Issues of Pakistan’s economy

International ranking of Pakistan

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| cauliflower and  broccoli production | 9th |  |  |
|  |  | **The country is Asia's largest** [**camel**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camel) **market, second-largest** [**apricot**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apricot) **and** [**ghee**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ghee) **market and third-largest** [**cotton**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cotton)**,** [**onion**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Onion) **and** [**milk**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milk) **market.** | |
| Chickpeas | 2nd |
| Cotton | 4th |
| Apricot | 4th |
| Sugarcane | 4th |
| Milk | 4th |
| Onion | 7th |
| Wheat | 8th |  |  |
| Date palm | 6th | Pakistan [ranks fifth](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_GDP_sector_composition) in the [Muslim world](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muslim_world) and twentieth worldwide in farm output. | |
| Mango | 7th |
| Oranges etc. | 8th |
| Rice | 11th |
| Fish | 32 |
| Livestock of donkeys | 2nd |  |  |
| Total area | 34th/ 233 | **In 2005, Pakistan produced 21,591,400 metric tons of wheat, more than all of Africa (20,304,585 metric tons) and nearly as much as all of South America (24,557,784 metric tons), according to the** [**FAO**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Food_and_Agriculture_Organization) | |
| Highest point | 2nd/241 |
| Fertility rate | 52/233 |
| English speaking population | 3rd/133 |
| HDI | 136th/177 |
| Quality of life index | 93/ 111 |
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| Literacy rate | 159th/177 |
| Population | 5th/221 |
| Population density | 58th/ 241 |  |  |
| Economy |  | Pakistan's principal natural resources are [arable land](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arable_land) and water. About 25% of Pakistan's total land area is under cultivation and is watered by one of the largest [irrigation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irrigation) systems in the world. Pakistan irrigates three times more acres than Russia. | |
| Exports | 61/196 |
| Imports | 49/197 |
| GDP (PPP) | 26th/179 |
| GDP (PPP) per capita | 127/179 |
| Global competitiveness index | 91/125 |
| Ease of doing business | 76/178 |  |  |
| Labour force | 10th/ 222 | [active troops](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_number_of_active_troops), ranked 7 out of 166 countries  [List of countries by number of total troops](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_number_of_total_troops): 12 out of 165 countries.  [Size of armed forces](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_size_of_armed_forces): 7th in the world. | |
| Natural gas reserves | 29/207 |
| Reserve of foreign exchange and gold | 59/159 |
| Telephone lines in use | 33/232 |
| Mobile phone in use | 9th/222 |
| Internet | 57th/233 |  | |
| Internet users | 34th/ 216 |

Source: FAO, World Fact Book, etc.