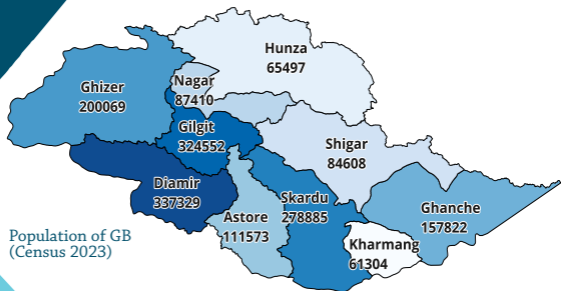




# 2025

## GILGIT-BALTISTAN AT A GLANCE



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## Foreword

The Statistical & Research Cell (SRC) ,Planning & Development Department, Gilgit-Baltistan, is pleased to present 8th edition of Gilgit-Baltistan at a Glance 2025, a concise compilation of key socio-economic and development indicators of the region.



This publication serves as a reliable reference for policymakers, researchers, development partners, students, and the general public. By providing updated and accurate statistics, it supports evidence-based planning, informed decision-making, and effective policy formulation.

The 2025 edition highlights progress across various sectors while reflecting emerging challenges and opportunities for sustainable development. We remain committed to strengthening data quality, accessibility, and transparency. Data from Census 2023 and GB MICS 2024-25 is also incorporated in this edition.

I extend my appreciation to all departments and stakeholders whose contributions made this publication possible. We welcome feedback for further improvement of future editions.

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### Political Institutions in GB

GB Council	GBA	Municipal Corporation	District Councils	Municipal Committees	Town Committees	Union Councils
1	1	3	10	8	4	162

Source: Local Government & Rural Development Department, GB

### District Wise Population and Area of GB

District	Area Sq.KM	Census Population		Growth Rate (%)	Population (Projected) 2026	Pop. Density
		2017	2023			
Astore	5,411	95,416	111,573	2.64%	120,650	22
Diamer	7,234	269,772	337,329	3.79%	377,209	52
Ghanche	8,531	156,697	157,822	0.12%	158,388	19
Ghizer	12,381	172,696	200,069	2.48%	215,342	17
Gilgit	4,208	285,236	324,552	2.18%	346,198	82
Hunza	10,109	51,372	65,497	4.13%	73,955	7
Kharmang	6,144	54,613	61,304	1.94%	64,951	11
Nagar	4,137	71,746	87,410	3.35%	96,481	23
Shigar	4,173	74,540	84,608	2.13%	90,141	22
Skardu	10,168	260,836	278,885	1.12%	288,373	28
<b>GB</b>	<b>72,496</b>	<b>1,492,924</b>	<b>1,709,049</b>	<b>2.28%</b>	<b>1,831,687</b>	<b>25</b>

Source: i. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics ii. SRC P&DD GB

### Gender Parity Index and Literacy Rate

District	AST	DMR	GHE	GZR	GLT	HNZ	KMG	NGR	SGR	SKD
<b>GPI</b>	68.6	34.5	70.7	77.8	80.4	87.1	68.1	83.6	71.1	71.9
<b>Literacy rate</b>	66.4	30.95	69.57	70.28	73.13	86.62	71.09	77.62	62.14	70.62

Source: Census 2023, PBS.

## Male Female population of GB and Sex ratio

### Census 2017

### Census 2023

District	Male	Female	Sex Ratio	Male	Female	Sex Ratio
Astore	49,463	45,953	108	58,837	52,735	112
Diamer	137,944	131,821	105	174,458	162,865	107
Ghanche	81,914	74,773	110	83,216	74,603	112
Ghizer	84,795	87,898	96	100,714	99,353	101
Gilgit	150,290	134,945	111	175,006	149,539	117
Hunza	25,724	25,648	100	33,694	31,803	106
Kharmang	28,889	25,723	112	32,764	28,540	115
Nagar	36,300	35,446	102	44,813	42,597	105
Shigar	38,314	36,226	106	43,756	40,852	107
Skardu	139,424	121,412	115	144,300	134,585	107
<b>GB</b>	<b>773,057</b>	<b>719,845</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>891,558</b>	<b>817,472</b>	<b>109</b>

