

AZAD JAMMU & KASHMIR AT A GLANCE - 2025



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Foreword

Since 2017, the Planning & Development Department (P&DD), GoAJ&K has been committed to providing a reliable and comprehensive source of statistical data through the annual publication “Azad Jammu & Kashmir at a Glance”. This initiative aims to offer a concise yet insightful overview of the region’s socio-economic landscape. The current edition marks the 8th in this series, continuing our mission to deliver accurate and up-to-date information to support evidence-based planning and informed decision-making.

This publication serves as a vital resource for state functionaries, researchers, scholars, planners, students, and other stakeholders. By disseminating critical data on a regular basis, we strive to foster a culture of transparency, accountability, and informed policy formulation.

In this edition, we have incorporated several changes to improve the quality and utility of the brochure. These include the re-categorization of key indicators and the adoption of an online data collection process to ensure greater efficiency and accuracy. The updated version reflects our ongoing efforts to align with best practices in data management and dissemination. For wider accessibility, the booklet is also available on the official website of the P&DD AJ&K (www.pndajk.gov.pk/ajkboshome.php).

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed their time, expertise, and efforts to the compilation of this document. Your dedication has been instrumental in ensuring the success of this initiative. I also welcome any feedback, suggestions, or recommendations from readers to further enhance the quality and relevance of future editions.

May Allah Almighty guide us on the path of progress and prosperity, and may His eternal blessings and kindness continue to illuminate our efforts (Aameen).

(Atif Rehman)

Additional Chief Secretary (Dev.)

Population (National and AJ&K)

Description		Population			
		Census		Projected	
		2023		2024	
		National	AJ&K	National	AJ&K
Total	(in million)	241.49	4.333	251.30	4.389
Male		124.300	2.155	129.40	2.183
Female		117.100	2.178	121.87	2.206
Urban		94.000	0.798	153.78	0.806
Rural		148.000	3.535	97.49	3.582
Average Annual Growth Rate (%)			2.55	1.25	2.55
Density (Persons per sq. km)		303	325	326	330
Area (sq. km)		796,096	13,297	796,096	13,297

Sources: i. Population & Housing Census 2023 ii. AJ&K Bureau of Statistics P&DD

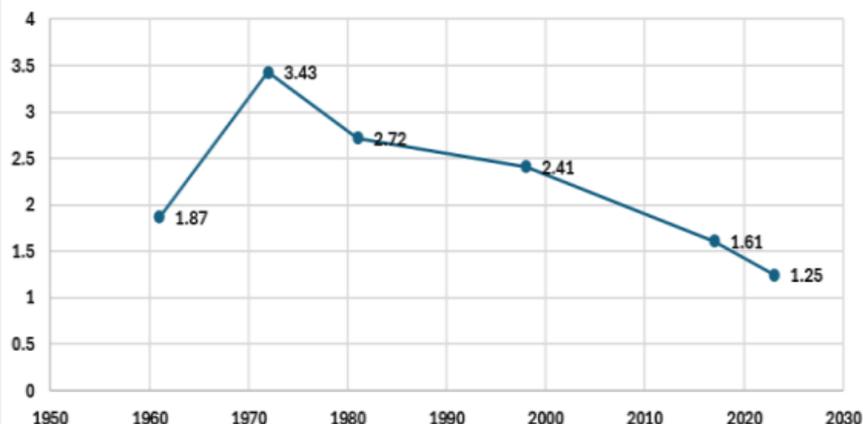
District wise Population & Growth Rate of AJ&K

District	Census 2017		Census 2023		Population Projected 2024 (in million)
	Population (in million)	Growth Rate	Population (in million)	Growth Rate	
Muzaffarabad	0.651	1.91	0.704	1.30	0.713
Neelum	0.190	2.19	0.222	2.63	0.227
Jhelum Valley	0.226	1.64	0.257	2.16	0.263
Bagh	0.372	1.47	0.437	2.73	0.449
Haveli	0.146	1.43	0.171	2.63	0.175
Poonch	0.500	1.03	0.545	1.49	0.553
Sudhnoti	0.298	1.51	0.314	0.89	0.316
Kotli	0.774	1.69	0.804	0.68	0.810
Mirpur	0.457	1.66	0.442	-0.42	0.440
Bhimber	0.419	1.74	0.439	0.91	0.443
AJ&K	4.032	1.61	4.333	1.25	4.389

Sources: i. Population & Housing Census 2017 & 2023

ii. AJ&K Bureau of Statistics P&DD

Population Growth Rate



Sources: AJ&K Bureau of Statistics P&DD, Muzaffarabad

District & Area-wise Population of AJ&K

Nos.

