



7.2.6. Education

The total literacy rate for Karachi Division was reported to be 75.1 % for the population aged ten years and above in the 2023 Population & Housing Census. 77.2 % of men and 72.8 % of women were literate.[2152](#) Furthermore, the census estimated the rate of children aged between 5 and 16 years who have never attended school or who have dropped out, 'out of school children' (OOSC). Karachi Central had the lowest OOSC rate in Sindh province at 22.7 %. By contrast, Korangi, Karachi West, Keamari and Malir recorded higher OOSC rates falling in a range between 30.1 % and 45 %.[2153](#)

According to the DVIP, Karachi Central had the highest concentration of education facilities in Pakistan, with 29.86 primary schools and 16.38 secondary schools per 10 square kilometres.[2154](#) As of 2023, Karachi Central was the district with the highest population density in Sindh at 55 396 persons per square kilometre,[2155](#) had 327 functioning schools in total,[2156](#) and a student teacher ratio of 18.[2157](#)

Karachi East had 180 functioning schools and the lowest student teacher ratio, at 16.[2158](#)

Karachi West had the highest student teacher ratio, at 29, and 179 functioning schools.[2159](#)

According to the 2023-2024 Annual School Census by the Sindh government, between 76.9 % and 98.6 % of the schools in the Karachi districts had washroom facilities, with the exception of Karachi West, where only 29.2 % of the schools had such facilities. The availability of electricity in schools varied between 62 % in Malir and 95 % in Karachi East. Regarding drinking water facilities in schools, Keamari had the lowest coverage at 57 %, while Korangi had the highest at 86 %.[2160](#) According to the HEC, Karachi had 12 public and 43 private universities.[2161](#)

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