

11.2 Literacy by Educational Levels

| Census Year | 1951 | 1961* | 1972** | 1981 | 1998 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Male | 3,305,016 | 4,260,586 | 8,766,119 | 10,544,528 | 25,702,575 |
| Without Formal Attainment | 1,680,893 | 349,694 | 95,107 | 991,996 | 181,424 |
| Primary | 948,507 | 1,977,421 | 4,632,116 | 4,106,913 | 11,733,464 |
| Middle | 420,829 | 1,351,616 | 1,667,599 | 2,241,139 | 5,626,594 |
| Matric | 202,129 | 424,542 | 1,408,927 | 1,962,740 | 4,645,015 |
| Intermediate | - | 86,892 | 600,683 | 575,673 | 1,671,014 |
| Certificate/Diploma/Less than | - | - | 9,509 | 86,845 | 133,712 |
| BA/BS/BSC or Equivalent | 39,672 | 46,945 | 265,512 | 437,434 | 1,148,395 |
| MA/MSc or Equivalent | 12,986 | 21,575 | 76,742 | 130,950 | 456,185 |
| Others | - | 1,901 | 9,924 | 10,838 | 106,772 |
| Female | 1,797,418 | 1,119,722 | 2,560,437 | 4,200,706 | 13,755,642 |
| Without Formal Attainment | 1,321,741 | 224,562 | 76,590 | 621,753 | 191,382 |
| Primary | 305,716 | 556,323 | 1,404,637 | 1,836,816 | 7,198,630 |
| Middle | 126,117 | 256,088 | 447,507 | 739,489 | 2,541,361 |
| Matric | 37,569 | 57,269 | 323,162 | 605,626 | 2,113,674 |
| Intermediate | - | 15,478 | 224,793 | 200,709 | 893,554 |
| Certificate/Diploma/Less than | - | - | 1,652 | 18,583 | 26,100 |
| BA/BS/BSC or Equivalent | 4,832 | 7,055 | 61,114 | 133,636 | 563,913 |
| MA/MSc or Equivalent | 1,443 | 2,749 | 18,539 | 42,066 | 162,752 |
| Others | - | 198 | 2,443 | 2,028 | 64,276 |

Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

*: The classification for year 1961 includes the age group 5-9 years
 **: Housing Economic & Demographic (HED) Survey