District	Census 2023			Projected 2024		
	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban	Total
Muzaffarabad	529,144	174,517	703,661	536,046	176,793	712,839
Neelum	199,721	21,791	221,512	204,979	22,364	227,343
Jhelum Valley	236,485	20,574	257,059	241,585	21,017	262,602
Bagh	357,772	79,023	436,795	367,524	81,177	448,701
Haveli	163,274	7,554	170,828	167,575	7,753	175,328
Poonch	410,731	134,167	544,898	416,836	136,161	552,997
Sudhnoti	258,531	55,140	313,671	260,827	55,629	316,456
Kotli	716,126	88,139	804,265	720,976	88,736	809,712
Mirpur	272,508	169,276	441,784	271,364	168,565	439,929
Bhimber	390,858	48,136	438,994	394,396	48,572	442,968
AJ&K	3,535,150	798,317	4,333,467	3,582,108	806,767	4,388,875

Source: Population & Housing Census 2023, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics
AJ&K Bureau of Statistics P&DD

District & Gender-wise Population of AJ&K

(in figure)					
District	Census 2023		Projected 2024		Sex Ratio
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Muzaffarabad	357,202	346,426	361,861	350,945	103.110
Neelum	113,959	107,543	116,959	110,374	105.965
Jhelum Valley	129,498	127,557	132,290	130,308	101.522
Bagh	219,863	216,923	225,856	222,836	101.355
Haveli	88,044	82,779	90,363	84,960	106.510
Poonch	269,266	275,621	273,268	279,718	97.694
Sudhnoti	156,665	157,001	158,056	158,395	99.786
Kotli	384,243	419,999	386,846	422,843	91.487
Mirpur	225,046	216,725	224,101	215,815	103.839
Bhimber	211,548	227,424	213,463	229,483	93.750
Total	2,155,334	2,177,998	2,183,063	2,205,677	98.959

Sources: i. Population & Housing Census 2023

ii. AJ&K Bureau of Statistics P&DD

Housing Unit by Nature of AJ&K

(Percentage)						
Tenure	Census 2017			Census 2023		
	Urban	Rural	All Area	Urban	Rural	All Area
All Types	100	100	100	100	100	100
Owned	74.11	96.28	92.30	78	96	93
Rented	22.07	1.50	5.22	19	01	05
Rent Free	3.81	2.20	2.49	02	02	02
Number of Housing Units	113,053	516,171	629,224	143,973	601,260	745,233

Sources: i. Population & Housing Census 2017 & 2023 ii. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

Socio Economic Indicators

S.#	Indicators	Unit	National	AJ&K
1.	Infant Mortality Rate	Per 1,000 LB*	62	47/51*
2.	Maternal Mortality Ratio	Per 100,000 LB	186	104*
3.	Literacy rate	Percent	62.4	77.5
	i. Male	Percent	73.0	87.8
	ii. Female	Percent	51.5	67.7
4.	Life expectancy at birth*	Percent	67.3	67.3
5.	Stunting (height for age) under age 5	Percent	37.6	30/24.2*
6.	Wasting (weight for height) under age 5	Percent	7.1	6.4/4.4*
7.	Immunization coverage	Percent	66	75
8.	Sex ratio	Ratio	105	95
9.	Population Urban	Percent	36.38	17.43
10.	Population Rural	Percent	63.62	82.57

Sources: i) PDHS 2017-18 ii) LFS 2020-21 *MICSAJK 2020-21 *PMMS 2019 *LB=Live Birth

*It is assumed that AJ&K is also at the similar stage in terms of life expectancy rate at birth to Pakistan.

