

PRESS RELEASE

Gallup Pakistan Analysis of Socio-Economic Indicators of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at District Level

Wheat crop makes up the largest share of cultivated land with 761.8 thousand acres dedicated to it. –Land Utilization in KP- Socio Economic Indicators of KP at District Level 2024

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Gallup Pakistan, as part of its Big Data Analysis initiative, is looking at land utilization in KP. This data is part of a publication called the ‘Socio Economic Indicators of KP at District Level’.

The current edition looks at data from Socio Economic Indicators of KP at District Level 2024 (which can be found [HERE](#))

What is the Big Data Analysis Series by Gallup?

Gallup Pakistan’s Big Data series was started by Bilal I Gilani, Executive Director of Gallup Pakistan. Bilal explains the rationale of the series: “The usual complaint from academics and policy makers is that Pakistan does not have data availability. Our experience negates that. Pakistan has lots of data, but it is not available in a usable form and not widely accessible. At Gallup we plan to bridge this gap in terms of accessibility and use of data. The Gallup Big Data series has earlier worked with data sets such as PSLM, Labour Force Survey, and Economic Survey reports as well as National Census Reports and Election Commission Data sets. The current series is using the Pakistan Demographic Survey, an annual compilation which seldom has data points not covered in many other reports. We hope that these series are useful, and we welcome both feedback as well as possible collaborations as we create a public good in the form of useful data sets in Pakistan.”

What data points this current edition covers:

This series aims to present the important learnings from the Socio-Economic Indicators of KP at District Level for policy makers, the public, as well as for marketers in an easy and understandable way. This edition looks at land utilization in KP. These insights are important to examine because the population increase and consequent demographic breakdown in KP can have implications for policy programs and social welfare. The series’ main aim is to provide data. Implications of these data points for development sector as well as wider socio-political ramifications is something we would like to trigger in relevant circles.

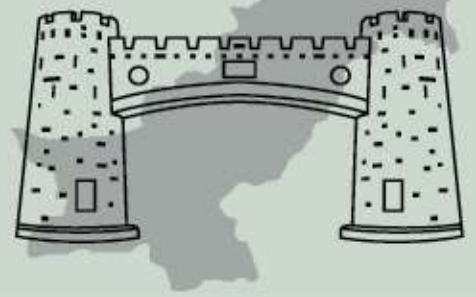
Niha Nazar an analyst at Gallup Pakistan says, “Charsadda is in the top 3 producers for the most frequently grown crops in KP: wheat, tobacco, bajra, maize and sugarcane. This highlights the potential Charsadda holds as a significant agricultural district in KP- this should potentially impact the agri-tech developmental policies within KP.”

Today's topic is “**Land Utilization in KP**” from table 3.02, table 3.04, figure 3.1, figure 3.2, figure 3.3, figure 3.4, Socio-Economic Indicators of KP at District Level

Key Findings:

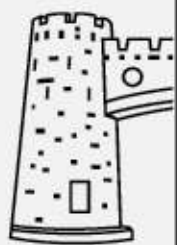
- 1) **Cultivated/Uncultivated Area:** Out of the total 8,367 thousand hectares area, the percentage share for cultivated land in KP is 22%, whereas uncultivated land constitutes 78% of the whole.
- 2) **Area and Production of Agriculture Crops:** Wheat crop makes up the largest share of cultivated land with 761.8 thousand acres dedicated to it. This is followed by 460.7 thousand hectares for Maize and 107.4 thousand hectares for Sugarcane.
- 3) **Area and Production of Wheat by District:** Most of the wheat is produced in southern KP, with Dera Ismail Khan making up 11.3% of the total provincial production.

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**11.3%
Produced in
Dera Ismail Khan**

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**Wheat
761.8
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Acres**



**Maize
460.7
Thousand
Acres**



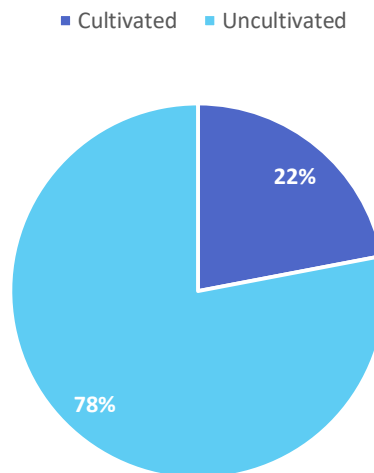
**Sugarcane
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Cultivated/Uncultivated Land

Out of the total 8,367 thousand hectares area, the percentage share for cultivated land in KP is 22%, whereas uncultivated land constitutes 78% of the whole. Out of the total cultivated area, the net sown area during 2020-21 was 1,220 thousand hectares. Since 2008-09, area sown more than once has increased by 2%- going from 30% to 32% in 2020-21. Out of the total uncultivated land, 1,283 thousand hectares are categorized as “forest”.

