

Education Attainment by Gender

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Gallup Pakistan, as part of its Big Data Analysis initiative, is looking at education attainment by gender in Punjab. This data is part of a publication called the ‘Provincial Census Report Punjab’.

The current edition looks at data from Provincial Census Report Punjab 2017, 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 [Provincial Census Report Punjab](#), 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 Provincial Census Report Punjab, for policy makers, the public, as well as for marketers in an easy and understandable way. This edition looks at educational attainment by gender in Punjab. 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.

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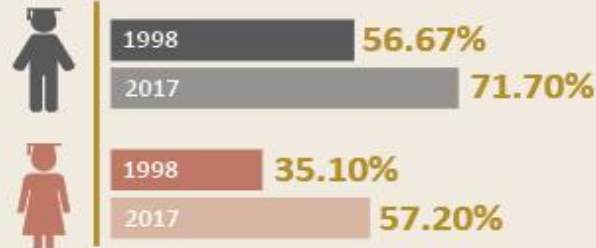
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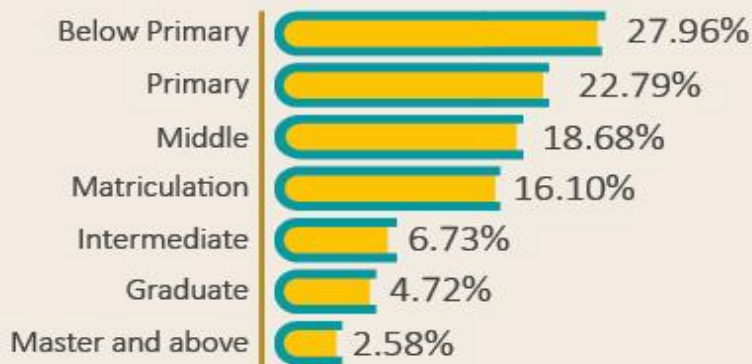


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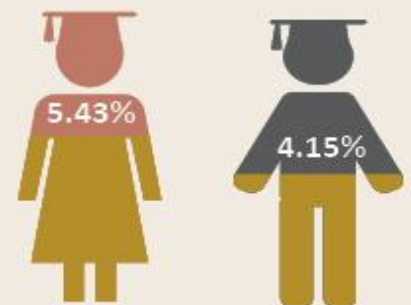


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Out of all those who have attended school, 27.96% are below primary level, 22.79% have passed primary level, 18.68% have passed middle school and 16.10% have passed matriculation exams.



At graduate level, there is a higher percentage of females (5.43%) as compared to males (4.15%) in all of Punjab.



Today's topic is "Educational Attainment by Gender in Punjab" from table 1.14, table 2.13, figure 2.9 and table 2.1, Provincial Census Report Punjab (2017)

Key Findings:

