

KARACHI DEMOGRAPHICS

CENSUS DATA

1. POPULATION

	1981	1998
Total population	5.437 million	9.856 million
Female percentage	45.67	46.17
Intercensal growth percentage	50.77	81.25
Growth rate (percentage per year)	4.6	3.5
Intercensal annual growth (population)	183,123	259,882
Population under 15 (percentage)	41.48	37.61
Decrease in infant mortality (percentage)	-	32

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2. LITERACY

	1981	1998
Total literacy 10 years and above (percentage)	55.04	67.42
	(2,139,090)	(4,978,241)
- Male (percentage)	60.01	71.17
- Female (percentage)	48.84	62.88
Literacy 10-14 years (percentage)	55.24	74.71
- Male (percentage)	55.11	75.22
- Female (percentage)	55.38	74.16
Literacy 15-24 years (percentage)	64.74	73.65
- Male (percentage)	66.70	75.25
- Female (percentage)	62.32	71.78

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3. MARITAL STATUS

	1972	1981	1998
Total married population (percentage)	62.22	62.08	56.29
- Male (percentage)	57.33	58.99	53.62
- Female (percentage)	68.88	66.06	59.59
Married 15-24 years (percentage)	29.39	24.37	18.58
- Male (percentage)	13.13	13.39	10.08
- Female (percentage)	48.96	37.92	28.54
Married 25-49 years (percentage)	81.98	85.33	78.09
- Male (percentage)	76.67	81.88	73.81
- Female (percentage)	89.70	89.69	83.55
Divorce (percentage)	0.20	0.17	0.35
- Male (percentage)	0.16	0.12	0.21
- Female (percentage)	0.24	0.23	0.53

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4. EMPLOYMENT

	1981	1998
Total employed 10 years and above (%age)	33.43	27.58
- Less than 25 years of age (%age)	17.72	13.39
- Between 25 and 59 years of age (%age)	49.37	42.09
- Above 60 years of age (%age)	33.25	19.18

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7. PHYSICAL CONDITIONS

	1981	1998
Number of housing units	0.858 million	1.457 million
Rental housing (%age)	26.40	32.48
One room houses (%age)	44.95	30.09
Three room houses (%age)	13.96	21.12
Average persons per room	3.1	2.9
Electric connections (%age)	65.78	93.75
Water connections in house (%age)	44.45	74.38
Water connections outside of house (%age)	45.39	7.41
RCC roofs (%age)	42.54	56.04

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8. SOURCE OF INFORMATION

	1981	1998
TV percentage households	NA	72.04
Radio percentage households	NA	36.19
Newspapers percentage households	NA	49.85
Total percentage with information source	NA	81.24

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9. MOTHER TONGUE

	1981	1998
Urdu (percentage)	54.34	48.52
Punjabi (percentage)	13.64	13.94
Sindhi (percentage)	6.29	7.22
Pushto (percentage)	8.71	11.42
Baluchi (percentage)	4.39	4.34
Seraiki (percentage)	0.35	2.11
Others (percentage)	12.27	12.44

**Note: 1981 figures are in percentage households
1998 figures are in percentage population**

- **Economic liberalisation**
- **Structural adjustment**
 - **Privatisation**
 - **Servicing debt**
 - **Reduction / elimination on import duties**
- **The communications revolution**
 - **Satellite TV / Internet**
 - **A new culture**
- **A new generation**