Percentage Share of Cultivated/Uncultivated land in KP
(2020-21)

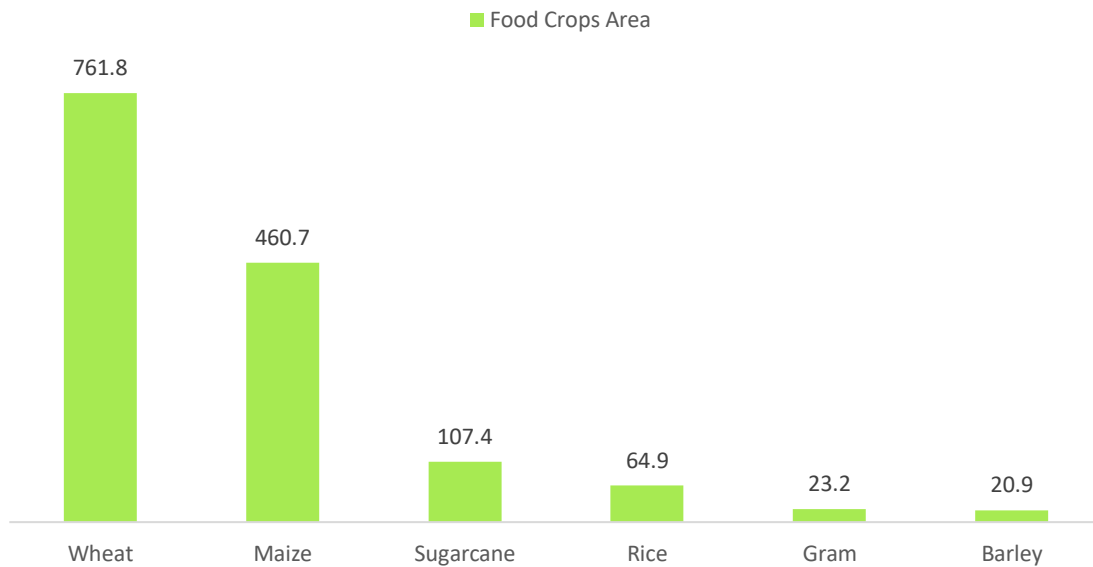


Source: Socio Economic Indicators of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at District Level; analyzed by Gallup Pakistan

Area and Production of Agricultural Crops

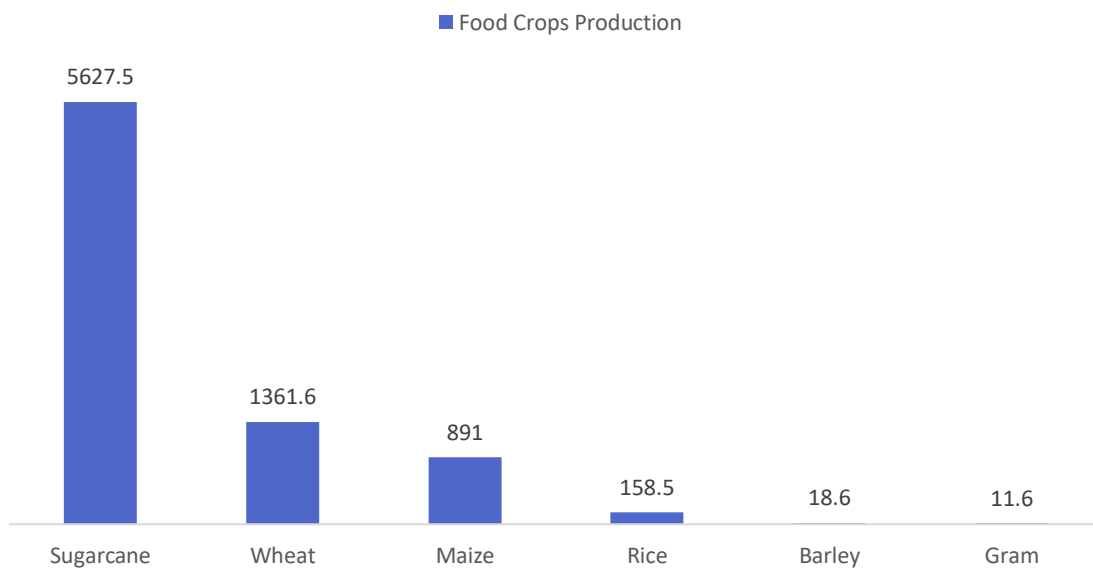
Wheat crop makes up the largest share of cultivated land with 761.8 thousand acres dedicated to it. This is followed by 460.7 thousand hectares for Maize and 107.4 thousand hectares for Sugarcane. Rice comes in fourth with 64.9 thousand hectares, Tobacco with 27.9 thousand hectares, 23.2 thousand hectares for Gram, and finally 20.9 thousand hectares for Barley.

