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JUDICIAL STATISTICS OF PAKISTAN

JAN TO JUN 2026



Executive Summary:

Judicial statistics for Pakistan from January 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026, is detailed below.

Key Highlights

- **Overall Backlog Reduction:** The total number of pending cases across all superior and district courts decreased by **54,392 cases** (a **2.45% decline**) over the six-month period.
- **Disposal Outpaces Institution:** Total case disposals (**2,461,702**) exceeded new case institutions (**2,399,790**), driving the net backlog reduction.
- **District Courts Dominate:** District judiciaries handle **over 85%** of the country's total caseload, with Punjab carrying the largest single burden.

Superior Courts Analysis (Supreme Court & High Courts)

The superior courts achieved a combined backlog reduction of **14,604 cases**.

- **Supreme Court of Pakistan:** Successfully reduced its backlog from **33,806** to **32,962** cases, disposing of 9,032 cases against 8,145 new institutions.
- **Lahore High Court:** Achieved the largest volume reduction among superior courts, clearing **13,743 cases** (dropping from 169,035 to 155,292).
- **Peshawar High Court:** Reduced pendency by **3,033 cases**, aided by significant downward adjustments in physical verification/remands (-2,577).
- **Backlog Increases:** The **High Court of Sindh, High Court of Balochistan, Islamabad High Court, and Federal Shariat Court** all saw their pending caseloads increase slightly due to institutions outnumbering disposals.

District Judiciary Analysis

The district judiciaries combined reduced their total backlog by **39,788 cases** (from 1,904,697 to 1,864,909).

- **District Judiciary Punjab:** Handled the highest volume nationwide, disposing of **1,781,359 cases** to reduce its balance from 1,435,045 to 1,397,203.
- **District Judiciary KPK & Islamabad:** Both regions successfully lowered their pending balances due to high disposal rates.
- **District Judiciary Sindh & Balochistan:** Both experienced minor increases in their pending balances over the six-month timeframe.

Aggregate Data Summary

Court Level	Pendency (Jan 1, 2026)	New Institutions	Total Disposals	*Adjustments	Balance (June 30, 2026)
Superior Courts	317,988	125,073	137,008	-2,823	303,384
District Judiciary	1,904,697	2,274,717	2,324,694	10,189	1,864,909
Grand Total	2,222,685	2,399,790	2,461,702	7,366	2,168,293

**Note: Adjustments include physical verification, re-opening/restoration, remand, and leave to appeal cases.*

Statement of cases Pending, Institution and Disposal during the period from 1-1-2026 to 30-06-2026 in the Superior Courts and District Judiciary of Pakistan					
Name of Courts	Pendency on 1-1-2026	Institution during 1-1-2026 to 30-06-2026	Disposal during 1-1-2026 to 30-06-2026	* Physical Verification/ Restored/ Reopened/ Remanded	Balance on 30-06- 2026
Supreme Court of Pakistan	33,806	8,145	9,032	-111	32,962
Federal Shariat Court	84	82	63	0	103
Lahore High Court	169,035	71,325	85,854	786	155,292
High Court of Sindh	55,383	19,213	18,016	132	56,712
Peshawar High Court	36,138	17,019	17,475	-2577	33,105
High Court of Balochistan	6,385	2,963	1,838	-45	7,465
Islamabad High Court	17,157	6,326	4,730	-1008	17,745
Total – Superior Courts	317,988	125,073	137,008	-2,823	303,384
District Judiciary Punjab	1,435,045	1,741,781	1,781,359	1736	1,397,203
District Judiciary Sindh	178,965	211,118	204,482	203	185,804
District Judiciary KPK	221,032	238,523	251,632	8084	216,007
District Judiciary Balochistan	18,430	26,587	26,108	7	18,916
District Judiciary Islamabad	51,225	56,708	61,113	159	46,979
Total – District Courts	1,904,697	2,274,717	2,324,694	10,189	1,864,909
Grand Total	2,222,685	2,399,790	2,461,702	7,366	2,168,293

* The difference is reported due to transfer, re-opening/restoration, remand and in case where leave to appeal is granted.

