



PAKISTAN *ISLAMI JUMHURIAH PAKISTANI*

Area: 307,374 mi. sq. **Population:** 225m (7th) **Life Expectancy:** 67 years

Official Languages: Urdu

Ethnic Groups: 51% Punjabi, 20% Pashtuns, 15% Sindhis, 5% Baluchis, 9% Mahajirs

Religions: 96% Islam, 1.6% Hinduism, 1.5% Christian, 1% Other

Human Development Index: .157 (152nd of 188- *medium*)

GDP (PPP): \$1.1 trillion (26th) **GDP (PPP) per capita:** \$5,839 (139th)

Exports to US: 5.029b

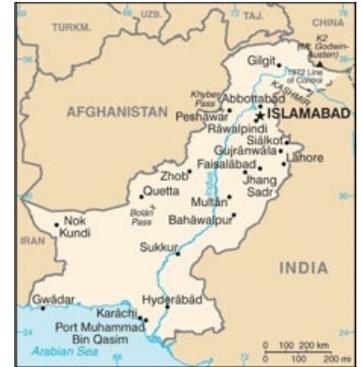
Imports from US: \$2.445b

Government: Federal Parliamentary Republic

President: Arif Alvi

Prime Minister: Imran Khan (since 2018)

Organizations: UN Organizations, WTO, Organization for Islamic Cooperation, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, South Asian Association, Commonwealth Organization



The Indus Valley civilization, one of the oldest in the world and dating back at least 5,000 years, spread over much of what is presently Pakistan. The area underwent successive invasions from the Persians, Greeks (Alexander the Great), Scythians, Arabs (who brought Islam), Afghans, and Turks. The Mughal Empire flourished in the 16th and 17th centuries; the British came to dominate the region in the 18th century. Pakistan, with its East and West sections, gained independence in 1947 after the Partition of the British Indian Empire, which awarded separate statehood to its Muslim-majority regions and was accompanied by an unparalleled mass migration and loss of life. A war between Pakistan's East and West Sections, resulted in East Pakistan becoming the separate nation of Bangladesh in 1971. Wars in Afghanistan sent four million refugees to Pakistan.

In response to Indian nuclear weapons testing, Pakistan conducted its own tests in mid-1998. India-Pakistan relations remain strained – particularly over the fate of the Indian-occupied State of Kashmir.

Pakistan, with the world's sixth largest standing army, is designated as a major non-NATO ally by the United States. Pakistan has strong economic, cultural and educational linkages with the U. S.

Pakistan presents a rich mosaic of breathtaking tourist destinations ranging from lofty mountains in the North to riverine valleys, plains and deserts in the middle part and vast sandy beaches to the south. The Karakorum Highway, the highest paved road (15,000 ft) connects Western China and Pakistan. It provides the pathway to expeditions of some of the world's highest peaks.

- *Malala Yourafzai is the youngest ever person to win the Nobel Peace Prize at 17. She is a social activist for women's education.*
- *About 40% - almost half – of the world's footballs are hand-sewn on Pakistan*
- *Pakistan has the highest ATM in the world (at a bank at the Khyber Pass at 16,000ft)*
- *Pakistan has one of the world's largest broadband internet systems.*
- *Pakistan is just one of two Muslim countries that allow women to work in combat jobs.*
- *Benazir Bhutto was the first female prime minister in any Muslim country*