

All about Pakistan

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
- **Head of Government** Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister
- **Capital** Islamabad
- **Area Total** 796,095 Sq. km.
- Punjab** 205,344 Sq. km.
- Sindh** 140,914 Sq. km.
- North West Frontier Province** 74,521 Sq. km.
- Baluchistan** 347,190 Sq. km.
- Federally Administered Tribal Areas** 27,220 Sq. km.
- Islamabad (Capital)** 906 Sq. km.
- **Population** 149.03 million

- Administrative Setup

Pakistan is divided into four provinces viz., North West Frontier Province (NWFP), Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan. The tribal belt adjoining NWFP 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 Divisions and Districts

Divisions

Districts

NWFP 7, 24
Punjab 8, 34
Sindh 5, 21
Baluchistan 6, 22

While FATA consist of 13 Areas/Agencies and Azad Kashmir and Northern Areas have 7 and 5 Districts respectively.

- **Religion** 95% Muslims, 5% others.
- **Annual Per capita income** Rs. 28,933 (US \$ 492 approximately)
- **GDP** 5.1%
- **Currency** Pak. Rupee.
- **Imports**

Industrial equipment, chemicals, vehicles, steel, iron ore, petroleum, edible oil, pulses, 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

51.6%

- 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 symbolises Pakistan's profound commitment to Islam, the Islamic world and the rights of religious minorities.

- National Anthem

Approved in June, 1954

Verses Composed by: Abdul Asar Hafeez Jullundhri

Tune Composed by: Ahmed G. Chagla

Duration: 80 seconds

- 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: Unity Faith, Discipline

- 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

4.15% in 2002-03

- Total cropped area

22.0 million hectares

- Industry

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

- Energy

Major sources

Electricity (Hydel, Thermal, Nuclear) Oil, Coal, and Liquid Petroleum Gas

Power Generating Capacity

18,062 MW

- Health

Hospitals

947

Dispensaries

4,800

Basic Health Units (BHUs)

4,820

Maternity & Child Health Centres

1,084

Rural Health Centres (RHCs)

581

Tuberculosis (TB) Centres

357

Hospital Beds

82,844

Doctors (registered)

101,635

Dentists (registered)

5,068

Nurses (registered)
44,520
Paramedics
22,714
Lady Health Workers
6,397

- Education

Primary Schools
164,200
Middle Schools
19,100
High Schools
12,900
Arts & Science Colleges
925
Professional Colleges
374
Universities
Public Sector (including one Women University)
29
Private Sector
10

- Transport & Communication

Total length of roads
251,845 km
Pakistan Railway network
7,791 km
Railway stations 781
Pakistan International Airlines
Covers 33 international and 21 domestic stations with a fleet of 44 planes.

Major Airports

8 (Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore, Quetta, Peshawar, Multan, Faisalabad and Gwadar)

- Seaports

International
2 (Karachi and Bin Qasim.)
Fish Harbours-Cum-Mini Ports
3 (Minora, Gawadar, and Keti Bandar)

- Communications

Post Offices
12,267
Telephone connections
4,589,000

Public Call Offices
1,14,527
Telegraph offices
328
Internet Connections
1.9 million

Employment

Total Labour force
42.38 million
Employed Labour Force
39.41 million
Agriculture Sector
18.91 million
Manufacturing & Mining sector
4.51 million
Construction
2.25 million
Trade
5.27 million
Transport
1.97 million
Finance, Community & Social Services
5.90 million
Others
5.87 million

- Media

Print Media (In accordance with Central Media List)

Dailies
414
Weeklies
392
Fortnightlies
50
Monthlies
259
Annually
01
Quarterly
03

News Agencies

Official
APP

Private

PPI, NNI, On Line and Sana.

Electronic Media**TV Centres**

Five TV centres at Islamabad, Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta and Karachi covering 88.58% population and 29 re-broadcasting stations.

Pakistan Television

4 channels (PTV-I, PTV-II (PTV World), PTV-III & PTV-IV)

Registered TV sets

3,604,000

Radio Stations

Public:

Total 25, Home services in 19 languages. External Services cover 81 countries in 15 languages

Private:

Radio stations 3, TV transmitter channels 3

Cable Operators 900

- Banks

Central Bank

State Bank of Pakistan

Other Banks

National Bank of Pakistan

Habib Bank Ltd.

United Bankn Ltd.

Muslim Commercial Bank Ltd.

Allied Bank of Pakistan Ltd.

First Woman Bank

Mehran Bank

The Bank of Punjab

Bank of Khyber

Specialized Banks

Agricultural Development Bank of Pakistan

Federal Bank for Co-operatives

Industrial Development Bank of Pakistan

The Punjab Provincial Co-operative Bank

- Famous MountainPeaks

K-2 (Mt. Godwin Austin)

28,250 ft./8611 m (2nd in World)
Nanga Parbat
26,660 ft./8126 m (8th in World)
Gasherbrum-I
26,470 ft./8068 m (11th in World)

- Famous Mountain Passes

The Khyber Pass
NWFP
The KurramPass
FATA
The TochiPass
FATA
The GomalPass
NWFP
The Bolan Pass
Balochistan
The LowariPass
Chitral (NWFP)
The KhunjrabPass
Northern Areas

- Rivers

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

Siachin
75 km
Batura
55 km
Baltoro
65 km

Deserts

Thar
Sindh

Cholistan
Punjab
Thal
Punjab

• **Lakes**

Manchar
Sindh
Keenjhar
Sindh
Hanna
Balochistan
Saif-ul-Maluk
NWFP
Satpara
Northern Areas
Kachura
Northern Areas

• **Major Dams**

Mangla Dam
Punjab
Tarbela Dam
NWFP
Warsak Dam
NWFP