

TABLE 2.25 LITERACY - POPULATION 10 YEARS AND OLDER - BY REGION AND PROVINCE

REGION AND PROVINCE	PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION 10 YEARS AND OLDER								
	2001-02 PIHS			2004-05 PSLM			2005-06 PSLM		
	MALE	FEMALE	BOTH	MALE	FEMALE	BOTH	MALE	FEMALE	BOTH
URBAN AREAS:	72	56	64	78	62	71	79	64	71
Punjab	71	60	66	78	66	72	80	67	73
Sindh	74	54	64	80	62	72	80	65	72
NWFP	70	41	56	75	47	61	73	45	59
Balochistan	71	36	54	74	42	60	77	40	59
RURAL AREAS:	51	21	36	58	29	44	57	31	44
Punjab	51	26	38	59	35	47	58	37	47
Sindh	51	14	33	56	18	38	54	17	37
NWFP	55	16	35	61	23	41	62	27	44
Balochistan	49	11	32	47	13	32	46	13	31
OVERALL:	58	32	45	65	40	53	65	42	54
Punjab	57	36	47	65	44	55	66	47	56
Sindh	60	31	46	68	41	56	67	42	55
NWFP	57	20	38	64	26	45	64	30	46
Balochistan	53	15	36	52	19	37	54	20	38

NOTES:

1. Population aged 10 years and older that is literate, expressed as a percentage of the population aged 10 years and older.
2. Literacy: For all surveys, literacy is taken as the ability to read a newspaper and to write a simple letter.