Employed Labour Force

(Percentage)			
Employment by Sector	Male	Female	Total
Total	100	100	100
Agriculture	12.20	64.10	20.80
Industry	31.20	0.80	26.60
Services	56.60	35.10	52.60
Employment Status			
Total	100	100	100
Employers	0.40	1.10	0.50
Own Account Workers	39.30	48.30	40.80
Contributing Family Workers	3.80	20.40	6.60
Employees	56.40	30.20	52.10

Unemployed Labour Force

(Percentage)			
Area	Male	Female	Total
Pakistan	5.50	8.90	6.30
Rural	5.10	7.40	5.80
Urban	6.00	16.40	7.30
AJ&K	7.50	19.10	9.60
Rural	7.50	19.30	9.80
Urban	7.40	18.00	9.10

Source: AJ&K Labour Force Survey 2020-21

Public Finance (2024-25 & 2025-26)

(Rs.in million)

Description	Revenue Receipts			
	2024-25		2025-26	
	Revised Estimates	Share %	Budget Estimates	Share %
Agriculture	10	0.01	12	-
AJ&K Transport Authority	50	0.03	70	0.03
Armed Services Board	40	0.02	40	0.02
Communication & Works	500	0.25	625	0.24
Education	240	0.12	290	0.11
Energy & Water Resources	15,551.90	7.93	19,580.00	7.5
Federal Grant for Shuhada & Injured Person	532	0.27	-	-
Federal Variable Grant	105,000.00	53.54	149,000.00	57.04
Food	480	0.24	550	0.21
Forests	450	0.23	500	0.19
Health	200	0.1	252	0.1
Home (Police)	230	0.12	250.6	0.1
Industries	45	0.02	55.5	0.02
Inland Revenue	69,000.00	35.18	85,000.00	32.54
Jails	2	-	2.5	-
Labour	5	-	6.5	-
Land Record & Settlement	150	0.08	180	0.07
Law & Order (Admin. of Justice)	250	0.13	320	0.12
Livestock & Dairy Development	35	0.02	50	0.02
Loan & Advances	1,100.00	0.56	1,200.00	0.46
Minerals	75	0.04	130	0.05
Miscellaneous	970	0.49	1,264.20	0.48
Printing Press	95	0.05	120	0.05
Religious Affairs	75	0.04	90	0.03
Sericulture	4	-	6.5	-
Social Welfare & Women Affairs	0.1	-	0.2	-
Stamps	450	0.23	500	0.19
Tourism & Archaeology	12	0.01	15	0.01
Water Usage Charges	500	0.25	1,000.00	0.38
Wild Life/Fisheries	80	0.04	90	0.03
Total	196,132.00	100	261,200.00	100

Source: Finance Department of AJ&K

Annual Development Programme (2024-25 & 2025-26)

(Rs. in million)

S #	Sector/Sub-Sector	Revised Allocation 2024-25	Share (%)	Budget Estimates 2025-26	Share (%)
1	Agriculture	212.385	0.76	900.000	1.84
2	AJK-TEVTA	60.000	0.21	280.000	0.57
3	Civil Defence & Disaster Management	130.692	0.47	150.000	0.31
4	Communication & Works	15,189.000	54.25	15,000.000	30.61
5	Development Authorities	13.878	0.05	345.000	0.70
6	Education (Schools)	391.426	1.40	3,100.000	6.33
7	Education (Colleges)	336.478	1.20	1,900.000	3.88
8	Energy & Water Resources	1,811.742	6.47	4,800.000	9.80
9	Environment	48.398	0.17	150.000	0.31
10	Forestry / Watershed	354.215	1.27	800.000	1.63
11	Governance/Misc	1,212.721	4.33	2,035.000	4.15
12	Health	1,301.064	4.65	6,000.000	12.24
13	Industries, Sericulture, Labour & Minerals	198.709	0.71	920.000	1.88
14	Information & Media Dev.	79.146	0.28	200.000	0.41
15	Information Technology	401.693	1.43	800.000	1.63
16	Land Administration and Management	319.400	1.14	1,150.000	2.35
17	Local Govt. & Rural Dev.	4,396.000	15.70	5,000.000	10.20
18	PP&H	1,016.591	3.63	2,465.000	5.03
19	Research & Development	286.129	1.02	1,400.000	2.86
20	Social Welfare & Women Dev.	53.021	0.19	300.000	0.61
21	Sports Youth & Culture	116.000	0.41	500.000	1.02
22	Tourism	69.880	0.25	700.000	1.43
23	Transport	-	-	30.000	0.06
24	Wildlife/Fisheries	1.432	0.01	75.000	0.15
Total		28,000.000	100	49,000.000	100

