

# PAKISTAN COMPANY REPORTS

Detailed Summary of Data, Sources & FAQs



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## OUR DATA SOURCES

Please find below the main original sources of information (e.g., Chambers of commerce, local courts, etc). This should apply to registered companies and sole traders/non-registered companies.

**Financial data:** Security and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) / Pakistan Stock Exchange.

**Negative data:** Publicly accessible sources.

**Demographic data:** Subject's website, telephonic interview & Annual Report.

**Payment Data:**

**Collection data:** Internal debt collection database.

**Shareholder's data:** Security & Exchange Commission of Pakistan.

**Group Structure/Corporate hierarchy:** Desktop internet searches / company itself / Annual Report.

**Other key information:** Desktop internet searches & company itself.

**How often the above data is updated e.g., daily, weekly etc.?** The Registry does not offer live feed of data. Information is updated on request of the customer.

**Do you contact companies via a telephone interview or site visits at regular intervals e.g., once a year?**

An attempt to establish telephonic contact is done for every Fresh Investigation case. A visit is conducted on demand of the customer (only in major cities i.e., Lahore, Islamabad, Karachi).

## NEGATIVE DATA

**What type of negative data is available?**

**Bankruptcies/Insolvencies:** Lawsuits and Media Coverage.

**Court Cases/ Actions:** Lawsuits and Media Coverage.

**Debt Collection cases:** Internal database.

**How often is this negative data updated?** It is updated whenever a Fresh Investigation is undertaken on request of a customer.



## CREDIT SCORES & LIMITS

### **Do you give a credit score & limit on all companies?**

Yes.

### **Are there any exceptions?**

A score or limit is not provided on Untraceable Companies or where we do not have enough data to generate the score and limit.

### **What is the credit score intended to predict?**

It predicts the creditworthiness of a company.

### **Is payment data included in your credit scoring model?**

No. Payment data is not available in Pakistan.

### **What does the credit limit represent?**

The maximum combined credit to be given to the company by all suppliers.

### **How is the credit limit calculated?**

Our model calculates credit limit recommendations and considers several variables that include financial variables like net worth, turnover, profitability etc. and non-financial variable like longevity, company size, industry etc.

### **What other company ratings are available?**



## LOCAL ACTIVITY CODES & VAT NUMBERS

### **What version of activity codes are used in the reports?**

We use UK SIC (2003) and the NACE Rev.2 version.

### **What company ID numbers are available? (e.g., the local registration number, VAT number, etc.)**

For Public and Private Limited Companies: SECP Incorporation Number and Federal Board of Revenue NTN number (VAT number).

For Sole Proprietorship and Partnership Firms: Federal Board of Revenue NTN number (VAT number).

### **How are the company ID numbers formatted?**

In Pakistan, the format for Local Registration number has not been disclosed by the registry.

### **Are companies obliged to file a VAT number?**

All companies in Pakistan are obliged to file a VAT number (NTN).

### **How is the VAT Number derived?**

NTN - at present NTN contains eight digits, including one "check digit".

### **If they are not obliged to file and you have this data where has this data come from?**

If they are not obliged to file than we could not provide.

### **How often is the VAT number updated?**

NTN number is only updated when the company change its legal form e.g., if a sole proprietorship company change its business from sole proprietorship to partnership firm.

## LOCAL BUSINESS CLASSIFICATIONS

In Pakistan's scenario, SMEs are defined as the companies with maximum 250 employees, paid capital of PKR 25 million, and annual sales not exceeding PKR 250 million.



## FINANCIAL DATA & FILING REQUIREMENTS

### Which types of company must file financial data?

Company's which are registered in the Security & Exchange Commission of Pakistan files its financial data. Private company with Limited Liability is not required to make public disclosure of their annual financials.

### Are there any filing exemptions and thresholds?

SMC or Pvt Limited with capital less than 3 million PKR are exempted to submit the annual returns in the Security and Exchange Commission of Pakistan.