Source: i.Population Census 2017 & 2023 ii. SRC P&DD GB

## District wise HH size

### 2017

### 2023

District	No. of HHs	HH size	No. of H.H	HH size2
Astore	12,135	8	13,713	8
Diamer	31,063	9	41,536	8
Ghanche	20,995	7	21,174	7
Ghizer	23,345	7	27,862	7
Gilgit	40,156	7	47,496	7
Hunza	8,241	6	11,186	6
Kharmang	7,788	7	8,819	7
Nagar	10,839	7	13,162	7
Shigar	9,725	8	10,368	8
Skardu	32,139	8	37,699	7
<b>GB</b>	<b>196,426</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>233,015</b>	<b>7</b>

Source: i.Population Census 2017 & 2023 ii. SRC P&DD GB

## Civil Registration & Vital Statistics (2025)

Registration	Birth	Death	Marriage	Divorce	Modification	Total
Nos	93,816	6,287	13,955	1,209	22,117	137,384

Source: CRVS, LG&RD GB

### Protected Areas of Gilgit-Baltistan

Type of land	Nos.	Area (in hectare)
Range lands		16015
National Parks	7	24167
Wildlife Sanctuaries	2	583
Game Reserves	5	1437
CCHAs	65	25591

Source: Parks & Wildlife Department GB

### Classification of Land Area of GB (2025)

Land Cover	%
Glaciers	19
Alpine Pastures	10
Dense Forests	2
Sparse Forests	2
Bushes & Grasslands	5
Croplands	1
Bare Soil/Rocks & Sand	61
Human Habitations	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: Forests Department, GB

### Trainings and capacity building sessions

Departments	Trainings	Participants
Vocatioanl Training Centers LG&RD	20	484
ETI	8	1760
GBRSP	11	145
Youth Affairs	4	628

### Education Indicators from GB-MICS-2024-25.

MICS Indicators	Value
<b>Early Childhood Development and Learning</b>	
Attendance to early childhood education	11.7
Participation rate in organised learning (one year before the official primary entry age) (adjusted)	30.5
School readiness	85.6
Net intake rate in primary education	8.9
<b>Youth Development and Employment</b>	
Proportion of youth not in education, employment, or	20.2
Early leavers from education and training (ELET)	16.4

Source: GB-MICS 2024-25

### Key Educational Indicators

Indicator	Primary	Middle	Secondary
Net Attendance Rate (%)	47.4	25.3	16.1
Out-of-School Rate (%)	25	14.6	18.5
Completion Rate (%)	58.8	55.1	46.2
Over-age for Grade (%)	29.1	44.3	—

Source: GB-MICS 2024-25

### Educational Institutions in GB (2025)

Category	Institutions (Nos)	Enrollment	Teaching Staff	Student Teacher Ratio
Primary Schools	1217	81288	3028	27
Middle Schools	294	41632	1907	22
High Schools	238	62734	2870	22
Higher Secondary Schools	41	16233	708	23
Elementary Teacher's Training	3	1697	67	25
Cadet Colleges	2	771	47	16
Special Education	15	276	52	5
Govt. Vocational and Technical Training Centres (GVVTC)	7	1890	95	20
Intermediate	29	10473		
AD	9	1018	474	27
BS	5	1408		
Univesities (with Campuses)	5	5,026	324	16

