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38,415 Pakistani nationals were reported to be homeless in 2017. – HOMELESS POPULATION: 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 "Homeless Population: Census Year 2017"

Key Findings

- 1) **Homeless Population:** 38,415 Pakistani nationals were reported to be homeless in 2017.
- 2) **Gender Breakdown:** Nearly two-thirds (63.38%) of the Pakistani homeless population consists of males.
- 3) **Rural-Urban Breakdown:** Proportion of homeless population in rural areas (58.8%) is more as compared to urban areas (41.2%).
- 4) **Province-Wise Breakdown:** Punjab (44.1%) has the highest proportion of homeless people followed by Sindh (38.3%), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (11.3%), Balochistan (4.9%), FATA (0.7%) and Islamabad (0.6%).
- 5) **Age Breakdown:** One-third (34%) of the homeless people in Pakistan fall between the age group of 15 to 34 years.
- 6) **Economic Activity:** One quarter (27.4%) of the homeless population have previously been employed.
- 7) **Marital Status:** More than half (58.82%) of the people living without a shelter are unmarried.

1) **Homeless Population: 38,415 Pakistani nationals were reported to be homeless in 2017.**

According to the United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD; 2008), homeless persons are broadly categorized into two categories. The first category is “Primary homelessness (or rooflessness)” which includes persons living in streets or without a shelter or living quarters. The second category is “Secondary homelessness” which refers to persons with no place of usual residence who move frequently between various types of accommodation.

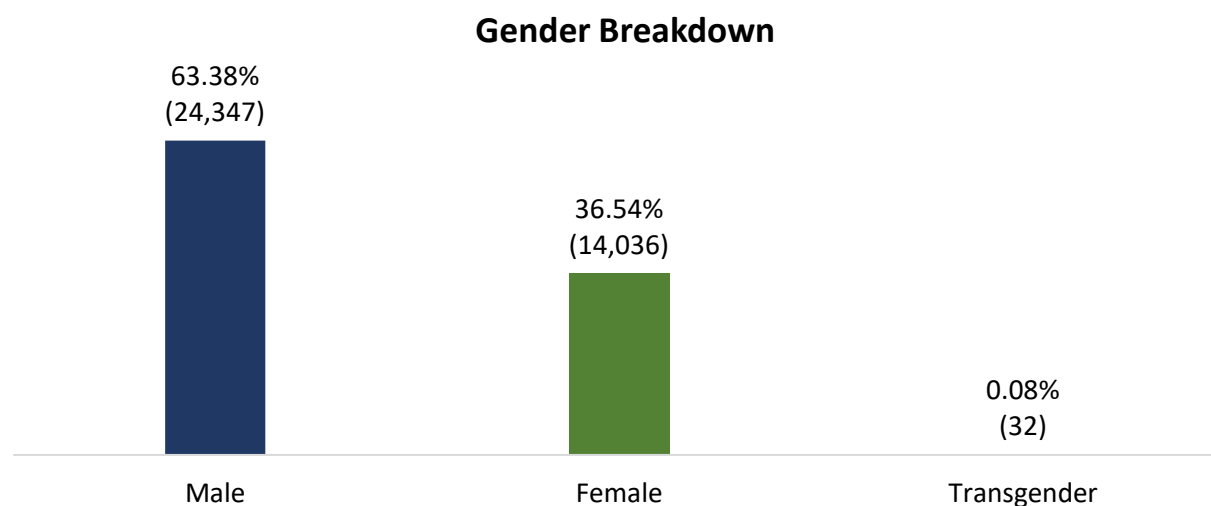
Homelessness is often a result of poverty and causes social exclusion among the population. It is a violation of Article 11(1) of the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ICESR) which acknowledges the right of everyone to housing, adequate standard of living and improved living conditions. Homelessness can translate into other forms of human rights violations, which increases vulnerability and results in lack of security of person.

In Pakistan, 38,415 nationals were reported to be homeless in 2017. That is, 0.02% of Pakistani citizens were living without a shelter in 2017.

2) **Gender Breakdown: Nearly two-thirds (63.38%) of the Pakistani homeless population consists of males.**

The census report of 2017 reports that 24,437 males, 14,036 females and 32 transgenders were without a shelter in 2017. Nearly two-thirds (63.38%) of the Pakistani homeless population consisted of males while 36.54% were females and 0.08% were transgenders.

