

SPECIAL PRESS RELEASE

2024 General Election

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Gallup Pakistan Digital Analytics on Elections

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Gallup Pakistan Digital Analytics team on Elections has performed analytics on Election 2024 data released so far by Election Commission of Pakistan. This Press Release is part of series of Press Releases under this program. Previous press release under this series can be found [here](#), which took a close look at the number of candidates that contested in the 2024 General Elections.

How many people voted using postal ballots in the 2024 General Elections?

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Gallup Pakistan has previously published a report on the “**Analysis of Pakistan’s Postal Ballot**”, using data from the 2018 General Election. To access the report, [click here](#).

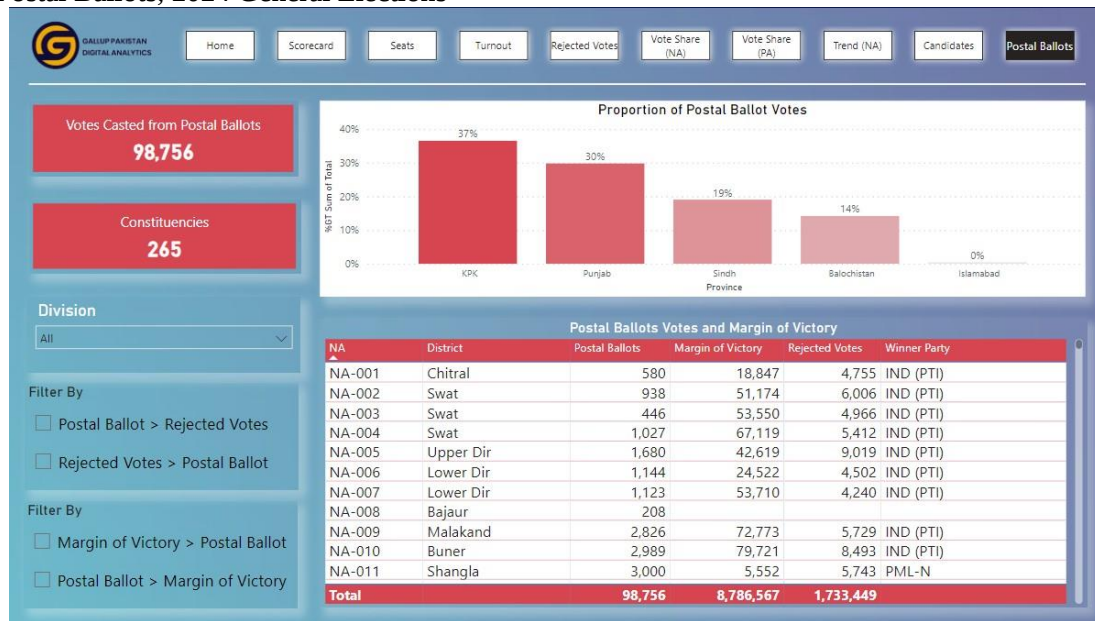
OTHER KEY LEARNINGS FROM THIS PRESS RELEASE:

1. A total of 98,756 votes were cast using postal ballots for the 2024 General Elections.
2. Postal Ballots made up 0.17% of the total votes cast in the 2024 general Elections.
3. **Share of provinces:** Of the total votes cast as postal ballots, 37% were cast for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) which was the highest proportion across provinces, followed by 30% for Punjab, 19% for Sindh, 14% for Balochistan, and 0% for Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT).
4. **Postal Ballots in 2018 vs 2024:** 107,995 votes were cast using postal ballots in 2018, making up 0.20% of the total votes cast (52.8 million) for the 2018 General Elections, indicating that the use of postal ballots in the 2024 General Elections has decreased, both in absolute terms, as well as in proportion of total votes cast.
5. **Top 5 constituencies with the highest no. of postal ballots:** NA-212 (Mirpur Khas) had 4,895 votes cast through postal ballots for the 2024 General Elections, which was the highest across all constituencies in the country, this was followed by 3,786 in NA-214 (Tharparkar), 3,000 in NA-011 (Shangla), 2,989 in NA-010 Buner, and 2,963 in NA-213 (Umerkot).

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Figure 1: Postal Ballots, 2024 General Elections



Source: [Gallup Pakistan Election 2024 Dashboard \(based on ECP data\)](#)

Figure 2: Proportion of Postal Ballots across provinces, 2018 and 2024 General Elections

	2018	2024
National	100%	100%
Punjab	56%	30%
Sindh	8%	19%
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	28%	37%
Balochistan	5%	14%
FATA	2%	-
ICT	-	0%

Source: [Gallup Pakistan Election 2024 Dashboard \(based on ECP data\)](#) and 2018 data from [Gallup Pakistan Report on Postal Ballots](#)

Figure 3: Consituencies with the most postal ballots, 2024 General Elections

NA	District	Postal Ballots
NA-212	Mirpur Khas	4,895
NA-214	Tharparkar	3,786
NA-011	Shangla	3,000
NA-010	Buner	2,989
NA-213	Umerkot	2,963
NA-009	Malakand	2,826
NA-250	Karachi Central	2,750
NA-251	Sherani cum zhob cum killa saifullah	2,514
NA-037	Kurram Agency	2,347
NA-252	Musa Khail-cum-Barkhan-cum-Loralai-cum-Duki	2,306
NA-261	Surab	2,130
NA-034	Nowshera	2,055
NA-019	Swabi	2,037
NA-263	Quetta	2,032
NA-106	Toba Tek Singh	1,760
NA-038	Karak	1,705
NA-005	Upper Dir	1,680
NA-091	Bhakkar	1,659
Total		98,756

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METHODOLOGY:

The press release is based on data from the Form 48 of the Provisional Results Dashboard from the Election Commission of Pakistan website, noting the details of votes cast in each polling station. The data has been computed to represent overall results at the provincial and national levels.

Gallup Pakistan Electoral Repository: An Introduction

The Gallup Pakistan Electoral Repository is comprised of the following sources:

1. Election Commission data on past 11 elections in Pakistan, available over each constituency. This data was acquired from Election Commission website and converted into digital database in SPSS form and is now referred to as Gilani Index of Electoral Record.
2. Gallup Exit Polls for every election since 1985.
3. Gallup pre and post-election survey record since 1985.
4. Analysis by Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani on elections piece by piece, as well as in combined form.

For complete access to reports or the Gallup Electoral Database, please visit the following links:

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