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17 % of Pakistani households that have children of school going age report that no child attends school; 54 % report that all children attend school: Gallup Big Data Analytics on PSLM data

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Introduction to the Gallup Pakistan Data Analytics series on PSLM data:

This press release is part of a special Gallup Pakistan Data Analytics series that aims to foster an empirical understanding of the education scenario of Pakistan based on data generated by the PSLM survey.

PSLM (Pakistan Social And Living Standards Measurement) is a yearly survey conducted by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics to gather data from provincial and district level to assist the government of Pakistan. It focuses on multiple social and economic factors. 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 press release aims to assess the education scenario in terms of households reporting whether all, some or none of the children attend school

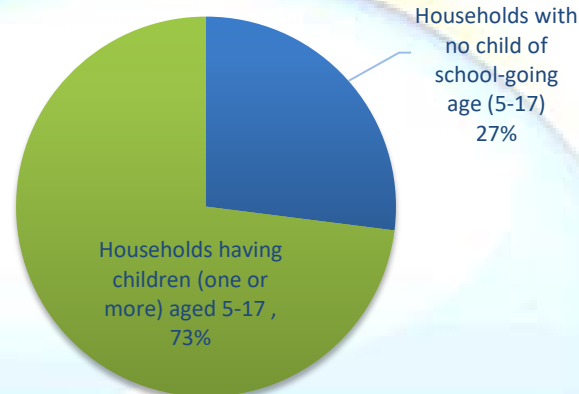
KEY FINDINGS:

1. 73% Pakistani households (24.3 million) have children aged between 5 and 17
2. 17% of Pakistani households with children of school-going age report that no child from their household is attending school
3. 29% households report that some children from their household attend school
4. 54% Pakistani households that have children of school going age report that all children from their household are going to school
5. Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Lahore, and Karachi have the highest percentage of households where all children are attending school
6. Zhob, Sibbi, Kalat, Bannu and Nasirabad are the bottom 5 divisions where the lowest percentage of households report that all children go to school
7. Compared to rural households, 22% more urban households report that all children go to school.
8. Rural Balochistan and Rural Sindh are lagging behind the most in this respect
9. Punjab has the highest number of households [with children of ages 5-17] that report that all children attend school.

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Analysis of PSLM 2018-19 reveals that 73% Pakistani households have children of school-going age whereas 27% households (9.05 million) do not.

Households having children of school-going age



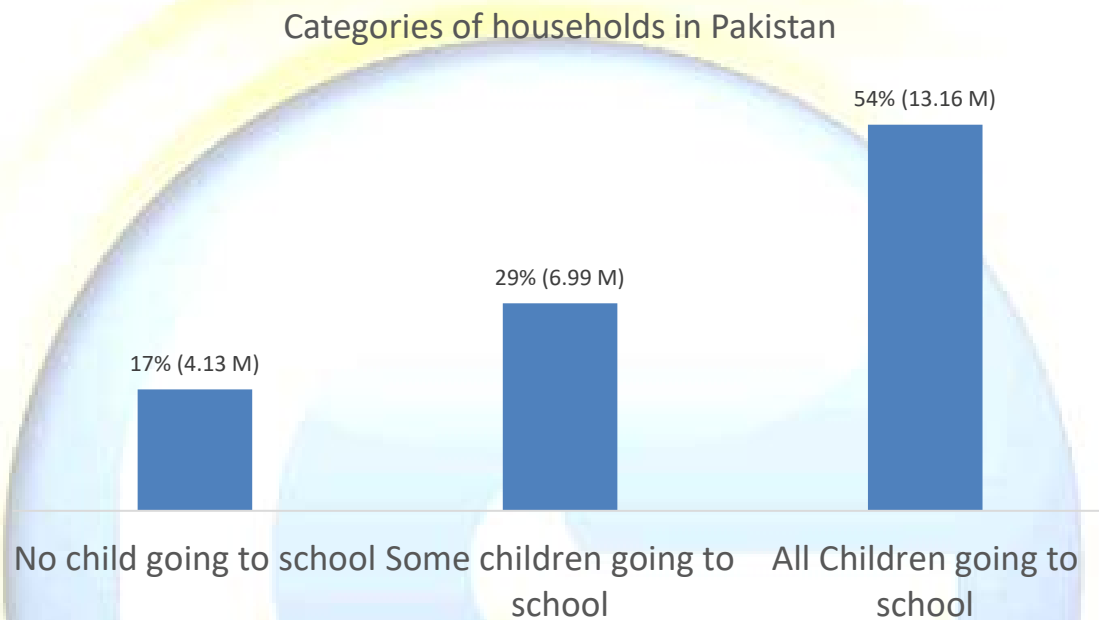
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**HAVE CHILDREN OF SCHOOL
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17% of Pakistani households that have children of school going age report that no child is going to school

