

Districts of Pakistan



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The Districts of Pakistan (Urdu: اضلاع پاکِستان), are the third-order administrative divisions of Pakistan, below provinces and divisions, but form the first-tier of local government. In total, there are 156 districts in Pakistan.

History

Prior to 2001, there were 106 districts but with the reorganization, these were reduced to 102 by the merger of the five districts of Karachi Central, Karachi East, Karachi South, Karachi West and Malir to form Karachi District. The number of districts rose to 106 again in December 2004, when four new districts were created in the province of Sindh of which one (Umerkot) had existed until 2000 and three districts (Kashmore, Qambar and Jamshoro) were newly created. [1][a] The new districts were carved out of Mirpur Khas, Jacobabad, Larkana and Dadu Districts respectively. In May 2005, the Punjab provincial government created a new district by raising the status of Nankana Sahib from a tehsil of Sheikhupura District to a district in its own right. [2][b] On 11 July 2011, the Sindh Government restored again the districts of Karachi South, Karachi East, Malir, Karachi West and Karachi Central, then later in 2013, the district of Korangi was carved out of Karachi East District. In Azad Jammu & Kashmir, a second-tier of government was formed from three administrative divisions into ten districts. In Gilgit-Baltistan, there are nine districts divided between the two regions of Gilgit and Baltistan. In 2018, Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) was merged with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province and FATA agencies were converted into districts.

Chagai is the largest district of Pakistan by area while Lahore District is the largest by population with total population of 11,126,285 by 2017 census. Quetta is the largest district of Balochistan by population with total population of 2,275,699 by 2017 census. Bahawalpur is the largest district of Punjab by area. Chitral is the largest by area and Peshawar is the largest by population from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with the population of 4,269,079 by Census 2017. Sindh's largest district by area is Tharparkar $\frac{[3]}{2}$ and by population its Karachi West with a population of 3,914,757 by 2017 Census. The combined population of six districts of Karachi division is over 16 million by 2017 census making an average population of these six districts of Karachi division over 2.675 million each. Neelum and Kotli are the largest from Azad Kashmir by area and population respectively. Gilgit is the largest by area and population both for Gilgit-Baltistan.

Provinces and Territories



Sr. No.	States / Provinces	Districts	Area (km²)	Population (2017) ^[4]	Density (people/km²)	Country of Comparable Size
1	Azad Jammu & Kashmir	10	13,297	2,972,500	223.55	Montenegro
2	Balochistan	34 ^[5]	347,190	12,344,408	35.55	Germany
3	Gilgit-Baltistan	10	72,971	3,500,000	47.96	Sierra Leone
4	Islamabad Capital Territory	1	906	2,006,572	2214.76	São Tomé and Príncipe
5	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	34 ^[6]	101,741	35,525,047	349.17	! Iceland
6	Punjab	36 ^[7]	205,345	110,012,442	535.74	Belarus
7	Sindh	29 ^[8]	140,914	47,886,051	339.82	Tajikistan

Azad Jammu & Kashmir

#	District	Headquarters	Area (km²)	Population (1998)	Density (people/km²)	Division
1	Muzaffarabad	Muzaffarabad	2,496	615,000	375	Muzaffarabad
2	Jhelum valley	Jhelum valley	854	225,000	263	Muzaffarabad
3	Neelum	Athmuqam	3,621	171,000	47	Muzaffarabad
4	Mirpur	Mirpur	1,010	419,000	415	Mirpur
5	Bhimber	Bhimber	1,516	401,000	265	Mirpur
6	Kotli	Kotli	1,862	746,000	401	Mirpur
7	Poonch	Rawalakot	855	524,000	613	Poonch
8	Bagh	Bagh	770	351,000	456	Poonch
9	Haveli	Forward Kahuta	598	138,000	231	Poonch
10	Sudhnati	Pallandari	569	278,000	489	Poonch

