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Event data may be revised or complemented in future updates. Updates in ACLED's datasets will not necessarily be reflected in ACCORD's reports if the update occurs close to or after the latter's publication. Changes in the sources used by ACLED to collect incident data might affect the comparability of data over time. For more information on ACLED's methodology, please see www.acleddata.com/resources/methodology/

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1 Methodology

The data used in this report was collected by the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED). ACLED collects data on reported conflict events in selected African and Asian countries, Pakistan being among them. ACLED researchers collect event data from a variety of sources and code them by date, location, agent, and event type.

Most of the data collected by ACLED is gathered based on publicly available, secondary reports. It may therefore underestimate the volume of events. Fatality data particularly is vulnerable to bias and inaccurate reporting, and ACLED states to use the most conservative estimate available. ACLED uses the reports' context to estimate fatalities for events with reported fatalities for which the exact number is unknown ("10" for plural fatalities, "100" if "hundreds" are mentioned, etc.). For further details on ACLED and for the full data, see www.acleddata.com and Raleigh; Linke; Hegre und Karlsen, 2010.

Based on this data, the Austrian Centre for Country of Origin & Asylum Research and Documentation (ACCORD) compiles updates on conflict incidents and publishes them on ecoi.net to offer another access point to the ACLED datasets.

It is advised to employ extreme caution when using fatality numbers.

Assessments of the security situation should not be based solely on quantitative analysis of event data.

Geographic map data is primarily based on GADM, complemented with other sources if necessary. Incidents are mapped to GADM provinces using the provinces stated in ACLED data. Province names and borders may differ between ACLED and GADM. Incidents that could not be located are ignored. The numbers included in this overview might therefore differ from the original ACLED data. ACLED uses varying degrees of geographic precision for

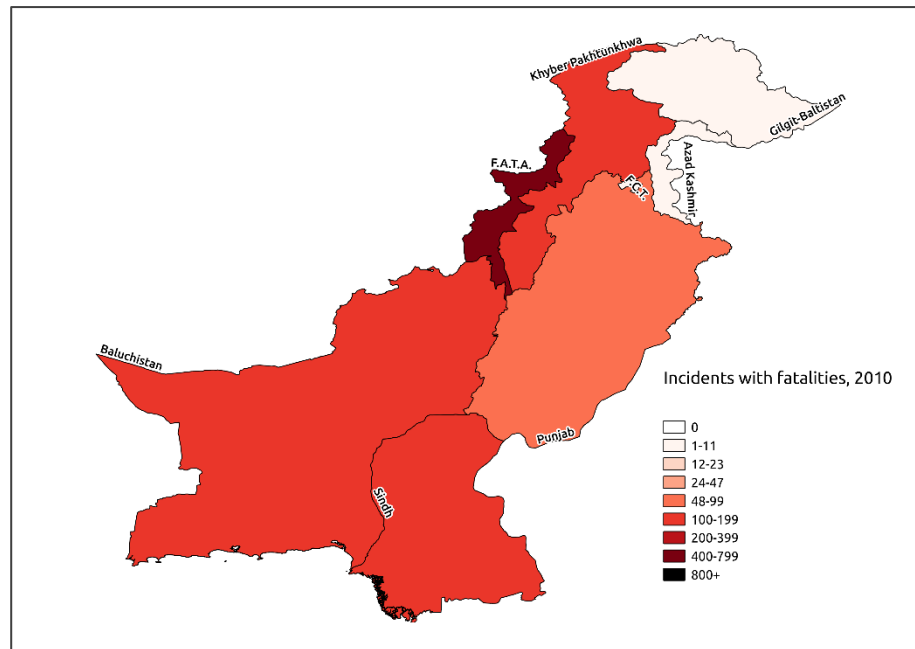
the individual incidents, depending on what level of detail is reported. Thus, towns may represent the wider region in which an incident occurred, or the provincial capital may be used if only the province is known. Erroneous location data, especially due to identical place names, cannot be fully excluded.