Source: Education Department GB

## Key Health Indicators from GB-MICS-2024-25.

MICS Indicator	Value	
<b>Child Survival and Mortality</b>		
Neonatal mortality rate	24	
Post-neonatal mortality rate	20	
Infant mortality rate	43	
Child mortality rate	8	
Under-five mortality rate	50	
Pre-mature births	8.5	
<b>Maternal and Reproductive Health</b>		
Early childbearing	8	
Post-natal health check for the mother	46.3	
Care provided by Lady Health Worker (LHW)	29.5	
<b>Health Risk Behaviours</b>		
Smoking before age 15	5.3	
Use of tobacco	19.7	
<b>Immunization Coverage</b>		
Tuberculosis	85.2	
Polio	64	
Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTP)	71.5	
Hepatitis B	71.5	
Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib)	71.5	
Pneumococcal (Conjugate)	69.8	
Rotavirus	74.5	
Measles	65.3	
Full immunization coverage		
a) 12-23 months	58.2	
b) 24-35 months	48.5	
<b>Nutrition</b>		
Indicator	Moderate & Severe (%)	Severe (%)
Underweight Prevalence	14.2	3.4
Stunting Prevalence	42.3	17.7
Wasting Prevalence	2.4	0.6
Overweight Prevalence	3.2	0.4

Source: GB-MICS 2024-25

## Major Health Statistics (2025)

<b>Infrastructure</b>	<b>Nos</b>
Provincial Head Quarter Hospital	1
Regional Head Quarter Hospital	3
Cardiac Hospital	1
District Head Quarter Hospital (DHQ)	7
Tehsil Head Quarter Hospital (THQ)	1
Rural Health Centre (RHC)	3
Basic Health Units (BHU)	23
A Class Dispensary	61
C Class Dispensary	235
Mother & Child Health Care Centre	89
TB/Leprosy Centre	5
Beds	1365
First Aid Posts (Permanent/Temporary)	183
Available Ventilator	55
Functional Ventilator	52
<b>Services</b>	
OPD Patients	1411084
Indoor Patients	109206
Minor Operations	31545
Major Operations	19280
Normal Deliveries	11160
C Sections/Caesarean	3162
<i>Population per Hospital Bed</i>	1342
<i>Population per Doctor</i>	2065
<i>Population per Dental Surgeon</i>	23788
<i>Patients per Doctor</i>	1877
<b>Human Resources</b>	
Health Managers	47
Medical Officers	532
Specialist	278
Dental Surgeons	77
Nurses	307
Health Technician/MCH/LHVs	380
Drug Inspector	12
Pharmacist	380
Paramedics	3003
Lady Health Supervisors	80
Lady Health Workers	1808
Other Supporting Staff	3267
<b>Total</b>	<b>10171</b>

Source: Department of Health, GB



**TOTAL  
POPULATION**  
**1.71  
MILLION**



**URBAN**  
**16.83%**



**RURAL**  
**83.17%**



**MALE**  
**51.63%**



**FEMALE**  
**48.37%**



**MARRIED**  
**64.44%**



**NEVER MARRIED**  
**31.47%**



**AVERAGE ANNUAL  
GROWTH RATE (%)**  
**2.31%**



**AVERAGE  
HOUSEHOLD SIZE**  
**7.23**

### MOTHER TONGUE

**SHINA**  
50.21%

**BALTI**  
29.94%

**PUSHTO**  
0.86%

**KOHISTANI**  
0.86%

**URDU**  
0.38%

**OTHERS**  
17.74%



### POPULATION WITH AGE GROUPS



**UNDER 5**  
17.46%

**05-16**  
31.37%

**15-29**  
25.59%

**BELOW 18**  
51.02%

**BELOW 40**  
81.51%

**65 & ABOVE**  
4.00%

**LITERACY 76%**

**OUT OF SCHOOL 5-16 YEAR**  
**0.14 MILLION (26.12%)**



**75.37%**



**54.00%**



**22.49%**



**30.03%**



**ELECTRICITY**  
95.84%



**SOLAR**  
2.31%



**OTHERS**  
1.85%

## FUEL USED FOR COOKING



**GAS/LPG/  
LNG**  
9.67%



**FIRE WOOD**  
87.02%



**OTHERS**  
3.31%

## TYPE OF HOUSING UNIT



**PAKKA HH**  
27.15%



**SEMI PAKKA HH**  
37.38%



**KACHA HH**  
35.47%



**HIGH RISE  
STRUCTURE**  
(RESIDENTIAL,  
ECONOMICAL,  
RESIDENTIAL & ECONOMICAL)

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## MAIN SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER

(INSIDE AND OUTSIDE)



