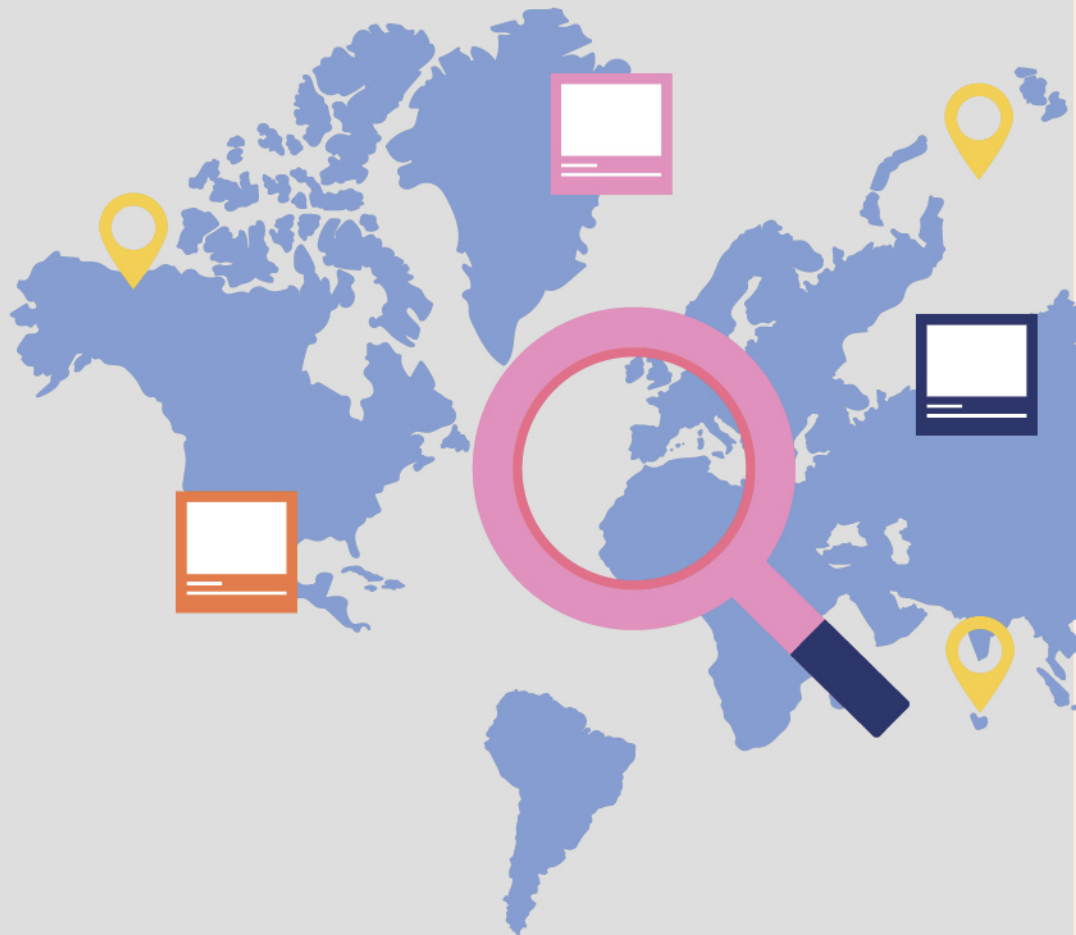


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5,154,218 Pakistani nationals were reported to be living abroad in 2017. – NUMBER OF PERSONS LIVING ABROAD: CENSUS YEAR 2017

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Gallup Pakistan, as part of its Big Data Analysis initiative, is looking at the Pakistan National Census 2017 ratified recently.

This series aims to present the important learnings from the census for policy makers, the public as well as for marketers in an easy and understandable way. The previous reports within this series sheds light on key topics like literacy ratios, population density, level of congestion, period of house construction and sources of energy, drinking water and information/communication, population with disability, Pakistani citizens holding a CNIC etc.

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Today's Topic is "Number of Persons Living Abroad: Census Year 2017"

Key Findings

- 1) **Persons Living Abroad:** 5,154,218 Pakistani nationals were reported to be living abroad in 2017.
- 2) **Persons Living Abroad by Gender:** Nearly three-quarters (74.06%) of the Pakistani nationals living abroad are males.
- 3) **Rural-Urban Breakdown:** More Pakistani citizens from rural areas (63.45%) as compared to urban areas (36.55%) were living abroad in 2017.
- 4) **Province-Wise Breakdown:** More than half of the people living abroad hail from Punjab (55.5%) followed by Sindh (19.7%), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (18.1%), Balochistan (3%), FATA (2.4%) and Islamabad (1.3%).