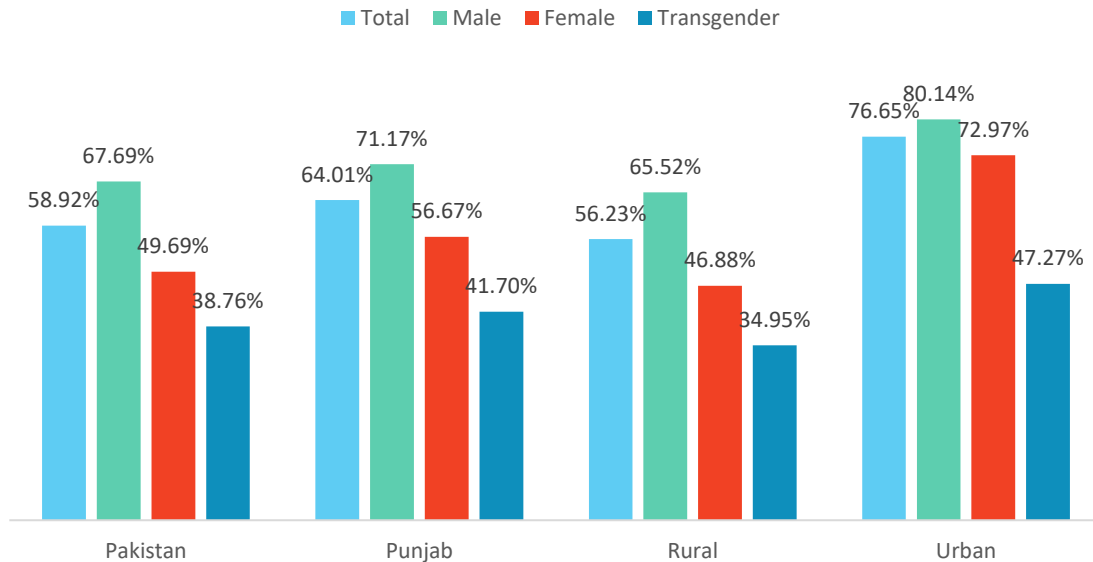
- 1) **Literacy Ratio:** The literacy ratio in Punjab is 64.01%, which is 5.09% higher than the national average of 58.92%.
- 2) **Comparison between 1998 and 2017:** A comparison with the 1998 census data shows that there has been more of an increase between female literacy ratio (21.57%) as compared to male literacy ratio (13.87%).
- 3) **Attendance of School:** 64.17% of the population above the age of 5 years, have attended school. However, a significant proportion- 35.83% have never attended school and thus never received any formal education.
- 4) **Educational Attainment:** Out of all those who have attended school, 27.96% are below primary level, 22.79% have passed primary level, 18.68% have passed middle school and 16.10% have passed matriculation exams. Beyond that, 6.73% have cleared intermediate, 4.72% made it till graduate level and 2.58% went on to attain their masters and above.
- 5) **Educational Attainment at Graduate Level by Sex:** At graduate level, there is a higher percentage of females (5.43%) as compared to males (4.15%) in all of Punjab.

Literacy Ratio

The literacy ratio in Punjab is 64.01%, which is 5.09% higher than the national average of 58.92%. In terms of gender, the literacy ratio for males is higher (71.17%) than that of females (56.67%)—amounting to a difference of 14.5%. A similar pattern is noticeable with an urban and rural breakdown as well. However, the gap between males and females is considerably larger in rural areas (18.64%) as compared to urban areas (7.17%).

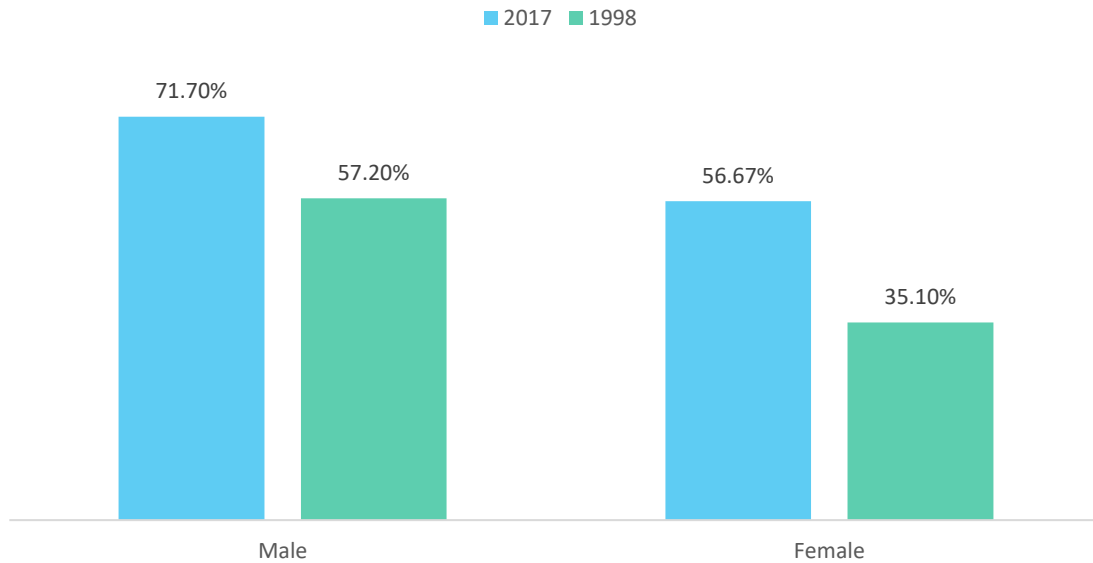
Additionally, a comparison with the 1998 census data shows that there has been more of an increase between female literacy ratio (21.57%) as compared to male literacy ratio (13.87%). Yet, despite the increase, the female literacy ratio in 2017 (56.67%) is still less than the male literacy ratio is 1998 (57.20%).