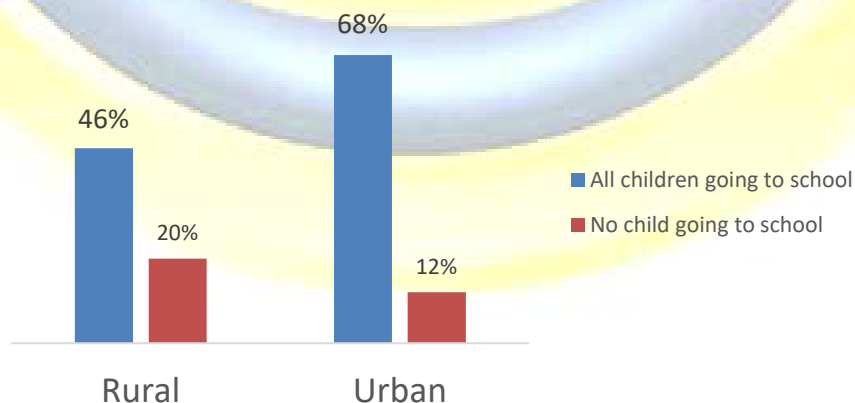
Among all households where there are children of school going age, 17% are such where no child goes to school, 29% are such where some children go to school while 54% report that all children are going to school.



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Rural-Urban breakdown: 22% more urban households report that all children go to school



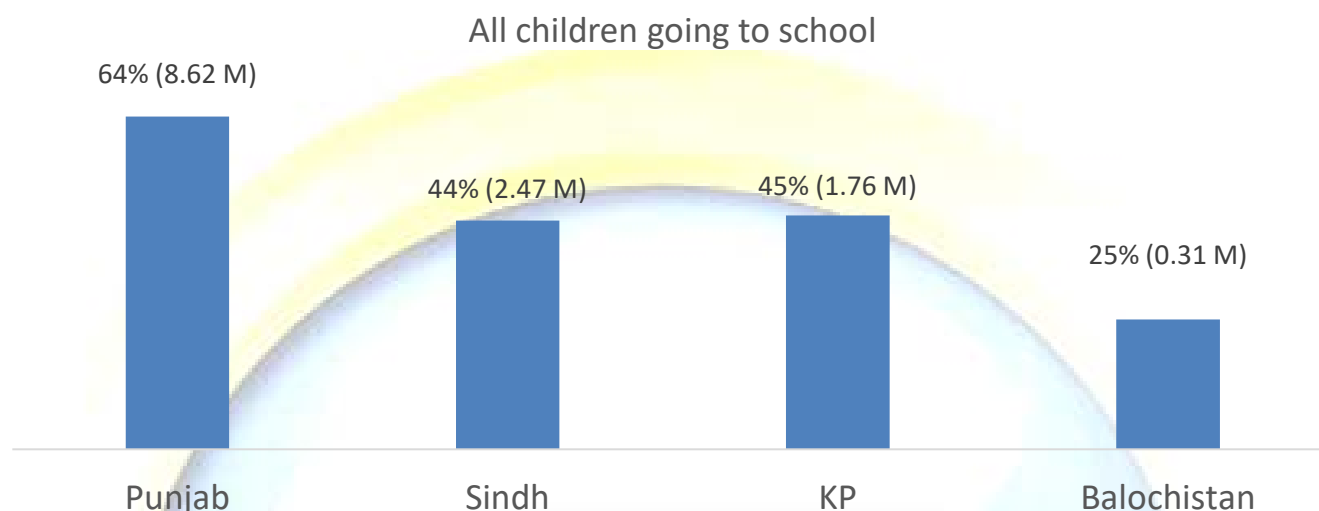
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Provincial Analysis: Punjab has the highest number of households [with children of ages between 5-17] which report that all children go to school. Balochistan has just 0.31 such households which makes up only 25% of all households in Balochistan that have children of ages 5-17.



