

SALT SECTOR OF PAKISTAN

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PRODUCT PROFILE

Salt (Sodium Chloride – NaCl) is an essential mineral used for food seasoning, food preservation, chemical processing, de-icing, pharmaceuticals, leather, detergents, and cosmetics. Pakistan is home to one of the world's largest and oldest salt reserves, producing high-purity rock and sea salt for domestic use and export.

TYPES OF SALT PRODUCED IN PAKISTAN			
Salt Type	Source	Features	Uses
Rock Salt (Pink & White)	Khewra Salt Mines	95-98% purity, rich in trace minerals	Edible, spa, lamps, decorative, pharma
Sea Salt	Arabian Sea Coast (Sindh/Balochistan)	Solar evaporated	Industrial, edible, chemical use
Table Salt (Refined Iodized)	Processed from rock/sea salt	Fortified with iodine	Household consumption
Industrial Salt	Rock & Sea	High volume bulk	Leather, textile, chemical, de-icing
Black Salt (Kala Namak)	Processed mineral salt	Distinct taste & aroma	Culinary, ayurvedic uses
Himalayan Pink Salt Products	Rock salt	Premium export item	Spa bricks, lamps, gourmet salt

Major Production Areas

Pakistan's salt production capacity is in the range of 3.0 to 4.0 million tonnes/year, with significant reserves and potential for expansion.

Rock Salt Regions

- Khewra Salt Mine (Punjab) – Second-largest salt mine in the world
- Warcha (Khushab), Kalabagh (Mianwali), Bahadurkhel (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa)

Sea Salt Production Areas

- Karachi, Thatta, Badin (Sindh)
- Gwadar, Lasbela (Balochistan)

Exportable Salt Products

Raw & Processed

- Rock salt (pink & white, crushed, powder, crystals)
- Refined iodized table salt
- Industrial salt & de-icing salt
- Sea salt

Value-Added Premium Products

- Himalayan pink salt lamps
- Bath & spa salt, bath slabs
- Animal lick salt blocks
- Decorative rock salt items
- Gourmet edible pink salt (jars, grinders, retail packs)



TOP IMPORTING COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD

Importing Countries	Import Value (USD Million)
World	5,233
China	601
USA	598
Japan	340
Korea	253
Belgium	238

Source: ITC, Trade Map

EXPORTS FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS (USD MILLION)

HS Code	Product	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Grand Total		59.94	68.52	80.28
25010090	Salts, incl. table salt and denatured salt; sea water	30.99	33.42	36.88
25010021	Salts, incl. table salt and denatured salt containing added anti-caking or free-flowing agents; sea water	21.61	25.85	34.28
25010010	Salts, incl. table salt and denatured salt, and pure sodium chloride: table salt	5.44	5.24	5.28
25010030	Salts, incl. table salt and denatured salt, and pure sodium chloride, whether or not in aqueous solution or containing added anti-caking or free-flowing agents; sea water: sea salt	1.76	2.20	2.69
25010029	Salts, incl. table salt and denatured salt, and pure sodium chloride, whether or not in aqueous solution; sea water	0.13	1.81	1.13
25010020	Salts, incl. table salt and denatured salt, sea water: rock salt	0.01		0.01

Source: PRAL

TOP EXPORT DESTINATIONS

1. USA
2. UAE
3. AFGHANISTAN
4. UK
5. CHINA



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