



7.2. Key-socio economic indicators with focus on Karachi

7.2.1. Economic situation

As of 2023, Karachi, with approximately 20.3 million inhabitants, was the largest city in Pakistan [2087](#) and the capital of Sindh province. [2088](#) Karachi division, an administrative unit of Sindh, was subdivided into seven districts: Karachi Central, Karachi East, Karachi South, Karachi West, Keamari, Korangi, Malir. [2089](#) Karachi was the financial and commercial centre of Pakistan [2090](#) and the city accounted for almost 20 % of Pakistan's GDP. [2091](#) The industrial base included textile production, footwear manufacturing, chemicals, machinery, and petroleum, as well as food processing and fishery. [2092](#) Furthermore, major automobile companies had assembly plants in Karachi. [2093](#) Alongside Lahore, Karachi is one of the largest garment production hubs in Pakistan, with an estimated 2 500 to 4 000 textile and garment factories. [2094](#) Due to its economic significance and employment opportunities, Karachi has attracted large numbers of internal migrants from other provinces and cities. [2095](#) The city's population grows at around 5 % per year. [2096](#) The country's two principal ports, Karachi Port and Port Mohammed Bin Qasim, are located in Karachi, with Karachi Port providing cargo connections to Afghanistan, Central Asia and Western China. [2097](#) In addition, Jinnah International Airport, located in Karachi, is the largest international and domestic airport in Pakistan as of 2023. [2098](#)

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