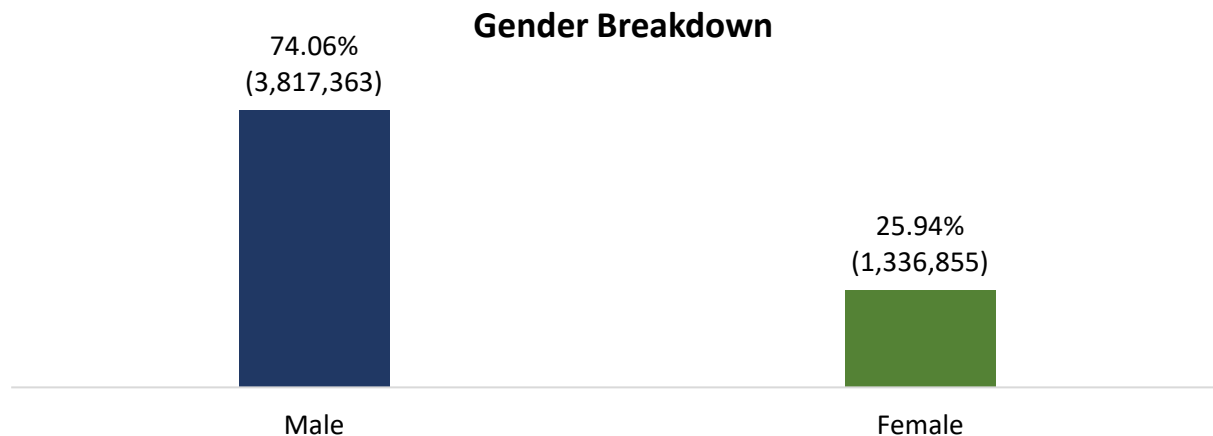
1) Persons Living Abroad: 5,154,218 Pakistani nationals were reported to be living abroad in 2017.

According to the 2017 census report, about 5,154,218 Pakistani nationals were stated to have been living out of Pakistan. That is, 2.48% of Pakistani's were reported to be living abroad out of the total population of 207,684,626 in 2017.

2) Persons Living Abroad by Gender: Nearly three-quarters (74.06%) of the Pakistani nationals living abroad are males.

The 2017 census reveals that out of the total percentage of people living abroad, men (74.06% of the persons living abroad) constitute a higher proportion of the sample compared to females which represent only 25.94% of the population; 3,817,363 males and 1,336,855 females were living abroad in 2017.

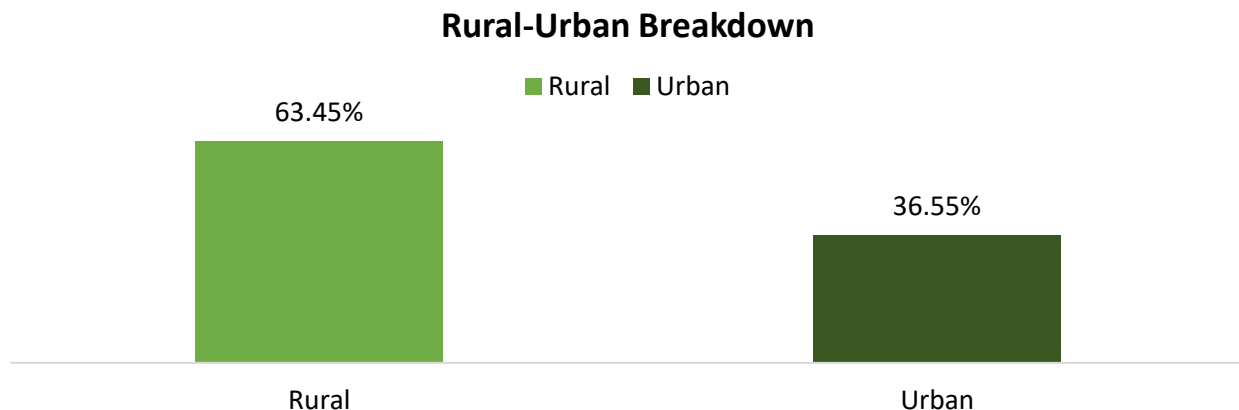
Figure 2 - Persons Living Abroad by Gender in 2017



