

Following handout will be helpful to know some basic facts of Pakistan economic, social and political situations. It may be helpful to analyze the relative position of Pakistan as well. Nothing is added by me in this handout. You should search for original source. The basic purpose is just to give a list of ranking or figures.

Source: Main source is Wikipedia while specific sources are also provided within text. Please search for specific source for further analysis. Everything is written as it is without any change.

Ranking of Pakistan

Pakistan's principal natural resources are arable land and water. About 25% of Pakistan's total land area is under cultivation and is watered by one of the largest irrigation systems in the world. Pakistan irrigates three times more acres than Russia. Agriculture accounts for about 23% of GDP and employs about 44% of the labor force. Pakistan is one of the world's largest producers and suppliers of the following according to the 2005 [Food and Agriculture Organization](#) of The United Nations and [FAOSTAT](#) given here with ranking:

- [Chickpea](#) (2nd)
- [Apricot](#) (4th)
- [Cotton](#) (4th)
- [Sugarcane](#) (5th)
- [Milk](#) (5th)
- [Onion](#) (5th)
- [Date Palm](#) (6th)
- [Mango](#) (7th)
- [Tangerines, mandarin oranges](#), clementine (8th)
- [Rice](#) (11th)
- [Wheat](#) (9th)
- [Oranges](#) (10th)

Pakistan ranks fifth in the Muslim world and twentieth worldwide in farm output. It is the world's fifth largest milk producer.

Crops

The most important crops are wheat, sugarcane, cotton, and rice, which together account for more than 75% of the value of total crop output.

Pakistan's largest food crop is wheat. 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](#)^[7]

Pakistan has also cut the use of dangerous pesticides dramatically. [1]

Pakistan is a net food exporter, except in occasional years when its harvest is adversely affected by droughts. Pakistan exports rice, cotton, fish, fruits (especially Oranges and Mangoes), and vegetables and imports vegetable oil, wheat, cotton, pulses and consumer foods. The country is Asia's largest camel market, second-largest apricot and ghee market and third-largest cotton, onion and milk market.

The economic importance of agriculture has declined since independence, when its share of GDP was around 53%. Following the poor harvest of 1993, the government introduced agriculture assistance policies, including increased support prices for many agricultural commodities and expanded availability of agricultural credit. From 1993 to 1997, real growth in the agricultural sector averaged 5.7% but has since declined to about 4%. Agricultural reforms, including increased wheat and oilseed production, play a central role in the government's economic reform package.

Much of the Pakistan's agriculture output is utilized by the country's growing processed-food industry. The value of processed retail food sales has grown 12 percent annually during the Nineties and was estimated at over \$1 billion in 2000, although supermarkets accounted for just over 10% of the outlets. [2]

The Federal Bureau of Statistics provisionally valued *major crop* yields at Rs.504,868 million in 2005 thus registering over 55% growth since 2000 [3] while *minor crop* yields were valued at Rs.184,707 million in 2005 thus registering over 41% growth since 2000.

Livestock

According to the *Economic Survey of Pakistan*,^[8] the livestock sector contributes about half of the value added in the agriculture sector, amounting to nearly 11 per cent of Pakistan's GDP, which is more than the crop sector.

The leading daily newspaper *Jang* reports that the national herd consists of 24.2 million cattle, 26.3 million buffaloes, 24.9 million sheep, 56.7 million goats and 0.8 million camels. In addition to these there is a vibrant poultry sector in the country with more than 530 million birds produced annually. These animals produce 29.472 million tons of milk (making Pakistan the 5th largest producer of milk in the world), 1.115 million tons of beef, 0.740 million tons of mutton, 0.416 million tons of poultry meat, 8.528 billion eggs, 40.2 thousand tons of wool, 21.5 thousand tons of hair and 51.2 million skins and hides.^[9]

The Food and Agriculture Organization reported in June 2006 that in Pakistan, the world's fifth largest milk producing country, government initiatives are being undertaken to modernize milk collection and to improve milk and milk product storage capacity.^[10]

The Federal Bureau of Statistics provisionally valued this sector at Rs.758,470 million in 2005 thus registering over 70% growth since 2000.^[11]

Fishery

Fishery plays an important role in the national economy. It provides employment to about 400,000 fishermen directly. In addition, another 500,000 people are employed in ancillary industries. It is also a major source of export earning. In July-May 2002-03 fish and fishery products valued at US \$ 117 million were exported from Pakistan. Federal Government is responsible for fishery of Exclusive Economic Zone of Pakistan.

