bank \(ZTBL\)](#)

[Industrial Development Bank of Pakistan](#)

[Punjab Provincial Cooperative Bank Ltd](#)

Private Scheduled Banks

[Askari Commercial Bank Limited](#)

[Bank Al-Falah Limited](#)

[Faysal Bank Limited](#)

[Bank Al-Habib Limited](#)

[Metropolitan Bank Limited](#)

[KASB Commercial Bank Limited](#)

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| | <u>Prime Commercial Bank Limited</u> |
| | <u>Soneri Bank Limited</u> |
| | <u>Meezan Bank Limited</u> |
| | <u>Silk Bank</u> |
| | <u>Crescent Commercial Bank Limited</u> |
| | <u>Dawood Bank Limited</u> |
| | <u>NDLC-IFIC Bank Limited (NIB)</u> |
| | <u>Allied Bank of Pakistan Limited</u> |
| | <u>United Bank Limited</u> |
| | <u>Habib Bank Limited</u> |
| | <u>SME Banks</u> |
| Foreign Banks | <u>ABN Amro Bank N.V</u> |
| | <u>Albaraka Islamic Bank BSC (EC)</u> |
| | <u>American Express Bank Limited</u> |
| | <u>Barclays</u> |
| | <u>Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi Limited</u> |
| | <u>Citibank N.A</u> |
| | <u>Deutsche Bank A.G.</u> |
| | <u>Habib Bank A.G. Zurich</u> |
| | <u>Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp Limited</u> |
| | <u>Oman International Bank S.O.A.G</u> |
| | <u>Royal Bank of Scotland</u> |
| | <u>Standard Chartered Bank Limited</u> |
| Development Financial Institutions | <u>Pakistan Industrial Credit and Investment Corp. Limited</u> |
| | <u>Pak Kuwait Investment Company (Pvt) Limited</u> |
| | <u>Pak Libya Holding Company (Pvt) Limited</u> |
| | <u>Pak-Oman Investment Company (Pvt) Limited</u> |
| | <u>Saudi Pak Industrial and Agricultural Investment Company (Pvt) Limited</u> |
| Investment Banks | <u>Crescent Investment Bank Limited</u> |
| | <u>First International Investment Bank Limited</u> |
| | <u>Atlas Investment Bank Limited</u> |
| | <u>Security Investment Bank Limited</u> |
| | <u>Fidelity Investment Bank Limited</u> |
| | Prudential Investment Bank Limited |
| | Islamic Investment Bank Limited |
| | Asset Investment Bank Limited |
| | Al-Towfeek Investment Bank Limited |
| | <u>Jahangir Siddiqui Investment Bank Limited</u> |
| | Franklin Investment Bank Limited |
| | <u>Orix Investment Bank (Pak) Limited</u> |

Famous Mountain Peaks

| | <i>Height</i> | <i>World Rating</i> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| K-2 (Chagori) | 8616 m | 2nd |
| Nanga Parbat | 8125 m | 8th |

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| Gasherbrum-I | 8068 m | 11th |
| Broad Peak | 8065 m | 12th |
| Gasherbrum-II | 8047 m | 14th |
| Gasherbrum-III | 7952 m | 15th |
| Gasherbrum-IV | 7925 m | 16th |
| Disteghil Sar | 7885 m | 20th |
| Kunyang Kish | 7852 m | 22nd |
| Masherbrum (NE) | 7821 m | 24th |
| Rakaposhi | 7788 m | 27th |
| Batura I | 7785 m | 28th |
| Kanjut Sar | 7760 m | 29th |
| Saltoro Kangri | 7742 m | 33rd |
| Trivor | 7720 m | 36th |
| Tirich Mir | 7708 m | 41st |

Famous Mountain Passes

| <i>Location</i> | <i>Province</i> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| The Khyber Pass | Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa |
| The Kurram Pass | FATA |
| The Tochi Pass | FATA |
| The Gomal Pass | Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa |
| The Bolan Pass | Balochistan |
| The Lowari Pass | Chitral (Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa) |
| The Khunjrab Pass | Northern Areas |

Rivers

| | <i>Length</i> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| The Indus | 2,896 km |
| Jhelum | 825 km |
| Chenab | 1,242 km |
| Ravi | 901 km |
| Sutlej | 1,551 km |
| Beas (tributary of Sutlej) | 398 km |

Famous Glaciers

| | <i>Length</i> |
|----------------|---------------|
| Siachin | 75 km |
| Batura | 55 km |
| Baltoro | 65 km |

Deserts

| | <i>Location/Province</i> |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Thar | Sindh |
| Cholistan | Punjab |
| Thal | Punjab |

Lakes

| | <i>Location/Province</i> |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Manchar | Sindh |

Keenjar
Hanna
Saif-ul-Maluk
Satpara
Kachura
Major Dams

Sindh
Balochistan
Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa
Northern Areas
Northern Areas

Mangla Dam
Tarbela Dam
Warsak Dam

Location/Province

Punjab
Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa
Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa

Source: Ministry Of Information and Broadcasting
<http://www.infopak.gov.pk/BasicFacts.aspx>