



Opinion Poll

Special Press Release

**PAKISTAN LABOR FORCE SURVEY
EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS**

6 in 10 Masters degree holder women are not currently employed, proportion of unemployed is higher in urban areas (7%) as compared to rural areas (3%), as education increases chances of being employed increase as well: Gallup Big Data Analytics on Pakistan Labor Force Survey

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Introduction to the Gallup Data Analytics series on Pakistan Labor Force Survey data:

This press release is the first part of a special Gallup Data Analytics series that aims to foster an empirical understanding of the changing contours in the employment scenario of Pakistan based on data generated by the Labor Force Survey.

The Labor Force Survey has been conducted by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics since 1963. The survey's sample size comprises of around 43,000 households and produces gender disaggregated national and provincial level estimates with rural/urban breakdown. The primary aim of the survey is to collect a set of comprehensive statistics on the different dimensions of Pakistan's civilian labor force as a mean to inform policy-making and pave the way for skill development, planning, employment generation, assessing the role and importance of the informal sector and, analyzing the volume, characteristics and contours of employment. **Gallup Pakistan Data Analytics** team has worked extensively on this data and this series of press releases are our attempt to publicize the great efforts done by hundreds of office bearers of Bureau of Statistics who have travelled far and wide to collect this data.

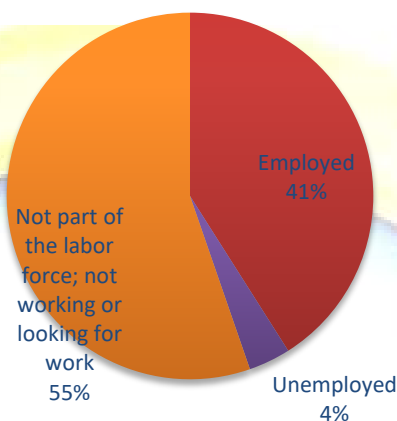
This particular press release aims to assess the employment scenario across Pakistan with various demographic breakdowns to provide further insight into the results.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the four provinces were asked "*What were your principal activities during most of the last 12 months?*". In response to this question, 41% Pakistanis said that they were employed, 3.7% said that they were unemployed while 55.3% claimed that they were not in the labor force i.e. they were not working, looking for work or available for work.



Question: “What were your principal activities during most of the last 12 months?”

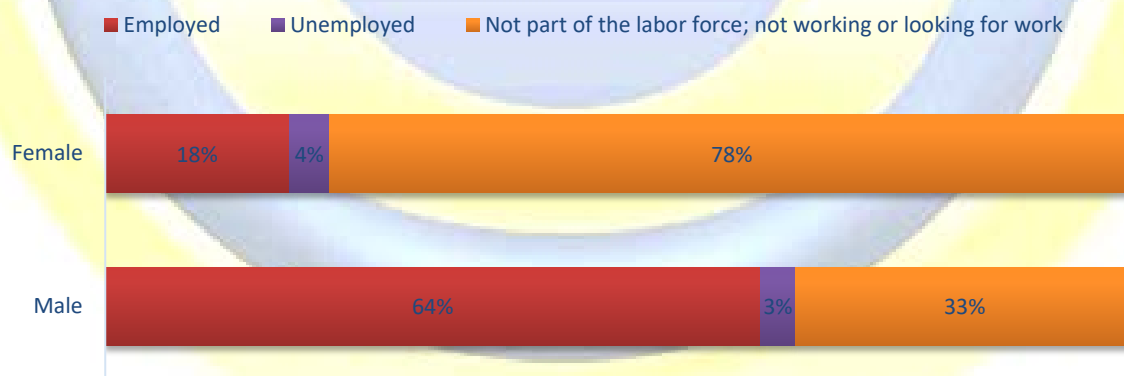
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Gender Breakdown: 78% females are not part of the labor force as compared to 33% males, showing that there is significant gender asymmetry in Pakistan’s labor force. Compared to 64% males, only 18% females are employed as per the Labor Force Survey.