Source: Planning & Development Department of AJ&K

Education (2024)

Govt. Institutions	Nos.	Enrolment (Nos.)	T. Staff (Nos.)
Primary & Mosque Schools			37,788
Male	2,180	106,630	
Female	1,859	72,128	
Middle Schools			
Male	528	65,667	
Female	524	50,925	
High Schools			
Male	411	96,915	
Female	380	74,369	
Higher Secondary Schools			
Male	51	16,221	
Female	70	20,287	
Inter/Degree/Post Graduate Colleges			
Inter Colleges			5,052
Male	43	8,432	
Female	40	7,236	
Model Science Colleges	04	2,415	
Degree Colleges			
Male	31	8,966	
Female	47	13,277	
Post Graduate Colleges			
Male	08	10,374	
Female	06	5,559	
Medical Colleges			
AJ&K Medical College Muzaffarabad	01	545	120
Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Medical College Mirpur	01	552	79
Poonch Medical College Rawalakot	01	558	89

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Education (2024)

Govt. Institutions	Enrolment by level (Nos)	T. Staff (Nos)
Universities		
AJ&K University Muzaffarabad	7,950	275
University of Management Sciences & Information Technology Kotli	4,462	164
Mirpur University of Science & Technology (MUST)	8,471	272
Poonch University Rawalakot	6,829	211
Women University Bagh	2,057	101

Sources: i. EMIS Education Department, Mzd. ii. Directorate of Education Colleges Mzd.
 iii. All Medical Colleges. iv. Finance Department AJ&K.
 v. Education Section, P&DD. vi. AJK University Mzd., MUST, Kotli, Poonch University
 Rawalakot & Women University Bagh

Teacher Student Ratio in Public Sector

Category of Govt. Institutions	Students Per Teacher
Universities	29.10
Medical Colleges	5.42
Colleges	20.91
Schools	15.82

Source: AJ&K BoS, Planning & Development Department, Muzaffarabad

Literacy Population 10 Years and Older

(Percentage)						
Region	2018-19			2019-20		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Urban	90.00	74.00	82.00	91.00	81.00	86.00
Rural	84.00	63.00	72.00	84.00	65.00	74.00
Total	85.00	65.00	74.00	86.00	67.00	76.00

Sources: i. AJ&K PSLM 2018-19 ii. AJ&K PSLM 2019-20

Out of School Children

(Rate)			
Description	Total	Male	Female
Primary School Age (5-9)	6.5	5.7	7.4
Middle School Age (10-12)	8.8	8.0	9.7
High School Age (13-14)	17.9	16.0	19.8

Sources: AJ&K Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2020-21

Health (2024)

Facilities	Nos.
Teaching / Other Hospitals	08
DHQ Hospitals	07
THQ Hospitals	14
RHCs	46
BHUs	233
Dispensaries	78
Malaria Centres	160
Total Beds	2,950
Population per Bed	1,487

Source: Directorate of Health Department, Muzaffarabad

Public Sector Health Care Services Indicators

Description	Nos.
Total OPD Consultations	5,864,177
Total Indoor Admissions	178,368
Minor Operations	24,100
Major Operations	31,438
X- Rays	325,043
Lab Tests	2,458,800

High Prevalence Communicable Diseases (OPDs)

Acute (Upper) Respiratory Infection	509,684
Diarrhoea / Dysentery < 5 years	99,953
Diarrhoea / Dysentery > 5 years	118,940
Scabies	112,578
Suspected Malaria	44,713

High Prevalence Non- Communicable Diseases (OPDs)

Fever Due to other causes	338,161
Urinary Tract Infection	145,364
Hypertension	152,155
Dental Caries	130,605
Asthma	75,198

High Prevalence Diseases attributed for death (Indoor)

All Obstetric Complications	35
Acute Appendicitis	05
Pneumonia < 5 Years	120

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Public Sector Health Care Services Indicators (2024)

