

Table 16 Disability by domain and age

Percent distribution of de facto household population age 5 and over by the degree of difficulty in functioning according to domain, and percent distribution by the highest degree of difficulty in functioning in at least one domain by age, Pakistan DHS 2017-18

Domain and age	Degree of difficulty					Total	A lot of difficulty, or cannot do at all	Number of persons
	No difficulty	Some difficulty	A lot of difficulty	Cannot do at all	Don't know/missing			
Domain								
Difficulty seeing	89.9	8.0	1.9	0.1	0.1	100.0	2.0	67,586
Difficulty hearing	96.6	2.4	0.8	0.2	0.1	100.0	1.0	67,586
Difficulty communicating	98.0	1.2	0.5	0.3	0.1	100.0	0.8	67,586
Difficulty remembering or concentrating	94.1	4.5	1.0	0.3	0.1	100.0	1.3	67,586
Difficulty walking or climbing steps	90.7	5.9	2.9	0.5	0.1	100.0	3.4	67,586
Difficulty washing all over or dressing	96.8	1.9	0.8	0.4	0.1	100.0	1.2	67,586
Difficulty in at least one domain¹								
5-9	93.7	4.2	1.3	0.6	0.3	100.0	1.9	10,469
10-14	93.7	3.9	1.5	0.6	0.2	100.0	2.2	9,153
15-19	92.7	4.8	1.8	0.6	0.1	100.0	2.4	8,486
20-29	91.3	6.0	1.9	0.6	0.1	100.0	2.6	13,677
30-39	83.5	12.6	3.1	0.7	0.1	100.0	3.8	9,531
40-49	66.5	24.9	7.6	1.0	0.1	100.0	8.5	6,004
50-59	48.7	36.9	12.8	1.4	0.1	100.0	14.2	5,039
60+	30.6	37.8	26.9	4.6	0.1	100.0	31.5	5,224
Age 15 and over	75.8	16.2	6.7	1.2	0.1	100.0	7.9	47,961
Total²	81.0	12.7	5.2	1.0	0.1	100.0	6.2	67,586

Note: Total includes four cases for which age is missing.

¹ If a person was reported to have difficulty in more than one domain, only the highest level of difficulty is shown.

² Excludes Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan.

Table 37.1. Disability across adults according to background characteristics: Women

Percentage of the de facto female household population age 15 and over who have difficulty in functioning according to domain, by the highest degree of difficulty in at least one domain, and percentage with a lot of difficulty or cannot do at all in more than one domain, according to background characteristics, Pakistan DHS 2017-18