**TAP WATER**  
72.04%



**MOTOR PUMP**  
2.22%



**FILTRATION  
PLANT**  
0.06%



**BOTTLE  
WATER**  
0.08%



**DUG WELL**  
4.48%



**OTHER**  
21.119%

## TOILET FACILITIES



**SEPARATE  
TOILET**  
48.09%



**FLUSH**  
65.57%



**NO  
FLUSH**  
19.48%



**NO TOILET**  
14.95%

### National Program for Family Planning and PHC (LHW) (2025)

District	Nos
LHW Registered Population	1216666
Household Registered by LHWs	128782
FP Visits	556423
Deliveries by skilled birth attendants	9481
Live Births Reported	10185

Source: Department of Health, GB

### Services Delivered by Community Nutrition Programme

Description	Enrollment	Cured
MAM Children (6-59 Months)	338	324
MAM -PLW	152	167

Source: Health Department, GB

### Summary Status of Population Welfare Department

Description	Unit	2024-25
<b>Infrastructure</b>		
RHSC-A at DHQ Level		6
Mobile Service Units	Nos.	10
Family Welfare Centre		110
<b>Services</b>		
Condoms Distributed	Nos.	649721
Oral Pills (CoC)	CoC (Cycles)	42204
Oral Pills (PoP)	PoP (Cycles)	5330
Oral Pills (ECP)	Doses	1477
Injections DMPA ( 3-months)	Vials	34416
IUDs Multiloads (5-Years)	Insertions	4606
Implant Implanon (3-Years)	Implants	447
Sayanapress		1375
<b>Human Resource</b>		
Directorate		24
District Offices	Nos.	360
RHSCA		33
Social Mobilizers		53

Source: Population Welfare Department, GB

### Number of Engineers and Contractors of GB registered with PEC

#### Engineers

2,543

#### Contractors

1,118

Source: Pakistan Engineering Council, Islamabad

### Water Management and Irrigation GB.

Interventions	No	Quantity (Unit)	Beneficiaries
Improvement Of Watercourses	6	4730 Length (Ft)	111
Construction Of Water Storage Tanks	3	6300 Capacity (cft)	8
Construction Of New Irrigation Channels	1	6 Length (Km)	70
Installation of Solar irrigation system	17	42 Barren land	-

Source: Water Management and Irrigation GB.

### ETIGB Infrastructure Interventions (as of April-2026)

Status	Completed	Progress	Ready to Imp.	Total
Total Schemes	195	49	5	249
<b>ILDs</b>				
Schemes	89	19	3	111
Command Area (Acres)	42,409	13,722	1,212	57,343
HHs	30,607	6,707	1,770	39,084
<b>FMRs</b>				
Schemes	93	28	2	123
FMR Length (KM)	435.84	152.69	6.38	594.91
HHs	15,476	7278	651	20,090
<b>Bridges</b>				
Schemes	13	2		15
Length of Bridge (Meter)	388.15	91.36		480

Source: Economic Transformation initiative GB.

### Energy Statistics

Energy	Hydel	Thermal	Total	Demand (MW)	Shortfall (MW)
Stations/ Units (Nos)	138	33	171		
Installed Capacity (MW)	212	27	239		
<b>Present Generation (MW)</b>					
Summer (In MW)	157	2	159	285	127
Winter (MW)	100	16	117	455	336

Source: Water & Power Department GB

### Number of Press Clubs & Journalists in GB

Category Nos	Press Club	Journalists Registered	Members Press Club	Daily Newspaper	Weekly Newspaper
	12	157	189	22	9

Source: Information Department GB

### Facilities of SCO in GB

Facility	Sites	Capacity	Working Connections
Exchanges	50	36528	12267
DSL	85	9144	6525
DXX	9	98	28
SCOM	301	-	-
Sfiber	-	-	18244
Sfiber Air	-	-	601

Source: SCO GB

### Fleet and Operational Statistics of NATCO, Gilgit-Baltistan.

Vehicle Type Nos	Bus	Coaster	Hiace	Truck	Total
	31	21	60	137	249
Operation and Financial statistics					
<b>Passengers travelled</b>	117,763	<b>Revenue</b>	2794.71	<b>Expenditures</b>	2757.82