Description	Nos.
Diarrhoea / Dysentery < 5 Years	99,953
Diarrhoea / Dysentery > 5 Years	118,940
Reported Cases of Communicable Diseases	
Suspected Malaria	44,713
TB (Under Treatment)	-
Suspected Viral Hepatitis	6,820
Reported Maternal and Child Health (HCF)	
Live Births in Health Care Facilities	52,219
Normal Deliveries	52,219
C-Sections	15,463
Maternal Deaths	104
Neonatal Deaths	1,448
Still Births	1,466
Infant Deaths Reported	
Maternal Deaths Reported	104
High Prevalence Speciality for Referral (Indoor)	
Medicine	1,968
Paediatrics	1,201
Cardiology	1,356
OB/GYN	734
Surgery	1,051
TB/Chest	45
Orthopaedics	62
Neuro Surgery	72
Eye	02
Other	341
High Prevalence Diseases Attributed for Deaths (Indoor)	
CVA/Stroke death	189
Congestive Cardiac Failure (CCF)	268
Ischemic Heart Diseases (IHD)	263
Chronic Renal Diseases	112
Pneumonia < 5 Years	120
Hypertension	96
Chronic Liver Diseases	83
Diarrhoea / Dysentery < 5 Years	54
Pneumonia > 5 Years	50
Diabetes Mellitus	70

Source: Directorate of Health Department, Muzaffarabad

Human Resources in Health (2024)

Description	Nos.
Doctors (Including Medical Specialists, Medical officers and Health Manager)	1,148
Population per doctors	4,004
Dental Surgeons	82
Nurses	711
MCH Technicians	354
Paramedics	2,742

Source: Directorate of Health Department, Muzaffarabad.

Agriculture -Land Utilization (2024)

		(Hectares)
S.#	Categories	Area
1	Total Farm Area	642,685
2	Farm Area Per Family	1.76
3	Farm Area Per Capita	0.22
4	Area Under Cultivation	195,613
5	Cultivated Area Per Family	0.519
6	Cultivated Area Per Capita	0.082
7	Annual Cropped Area	223,422
8	Non-Irrigated Area	170,629
9	Irrigated Area	24,984
10	Area Under Maize Cultivation	93,534
11	Area Under Wheat Cultivation	73,229
12	Area Under Rice Cultivation	1,990
13	Area Under Millet Cultivation	21,692
14	Area Under Vegetables	3,219
15	Area Under Fruits	13,280

Source: Agriculture Department, Muzaffarabad.

Agriculture (2024)

Crops	Area in hectare	Production in 1000 metric tons	Yield kg per hectare
Maize	93,534	146.058	1.562
Wheat	73,229	154.022	2.103
Rice	1,990	4.530	2.276
Millet	21,692	25.381	1.701

Source: Agriculture Department, Muzaffarabad.

Agriculture Machinery in Public Sector (2024)

Machinery	Nos.
Tractors	48
Threshers	23

Source: Agriculture Department, Muzaffarabad.

Livestock (2024)

Animals	Nos.
Cattles	577,476
Buffalos	800,372
Sheep	253,663
Goats	2,093,305
Camels	517
Horses	14,640
Mules	11,703
Asses	57,523
Poultry	4,451,598

Source: Livestock Department, Muzaffarabad

Social Welfare & Women Development (2024)

S.#	Name of Institutions	Nos.
1	Dar-ul-Falah	05
2	Rural House Hold Education Centre	05
3	Kashana Centre	09
4	Shelter Homes	02
5	Social Welfare Complexes	03
6	Special Education Centre	02
7	Drug Addicts Rehabilitation Centre	01
8	Women Development Centre	21

Source: Social Welfare & Women Development Department, Muzaffarabad

Forests (2024)

Land Utilization	Area (in million hectares)	Percentage of Total Geographical Area
Area under the control of Forest Department	0.567	42.63
Cultivation	0.173	13.01
Cultivable Waste	0.032	2.41
Uncultivable Waste	0.558	41.95
Total	1.330	100

Source: Forests Department, Muzaffarabad

Power (Electricity Department) (2024)

Electricity Connections (Nos.)	809,346
Villages Electrified (Nos.)	1,730
Electricity Units Purchased (million KWh)	2,807.102
Electricity Units Sold (million KWh)	1,672.679
Per Capita Electricity Delivered (KWh)	408
Total Estimated Demand (MW)	400
Maximum Power Supply (MW)	330
Electricity Population Served (in %)	96.24

Source: Electricity Department, Muzaffarabad

Power (Hydro Power Potential) (2024)