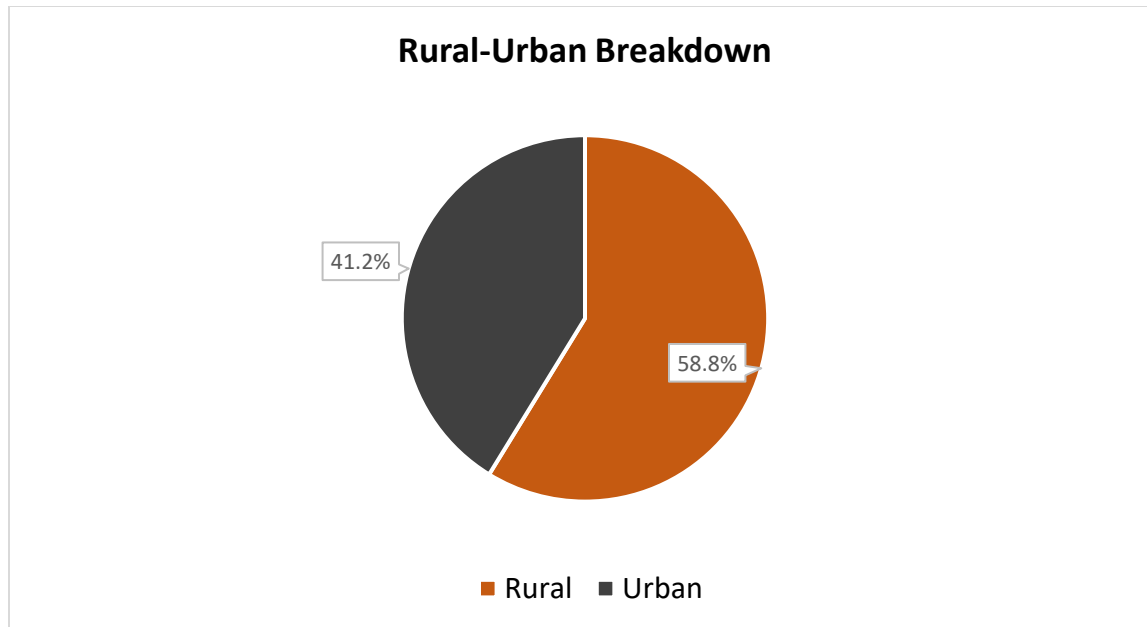
Figure 2 – Homeless Population by Gender in 2017



3) Rural-Urban Breakdown: Proportion of homeless population in rural areas (58.8%) is more as compared to urban areas (41.2%).

As per the 2017 census, 36.44% of Pakistan's population reside in urban areas and 63.56% in rural areas. Similarly, the proportion of homeless population in rural areas is 58.8% and 41.2% in urban areas. This suggests that homeless population is disproportionately more in rural areas as compared to urban areas when considering the overall distribution of the total population.

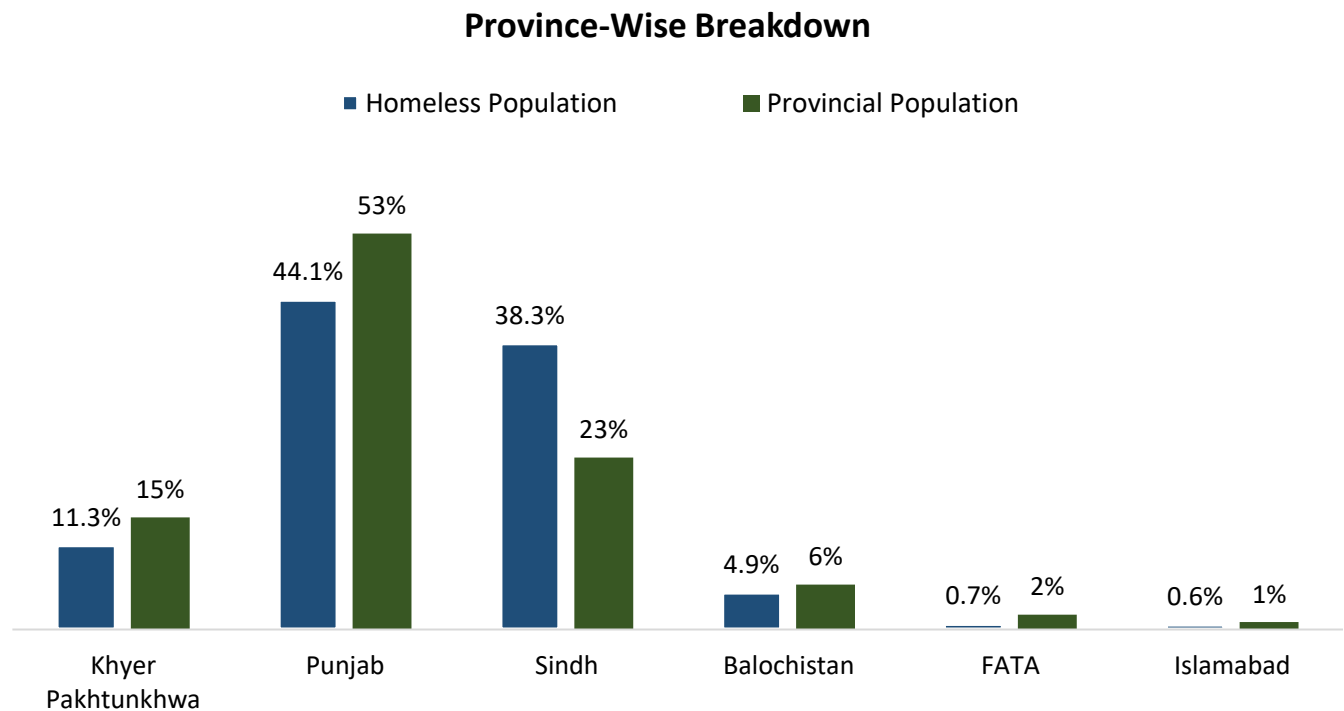
Figure 3 - Rural-Urban Breakdown: Homeless Population in 2017



