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Gilani Research Foundation Analysis of Census 2023 data

Population of Pakistan reaches 241.5 million, with an average yearly increase of 2.55% since 2017 – National Population & Housing Census 2023

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Gallup Pakistan recently conducted an analysis of the results of the 7th Population & Housing Census 2023.

Some key findings are:

1. **Population Growth in Pakistan:** Pakistan's population in 2023 reached 241.5 million, showing a significant increase of 33.82 million from the 2017 census.
2. **Regional Population Changes:** Punjab recorded the highest population increase with 17.7 million, followed by Sindh with 7.8 million, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with 5.36 million, Balochistan with 2.55 million, and Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) with 0.36 million.
3. **Population Growth Rates:** Balochistan had the highest average population growth rate at 3.2% annually, followed by ICT (2.8%) and Sindh (2.57%). The lowest growth rates were in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (2.38%) and Punjab (2.53%), both below the national average of 2.55% per annum between 2017-2023.
4. **Provincial Proportions:** Between 2017 and 2023, the population of each of the provinces as a proportion of the national population remained relatively stable, with slight increases in Sindh, Balochistan, and ICT, and minor decreases in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
5. **Regional Growth Variations:** Population growth rates varied across regions. The highest annual growth was in Balochistan's Kalat and Makran Region (4.45%), while the lowest was in Sindh's Interior Sindh region (1.76%).
6. **District-level Changes:** Amongst districts, Lahore district in Punjab had the highest population increase with 1.88 million, while Musakhel district in Balochistan had the lowest with 0.02 million. Furthermore, the Lower Kohistan district in KPK had the highest average annual population growth rate at 9.01%, while Tando Muhammad Khan district in Sindh had the lowest at 1.18%.

This summary provides an overview of Pakistan's population growth and its regional and district-level variations between 2017 and 2023.

For the detailed analysis of findings from the Census 2023 [click here](#).

Methodology: The data for this analysis is based on the recent Population & Housing Census 2023 conducted by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS).

Any omission or errors cannot be ruled out.

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