Background characteristic	No difficulty in any domain	Domain					Difficulty in at least one domain ¹			A lot of difficulty or cannot do at all in more than one domain	Number of persons		
		Seeing	Hearing	Communicating	Remembering or concentrating	Walking or climbing steps	Washing all over or dressing	Some difficulty	A lot of difficulty			Cannot do at all	
Marital status													
Never married	90.0	3.0	1.3	2.1	3.2	2.7	1.2	5.7	2.3	1.1	3.4	1.5	6,561
Married	71.5	16.1	4.0	1.3	8.9	14.9	3.5	20.5	7.2	0.7	7.9	2.2	15,982
Divorced or separated	67.7	22.3	3.8	4.1	10.3	19.2	8.0	20.7	7.8	1.9	8.5	3.2	262
Widowed	31.5	43.4	16.3	6.0	25.5	50.1	19.5	35.9	28.0	5.6	32.4	14.2	1,994
Residence													
Urban	73.3	13.7	3.8	1.7	7.4	16.3	4.1	19.5	7.1	1.0	8.1	2.7	9,239
Rural	73.5	15.0	4.7	2.1	9.8	13.4	4.3	17.4	7.7	1.4	9.1	3.2	15,198
Education													
No education	84.5	21.2	6.8	3.2	12.7	20.1	6.8	22.2	11.1	2.1	13.2	4.7	12,101
Primary	75.5	11.7	2.8	1.3	7.4	13.9	3.5	17.2	6.4	0.8	7.2	2.3	3,467
Middle	81.5	10.0	2.3	0.7	5.2	9.0	1.7	13.9	3.9	0.6	4.6	1.8	2,414
Secondary	84.2	7.7	1.9	0.8	4.1	7.5	1.5	12.1	3.4	0.3	3.6	1.1	2,935
Higher	87.5	6.6	1.0	0.2	2.6	5.3	0.8	10.4	1.9	0.2	2.1	0.4	3,511
Wealth quintile													
Lowest	76.1	14.5	5.9	2.4	10.3	11.3	5.1	14.9	7.3	1.5	8.9	3.4	4,077
Second	71.3	17.3	5.2	2.2	11.2	14.4	4.3	19.3	8.1	1.3	9.4	3.3	4,173
Middle	71.2	16.9	3.8	2.2	9.1	15.2	4.0	19.1	8.1	1.4	8.6	2.9	4,943
Fourth	71.7	15.8	4.4	1.7	8.3	16.0	4.2	19.1	8.0	1.1	9.1	3.3	5,468
Highest	76.1	11.5	2.8	1.5	6.1	14.8	3.7	18.5	8.2	1.0	7.2	2.4	6,077
Region													
Punjab	70.0	16.9	4.5	2.0	9.4	17.1	4.4	20.0	8.8	1.3	9.8	3.5	13,126
Urban	70.1	15.1	4.1	1.7	7.9	16.9	4.0	21.1	7.8	1.0	8.8	3.1	4,966
Rural	70.0	17.9	4.8	2.2	10.3	16.1	4.7	19.5	9.0	1.4	10.4	3.7	6,262
Sindh	78.0	11.6	3.7	1.8	5.8	11.9	3.9	14.4	5.6	1.1	6.7	2.4	5,920
Urban	77.4	11.4	2.9	1.8	5.8	13.8	4.2	15.1	6.5	1.0	7.4	2.3	3,104
Rural	80.4	11.9	4.7	1.7	8.1	9.7	3.5	13.6	4.6	1.3	5.9	2.5	2,556
Rhyber Pothandhwa	74.8	15.5	4.7	2.2	10.1	11.5	4.3	18.7	7.0	1.6	8.9	2.9	3,843
Urban	72.9	15.9	4.1	1.8	11.3	13.6	3.8	19.3	6.8	1.1	7.7	2.0	728
Rural	75.1	15.5	4.8	2.3	9.8	11.0	4.4	16.1	7.1	1.8	8.8	3.1	2,915
Balochistan	83.4	10.4	2.6	1.1	3.1	6.5	2.7	9.3	8.3	0.7	7.0	1.5	1,287
Urban	82.1	10.9	2.3	1.4	4.1	6.9	2.8	11.5	4.7	1.1	5.8	2.2	361
Rural	84.0	10.2	2.9	1.0	2.7	6.3	2.6	8.4	7.0	0.5	7.5	1.3	965
ICT Islamabad	86.8	16.8	5.3	2.8	12.7	16.8	7.0	22.4	9.8	1.0	10.8	4.4	225
FATA	67.9	11.5	5.2	1.0	17.3	13.9	4.3	25.1	6.1	0.9	7.1	2.2	476
Total²	73.4	15.0	4.3	1.9	8.8	14.5	4.2	17.9	7.5	1.2	8.7	3.0	24,437
Azad Jammu and Kashmir													
Kashmir	67.0	17.6	6.4	2.3	13.3	20.4	5.3	21.8	9.5	1.5	11.0	3.9	3,867
Urban	66.7	15.0	6.1	2.4	12.3	19.9	4.8	20.7	8.4	2.2	10.8	3.8	659
Rural	66.7	18.1	6.4	2.2	13.5	20.4	5.4	22.0	9.8	1.4	11.1	4.0	3,039
Gilgit Baltistan	73.7	11.3	6.0	3.1	7.3	15.9	5.5	18.3	8.5	1.4	9.9	3.7	2,192

Note: Total includes seven cases for which marital status is missing and nine cases for which education is missing.

¹ If a person was reported to have difficulty in more than one domain, only the highest level of difficulty is shown.

² Total excludes Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan.

Table 17.2. Disability among adults according to background characteristics: Men

Percentage of the de facto male household population age 15 and over who have difficulty in functioning according to domain, by the highest degree of difficulty in at least one domain, and percentage with a lot of difficulty or cannot do at all in more than one domain, according to background characteristics, Pakistan DHS 2017-18