Balochistan

Sr. No.	District	Headquarters	Area (km²)	Population (2017) ^[9]	Density (people/km²)	Division
1	Awaran	Awaran	29,510 ^[10]	122,011	4	Kalat
2	Barkhan	Barkhan	3,514	171,556	48.8	Zhob
3	Chagai	Chagai	44,748 ^[11]	226,008	5	Quetta
4	Dera Bugti	Dera Bugti	10,160	312,603	31	Sibi
5	Gwadar	Gwadar	12,637	263,514	21	Makran
6	Harnai ^[12]	<u>Harnai</u>	4,096	97,017	24	Sibi
7	Jafarabad	Dera Allahyar	2,445	513,813	210	Nasirabad
8	Jhal Magsi	Jhal Magsi	3,615	149,225	41	Nasirabad
9	Kachhi	Dhadar	7,499	237,030	32	Nasirabad
10	Kalat	Kalat	6,622	412,232	62	Kalat
11	Kech	Turbat	22,539	909,116	40	Makran
12	Kharan	Kharan	8,958	156,152	17	Kalat
13	Khuzdar	Khuzdar	35,380	802,207	23	Kalat
14	Killa Abdullah	Chaman	3,293	757,578	230	Quetta
15	Killa Saifullah	Killa Saifullah	6,831	342,814	50	Zhob
16	Kohlu	Kohlu	7,610	214,350	28	Sibi
17	Lasbela	Uthal	15,153	574,292	38	Kalat
18	Lehri	Bakhtiarabad	9,830	118,046	12	Nasirabad
19	Loralai	Loralai	9,830	397,400	40	Zhob
20	Mastung	Mastung	5,896	266,461	45	Kalat
21	Musakhel	Musa Khel Bazar	5,728	167,017	29	Zhob
22	Nasirabad	Dera Murad Jamali	3,387	490,538	145	Nasirabad
23	Nushki ^[13]	Nushki	5,797	178,796	31	Quetta
24	Panjgur	Panjgur	16,891	316,385	19	Makran
25	Pishin	Pishin	7,819	736,481	94	Quetta
26	Quetta	Quetta	2,653	2,275,699	858	Quetta
27	Sherani	Sherani	2,800	153,116	55	Zhob
28	Sibi	Sibi	7,796	135,572	17	Sibi
29	Sohbatpur	Sohbatpur	7,796	200,538	26	Nasirabad
30	Washuk	Washuk	29,510	176,206	6	Kalat
31	Zhob	Zhob	20,297	310,544	15	Zhob
32	Ziarat	Ziarat	1,489	160,422	108	Kalat

Gilgit–Baltistan

#	District	Headquarters	Area (km²)	Population (1998)	Division
1	Ghanche	Khaplu	6,400	88,366	Baltistan
2	Skardu	Skardu	15,000	214,848	Baltistan

#	District	Headquarters	Area (km²)	Population (1998)	Division
3	Astore	Gorikot	8,657	71,666	Gilgit
4	Diamer	Chilas	10,936	131,925	Gilgit
5	Ghizer	Gakuch	9,635	120,218	Gilgit
6	Gilgit	Gilgit	38,000	243,324	Gilgit
7	Hunza	Ali Abad	17,145	80,355	Gilgit
8	Kharmang	Tolti		20,000 ^[14]	Baltistan
9	Shigar	Shigar	8,500	109,000	Baltistan
10	Nagar	Nagar	15,567	89,420	Gilgit

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

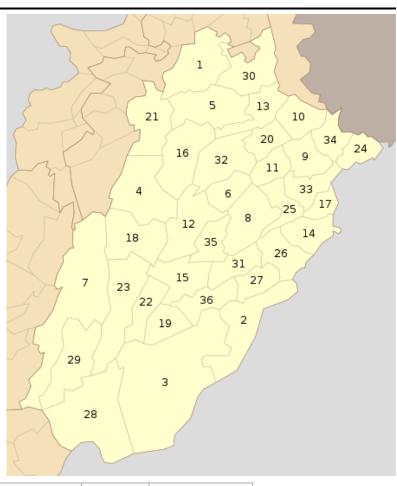
Sr. No.	District	Headquarters	Area (km²)	Population (2017) ^[15]	Density (people/km²)	Division
1	Abbottabad	Abbottabad	1,967	1,332,912	785	Hazara
2	Bajaur	Khar	1,290	1,093,684	848	Malakand
3	Bannu	Bannu	1,227	1,167,892	952	Bannu
4	Battagram	Battagram	1,301	476,612	366	Hazara
5	Buner	Daggar	1,865	897,319	481	Malakand
6	Charsadda	Charsadda	996	1,616,198	1,623	Peshawar
7	Chitral	Chitral	14,850	447,362	30	Malakand
8	Dera Ismail Khan	Dera Ismail Khan	7,326	1,627,132	222	Dera Ismail Khan
9	Hangu	Hangu	1,097	518,798	473	Kohat
10	<u>Haripur</u>	Haripur	1,725	1,003,031	581	Hazara
11	Karak	Karak	3,372	706,299	209	Kohat
12	Khyber	Landi Kotal	2,576	986,973	383	Peshawar
13	Kohat	Kohat	2,545	993,874	390	Kohat
14	Kurram	Parachinar	3,380	619,553	201	Kohat
15	Kolai Pallas		-	-	-	Hazara
16	Lakki Marwat	Lakki Marwat	3,164	876,182	277	Bannu
17	Lower Dir	Timergara	1,582	1,435,917	908	Malakand
18	Lower Kohistan	<u>Pattan</u>	7,492	784,711*	105	Hazara
19	Malakand	Batkhela	952	720,295	757	Malakand
20	Mansehra	Mansehra	4,579	1,556,460	340	Hazara
21	Mardan	Mardan	1,632	2,373,061	1,454	Mardan
22	Mohmand	Ghalanai	2,296	466,984	203	Peshawar
23	North Waziristan	Miranshah	4,707	543,254	115	Bannu
24	Nowshera	Nowshera	1,748	1,518,540	869	Peshawar
25	Orakzai	Kalaya	1,538	254,356	165	Kohat
26	Peshawar	Peshawar	1,257	4,269,079	3,396	Peshawar
27	Shangla	Alpuri	1,586	757,810	478	Malakand
28	South Waziristan	Wana	6,620	679,185	103	DI Khan