Source: Northern Areas Transport Corporation (NATCO)

### Number Of Registered Regular & NCP Vehicles (By Type) In GB

Type of Vehicle	Regular	NCP	Type of Vehicle	Regular	NCP
<b>Ambulance</b>	67	4	<b>Pickup</b>	2818	1233
<b>Bus</b>	366	-	<b>Rickshaw</b>	168	-
<b>Car</b>	2092	26867	<b>Tanker</b>	1173	-
<b>Coaster</b>	8	4	<b>Tractor</b>	2764	-
<b>Double Cabin</b>	549	392	<b>Truck</b>	14198	65
<b>Jeep</b>	4828	3423	<b>Van</b>	375	1044
<b>Mini Bus</b>	102	183	<b>Wagon</b>	399	129
<b>Mini Truck</b>	136	783	<b>Others</b>	825	8
<b>Motor Cycle</b>	16200	24	<b>Total</b>	24348	31680

Source: Excise & Taxation Dept. GB

### Tourist inflow in Gilgit Baltistan (2025)

Foreign	Domestic	Total
32515	860808	893323

Source: Tourism Department GB

### Entry Point-Wise Influx of Foreign Tourists (2025)

Entry Point	Nos
Gilgit Airport	2924
Skardu Airport	8815
KKH Thore	5837
Babusar	3003
Khunjerab	2308
Langar	658
<b>Total</b>	<b>23545</b>

Source: Tourism Department GB

### Trekking Parties and Expedition Parties in GB

Parties	Trekking	Expedition
Parties	276	59
Porters (LAP & HAP)	1454	429
Members	1457	319

Source: Tourism Department GB

### Minerals Production in GB (2025)

Mineral	Unit	Production
Antimony	Ton	1
Aquamarine KG	Kg	66
Copper	Ton	183
Granite	Ton	3560
Lead	Ton	404
Marble	Ton	2087
Nephrite	Ton	324
Placer Gold	Gram	1423
Pozzolan	Ton	3045
River jet	Kg	27
Rought Quartz	Ton	174

Source: Mines & Minerals Department GB.

### Animal Health Care Units in GB

Civil Veterinary Hospitals	20
Veterinary Dispensaries	163
First Aid Centre	18
A-I Centre	20
Labs	7
Poultry Multiplication Centre	2

### Animals Health Services

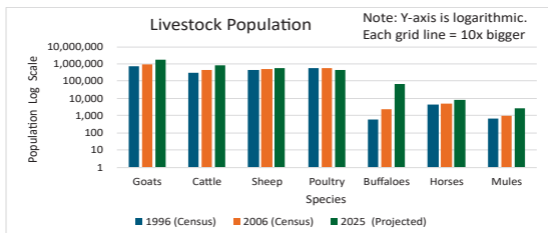
Vaccinated	641,967
Treated	1,325,230

Source: Livestock Department GB.

### Specie wise Livestock population in Gilgit Baltistan

Type	1996 (Census)	2006(Census)	2025(Projected)
Cattle	315337	434851	839452
Buffaloes	629	2263	65211
Sheep	458132	506155	608932
Goats	697669	931821	1687027
Poultry	609344	548743	451158
Horses	4279	5097	8391
Mules	649	1014	2583

Source: Livestock Department GB



### Himalayan Ibex in CCHAs of GB (Numbers)

Females	2852
Youngs	989
Yearling	942
Class I	771
Class II	682
Class III	571
Class IV	1053
<b>Total</b>	<b>7860</b>
Trophy Size	906

Source: Parks & Wildlife Department GB

### Farms in GB

Farms	Private	Public	Total
Dairy farms	89	3	92
Poultry Farms	32	3	35
Fish Farms	445	-	445

