

Table 1 Socioeconomic and demographic characteristics of child labourers (5–14 years), by occupational group

Characteristic	Total (n = 634)	Migrants (n = 200) ^a	Agriculture (n = 184)	Manufacturing industry (n = 120)	Hotels & restaurants (n = 67)	Domestic work (n = 63)
Age (years), mean (SD)	10.9 (2.06)	10.2 (2.2)	10.8 (1.8)	11.9 (1.7)	11.1 (1.8)	11.1 (1.9)
Sex, no. (%)						
Male	322 (50.8)	127 (63.5)	74 (40.2)	47 (39.2)	66 (98.5)	8 (12.7)
Female	312 (49.2)	73 (36.5)	110 (59.8)	73 (60.8)	1 (1.5)	55 (87.3)
Ethnicity, no. (%)	(n = 434)		(n = 173)			
Sindhi	225 (51.8)	–	161 (93.1)	29 (24.2)	17 (25.4)	18 (28.6)
Punjabi	122 (28.1)	–	0 (0.0)	57 (47.5)	34 (50.7)	31 (49.2)
Other	87 (20.0)	–	12 (6.9)	34 (28.3)	16 (23.9)	14 (22.2)
Income/month (Rs)^b, mean (SD)	4462.7 (3850.0)	5688.5 (4683.7)	3077.3 (2912.6)	5045.3 (4118.2)	4240.9 (2247.9)	3338.1 (2051.5)
Type of house^c, no. (%)						
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)
No. people living in house, mean (SD)	8.28 (3.49)	9.1 (3.3)	7.5 (2.4)	8.5 (4.7)	7.9 (3.6)	7.6 (3.1)
Currently going to school, no. (%)	174 (27.4)	59 (29.5)	34 (18.5)	55 (45.8)	7 (10.4)	19 (30.2)
Ever attended school, no. (%)	286 (45.1)	95 (47.5)	55 (29.9)	61 (50.8)	43 (64.2)	32 (50.8)

SD: standard deviation.

^aMigrant children worked in the vegetable markets.^bUS\$ 1 = 104.8 Pakistani rupees (Rs).^cPakka is a house built of cement; kacha is made of mud; and semi-pakka has straw, mud, wood and bamboos and sometimes a tin roof but no cement is used.

P < 0.01 for all the variables; Pearson chi-squared test and one-way ANOVA.