Sr. No.	District	Headquarters	Area (km²)	Population (2017) ^[15]	Density (people/km²)	Division
29	Swabi	Swabi	1,543	1,624,616	1,053	Mardan
30	Swat	Saidu Sharif	5,337	2,309,570	433	Malakand
31	Tank	<u>Tank</u>	1,679	391,885	233	Dera Ismail Khan
32	Torghar	Judba	497	171,395	345	Hazara
33	Upper Dir	Dir	3,699	946,421	256	Malakand
34	Upper Kohistan	Dasu	7,492	784,711*	105	Hazara

The following subdivisions are not part of any specific district.

Sr. No.	Subdivision	Headquarters	Households	Area (km²)	Population (2017)	Density (people/km²)
1	Bannu	Bannu	4,188	745	43,114	58
2	Dera Ismail Khan	Dera Ismail Khan	6,924	2,008	68,556	34
3	Kohat	Kohat	14,339	446	118,578	266
4	Lakki Marwat	Lakki Marwat	3,348	132	26,359	200
5	Peshawar	Peshawar	7,065	261	64,691	248
6	<u>Tank</u>	<u>Tank</u>	4,165	1,221	36,389	30

Punjab

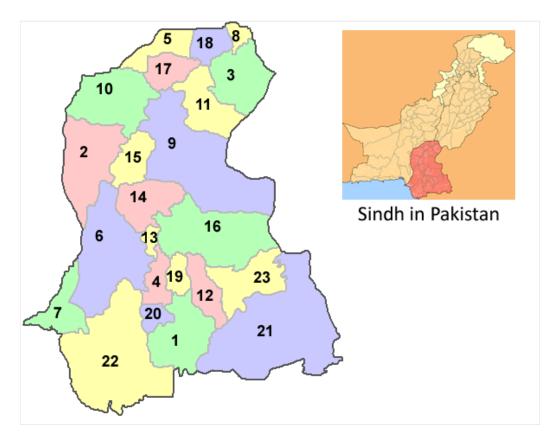


Sr. No.	District	Headquarters	Area (km²)	Population (2017)	Density (people per km²)	Division
1	Attock	Attock	6,858	1,883,556	275	Rawalpindi
2	Bahawalnagar	Bahawalnagar	8,878	2,981,919	336	Bahawalpur
3	Bahawalpur	Bahawalpur	24,830	3,668,106	148	Bahawalpur
4	Bhakkar	Bhakkar	8,153	1,650,518	202	Sargodha
5	Chakwal	Chakwal	6,524	1,495,982	229	Rawalpindi
6	Chiniot	Chiniot	2,643	1,369,740	518	Faisalabad
7	Dera Ghazi Khan	Dera Ghazi Khan	11,922	2,872,201	241	Dera Ghazi Khan
8	Faisalabad	Faisalabad	5,856	7,873,910	1,345	Faisalabad
9	Gujranwala	Gujranwala	3,622	5,014,196	1,384	Gujranwala