Incidents comprise the following categories: battles, headquarters or bases established, non-violent strategic activities, riots/protests, violence against civilians, non-violent transfer of territory, remote violence. For details on these categories, please see:

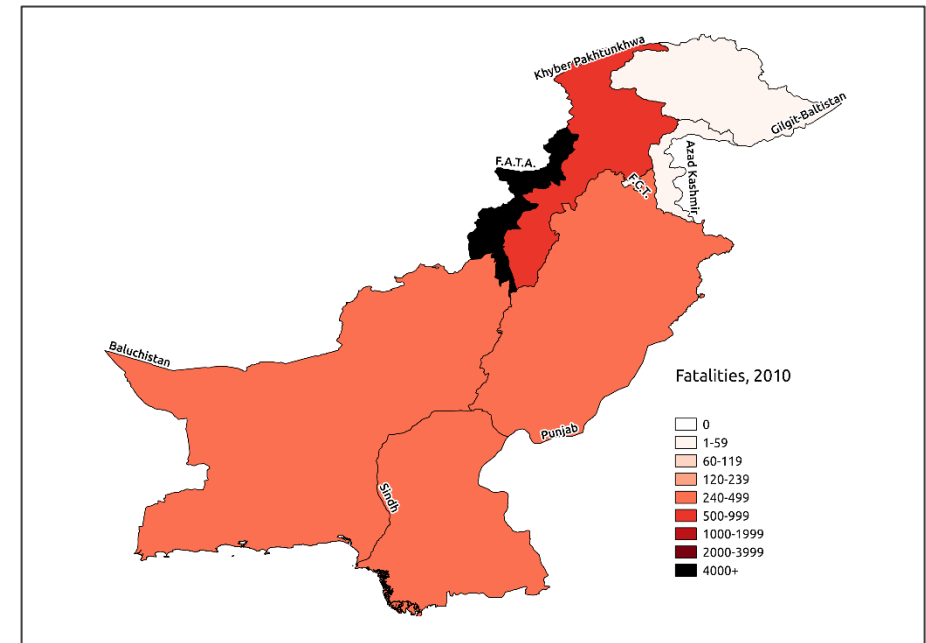
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2 Year 2010

Number of incidents with at least one fatality



Number of reported fatalities

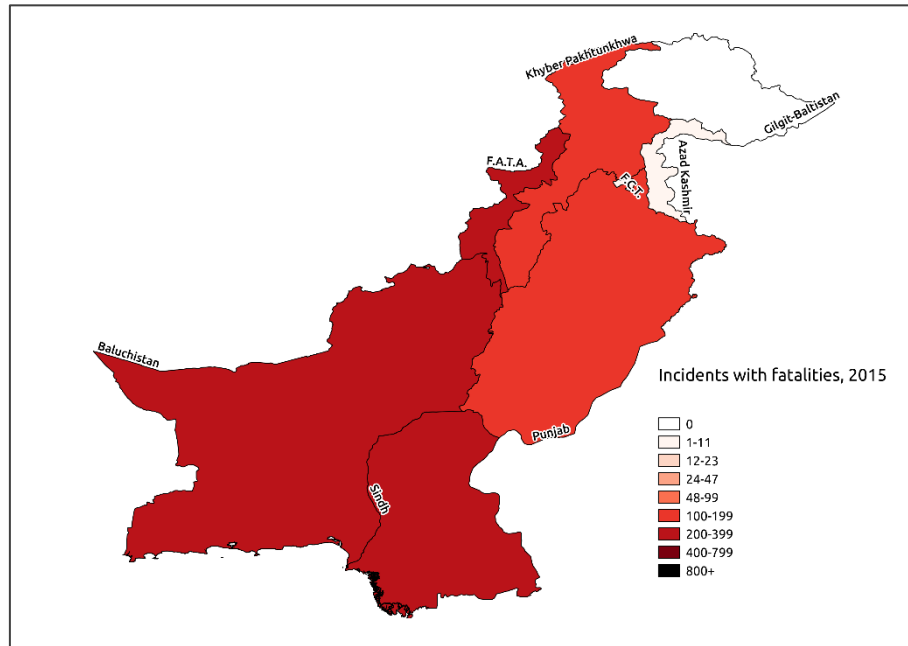


National borders: GADM, November 2015a; Administrative divisions: GADM, November 2015b; Border status China/India: CIA, 2006;
Border status Kashmir: CIA, 2004; Geo data on contested borders: GADM, November 2015a; Natural Earth, undated;
Incident data: ACLED, 13 June 2020