### How long after the financial year end do companies have to file financials?

In case of listed companies, at least 21 days before annual general meeting. Annual audited financial statements must be laid before the annual general meeting within 120 days of close of financial year.

Other than listed companies, annual audited financial statements are required to be filed with the registrar within 15 days of holding of annual general meeting. Annual audited financial statements must be laid before the annual general meeting within 120 days of close financial year.

In case of foreign companies, within the 45 days from the date of submission to the public authority in the country in which the company is incorporated or within the 6 months of the date of accounts is made up to.

### What is the penalty for not filing the financial data, and is it likely a company would prefer the penalty rather than filing them?

For listed company penalty of level 2 (Up to Rs. 500,000 and up to Rs. 1,000 per day penalty for which the default continues).

For other companies' penalty of level 1 (up to Rs. 25,000 and up to Rs. 500 per day penalty for which the default continues).

### How did you collect the accounts?

We pay the inspection fee and collect the filing data from the registry.

### What is the number of companies that must publish accounts?

### What is the number of companies that can decide to publish or not publish accounts?

### Are the accounts free in this country?

No, there is a prescribed fee for procuring the filing documents.



## REGISTERED & LAW INFORMATION

Source: <http://punjablaws.gov.pk/laws/36a.html>

## FAQS REGARDING UNAVAILABLE INFORMATION

### **Why does the local score show as inactive, however the report status shows as active?**

This situation does not arise as we replicate the status from the Registry itself.

### **Why are the headquarters of companies not rated?**

A Headquarter company is rated by us but the credit limit assigned is conservative as it is not a regular trading company.

### **Why is there no shareholders information?**

Shareholding information is not available only when such a filing is not done by the company, or it is a Foreign Company.

### **Why are some reports not available instantly on-line?**

In Pakistan, The Registry does not provide a live feed. The reports are prepared and updated on demand of the customers. Only archived reports (previously prepared for a customer) are readily available on-line.



## COUNTRY POPULATION & TRADE DATA

### Population

226,911,275

Source - <https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/pakistan-population/>

### GDP

Pakistan is holding the 45 positions by nominal GDP. Its national debt in 2020 was (229,691 million of dollars), (87.56% debt-to-GDP ratio) and its public debt per capita is \$1,101 dollars per inhabitant.

The last annual rate of CPI published in Pakistan was in June of 2020 and it was 9.1%.

In terms of the human development index (HDI) of Pakistan, which is the index used by the United Nations to measure the progress of a country, was 0.557 points in 2019, leaving it in 154th place in the table of 189 countries published.

Source - <https://countryeconomy.com/countries/pakistan>

The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in Pakistan was worth 263.69 billion US dollars in 2020, according to official data from the World Bank. The GDP value of Pakistan represents 0.23 percent of the world economy.

Source: <https://tradingeconomics.com/pakistan/gdp>

### Import / Export

<b>Export goods</b>	<p>Textiles: \$14,409 million  Food: \$4,503 million  Chemical and pharmaceutical products: \$1,146 million  Leather manufacturers: \$559 million  Sports goods: \$470 million  Petroleum: \$235 million [22]</p>	<b>Import goods</b>	<p>Petroleum: 9,747 million  Agriculture and other chemicals: \$8,409 million  Machinery: \$8,322 million  Food: \$7,244 million  Textile: \$4,756 million  Metal: \$4,583 million  Transport: \$2,745 million  Plastic material: 2,459 million [24]</p>
<b>Main export partners</b>	<p> United States 19.6%   China 8.0%   United Kingdom 8.0%   Germany 5.9%   United Arab Emirates 5.8%   Netherlands 4.4%   Afghanistan 3.8%  (2021 est.) [23]</p>	<b>Main import partners</b>	<p> China 24.7%   United Arab Emirates 12.9%   Singapore 5.8%   United States 4.5%   Saudi Arabia 4.4%   Japan 2.8%   Indonesia 2.4%  (2021 est.) [23]</p>

Source - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economy\\_of\\_Pakistan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economy_of_Pakistan)

### IMF Economy and Response to COVID-19

Source - <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19#Pakistan>