Judicial Statistics – Criminal and Civil Overview

Key Highlights

- **National Caseload Focus:** Civil cases dominate the overall pending backlog, accounting for **64%** of total pending cases, while criminal cases make up **34.5%**.
- **High Efficiency in Clearing Backlogs:** Both criminal and civil sectors achieved a net reduction in pending cases, as total disposals outpaced new institutions in both categories nationwide.
- **District Courts Drive Action:** Over **97% of all new case institutions** and disposals occur at the District Judiciary level, demonstrating where the bulk of daily legal action takes place.

Criminal vs. Civil Performance Breakdown

Criminal Cases

The nationwide criminal case backlog saw a successful reduction of **16,609 cases** during June.

- **District Judiciary Dominance:** District courts handled nearly all the volume, disposing of **1,509,979 criminal cases** against **1,494,395 new institutions**.
- **Superior Courts:** High courts maintained a steady pace, disposing of **45,258 criminal cases** while receiving **44,160 new ones**, bringing their balance down to **47,329**.
- **Regional Leaders:** Punjab's District Judiciary led in volume, successfully disposing of over 1.14 million criminal cases to lower its balance to **528,439**.

Civil Cases

The civil case backlog experienced a massive reduction of **36,958 cases** across the country.

- **High Disposal Numbers:** Total civil disposals reached **897,370**, strongly outpacing the **853,008 new civil institutions**.
- **District Courts Capacity:** District judiciaries cleared **814,715 civil cases**, reducing their collective civil balance from 1,187,529 down to **1,162,790**.
- **Superior Courts Capacity:** High courts cleared **82,655 civil cases** against **72,686 new fillings**, ending the month with a balance of **222,990**.

Aggregate Data Summary (June 2026)

Case Type	Pendency (June 1)	New Institutions	Total Disposals	Balance (June 30)	Net Change
Criminal Total	766,057	1,538,555	1,555,237	749,448	▼ -16,609
Civil Total	1,422,738	853,008	897,370	1,385,780	▼ -36,958
Grand Total*	2,222,685	2,399,790	2,461,702	2,168,293	▼ -54,392

Statement of Cases Criminal & Civil in Superior Courts and District Judiciary During the Period from 1st - 30th June 2026												
High Courts	Criminal				Civil				Total			
	Pendency	Institution	Disposal	Balance	Pendency	Institution	Disposal	Balance	Pendency	Institution	Disposal	Balance
Supreme Court									33,806	8,145	9,032	32,962
Federal Shariat Court									84	82	63	103
Lahore High Court	28397	28857	31081	25979	140638	42468	54773	129313	169035	71325	85854	155292
High Court of Sindh	12750	8267	7203	13854	42633	10946	10813	42858	55383	19213	18016	56712
Peshawar High Court	4482	4770	5215	3648	31656	12249	12260	29457	36138	17019	17475	33105
High Court of Balochistan	1520	1104	630	1949	4865	1859	1208	5516	6385	2963	1838	7465
Islamabad High Court	1740	1162	1129	1899	15417	5164	3601	15846	17157	6326	4730	17745
Total	48889	44160	45258	47329	235209	72686	82655	222990	317988	125073	137008	303384

District Judiciary	Criminal				Civil				Total			
	Pendency	Institution	Disposal	Balance	Pendency	Institution	Disposal	Balance	Pendency	Institution	Disposal	Balance
Punjab	545684	1130293	1146327	528439	889361	611488	635032	868764	1435045	1741781	1781359	1397203
Sindh	78260	161004	155121	84502	100705	50114	49361	101302	178965	211118	204482	185804
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	63787	155539	158582	62130	157245	82984	93050	153877	221032	238523	251632	216007
Balochistan	8843	19392	19074	9161	9587	7195	7034	9755	18430	26587	26108	18916
Islamabad	20594	28167	30875	17887	30631	28541	30238	29092	51225	56708	61113	46979
Total	717168	1494395	1509979	702119	1187529	780322	814715	1162790	1904697	2274717	2324694	1864909

Grand Total	766057	1538555	1555237	749448	1422738	853008	897370	1385780	2222685	2399790	2461702	2168293
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