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Further disaggregating the data to see which areas need significant attention, we see **that rural Balochistan, and rural Sindh are severely lagging in this respect.**

In rural Balochistan, only 20% households [with children of ages between 5-17] report that all children go to school.

Punjab Rural	57%
Punjab Urban	75%
Sindh Rural	24%
Sindh Urban	62%
KPK Rural	42%
KPK Urban	58%
Balochistan Rural	20%
Balochistan Urban	37%

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Analyzing the data at a more granular level reveals significant disparity among the provinces in terms of households reporting that all children are going to school.

4 of the top 5 divisions in this regard are in Northern Punjab while 1 (Karachi) is in Sindh. It is worth noting that no division from the provinces of Balochistan or KP are part of the top 5.

Top 5 divisions in terms of households reporting: ‘ALL CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL’

Division	Percentage of households reporting that all children go to school
Islamabad	78%
Rawalpindi	75%
Gujranwala	74%
Lahore	71%
Karachi	70%

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It is also concerning that 4 of the bottom 5 regions are in Balochistan. Bannu, which is in Southern KP is also part of the bottom 5.

In Zhob, for instance, only 10% of all households with children of school going age [5-17] report that all children go to school. This implies that 90% households are such where either some children go to school, or none go to school.

Bottom 5 divisions in terms of households reporting: ‘ALL CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL’

Division	Percentage of households reporting that all children go to school
Zhob	10%
Sibbi	20%
Kalat	21%
Bannu	21%
Nasirabad	22%

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The division-wise table lists down the percentages of households which report that all children attend school.

All Pakistan		54%
Region	Rural	46%
	Urban	68%
Province	Punjab	64%
	Sindh	44%
	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	45%
	Balochistan	25%
Province Rural Urban	Punjab Rural	57%
	Punjab Urban	75%
	Sindh Rural	24%
	Sindh Urban	62%
	KPK Rural	42%
	KPK Urban	58%
	Balochistan Rural	20%
	Balochistan Urban	37%
12 Regions	Punjab North	76%
	Punjab West	65%
	Punjab Central	73%
	Punjab South	52%
	Karachi Region	70%
	Interior Sindh	32%
	KPK North	41%
	KPK South	33%
	Peshawar Valley	50%
	Hazara	54%
	Quetta Region	20%
	Kalat and Makran Region	29%
Divisions-Wise	Malakand	41%
	Hazara	54%
	Mardan	51%
	Peshawar	49%
	Kohat	46%
	Bannu	21%
	Dera Ismail Khan	30%
	Islamabad	78%
	Rawalpindi	75%
	Sargodha	62%
	Faisalabad	67%
	Gujranwala	74%
	Lahore	71%
	Sahiwal	63%
	Multan	53%
	Dera Ghazi Khan	46%

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Bahawalpur	50%
Larkana	27%
Sukkur	31%
Hyderabad	35%
Mirpur Khas	28%
Karachi	70%
Shaheed Benazirabad	36%
Quetta	24%
Zhob	10%
Sibbi	20%
Nasirabad	22%
Kalat	21%
Mekran	63%

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