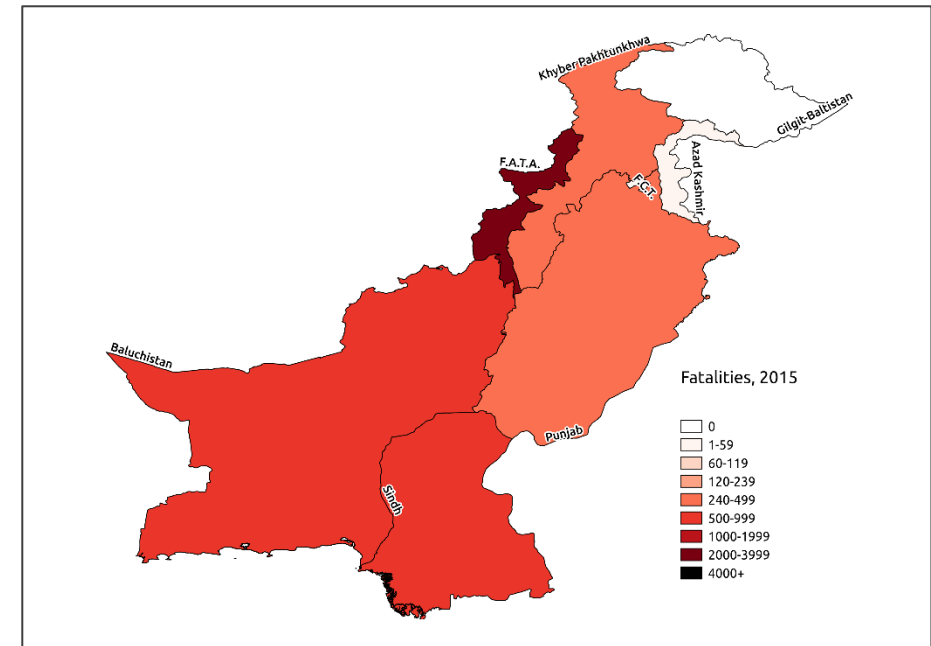
For better comparability over the years, the (former) Federally Administered Tribal Areas (F.A.T.A.) are counted separately from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for all years of this overview, and the latter province is counted without the incidents in F.A.T.A.
(In 2010, the North-West Frontier Province was renamed Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.)