Status of Project	Nos.	Capacity (MW)
Commissioned	31	3,204.60
On-going	09	1,983.22
Upcoming	53	3,336.58
Total (identified)	93	8,524.40

Source: Power Development Organization, Muzaffarabad

Roads (2024)

Total Roads	(Km)
Metalled Roads	11,873
Fair Weather Roads	8,038
Road per sq.km of Area	0.89

Source: LG&RD and Public Works Department, Muzaffarabad

Transport (2024)

Registered Vehicles	Nos.
Buses & Mini Buses	1,979
Trucks & Mini Trucks	3,277
Motor Cars	13,773
Motor Cycles	145,228
Rickshaws	9,543
Wagons, Vans & Ambulances	2,447
Jeeps	5,026
Tractors	2,173

Source: Inland Revenue Department.

Telecom Facilities (2024)

Services	Sites	Capacity	Connections
	Nos.		
Exchanges	96	50,168	23,466
DSL	91	13,872	7,699
DXX	17	296	15
GPoN	21	74,736	19,240
Freelancing Hub	37	1,850	-
Software Technology Park	9	74	-

Source: Special Communication Organization, Muzaffarabad

Subscribers/SIMs Registered in AJ&K (2024)

SCOM	Nos.	895,353
Mobilink/Warid		360,198
U.Fone		265,782
Telenor		2,059,161
Zong		1,020,825

Source: Pakistan Telecommunication Authority

Important Mineral Reserves (2024)

Type of Minerals	Total Reserves (million tonnes)	Value at Minehead (Rs. in million)
Bentonite Mirpur & Bhimber	4.500	6,750.000
Granite Muzaffarabad & Neelum	700.000	560,000.000
Marble Mzd., Neelum & Kotli	40,000	40,000.000
Coal Muzaffarabad & Kotli	30,000	21,000.000
Lime Stone-Muzaffarabad	100,000	120,000.000
Gypsum Mzd. & Jhelum Valley	5.000	1,250.000
Bauxite – Kotli	7.000	1,750.000
Fireclay-Kotli	7.000	1,750.000
Quartzite-Kotli	7.000	1,400.000
Ruby- Neelum	50 million grams	25,000.000

Source: Minerals Department

Tourism (2024)

Year	Rest Houses (No.)	Visitors/Year (in million)
2019	30	0.660
2020	30	0.355
2021	30	0.470
2022	30	1.734
2023	30	2.480
2024	38	3.210

Source: Tourism Department, Muzaffarabad

Piped Water Supply (2024)

(Percentage)			
S.#	District	Population Served	
		Urban	Rural
1	Muzaffarabad	57.53	65.62
2	Neelum	42.69	57.20
3	Jhelum Valley	46.12	74.63
4	Bagh	27.68	66.40
5	Haveli	64.71	67.34
6	Poonch	11.23	91.38
7	Sudhnoti	13.20	55.07
8	Kotli	61.00	67.51
9	Mirpur	70.46	76.15
10	Bhimber	43.21	70.95
Total		48.23	69.69

Sources: i. PP&H Department, Muzaffarabad ii. LG&RD Department, Muzaffarabad

Income and Expenditure of Local Council Service (2024-25)

(Rs. in million)						
District	Total No. of MC, DC & TC*	Total Income	Expenditures			
			Dev.	Non-Dev.	Pay & Allowance	Total
Muzaffarabad	5	710.796	177.560	201.705	331.531	710.796
Neelum	3	90.477	31.870	22.914	35.693	90.477
Jhelum Valley	3	67.802	29.821	23.794	14.187	67.802
Bagh	3	196.163	93.981	68.553	33.629	196.163
Haveli	2	44.833	15.871	12.171	16.791	44.833
Poonch	5	214.894	85.283	54.820	74.792	214.895
Sudhnoti	4	85.372	44.689	21.112	19.571	85.372
Kotli	6	536.958	180.201	203.749	153.008	536.958
Mirpur	5	1,047.632	358.856	443.051	245.725	1,047.632
Bhimber	5	311.113	142.393	74.136	94.583	311.112
Total	41	3,306.040	1,160.525	1,126.005	1,019.510	3,306.040

Source: Local Govt. Board *MC=Municipal Committee/Corporation, DC= District Council & TC= Town Committee

Map of Azad Jammu & Kashmir

