



## PAKISTAN

Region: Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan, and Pakistan

Income Category: Lower Middle Income



**Human capital – knowledge, skills, and good health – empowers people to achieve their potential and drives economic growth.** This brief tracks progress by Pakistan in building and using human capital. The Human Capital Complementary Indicators offer a snapshot of human capital investments at four stages of the lifecycle. The brief uses the latest available data. It is benchmarked against regional averages and reports progress over the previous 5 years.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

- **Neonatal mortality rate.** The neonatal mortality rate is **38** per 1,000 live births (2023), compared to 42 in 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Participation rate in organized learning.** In 2018, **61%** of children one year younger than the official primary school entry age participated in an organized learning program. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **DTP vaccination rate, third dose.** In 2024, **87%** of infants received the third dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine, compared to 84% in 2019. The indicator is similar to the regional average.

## SCHOOL AGE

- **Learning poverty.** In 2019, **80%** of children could not read and understand a simple text, by age 10. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **7** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2023), compared to 8 in 2018. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Children engaged in child labor.** The share of children (ages 5-17) who are engaged in economic activities is **7%** (2021). The indicator is higher than the regional average.

## YOUTH

- **Youth not in employment, education or training.** In 2024, **34%** of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training, compared to 30% in 2019. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Adolescent fertility rate.** The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is **41** (2023), compared to 46 in 2018. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Youth literacy rate.** The share of youth (ages 15-24) who are literate is **73%** (2019), compared to 75% in 2017. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

## ADULTS

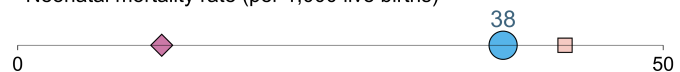
- **Female labor force participation rate.** Female labor force participation as a percentage of the female working-age population (ages 25+) is **25%** (2024). This remains unchanged since 2019. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **68** years (2023), compared to 66 in 2018. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Adult unemployment rate.** Unemployed adults as a share of the adult labor force (ages 25+) is **4%** (2024), compared to 3% in 2019. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

## HUMAN CAPITAL COMPLEMENTARY INDICATORS

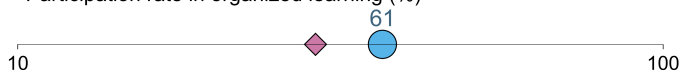
● Latest available data for Pakistan (PAK)  
 ■ PAK approx. 5 years before    ◆ Average for MENAAP

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

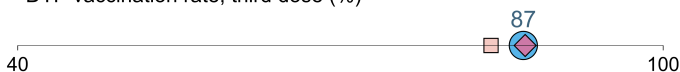
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)



Participation rate in organized learning (%)

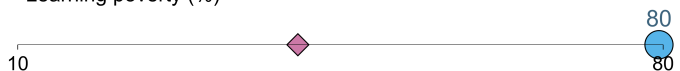


DTP vaccination rate, third dose (%)



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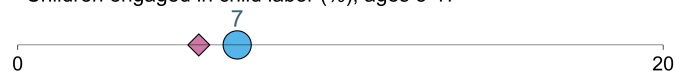
Learning poverty (%)



Child mortality rate (per 1,000 children aged 5), ages 5-14



Children engaged in child labor (%), ages 5-17

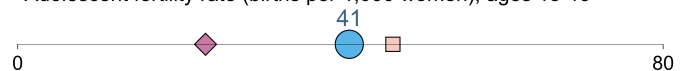


## YOUTH

Youth not in employment, education or training (%)



Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women), ages 15-19

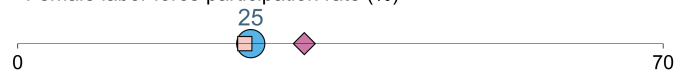


Youth literacy rate (%), ages 15-24

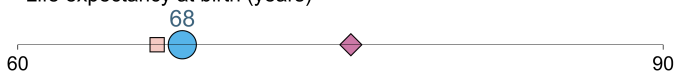


## ADULTS

Female labor force participation rate (%)



Life expectancy at birth (years)



Adult unemployment rate (%)



Note: All values use internationally comparable public datasets. Missing symbols indicate unavailable statistics. Full details can be accessed through the QR code.