3) Rural-Urban Breakdown: More Pakistani citizens from rural areas (63.45%) as compared to urban areas (36.55%) were living abroad in 2017:

The recent census conducted in 2017 reveals that people living abroad mainly hail from the rural areas of Pakistan with 63.45% of the total overseas Pakistanis from the rural areas. These statistics are proportional to the general distribution of people living in urban and rural areas of Pakistan - 36.44% of Pakistan's population reside in urban areas and 63.56% in rural areas.

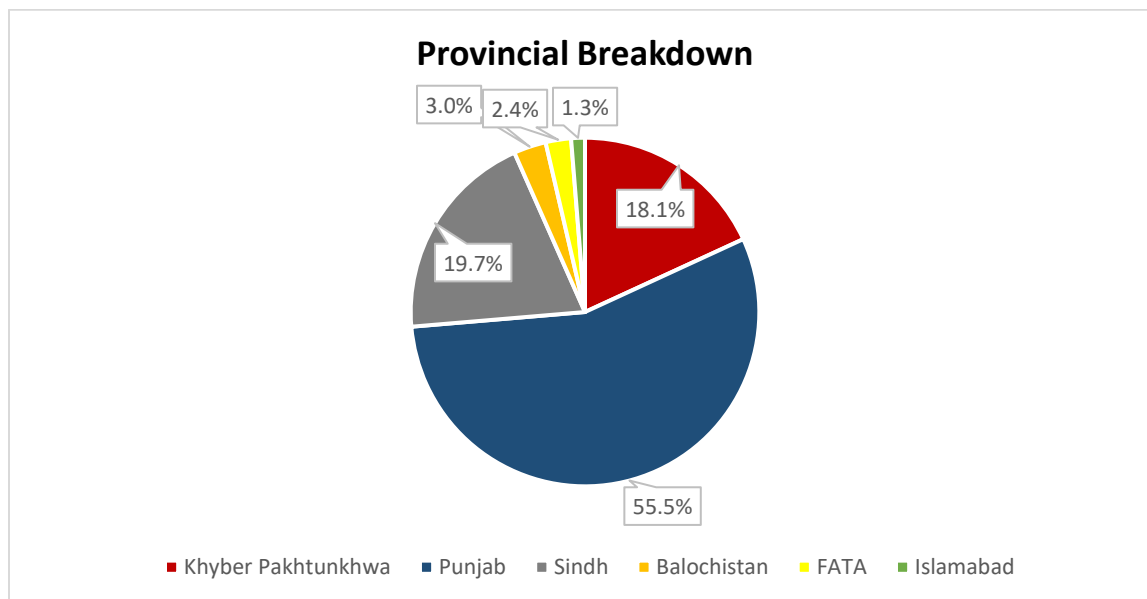
Figure 3 - Rural-Urban Breakdown: Persons Living Abroad in 2017



4) Province-Wise Breakdown: More than half of the people living abroad hail from Punjab (55.5%) followed by Sindh (19.7%), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (18.1%), Balochistan (3%), FATA (2.4%) and Islamabad (1.3%).

Majority (55.5%) of the people living overseas belong to the province of Punjab which suggests that more than half of the persons living abroad belong from only one province – Punjab. It is followed by Sindh which comprises of 19.7% overseas population. Only 1.3% of the overseas Pakistanis belong to the federal capital. Lastly, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan and FATA (now part of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) constitutes 18.1%, 3.0% and 2.4% of the persons living abroad respectively. These statistics are consistent with the distribution of population among the provinces; 53% of Pakistan's population reside in Punjab, 23% in Sindh, 15% in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 6% in Balochistan, 2% in FATA (now part of KPK) and 1% in Islamabad.

Figure 4 – Provincial Breakdown of the Persons Living Abroad in 2017



Wish to Contribute to Gallup Big Data Analysis

Gallup Pakistan is looking for collaboration with researchers to expand both the Big Data Analysis project as well as this study of National Census 2017. If you have any ideas, please write to Bilal I Gilani, Project Director, Big Data Analysis at Gallup Pakistan.

