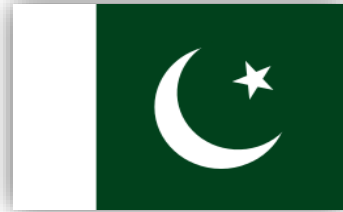


# COUNTRY PROFILE

## PAKISTAN



**Location:** Southern Asia, bordering the Arabian Sea, between India on the east and Iran and Afghanistan on the west and China in the north

**Capital:** Islamabad

**Government Type:** Federal Parliamentary Republic

**Area:**

Total: 796,095 sq km

Land: 770,875 sq km

Water: 25,220 sq km

**Population:** 201,995,540 (July 2016 est.)

**Population Density:** (per sq KM) 245 (2015)

**Population Growth Rate:** 1.45% (2016 est.)

**Population below Poverty Line:**

**Ethnic Groups:** Punjabi 44.68%, Pashtun (Pathan) 15.42%, Sindhi 14.1%, Sariaiki 8.38%, Muhajirs 7.57%, Balochi 3.57%, other 6.28%

**Climate:** Mostly hot, dry desert; temperate in northwest; arctic in north

**Natural Resources:** Arable land, extensive natural gas reserves, limited petroleum, poor quality coal, iron ore, copper, salt, limestone etc.

**Languages:** Punjabi 48%, Sindhi 12%, Saraiki (a Punjabi variant) 10%, Pashto (alternate name, Pashtu) 8%, Urdu (official) 8%, Balochi 3%, Hindko 2%, Brahui 1%, English (official), Burushaski, and other 8%

**Religions:** Muslim (official) 96.4% (Sunni 85-90%, Shia 10-15%), other (includes Christian and Hindu) 3.6% (2010 est.)

**Land use:**

Agricultural Land: 35.2% (arable land 27.6%; permanent crops 1.1%; permanent pasture 6.5%)

Forest: 2.1%

Other: 62.7% (2011 est.)

**Natural hazards:** frequent earthquakes, occasionally severe especially in north and west; flooding along the Indus after heavy rains (July and August)

**Literacy:** 57.9%

**GDP - real growth rate:** 4.7% (2016 est.)

**GDP - per capita (PPP):** \$5,100 (2016 est.)

**Exports:** \$20.96 billion (2016 est.)

**Exports commodities:** textiles (garments, bed linen, cotton cloth, yarn), rice, leather goods, sporting goods, chemicals, manufactures, carpets and rugs

**Improved Drinking Water Source:** 91.4% of population

**Improved Sanitation Facility Access:** 63.5% of population