



Figure 21.2: Trends in research expenditure and researchers in South Asia

GERD as a share of GDP in South Asia, 2013, 2015 and 2017 (%)

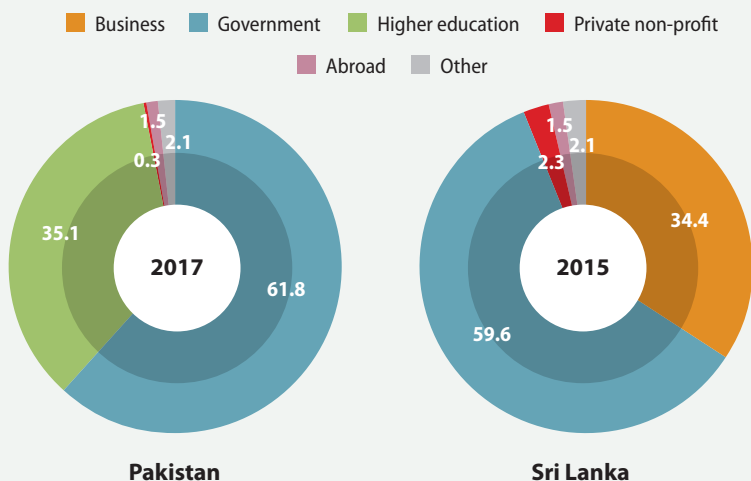


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Researchers (FTE) per million inhabitants in Sri Lanka in 2015

Researchers (FTE) per million inhabitants in Pakistan

354
in 2017
294
in 2015

GERD by source of funds in South Asia, 2017 or closest year (%)

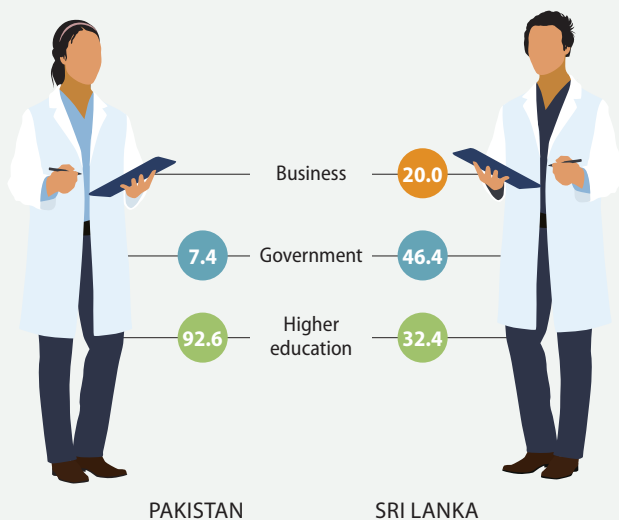


Share of female researchers (HC) in 2017

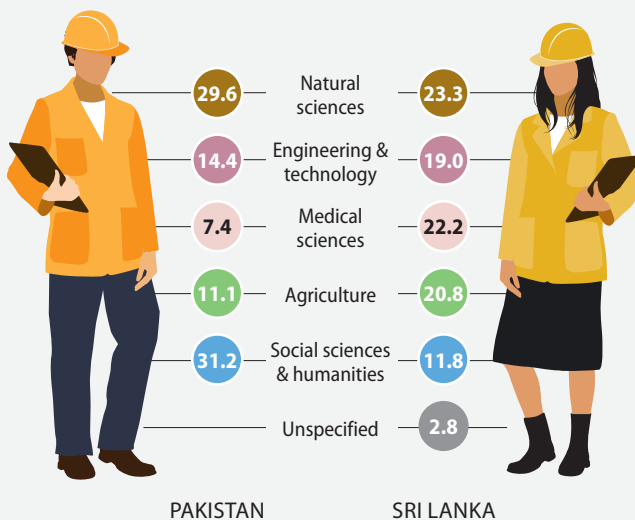
38.8% in Pakistan
46.6% in Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka has attained gender parity for this indicator.

Researchers (FTE) in Pakistan and Sri Lanka by sector of employment, 2017 (%)



Researchers (FTE) in Pakistan and Sri Lanka by field, 2017



-n/+n: data refer to n years before/after reference year

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics; for Sri Lanka: National Science Foundation (2017) *National R&D Survey of Sri Lanka*; for Nepal's GERD/GDP ratio in 2019: NPC (2020); for Bangladesh's GERD/GDP ratio: Govt of Bangladesh (2020)