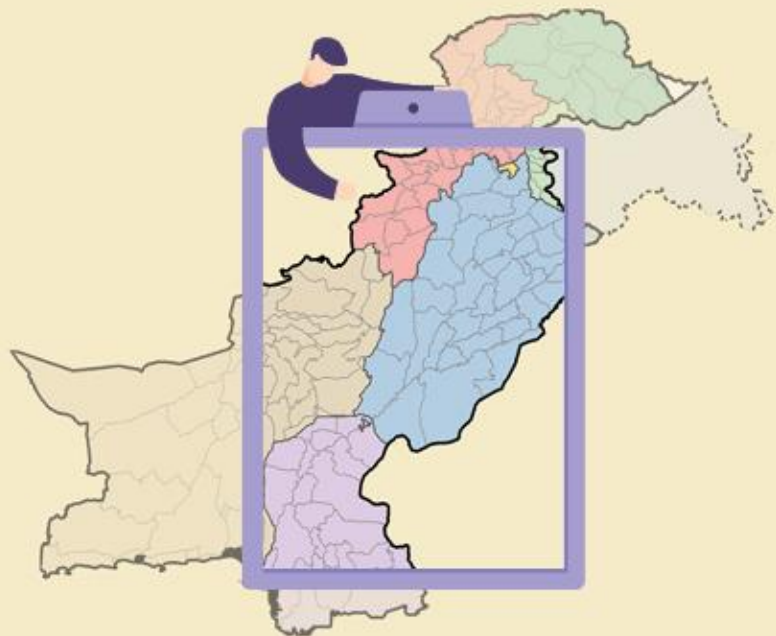


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Pakistan Mouza Census 2020: Golden Jubilee edition, marks the 9th iteration since 1971, covering 131 districts nationwide - Gallup Pakistan Analysis of Mouza Census 2020 data

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A recent comprehensive analysis conducted by Gallup Pakistan on the “*Pakistan Mouza Census of 2020*” by the Agricultural Census Wing, of the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) provides key insights into socio-economic conditions, land use, and facilities available in rural areas across Pakistan. The Mouza Census 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of the first Mouza Census conducted in 1971, with the slogan “Data for Development.” This significant exercise is an essential step in updating rural statistics and ensuring better land administration, development planning, and evidence-based policymaking.

This press release gives us a glimpse at the broad content covered within the Pakistan Mouza Census, its key objectives, methodology, and significance for future administration. This is the first press release in this series and shall be followed up with focused releases on various facets of the 2020 Pakistan Mouza Census.

Rojah Sheikh, Assistant Manager Research at Gallup Pakistan says, “Deep diving into the Mouza Census 2020 data offers substantial benefits for Pakistan by providing a detailed understanding of rural socio-economic conditions. This granular data enables policymakers to identify gaps in services such as healthcare, education, and agricultural support, allowing for targeted interventions that directly improve rural livelihoods. It also informs better planning in the agricultural sector by highlighting the availability of resources like seeds, fertilizers, and irrigation, helping to boost productivity and food security. Using this data, we can guide infrastructure development by pinpointing areas lacking essential services such as electricity, roads, and communication networks, ensuring more equitable development across the country. By offering evidence-based insights, this census enables the fair allocation of government resources, ensuring that underserved regions receive the support they need. Overall, deep diving into this data fosters more effective, sustainable, and inclusive development, improving the quality of life in rural communities.”

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Mouzas in Pakistan in 2020 were:



Mouzas were spread across 131 of the country’s 166 districts, according to the Pakistan Mouza Census of 2020.



Seven reports have been published in total from the Mouza Census of 2020.

National
1

Provincial
4

Regional
2

Source: Gallup Pakistan Analysis of Mouza Census 2020 data

Key Findings:

1. The Mouza Census 2020, marks the **Golden Jubilee (50th anniversary) of the first Mouza Census** conducted in 1971, with the slogan “Data for Development.”
2. As of 2015, the Mouza Census is to be conducted after **every 5 years**,
3. The Mouza Census uses a single improved questionnaire (**Form-11**).
4. According to Gallup Pakistan tabulations from the raw data files of the Pakistan Mouza Census, data from 51,809 mouzas was collected during 2020.
5. Of the total mouzas recorded, 87.5% were categorized as Rural, 4.8% as Urban, 2.3% as Partly Urban, 0.4% as Forest land, and 4.9% were Un-populated.
6. The mouzas were spread across **131 of Pakistan’s 166 districts**, 37 districts of Punjab, 35 districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), 33 districts from Balochistan, 25 from Sindh, and 1 from Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT).
7. Seven reports have been published on total from the Mouza Census of 2020. **1 Pakistan Report**, covering the cumulative national data, **4 Provincial reports**, covering Punjab (including ICT), Sindh, KP and Balochistan, and **2 Regional reports** for Gilgit Baltistan (GB), and Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJJK) published on the pattern on the provincial reports.