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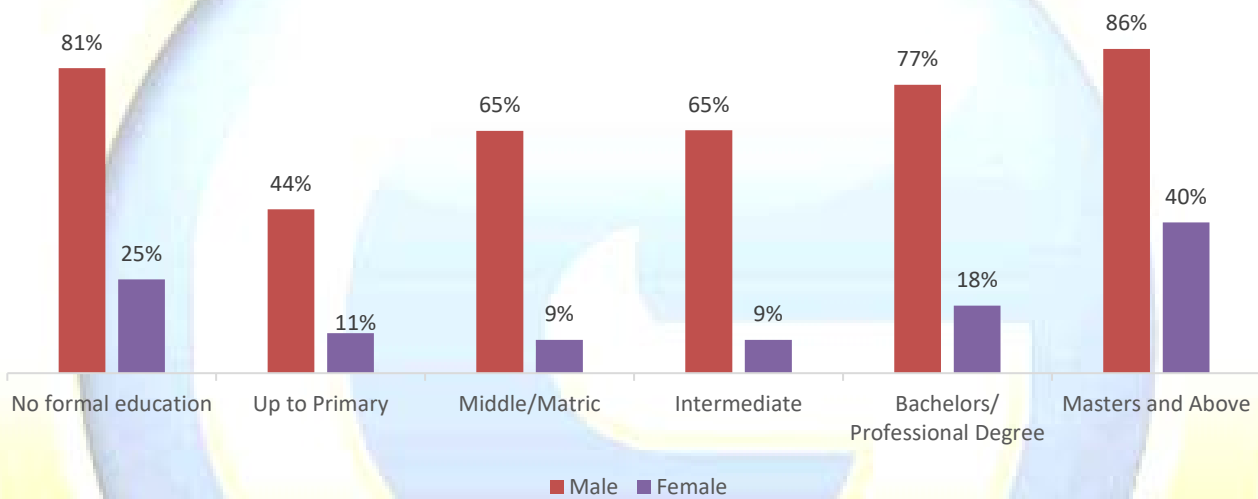
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Education Breakdown: Those with a Masters degree and above most likely (66% having this degree report) to be employed, followed by those with a Bachelors or professional degree (53%). Those with no formal education are more likely to be employed compared to primary level (30%), Middle/Matric (43%) and Intermediate (41%).

Education and Gender : Fewer females are employed despite having similar education levels. 86.4% of males with a Masters degree and above are employed; this is more than double the number of females (40%) with a Masters Degree and above who are employed.

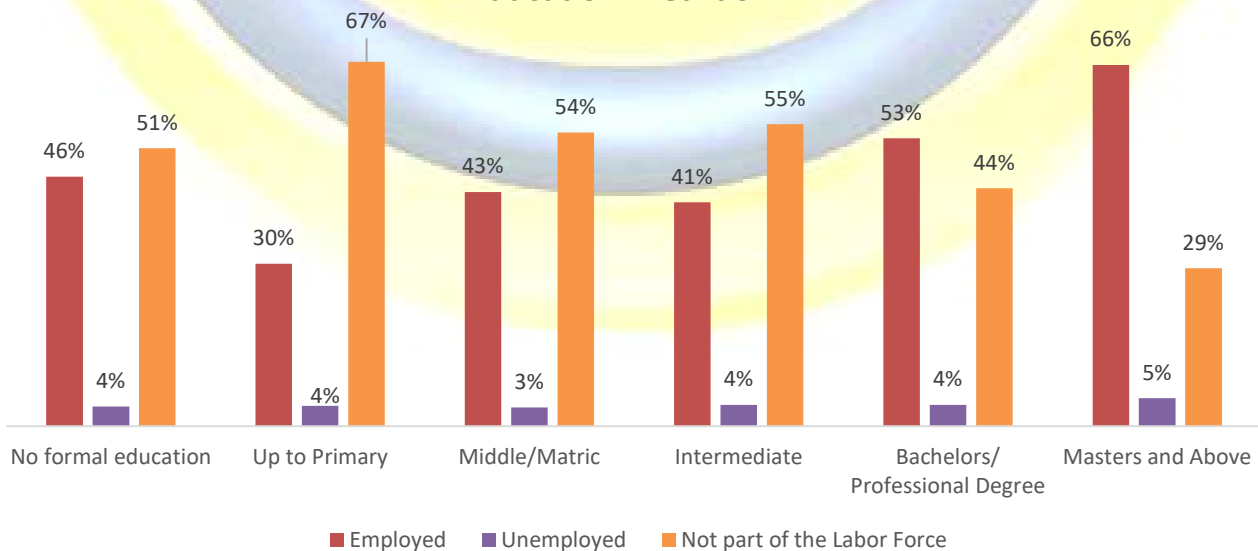
While 77% males with a Bachelors degree are employed, only 18% of females with a bachelors degree are employed. While fewer women are part of the labor force, these statistics are noteworthy because within almost all education levels, the proportion of females who report unemployment is higher than those of males.