Literacy Ratio (10 years and above)



Source: Provincial Census Report Punjab; analyzed by Gallup Pakistan

Literacy Ratio by Sex (Census 1998 and 2017)



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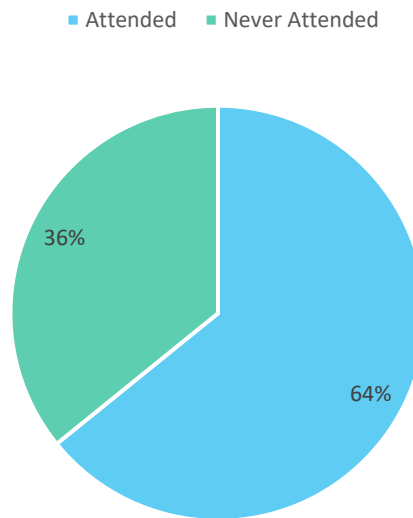
Educational Attainment

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In terms of educational attainment, out of all those who have attended school, 27.96% are below primary level, 22.79% have passed primary level, 18.68% have passed middle school and 16.10% have passed matriculation exams. Beyond that, 6.73% have cleared intermediate, 4.72% made it till graduate level and 2.58% went on to attain their masters and above.

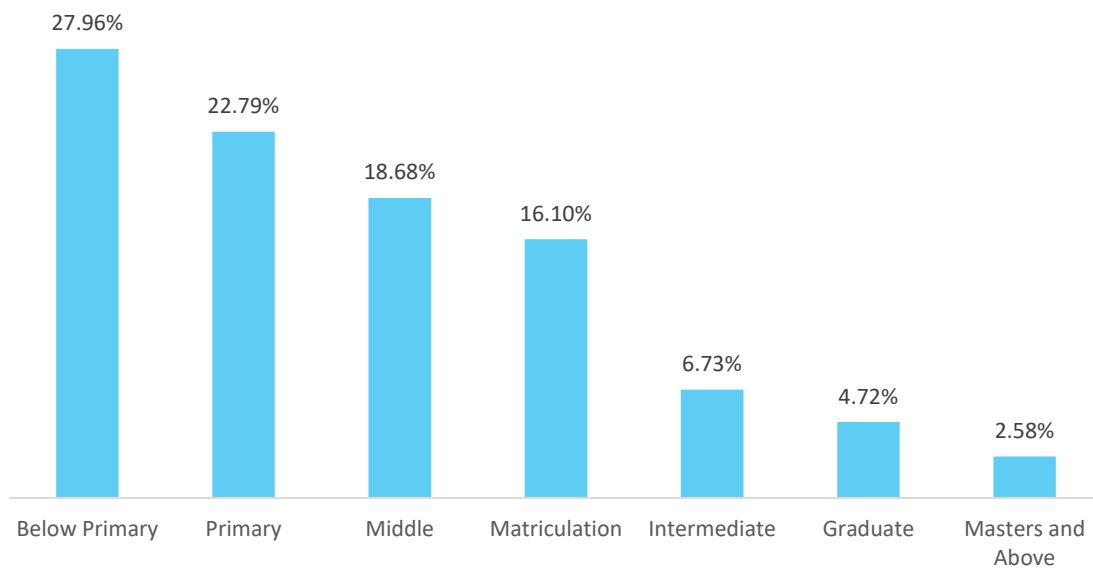
It is interesting to note that for graduate level, there is a higher percentage of females (5.43%) as compared to males (4.15%). Moreover, this phenomenon carries on into the urban/rural breakdown as well. Within urban areas, females account for 7.96% whereas males make up 6.55%. In rural areas, the percentage of females who attain education till graduate level is 3.23%, whereas for males it is 2.38%.