3 Year 2015

Number of incidents with at least one fatality



Number of reported fatalities

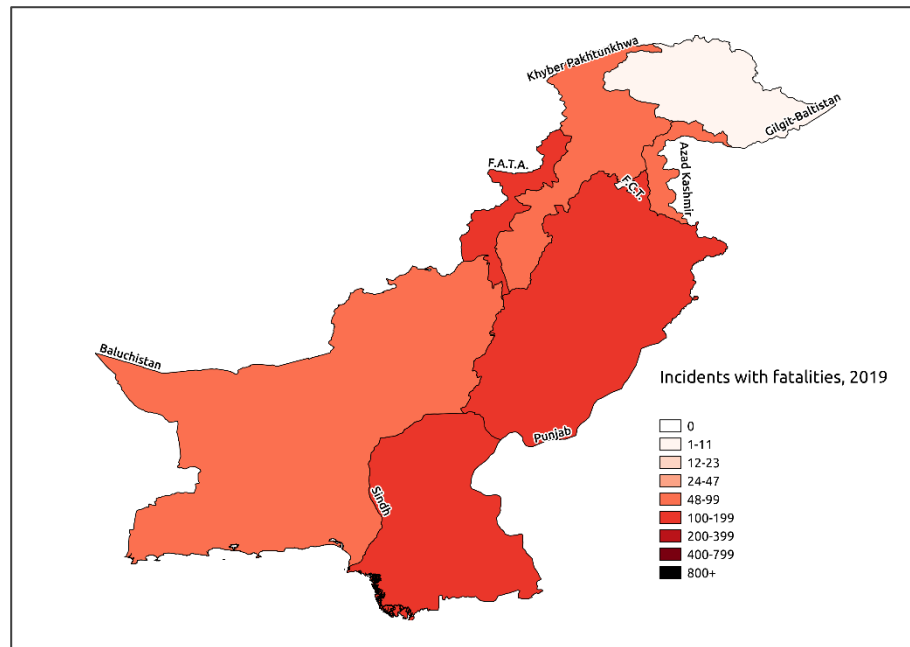


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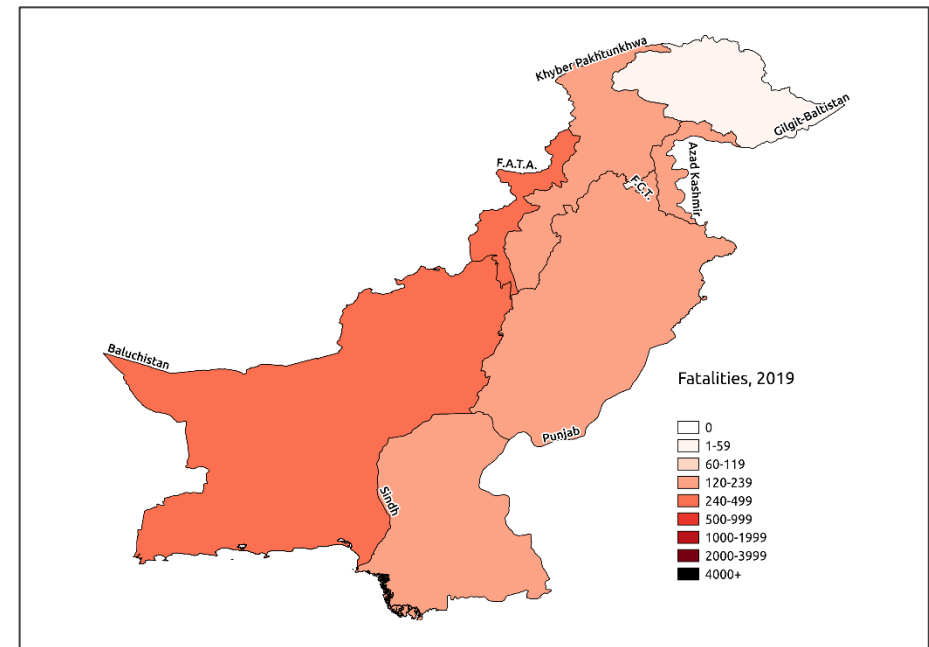
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4 Year 2019

Number of incidents with at least one fatality



Number of reported fatalities



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(In 2018, the F.A.T.A. became part of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.)

5 Reported conflict incidents per province / territory

| Incidents | 2010 | 2015 | 2019 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|
| Azad Jammu and Kashmir | 52 | 116 | 317 |
| Balochistan | 322 | 435 | 560 |
| F.A.T.A.* | 857 | 537 | 666 |
| F.C.T. (Islamabad) | 132 | 156 | 266 |
| Gilgit-Baltistan | 11 | 26 | 64 |
| Khyber Pakhtunkhwa* | 480 | 583 | 1136 |
| Punjab | 696 | 971 | 1573 |
| Sindh | 3012 | 2080 | 3107 |

| Fatalities | 2010 | 2015 | 2019 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|
| Azad Jammu and Kashmir | 8 | 14 | 125 |
| Balochistan | 299 | 782 | 243 |
| F.A.T.A.* | 6044 | 2470 | 293 |
| F.C.T. (Islamabad) | 25 | 6 | 6 |
| Gilgit-Baltistan | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Khyber Pakhtunkhwa* | 954 | 300 | 136 |
| Punjab | 340 | 293 | 177 |
| Sindh | 416 | 683 | 174 |

| Number of incidents with at least one fatality | 2010 | 2015 | 2019 |
|--|------|------|------|
| Azad Jammu and Kashmir | 4 | 11 | 52 |
| Balochistan | 113 | 238 | 84 |
| F.A.T.A.* | 621 | 323 | 137 |
| F.C.T. (Islamabad) | 8 | 5 | 5 |
| Gilgit-Baltistan | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Khyber Pakhtunkhwa* | 183 | 116 | 87 |
| Punjab | 58 | 103 | 111 |
| Sindh | 191 | 233 | 116 |

* Note:

For the purpose of better comparability over time, the (former) Federally Administered Tribal Areas (F.A.T.A.) are counted separately from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for all years covered by this overview, and the latter province is counted without incidents reported in F.A.T.A..

In 2010, the North-West Frontier Province was renamed Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. In 2018, the F.A.T.A. were merged with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

6 Population per province / territory

The Pakistan Bureau of Statistics reports the following population numbers per province or territory in the provisional results of the 2017 Census:

| Administrative division | Population 1998 | Population 2017 |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Balochistan | 6.565.885 | 12.344.408 |
| F.A.T.A. | 3.176.331 | 5.001.676 |
| F.C.T. (Islamabad) | 805.235 | 2.006.572 |
| Khyber Pakhtunkhwa | 17.743.645 | 30.523.371 |
| Punjab | 73.621.290 | 110.012.442 |
| Sindh | 30.439.893 | 47.886.051 |
| Summe | 132.352.279 | 207.774.520 |

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