Individual Big Data Analysis reports can be found at the following links:

Male Literacy Ratio: <https://www.gallup.com.pk/post/32297>

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Population by Administrative Units: <https://www.gallup.com.pk/post/32389>

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Construction Material Used for Outer Walls: <https://www.gallup.com.pk/post/32564>

Population with Disability: <https://www.gallup.com.pk/post/32625>

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Wish to know more about National Census 2017

The 6th Population and Housing Census of Pakistan was undertaken throughout the country from 15th March to 24th May 2017. For this purpose, the country was delimited into manageable census areas i.e., Blocks, Circles, Charges and Districts. The whole exercise was successfully completed by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) through deployment of field staff in all the census areas with strong support from the Provincial Government Departments and the Armed Forces of Pakistan.

You can find more information on the national census and complete tables on www.pbs.gov.pk

Or visit:

https://www.pbs.gov.pk/sites/default/files//population_census/ncrpcr/NCR%20Pakistan.pdf

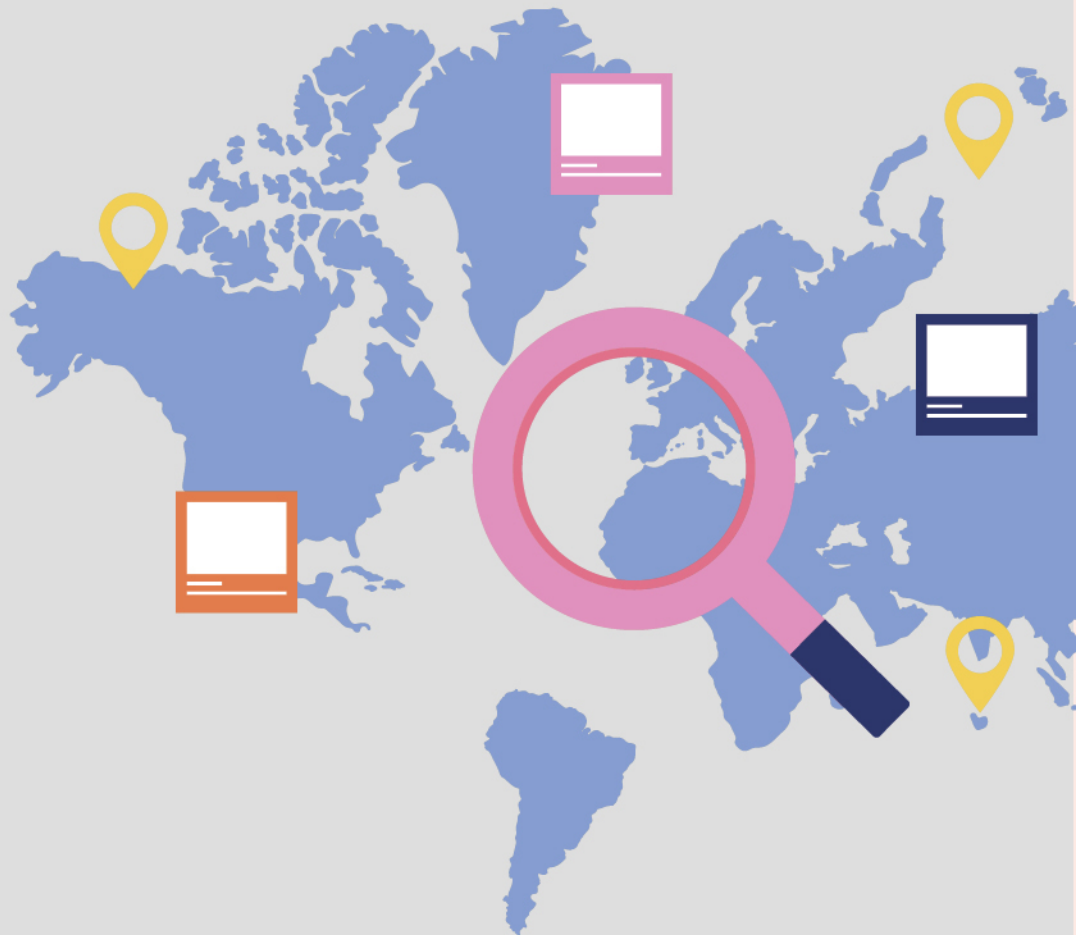
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