Background characteristic	No difficulty in any domain	Domain					Difficulty in at least one domain ¹					A lot of difficulty or cannot do at all in more than one domain	Number of persons	
		Seeing	Hearing	Communicating	Remembering or concentrating	Walking or climbing steps	Washing all over or dressing	Some difficulty	A lot of difficulty	Cannot do at all	A lot of difficulty or cannot do at all			
Marital status														
Never married	91.0	2.7	1.5	2.7	3.1	2.0	1.5	4.8	2.7	1.4	4.0	1.8	8,722	
Married	72.5	18.0	4.9	1.8	7.7	13.9	3.5	19.7	6.8	0.9	7.7	2.3	13,677	
Divorced or separated	86.7	10.1	13.2	1.4	13.6	13.1	2.8	20.3	6.1	2.7	10.9	3.8	188	
Widowed	40.4	36.1	20.2	7.0	16.1	36.5	15.8	33.3	25.2	3.8	28.0	11.9	751	
Residence														
Urban	81.3	9.4	3.2	1.7	4.8	9.4	2.5	13.8	4.2	0.8	5.0	1.8	9,328	
Rural	76.4	13.3	4.9	2.5	7.5	11.4	3.8	15.1	7.0	1.4	9.4	2.9	14,188	
Education														
No education	96.8	19.1	7.8	4.5	11.6	16.2	8.2	19.8	11.0	2.8	13.8	5.1	6,038	
Primary	76.0	12.0	3.8	2.1	6.4	10.7	2.9	15.1	6.1	0.8	6.9	2.2	3,257	
Middle	94.1	7.7	2.3	1.4	3.9	7.2	1.8	11.4	3.9	0.6	4.5	1.2	3,075	
Secondary	94.2	8.5	2.7	0.9	3.7	6.5	1.8	12.1	3.1	0.6	3.7	1.2	4,558	
Higher	98.2	6.7	2.0	0.8	3.2	5.4	1.4	11.1	2.2	0.2	2.4	0.5	4,349	
Wealth quintile														
Lowest	74.2	15.2	5.9	3.1	6.1	12.1	4.1	19.2	7.6	1.8	9.4	3.4	4,017	
Second	76.4	13.4	4.8	2.6	7.8	11.3	3.7	14.8	7.3	1.5	8.8	2.9	3,860	
Middle	77.4	12.7	4.1	1.8	6.2	11.8	3.7	15.2	6.4	0.8	7.2	2.3	4,505	
Fourth	78.6	11.2	3.7	2.1	6.4	10.2	3.9	14.8	5.7	1.1	6.8	2.3	5,256	
Highest	83.0	7.9	3.0	1.6	3.7	6.5	1.8	12.5	3.5	0.9	4.3	1.4	5,756	
Region														
Punjab	76.8	12.3	4.8	2.1	6.9	12.1	3.4	15.3	6.6	1.2	7.7	2.6	12,510	
Urban	80.9	9.7	3.4	1.6	4.9	9.9	2.4	14.2	4.2	0.8	4.9	1.7	4,881	
Rural	74.2	14.0	5.5	2.5	6.1	13.5	3.9	18.0	6.1	1.4	9.6	3.2	7,629	
Sindh	81.1	10.1	3.7	2.3	5.8	8.8	2.7	12.9	4.7	1.2	5.9	1.8	5,759	
Urban	82.6	8.3	2.7	1.8	4.5	6.9	2.6	12.2	4.3	0.9	5.2	1.4	3,232	
Rural	79.2	12.3	4.9	2.9	7.5	6.7	2.9	13.8	5.3	1.6	6.9	2.2	2,527	
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	76.5	13.8	4.1	2.6	7.1	10.3	3.7	18.1	6.0	1.3	7.3	3.1	3,228	
Urban	77.8	10.7	3.9	1.6	7.3	9.9	2.9	17.2	4.2	0.7	5.0	1.8	688	
Rural	76.2	14.4	4.1	2.9	7.1	10.5	3.9	15.8	6.5	1.5	7.9	3.4	2,540	
Balochistan	85.8	9.1	2.2	1.0	2.7	4.7	2.0	8.7	4.5	0.7	5.1	1.4	1,350	
Urban	83.4	10.5	3.4	1.4	3.4	5.0	2.1	11.2	4.0	0.6	4.5	0.9	378	
Rural	86.7	8.6	2.1	0.8	2.0	4.5	2.0	7.8	4.7	0.7	5.4	1.6	972	
ICT Islamabad	75.3	13.8	4.4	1.8	6.7	11.5	2.8	17.7	5.4	1.1	6.5	2.4	231	
FATA	76.9	11.2	4.7	2.4	7.9	9.8	3.0	17.1	5.2	0.9	6.0	1.7	457	
Total²	76.3	11.7	4.2	2.2	6.4	10.8	3.2	14.5	5.9	1.2	7.9	2.4	29,523	
Azad Jammu and Kashmir														
Kashmir	71.3	14.8	7.0	2.7	6.2	16.2	3.8	19.7	6.1	1.8	10.0	4.0	2,963	
Urban	72.6	12.7	5.8	2.9	6.6	14.4	3.4	19.4	5.9	2.1	8.0	3.5	546	
Rural	71.0	15.3	7.3	2.7	6.3	16.6	3.8	18.5	6.7	1.8	10.5	4.1	2,357	
Gilgit Baltistan	72.5	11.4	6.6	4.6	6.4	13.8	4.7	19.2	7.5	1.6	9.2	3.9	1,035	

Note: Total includes 5 cases for which marital status is missing and 2 cases for which education is missing.

¹ If a person was reported to have difficulty in more than one domain, only the highest level of difficulty is shown.

² Total excludes Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan.