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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS OF 7<sup>TH</sup> POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS-2023**

**'THE DIGITAL CENSUS'**

**Council of Common Interest (CCI) unanimously approved the results of 7<sup>th</sup> Population and Housing census**

**The Population of Pakistan reaches 241.49 million as the Digital Census concludes.**

**Historical milestone of conducting first ever Digital Census achieved by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics**

**Pakistan Bureau of Statistics and Stakeholders have completed the task of completion of first Digital Census with challenging timelines**

**All the structures of Pakistan have been Geo tagged during First Digital Census**

**Islamabad, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2023:** Council of Common Interest (CCI) has approved the results of First Ever Digital Census of Pakistan with consensus in its 50<sup>th</sup> meeting held today under the chair of Prime Minister of Pakistan, Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif. The meeting was also attended by Chief Ministers from all Provinces. 7<sup>th</sup> Population and Housing Census was started on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 and has counted **241.49 million people across Pakistan with a growth rate of 2.55 %** as reported by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS).

Administrative unit wise breakdown of Population and Annual Growth Rate is as follows:

The urban Rural Distribution of Population is as under:

ADMN UNIT	RURAL POPULATION %			URBAN POPULATION %		
	1998	2017	2023	1998	2017	2023
PAKISTAN	67.5	63.56	61.18	32.5	36.44	38.82
KP	83.1	83.45	84.99	16.9	16.55	15.01
PUNJAB	68.7	63.14	59.30	31.3	36.86	40.70
SINDH	51.1	48.11	46.27	48.9	51.89	53.73
BALUCHISTAN	76.7	72.38	69.04	23.3	27.62	30.96
ISLAMABAD	34.4	49.63	53.10	65.6	50.37	46.90

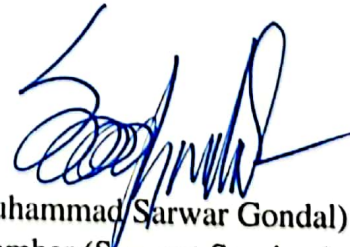
7<sup>th</sup> Population and Housing Census is historic, as this largest digitization exercise of South Asia was planned in shortest span of time i.e., just 18 months. Further, for the first time Population of Pakistan was counted Digitally using Tablets. For the first time facility of Self Enumeration was provided to the citizens of Pakistan. This Census has also provided Economic Frame to determine the size of Economic clusters across the country. All the structures have been Geo Tagged. Online monitoring dashboards were provided to stakeholders. All abovementioned achievements make the First Digital Census a significant milestone and a huge leap towards digitization.

The Census data helps Governments to decide how to distribute funds and assistance to provinces, districts and localities. It is also used for reapportionment of National Assembly seats by drawing the lines of

ADMN UNIT	POPULATION (mill)			ANNUAL GROWTH RATE %		
	1998	2017	2023	1998	2017	2023
PAKISTAN	132.35	207.68	241.49	2.69	2.40	2.55
KP	20.92	35.50	40.85	2.72	2.82	2.38
PUNJAB	73.62	109.98	127.68	2.64	2.13	2.53
SINDH	30.44	47.85	55.69	2.80	2.41	2.57
BALUCHISTAN	6.57	12.34	14.89	2.47	3.37	3.20
ISLAMABAD	0.81	2.01	2.36	5.19	4.91	2.81

legislative districts.

PBS is highly obliged to all the officials of PBS, stakeholders, Field Staff and general Public for their participation, tiring efforts and cooperation to successfully complete the 7<sup>th</sup> Population and Housing Census.



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