4) Province-Wise Breakdown: Punjab (44.1%) has the highest proportion of homeless people followed by Sindh (38.3%), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (11.3%), Balochistan (4.9%), FATA (0.7%) and Islamabad (0.6%).

Majority (44.1%) of the homeless people belong to the province of Punjab followed by Sindh (38.3%). It is followed by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) which comprises of 11.3% of the people without a shelter. Balochistan, FATA (now part of KP) and Islamabad have 4.9%, 0.7% and 0.6% of the homeless people respectively. The distribution of population among the provinces is as follows; 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. This suggests that the homeless population in Punjab is disproportionally less than the provincial figures while it is more in Sindh where 38.3% of the population is homeless in comparison to its provincial share of 23%.

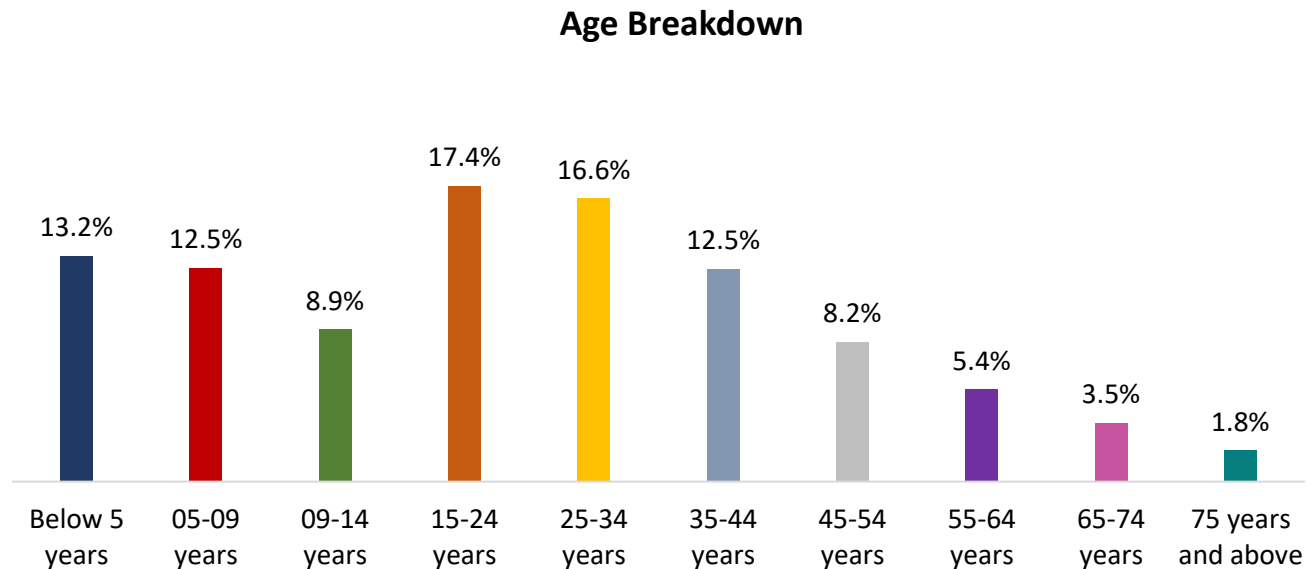
Figure 4 – Provincial Breakdown of the Homeless Persons in 2017



5) Age Breakdown: One-third (34%) of the homeless people in Pakistan fall between the age group of 15 to 34 years.

The highest number of homeless people are between the age groups of 15 to 24 years (17.4%) and 25 to 34 years (16.6%). Similarly, almost a quarter (25.7%) of the homeless population are vulnerable children under the age of 10 years and 5.3% are elderly over the age of 65 years, which puts a significant proportion of the general population at risk. In addition, people in the age brackets of 0 to 5 years, 5 to 9 years, 9 to 14 years, 35 to 44 years, 45 to 54 years, 55 to 64 years, 65 to 74 years, and 75 and above have 13.2%, 12.5%, 8.9%, 12.5%, 8.2%, 5.4%, 3.5% and 1.8% of the homeless population respectively.