International rankings of Pakistan

Source: main search from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, specific sources are provided in different tables

The International Rankings of Pakistan and other statistics are given below.

Geography

List	Pakistan Ranking/Total Countries	Notes
<u>Total Area</u>	34th/233	*Including Azad Kashmir and Northern Areas
<u>Length of coastline</u>	82nd/196	
<u>Highest Point</u>	2nd/241	K2 is the second highest peak in the world

Demographics

List	Pakistan Ranking/Total Countries	Source	Notes
<u>Fertility Rate</u>	52nd/223	CIA TFR Ranking	
English-speaking population	9th/133	<u>List of countries by English-speaking population</u>	
Human Development	136th/177	<u>United Nations Development Programme's Human</u>	

Index		<u>Development Report</u>	
<u>Quality-of-life index</u>	93/111	<u>Economist Intelligence Unit</u>	2005 est.
Literacy rate	160th/177	<u>List of countries by literacy rate</u>	
Population	6th/221	CIA World Factbook	Total Population 2008 est., 172,800,048
Population Density	58th/241	<u>Economist Intelligence Unit</u>	<u>List of countries and dependencies by population density</u>

Economy

List	Pakistan Ranking/Total Countries	Source	Notes
Account Balance	172/188	CIA World Factbook	2007 est
Exports	63/196	<u>List of countries by exports</u>	2007 est
Imports	49/197	<u>List of countries by imports</u>	2007 est.
<u>Index of Economic Freedom</u>	93/157 ¹¹¹	<u>The Wall Street Journal and the Heritage Foundation</u>	2008 est
GDP (nominal) per capita	135/182	<u>International Monetary Fund</u>	2006 est.
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GDP (PPP)	26/179	<u>International Monetary Fund</u>	2007 est.
GDP (PPP) per capita	127/179	<u>International Monetary Fund</u>	2007 est
<u>Global Competitiveness Index</u>	91/125	<u>World Economic Forum</u>	2006-2007

<u>Ease of Doing Business Index</u>	76/178	<u>World Bank</u>	
Labor Force	10/222	CIA World Book Fact	
Inflation rate	163/224	CIA World Book Fact	2007 est.
Natural gas reserves	29/207	CIA World Book Fact	2006 est.
Reserves of foreign exchange and gold	59/155	CIA World Book Fact	31 December 2007 est.

Environmental

- Yale University: Environmental Sustainability Index 2005, ranked 131 out of 146 countries
- New Economics Foundation: Happy Planet Index 2006, ranked 112 out of 178 countries

Globalization

- A.T. Kearney/Foreign Policy Magazine: Globalization Index 2006, ranked 56 out of 62 countries
- KOF: Globalization Index 2008, ranked 75 out of 122 countries^[2]

Military

- The World Factbook: military funding, 22 out of 170 countries
- CSIS: active troops, ranked 7 out of 166 countries
- List of countries by number of total troops: 12 out of 165 countries.
- Size of armed forces: 7th in the world.

Political

List	Pakistan Ranking/Total Countries	Source	Notes
<u>Corruption Perceptions Index</u>	134/180	<u>Transparency International</u>	2008 est.

<u>Worldwide press freedom index</u>	152/173	<u>Reporters Without Borders</u>	2007 est.
<u>Democracy Index</u>	108/167	<u>Economist Intelligence Unit</u>	2008 est.
<u>Failed States Index</u>	9/177	<u>Fund for Peace and Foreign Policy magazine</u>	2008 est.

Technological

List	Pakistan Ranking/Total Countries	Source	Notes
Number of internet users	17/220	<u>The World Factbook</u>	2007 est.
Telephones - main lines in use	34/231	The World Factbook	2008 est.
Mobile cellular	8/222	The World Factbook	2008 est.