

**TABLE 2.21 PERCENTAGES OF CHILDREN 10-18 YEARS OLD THAT LEFT SCHOOL BEFORE COMPLETING PRIMARY LEVEL - BY REGION AND PROVINCE**

| REGION AND PROVINCE | PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN THAT LEFT SCHOOL |           |           |              |           |           |              |           |           |
|---------------------|---|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
|                     | 1998-99 PIHS                            |           |           | 2001-02 PIHS |           |           | 2005-06 PSLM |           |           |
|                     | MALE                                    | FEMALE    | BOTH      | MALE         | FEMALE    | BOTH      | MALE         | FEMALE    | BOTH      |
| <b>URBAN AREAS:</b> | <b>13</b>                               | <b>8</b>  | <b>11</b> | <b>13</b>    | <b>8</b>  | <b>11</b> | <b>9</b>     | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  |
| Punjab              | 16                                      | 8         | 12        | 14           | 8         | 11        | 11           | 7         | 9         |
| Sindh               | 9                                       | 8         | 9         | 14           | 10        | 12        | 7            | 5         | 6         |
| NWFP                | 9                                       | 12        | 10        | 9            | 12        | 10        | 8            | 13        | 10        |
| Balochistan         | 8                                       | 13        | 10        | 8            | 9         | 8         | 6            | 13        | 9         |
| <b>RURAL AREAS:</b> | <b>17</b>                               | <b>21</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>16</b>    | <b>20</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>13</b>    | <b>17</b> | <b>14</b> |
| Punjab              | 19                                      | 21        | 20        | 19           | 18        | 19        | 14           | 15        | 14        |
| Sindh               | 12                                      | 16        | 13        | 12           | 20        | 14        | 11           | 27        | 16        |
| NWFP                | 15                                      | 26        | 19        | 12           | 28        | 18        | 11           | 16        | 13        |
| Balochistan         | 9                                       | 24        | 13        | 10           | 12        | 11        | 8            | 24        | 12        |
| <b>OVERALL:</b>     | <b>16</b>                               | <b>15</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>15</b>    | <b>15</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>11</b>    | <b>12</b> | <b>12</b> |
| Punjab              | 18                                      | 15        | 17        | 17           | 14        | 16        | 13           | 12        | 12        |
| Sindh               | 11                                      | 10        | 10        | 13           | 13        | 13        | 9            | 10        | 9         |
| NWFP                | 14                                      | 22        | 17        | 12           | 24        | 16        | 11           | 15        | 12        |
| Balochistan         | 9                                       | 21        | 12        | 10           | 11        | 10        | 8            | 18        | 11        |

**NOTES:**

1. Children aged 10 -18 years that left school before completing primary level, expressed as a percentage of all children aged 10-18 years that have attended school in the past, or are currently attending school, but excluding those children currently attending school that are presently enrolled in Class 5 or lower. Enrolment in katchi is excluded.
2. Percentage of children left school: Numerator is the total number of individuals aged 10-18 years who attended school, but left before completing primary level. The denominator is the numerator + total number of individuals aged 10-18 years who completed class 5 or higher, or who are currently attending class 6 or higher.