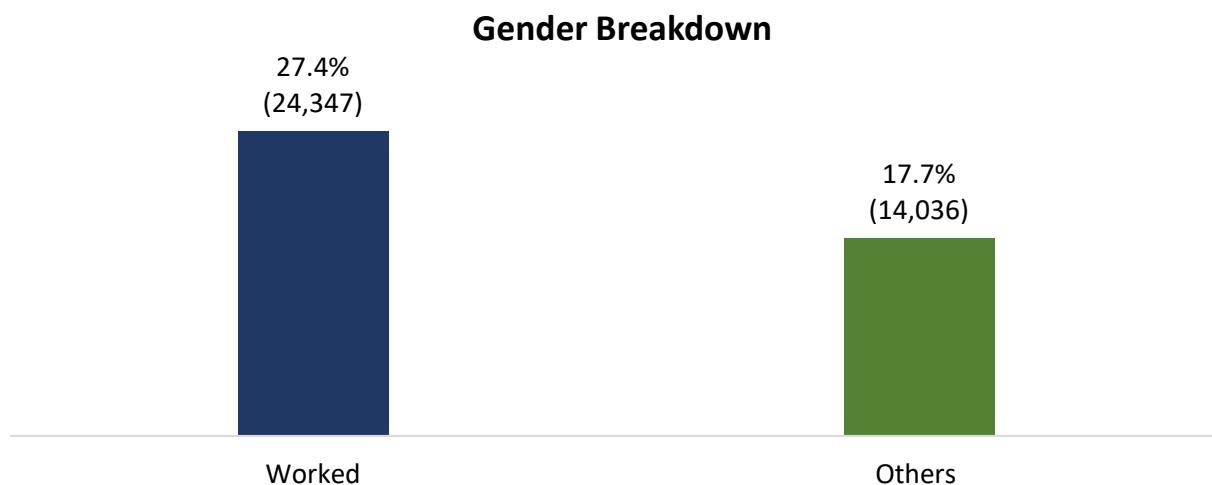
Figure 5 – Age Breakdown of the Homeless Persons in 2017



6) Economic Activity: One quarter (27.4%) of the homeless population have previously been employed.

According to details, 24,347 people or 27.4% of the homeless people have worked in the past while 17.7% consist of the “others” category.

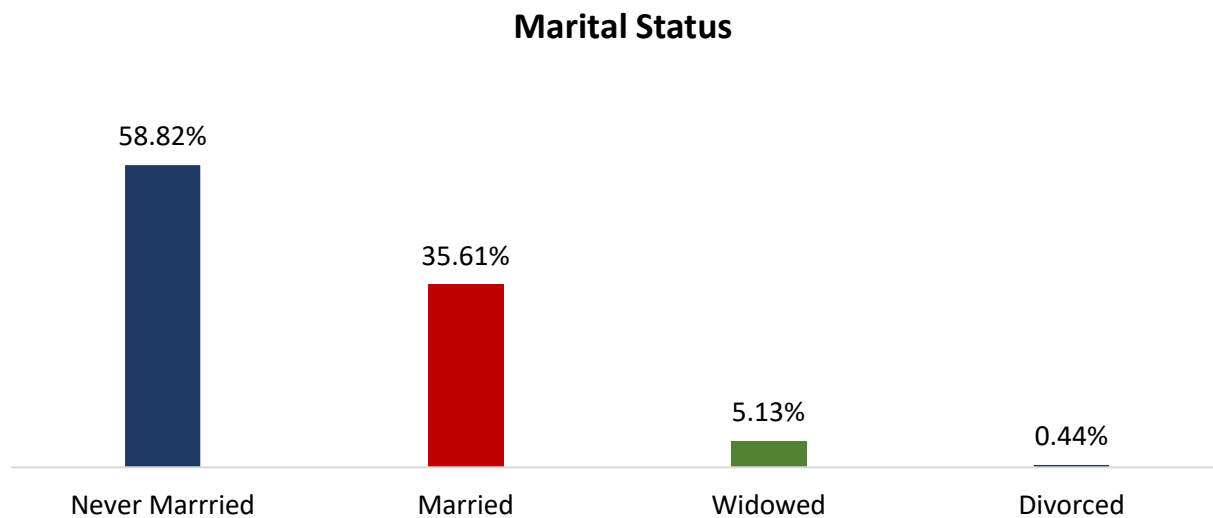
Figure 6 – Economic Breakdown of the Homeless Persons in 2017



7) Marital Status: More than half (58.82%) of the people living without a shelter are unmarried.

The highest proportion of homeless population consists of unmarried people (58.82) followed by 35.61% of the married people. 5.13% are widowed while 0.44% of the homeless are divorced.

Figure 7 – Marital Status of the Homeless Persons 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.

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Census Reports

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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

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



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