Introduction: A Historic Milestone in Land Administration

The Mouza Census 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of the first Mouza Census conducted in 1971, with the slogan “Data for Development.” This significant exercise is an essential step in updating rural statistics and ensuring better land administration, development planning, and evidence-based policymaking. The ninth iteration of this census provides key insights into socio-economic conditions, land use, and facilities available in rural areas across Pakistan.

Background of Mouza Census

A “Mouza” is a specific administrative region or land unit primarily used in South Asia. It represents the smallest unit of land revenue collection and is often equivalent to a village or a group of villages. Conducted every five years since 2015, the Mouza Census now integrates data from Agricultural, Livestock, and Agricultural Machinery censuses to provide a comprehensive statistical picture of rural life.

The 2020 Mouza Census follows the World Census of Agriculture (WCA) Programme 2020 guidelines provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), aiming to capture vital community-level statistics that highlight the availability of facilities for the farming community.

Key Objectives of Mouza Census 2020

The primary goals of the Mouza Census 2020 are:

1. **Update the Sampling Frame:** To update the complete list of Mouzas, Dehs, Killis, Basties, and villages, ensuring an accurate and up-to-date sampling frame for the next Agricultural Census.
2. **Assess Socio-Economic Indicators:** Generate data on socio-economic development indicators and access to services for the farming community. This data includes availability of medical, educational, and veterinary services, transportation, electricity, internet access, and market facilities.
3. **Evaluate Access to Services:** Provide insights into the distance of facilities not available within the Mouza, aiding policymakers in assessing the challenges faced by rural communities.
4. **Inform Development Planning:** Furnish comprehensive rural statistics to national and international agencies to facilitate data-driven decision-making for infrastructure development and service provision, improving the living standards of rural populations.

Methodology and Execution

The Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), in collaboration with Provincial Governments, conducted the Mouza Census 2020. Both settled and unsettled areas across the country were covered. Field enumeration was supported by the provincial revenue departments, with local government secretaries, education, livestock, and agriculture staff playing crucial roles in unsettled areas.

PBS was responsible for the planning, preparation, questionnaire design, training, and technical support, ensuring that all aspects of the census were conducted with accuracy and transparency.

Data Collection and Reporting

The census used a single improved questionnaire (Form-11), designed to meet the evolving needs of data users and stakeholders. This streamlined process has resulted in comprehensive data collection, focusing on community facilities, agricultural practices, and socio-economic indicators.

Published Reports

The census findings have been compiled into several reports:

1. **Pakistan Report:** Provides aggregated data at the national level, with further breakdowns by province, including Islamabad as a separate entity.
2. **Provincial Reports:** These four reports present data for each province, detailing socio-economic indicators for every district and Tehsil. Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) has been included in the Punjab report.
3. **Regional Reports:** These two separate reports for Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir, offer insights into these regions' unique rural dynamics, published on the pattern of the provincial reports.

**Urban and Unpopulated Forest Mouzas were not tabulated for development indicators. However, these Mouzas are highlighted in specific tables relevant to them.*

Significance of the Mouza Census 2020

This census serves as a crucial tool in understanding the challenges and opportunities present in Pakistan's rural areas. By providing detailed data on the availability of key services and infrastructure, it enables the government and development agencies to address gaps and formulate effective strategies for improving the lives of farming communities.

Future Implications and Development Plans

The Mouza Census 2020 data is not only foundational for the next Agricultural Census but will also inform future development plans at the district and Tehsil levels. It will assist in the targeted provision of services like healthcare, education, credit facilities, and market access, all aimed at boosting the agricultural sector and supporting the socio-economic advancement of rural communities.

Conclusion

The Mouza Census 2020 is a landmark achievement, demonstrating Pakistan's commitment to using data for development. By providing a clear and comprehensive picture of rural life, it equips policymakers and stakeholders with the information necessary to drive positive change and improve the living standards in rural areas for the next generation.

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 level data. If you have any ideas, please write to Bilal I Gilani, Project Director of the Big Data Analysis at Gallup Pakistan.

Methodology:

The data for this analysis is based on the tabulations from the raw data files for the “Pakistan Mouza Census of 2020” by the Agricultural Census Wing of the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS).

The “Pakistan Mouza Census 2020” data by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), can be accessed at: <https://www.pbs.gov.pk/content/mouza-census-2020>

For more survey data, see our website <http://www.gallup.com.pk/> or contact Gallup Pakistan at caf@gallup.com.pk

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