

Table 2 Socioeconomic and demographic characteristics of child labourers (5–14 years) in suburban areas of lower Sindh according to occupational sector (n = 634)

| Characteristic | Total (n = 634) | Migrants (n = 200) | Agriculture (n = 184) | Manufacturing industry (n = 120) | Hotels & restaurants (n = 67) | Domestic work (n = 63) |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Mean (SD) | Mean (SD) | Mean (SD) | Mean (SD) | Mean (SD) | Mean (SD) |
| Age (years) | 10.9 (2.1) | 10.2 (2.2) | 10.8 (1.8) | 11.9 (1.7) | 11.1 (1.8) | 11.1 (1.9) |
| Sex | | | | | | |
| Boys | 322 (50.8) | 127 (63.5) | 74 (40.2) | 47 (39.2) | 66 (98.5) | 8 (12.7) |
| Girls | 312 (49.2) | 73 (36.5) | 110 (59.8) | 73 (60.8) | 1 (1.5) | 55 (87.3) |
| Monthly income (Rs)^a | 4462 (3849) | 5688 (4683) | 3077 (2912) | 5045 (4118) | 4240 (2247) | 3338 (2051) |
| No. of people living in the house | 8.3 (3.5) | 9.1 (3.3) | 7.5 (2.4) | 8.5 (4.7) | 7.9 (3.6) | 7.6 (3.1) |
| | No. (%) | No. (%) | No. (%) | No. (%) | No. (%) | No. (%) |
| Ethnicity | | | | | | |
| Sindhi | 225 (51.8) | – | 161 (87.5) | 29 (24.2) | 17 (25.4) | 18 (28.6) |
| Punjabi | 122 (28.1) | – | 0 | 57 (47.5) | 34 (50.7) | 31 (49.2) |
| Other | 87 (20.0) | – | 12 (12.5) | 34 (28.3) | 16 (23.9) | 14 (22.2) |
| Type of house^b | | | | | | |
| Pakka | 153 (24.1) | 3 (1.5) | 10 (5.4) | 75 (62.5) | 27 (40.3) | 38 (60.3) |
| Semi-pakka | 190 (30.0) | 3 (1.5) | 91 (49.5) | 39 (32.5) | 38 (56.7) | 19 (30.2) |
| Kacha | 291 (45.9) | 194 (97.0) | 83 (45.1) | 6 (5.0) | 2 (3.0) | 6 (9.5) |
| Currently going to school | 174 (27.4) | 59(29.5) | 34(18.5) | 55(45.8) | 7(10.4) | 19(30.2) |
| Ever attended school | 286 (45.1) | 95 (67.4) | 55 (36.7) | 61 (93.8) | 43 (71.7) | 32 (72.7) |

^a1 \$US =124 Pakistan rupees.

^bPakka is a house built of cement; kacha is made of mud; and semi-pakka has straw, mud, wood and bamboo and sometimes a tin roof but no cement is used.

**P-value for all variables was < 0.01 (Pearson chi-square test and one-way ANOVA).