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10	Gujrat	Gujrat	3,192	2,756,110	863	Gujranwala
11	Hafizabad	Hafizabad	2,367	1,156,957	489	Gujranwala
12	Jhang	Jhang	8,809	2,743,416	311	Faisalabad
13	Jhelum	Jhelum	3,587	1,222,650	341	Rawalpindi
14	Kasur	Kasur	4,796	3,454,996	720	Lahore
15	Khanewal	Khanewal	4,349	2,921,986	672	Multan
16	Khushab	Jauharabad	6,511	1,281,299	197	Sargodha
17	Lahore	Lahore	1,772	11,126,285	6,279	Lahore
18	Layyah	Layyah	6,291	1,824,230	290	Dera Ghazi Khan
19	Lodhran	Lodhran	2,778	1,700,620	612	Multan
20	Mandi Bahauddin	Mandi Bahauddin	2,673	1,593,292	596	Gujranwala
21	Mianwali	Mianwali	5,840	1,546,094	265	Sargodha
22	Multan	Multan	3,720	4,745,109	1,275	Multan
23	Muzaffargarh	Muzaffargarh	8,249	4,322,009	524	Dera Ghazi Khan
24	Narowal	Narowal	2,337	1,709,757	732	Gujranwala
25	Nankana Sahib ^[2]	Nankana Sahib	2,960	1,356,374	458	Lahore
26	Okara	Okara	4,377	3,039,139	694	Sahiwal
27	Pakpattan	Pakpattan	2,724	1,823,687	669	Sahiwal
28	Rahim Yar Khan	Rahim Yar Khan	11,880	4,814,006	405	Bahawalpur
29	Rajanpur	Rajanpur	12,319	1,995,958	162	Dera Ghazi Khan
30	Rawalpindi	Rawalpindi	5,286	5,405,633	1,322	Rawalpindi
31	Sahiwal	Sahiwal	3,201	2,517,560	786	Sahiwal
32	Sargodha	Sargodha	5,854	3,703,588	633	Sargodha
33	Sheikhupura	Sheikhupura	5,960	3,460,426	580	Lahore
34	Sialkot	Sialkot	3,016	3,893,672	1,291	Gujranwala
35	Toba Tek Singh	Toba Tek Singh	3,252	2,190,015	673	Faisalabad
36	Vehari	Vehari	4,364	2,897,446	664	Multan

Sindh

Sr. No.	District	Headquarters	Area (km²)	Population (2017)	Density (people/km²)	Division
1	<u>Badin</u>	Badin	6,726	1,804,516	268	Banbhore
2	Dadu	Dadu	7,866	1,550,266	197	Hyderabad
3	Ghotki	Mirpur Mathelo	6,083	1,646,318	270	Sukkur
4	Hyderabad	Hyderabad	5,519	2,199,463	398	Hyderabad
5	Jacobabad	Jacobabad	5,278	1,006,297	191	Larkana
6	Jamshoro	Jamshoro	11,250	993,142	88	Hyderabad
7	Karachi Central	Karachi	69	2,971,626	43,067	Karachi
8	Karachi East	Karachi	165	2,907,467	17,610	Karachi



Sr. No.	District	Headquarters	Area (km²)	Population (2017)	Density (people/km²)	Division
9	Karachi South	Karachi	122	1,791,751	14,686	Karachi
10	Karachi West	Karachi	929	3,914,757	4,214	Karachi
11	Kashmore	Kandhkot	2,592	1,089,169	420	Larkana
12	Khairpur	Khairpur	15,910	2,404,334	151	Sukkur
13	Korangi	Korangi	95	2,457,019	25,918	Karachi
14	Larkana	Larkana	7,423	1,524,391	205	Larkana
15	Malir	Malir	2,268	2,008,901	886	Karachi
16	Matiari	Matiari	1,417	769,349	543	Hyderabad
17	Mirpur Khas	Mirpur Khas	2,925	1,505,876	515	Mirpur Khas
18	Naushahro Feroze	Naushahro Feroze	2,945	1,612,373	548	Shaheed Benazir Abad
19	Qambar Shahdadkot	Qambar	5,599	1,341,042	239	Larkana
20	Sanghar	Sanghar	10,720	2,057,057	192	Mirpur Khas
21	Shaheed Benazir Abad	Nawabshah	4,502	1,612,847	358	Shaheed Benazir Abad
22	Shikarpur	Shikarpur	2,512	1,231,481	490	Larkana
23	Sujawal	Sujawal	7,355	781,967	106	Banbhore
24	Sukkur	Sukkur	2,512	1,487,903	592	Sukkur
25	Tando Allahyar	Tando Allahyar	5,165	836,887	162	Hyderabad
26	Tando Muhammad Khan	Tando Muhammad Khan	2,310	677,228	293	Hyderabad
27	Tharparkar	Mithi	19,638	1,649,661	84	Mirpur Khas
28	Thatta	Thatta	10,000 ^[3]	979,817	98	Banbhore
29	Umerkot ^[16]	Umerkot	5,608 ^[3]	1,073,146	191	Mirpur Khas

See also

- Administrative units of Pakistan
- List of Pakistani Districts by Human Development Index

Notes

- a. No data is available on the recently created districts of Sindh Province.
- b. No data is available on the recently created district of Nankana, which was part of Sheikhupura District.

All the figures require being re-checked. Data entry error has occurred in Sindh Province.

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