Percentage of Population Who Have Attended School



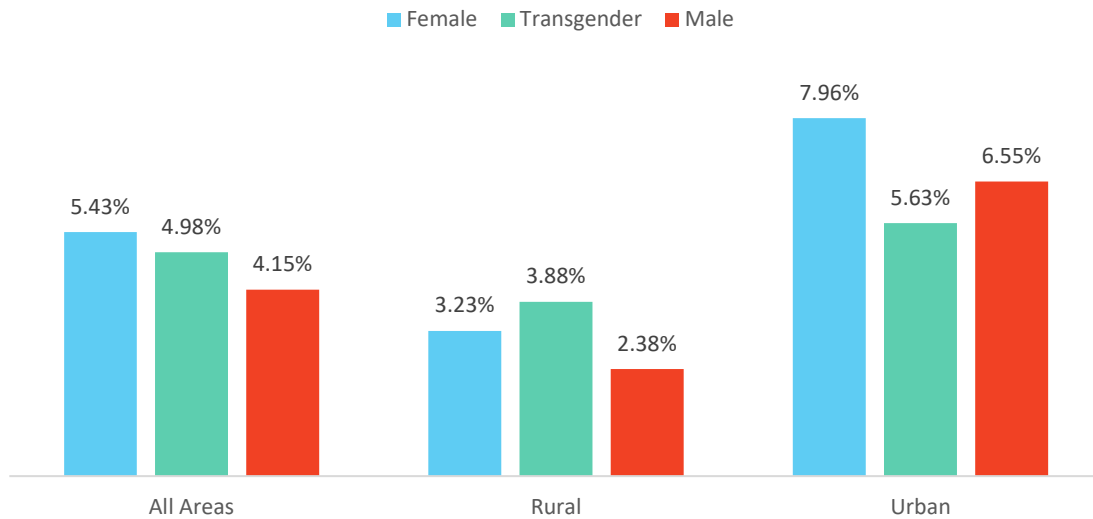
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Percentage of Educational Attainment at Graduate Level by Sex and Rural/Urban



Source: Provincial Census Report Punjab; 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 Provincial Census Report Punjab. 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?

The Population and Housing Census is the largest peace-time operation to obtain total population count and to collect benchmark data on socio-economic characteristics, which provide the basis for development planning of the province. The 6th Population and Housing Census was conducted in Punjab Province from 15th March to 24th May, 2017. The Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) completed the whole exercise with the strong support and active participation of the Provincial Government, the District Administration and the Armed Forces at all stages of data collection

You can find more information on the Provincial Census Report Punjab, and complete tables, on www.pbs.gov.pk

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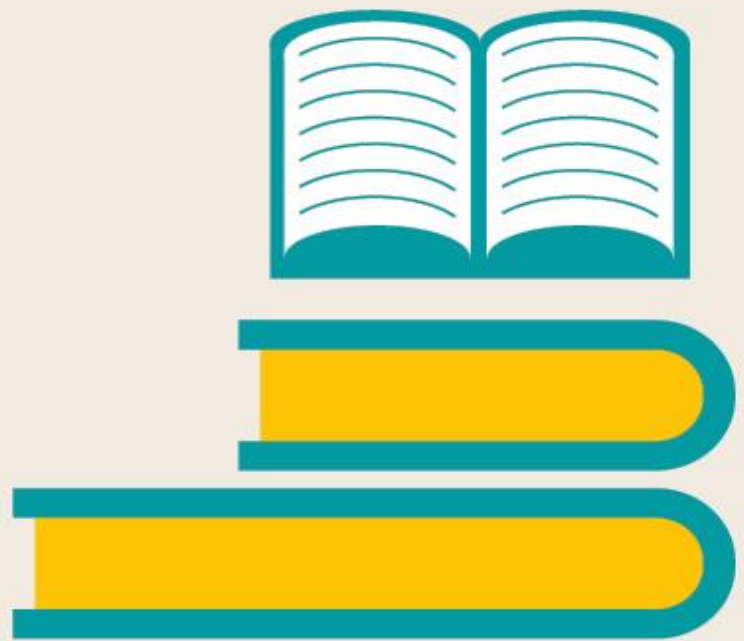
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