Source: Livestock and Fisheries Department GB

### Plants Planted And Distributed By Forest Department (2025)

Fruit-Bearing Trees	Nos	Non-Fruit Trees	Nos
Almond	35,000	Ailanthus	46,200
Apple	177,000	Bottle Brush	13,650
Apricot	118,500	Chinar	7,220
Cherry	13,990	Chirr Pine	25,540
Fig	11,900	Deodar	98,821
Grapes	11,000	Kail	72,453
Peach	11,810	Lagerstroemia	14,900
Pear	16,850	Mulberry	36,811
Persimon	32,300	R. Olive	54,503
Plum	10,850	Robinia	90,252
Pomegranate	19,500	Shisham	11,740
Walnut	35,300	Walnut	47,480
Others	6,000	Willow	82,986
<b>Total Plants</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>Total Plants</b>	<b>602,556</b>

Source: Forest Department GB

### Licenses Issued And Annual Earning During (2025)

Species hunted (Nos)	Ibex	Markhor	Blue Sheep
	50	2	5
No. of hunters	Foreigner	National	Local (GB)
	38	13	6
Hunting Fee (PKR)	Total Fee	80% Community Share	20% Govt. Share
	290,664,722	232,531,778	58,132,944

Source: Parks & Wildlife Department GB

### Agricultural Nurseries and facilities in GB

Facility/ production	Nos
Nurseries (Nos)	61
Total Area (kanals)	2532.4
Cultivated Area	1318.75
Production of fruit plants (2025)	119272
Research Stations	7
labs	4
Green house	6
Screen houses	13
Wheat Seed Distribution (M.T)	506

Source: Agriculture Department GB

### Setup of Food Department GB. (2025)

Facility	Nos
Check post	15
Mills	53
Depots	242
Dealers	1,716
Wheat Distribution (100 kg Bags)	1,234,706

Source: Food Department GB

### Value Chain Interventions by ETI (2016 to 2025)

Intervention Type/ District	Nos
Orchards	513
Nurseries	72
Village Agriculture Cooperative Societies	162
<b>Beneficiaries/ Farmers</b>	
Village Agriculture Cooperative Societies	40613
Potato Seed Multiplication	2009
Apricot (VPGS and 4Ps)	18056
Dairy	360
Vertical Farming (VPGs)/ Tunnels	545

Source: Economic Transformation initiative GB.

### Division-wise Beneficiaries by BISP in GB

Division	Kafaalat (2024-25)		Taleemi Wazaif	
	Beneficiaries	Amount Paid	Beneficiaries	Amount Paid
Baltistan	37851	1325.4715	52865	417
Diamer-Astore	31667	1125.6585	25843	191
Gilgit	42338	1363.5475	61383	496
<b>Total</b>	<b>111856</b>	<b>3814.6775</b>	<b>140091</b>	<b>1104</b>

Source: BISP Islamabad

### interventions by the Youth Affairs Department

Initiatives	Unit	2025-26
Disbursement of Interest Free Youth Loan Scheme	Amount (M)	674
Beneficiaries Interest Free Youth Loan Scheme	Nos	9977
Training Pass out candidates	Nos	400
Interns Hired	Nos	169
Awareness Sessions	Nos	7

Source: Youth Affairs Department GB

### Interventions by GB Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Description	Nos
CEAs Issued/to be Issued	268
Compliance Monitoring and Reports	482
Testing of Water Quality	69
Environmental Awareness	13

Source: GB Environmental Protection Agency

### Gilgit Baltistan waste Management

Vehicles	Nos	168
Drivers	Nos	216
Cleaners/Sweepers/Workers	Nos	223
Dumping Spots	Nos	10
Waste Generation /Per Day (Tons)	Tons	262
Waste Collection/Per Day ( Tons)	Tons	150
Waste Disposed/per year	Tons	47614
Revenue Generation	Rs	16387235
Cost per ton in Rupees	Rs	8430
Cost per ton in Dollar (@ 280 PKR)	\$	30

Source: GBWMC

### Interventions for Cloud Burst /Summer Floods 2025 effectees

Intervention	Nos.	Beneficiaries
IDP camps Established	6	3060
Medical Camps	13	927
Paid Compensation (Million)	14	

Source: GBDMA Deptt. GB.