Gender-Education Breakdown (Employed)



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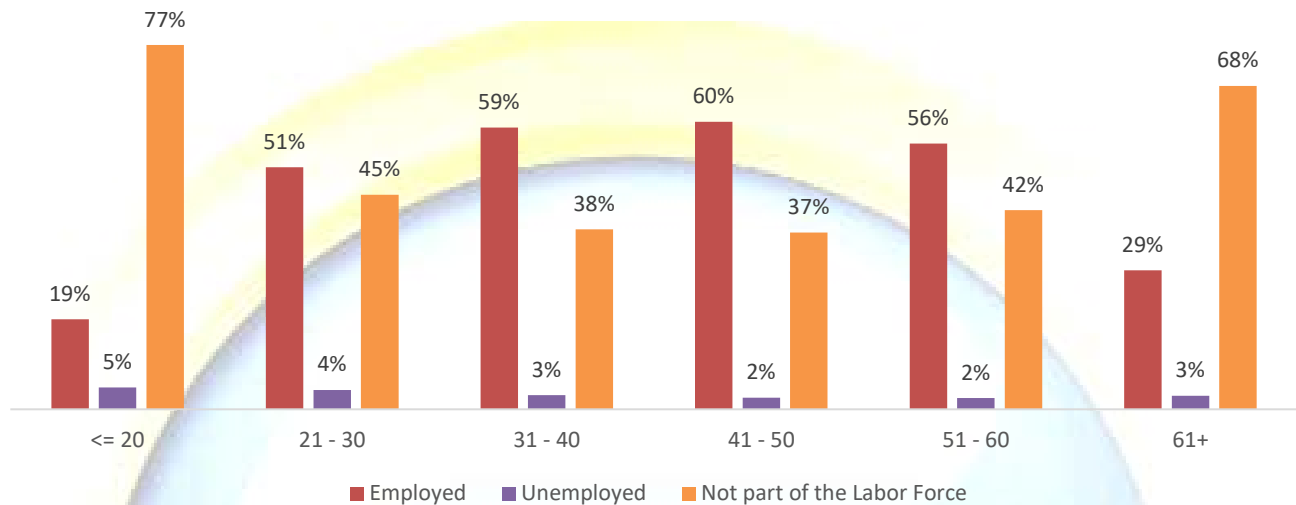
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Age Breakdown: Unemployment highest among people of ages under 20 (4.6%) and between 21 and 30 (4.1%) implying that Pakistan's youth bulge is bearing the brunt of unemployment. Age groups 31-40 and 41-50 report the highest degrees of employment.

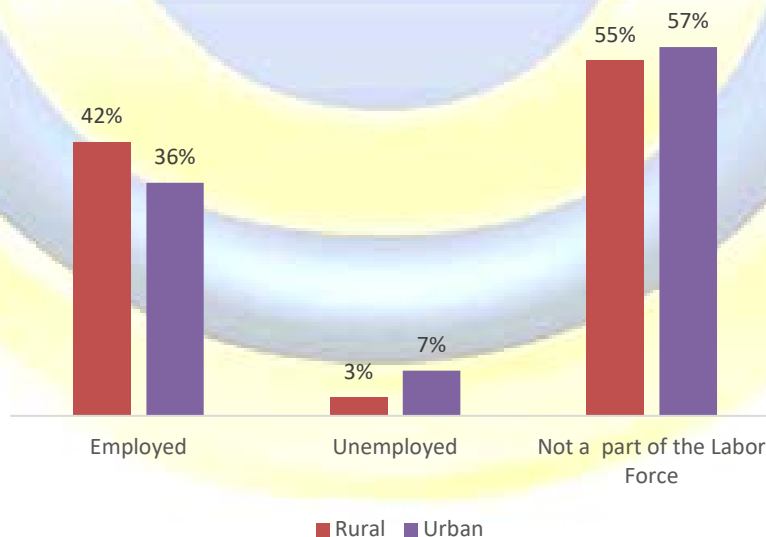
Age Breakdown



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Urban/Rural Breakdown: Higher number of people are unemployed in urban areas (7%) compared to rural areas (3%). Alternatively, while 42% of Pakistan's rural population is employed, the number is smaller (36%) for the urban population.

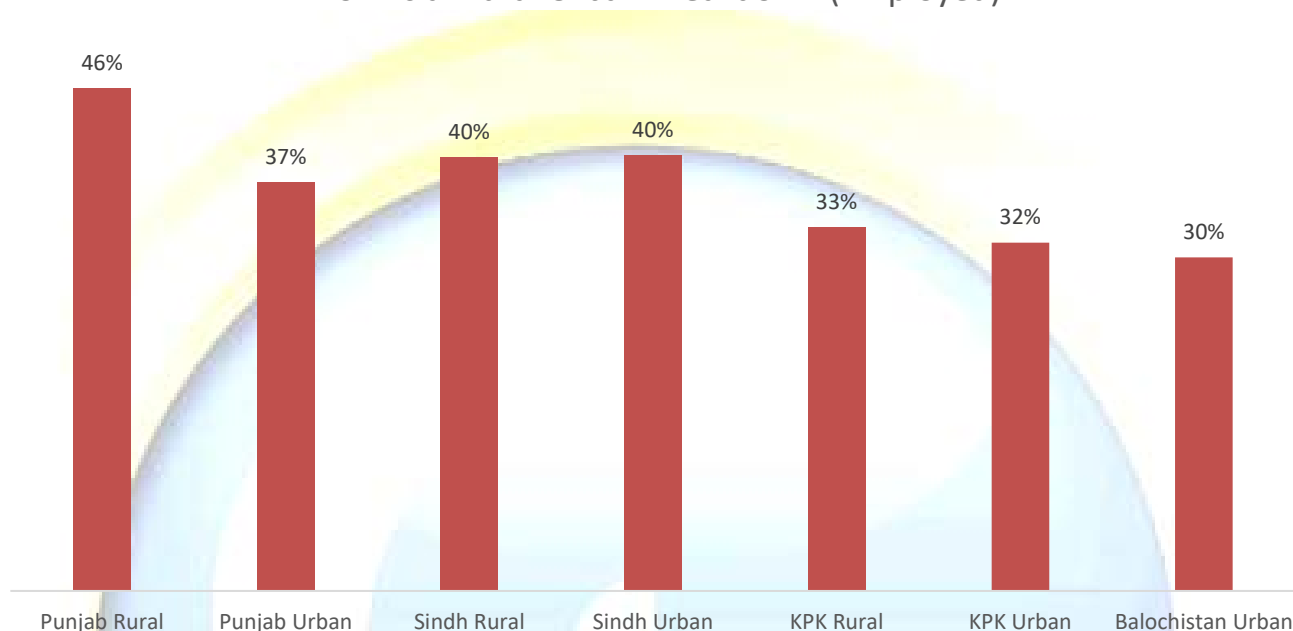
Urban/Rural Breakdown



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Province Rural Urban Breakdown: Rural Punjab (45.9%) reports the highest proportion of employed people; this is followed by urban Sindh (39.8%).

Provincial Rural Urban Breakdown (Employed)



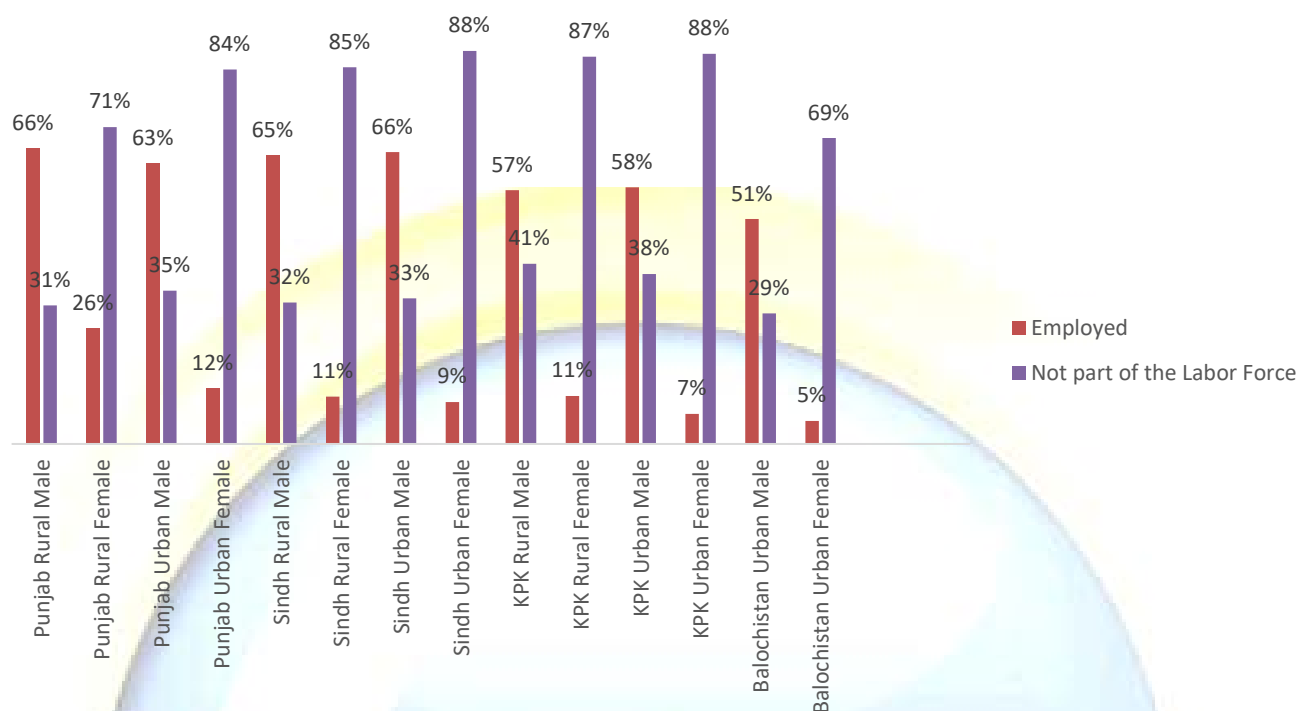
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Province Rural Urban Gender Breakdown: Males from rural Punjab are most likely to be employed followed by males from Urban Sindh.

Among women , Rural Punjab women are at the top with almost 1 in 4 (26%) report being employed. The lowest number among women of being employed is reported from Urban Balochistan.

Due to logistical issues LFS did not cover Rural Balochistan in the survey.

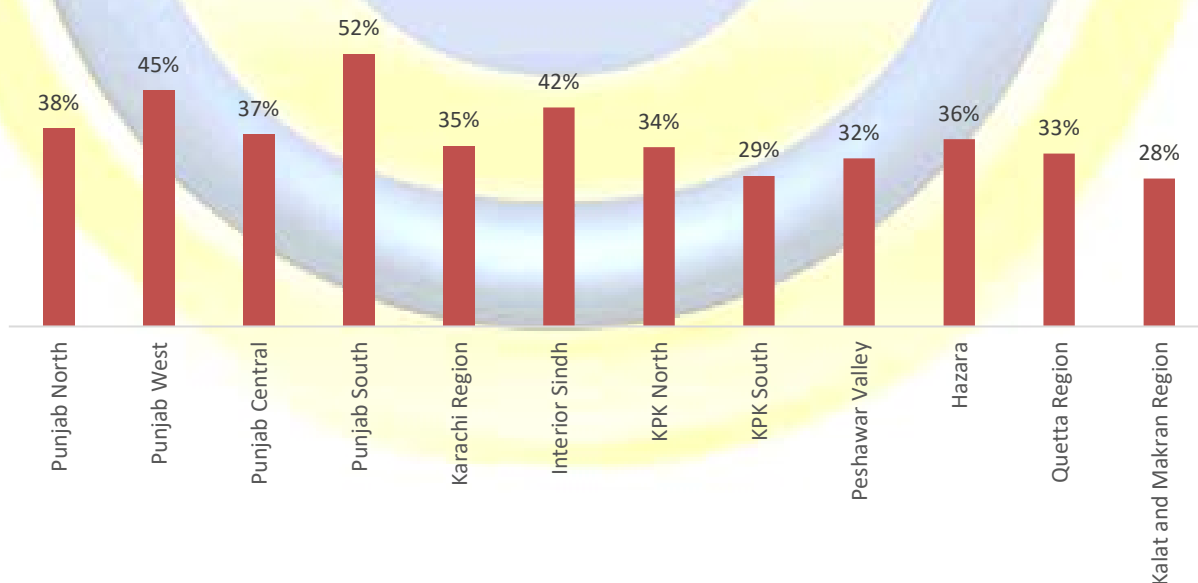
Provincial Rural Urban Gender Breakdown



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12 regions Breakdown: South Punjab (52.5%) reports highest levels of employment as compared to the lowest levels which are found in Kalat and Makran Region (28.5%) and KPK South (28.9%).

12 Regions Breakdown (Employed)



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Gallup Pakistan Snapshot of Demographic & Geographic Employment in Pakistan

Gender Breakdown(% reporting to be employed)	Females (20%)	Males (64%)
Urban Rural Breakdown (% reporting to be employed)	Urban Areas (36%)	Rural Areas (42%)
Age Breakdown(% reporting to be employed)	21-30 (51%)	51-60 (56%)
Province wise Urban/Rural breakdown(% reporting to be employed)	Rural Punjab (Highest) (46%)	Urban Balochistan (Lowest) (31%)

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