Food Crops Area, 2020-21 (000 hectares)



Source: Socio Economic Indicators of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at District Level; analyzed by Gallup Pakistan

Food Crops Production, 2020-21 (00 tonnes)

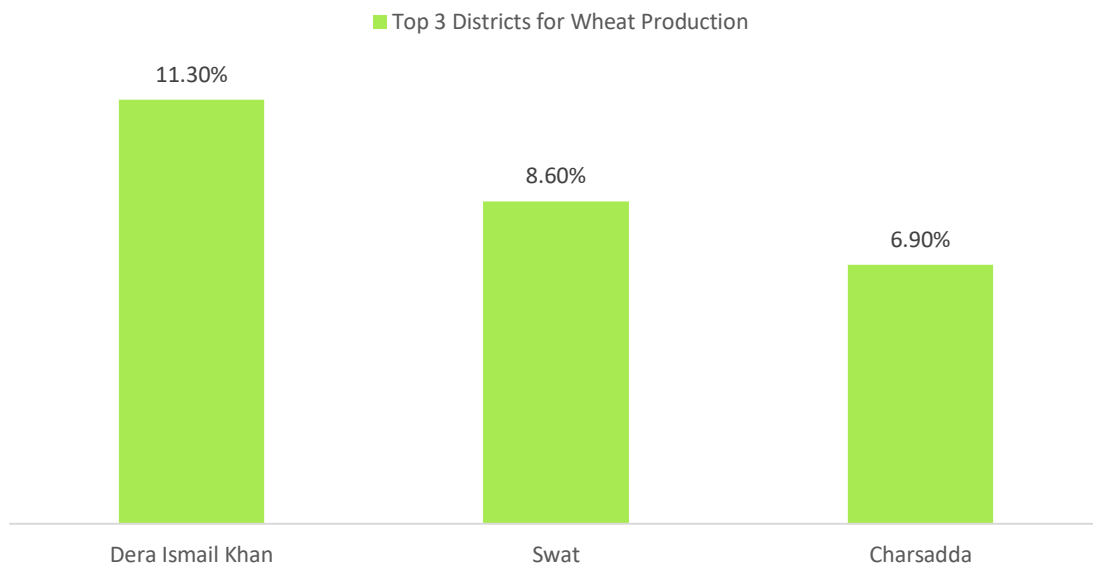


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Area and Production of Wheat

In 2010-11, the area of production of wheat in Pakistan was 8,900.7 thousand hectares, out of which KP's percentage share was 7.1%. By 2020-21, the total area of production increased to 9,168.2 thousand hectares, out of which KP's percentage share was 8.3%. Most of the wheat is produced in southern KP, due to large cultivation areas available in the larger districts- with Dera Ismail Khan making up 11.3% of the total provincial production. Swat and Charsadda follow closely with 8.6% and 6.9%.

Top 3 Districts for Wheat Production



Source: Socio Economic Indicators of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at District Level; analyzed by Gallup Pakistan

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 Socio-Economic Indicators of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at District Level. If you have any ideas, please write to Bilal I Gilani, Project Director, Big Data Analysis at Gallup Pakistan.

Wish to know more about the Socio-Economic Indicators of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at District Level?

Social Indicators of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa up to District level report is an effort to provide a wide range of data on social indicators like Population, Education, Agriculture, Health and Crime Statistics. These Demographic statistics are beneficial for policymakers, planners, and administrators for planning of development programs. The present edition is the 2nd in the series following release of population and housing census 2017 results. The last report was published over twenty years ago in 2002.

You can find more information on the Socio-Economic Indicators of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at District Level, and complete tables, on www.pbs.gov.pk

Or visit:

[Socio Economic Indicators of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at District Level 2024](#)

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