

## 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: 240,485,658 WDI-2023

Rural Population: 149,004,914 (2023)

Population Density: (per sq KM) 300.17 2021 WDI

Population Growth Rate: 1.95% 2023 WDI

Population below Poverty Line: 21.9% (2022) WDI

Ethnic Groups: Punjabi 44.7%, Pashtun (Pathan) 15.4%, Sindhi 14.1%, Saraiki 8.4%, Muhajirs 7.6%, Baloch 3.6%, other 6.3%.

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 38.8%, Pashto (alternate name, Pashtu) 18.2%, Sindhi 14.6%, Saraiki (a Punjabi variant) 12.2%, Urdu 7.1%, Balochi 3%, Hindko 2.4%, Brahui 1.2%, other 2.4%.

Religions: Muslim (official) 96.5% (Sunni 85-90%, Shia 10-15%), other (includes Christian and Hindu) 3.5%.

Land Use:

Agricultural Land: 46.6% (2022) FAO. (Arable land 84.1% (2022) FAO/ Permanent crops 2.0% (2022) FAO/ Permanent meadows and pastures 13.9% (2022)

Forest: 4.77% 2021 WDI

Other: 62.7%

Natural Hazards: frequent earthquakes, occasionally s (evere especially in north and west; flooding along the Indus after heavy rains (July and August).

Literacy: 58% WDI 2021

GDP - Real Growth Rate: -0.0048% WDI 2023

GDP - Per Capita (PPP): \$1,663.98 WDI 2023

Exports:: \$31.55 Billion (2021).WB.

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

Improved Drinking Water Source: 90.62% of population (2022) WDI.

Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 70.52%. of population (2022) WDI