## Motorcycle Industry Insights | Pakistan Research





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# Pakistan's Motorcycle Revival: Demographics Meet Economic Recovery

#### Stellar Motorcycle Volume Growth Likely between FY26-29:

Helped by demographic tailwinds, high sensitivity to economic recovery and the need for urban mobility, we project 63% cumulative motorcycle sales growth by FY29, translating to FY26-29 CAGR of 14.2% through the cycle.

**Driver 1 - Demographic Tailwinds:** The 18-20 age group, which represents the prime demographic for first-time motorcycle buyers, is growing 2.8% annually, outpacing Pakistan's 10-year population average of 2.4%.

**Driver 2 – High Sensitivity to Economic Recovery:** Every incremental percentage point in GDP growth delivers 4.2-4.8x impact on motorcycle conversion rates with higher growth showing exponential returns. Motorcycle conversion rates halved from 25% to 9% as GDP growth slowed and inflation reduced purchasing power.

**Driver 3 – Demand for Urban Mobility:** Rising congestion and fuel efficiency concerns are driving consumers toward practical two-wheeler solutions.

**Tyre Producers Will Benefit from Rising Motorcycle Sales:** Tyre demand tracks motorcycle sales closely, with projected 9% CAGR over the next four years.

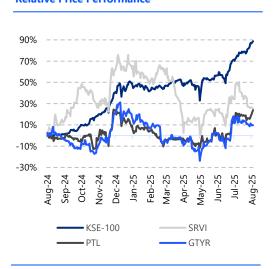
**Investment Plays:** ATLH offers direct exposure to volume recovery while PTL, GTYR, and SRVI benefit from tyre segment growth.

#### **Relative Price Performance**



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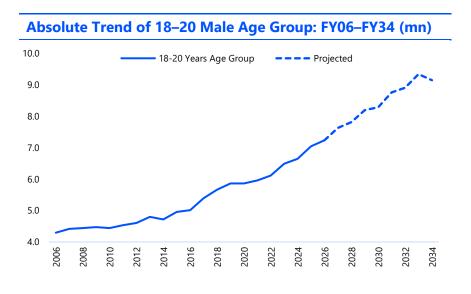
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#### **Demographic Tailwinds**

Pakistan's motorcycle industry is riding a powerful demographic wave. At the heart of this story lies a fast-growing segment of the population, the 18–20 age group, which currently makes up approximately 6% of the total population. This age bracket is particularly important, as it represents the prime demographic for first-time motorcycle buyers. More compelling than its current size is the segment's growth trajectory. Over the next three years, the number of male individuals entering the 18–20 age group is expected to grow by 2.8% annually, amounting to an 8% cumulative increase. This is notably faster than the 10-year average population growth of 2.4%, suggesting that the motorcycle industry is likely to see a natural demand uplift purely from demographic expansion of its market.



Source: PBS, Akseer Research

#### **Economic Cycles Determine Conversion Success**

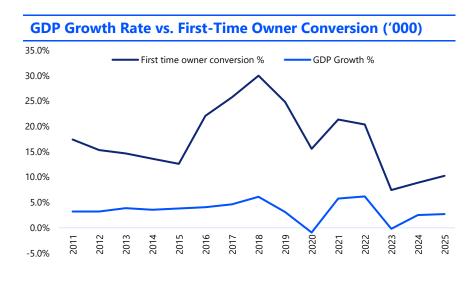
Population growth alone doesn't guarantee demand. The link between macroeconomic conditions and motorcycle purchases is well-established. **Between FY16 and FY22**, a relatively stable period with GDP growth averaging 5%, the male-conversion rate of first-time buyers aged 18–20 hovered around 25%, excluding FY20, the covid year. In contrast, during FY23-FY25, as GDP growth decelerated and inflation chipped away at disposable incomes, the conversion rate nearly halved to just 9%.

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This pattern isn't new. A similar downtrend was observed during FY11-FY15 when the economy was still recovering from the global financial crisis. The data indicates a clear trend: economic growth and consumer purchasing power are critical to translating demographic opportunity into actual motorcycle sales.



Source: Akseer Research, SBP

#### **Conversion Accelerates at Higher GDP Growth**

Quantitatively, the relationship between GDP growth and motorcycle sales is closely related. Historical data shows that when GDP growth averages around 3.5%, the conversion ratio (ratio between new motorcycle sales to the no. of people in the 18-20 age group) clocks in at 4.2x GDP growth. But when GDP rises to ~5.0%, the conversion ratio expands to 4.8x GDP growth, indicating that even marginal improvements in macroeconomic performance have an outsized impact on the motorcycle demand.

	Conversion	Growth	Multiplier
High Growth (FY16-22 ex FY20)	24%	5.0%	4.84
Medium Growth (FY11-15)	14.7%	3.5%	4.18
10yr Avg (FY11-22 ex-FY20)	19.8%	4.3%	4.59

Source: PBS, SBP, Akseer Research





#### **Urban Pressures, Practical Preferences**

Beyond demographics and economics, urbanization is reinforcing the appeal of motorcycles. Increasing congestion in major cities, alongside growing concerns over fuel efficiency and last-mile mobility, is nudging consumers toward smaller, more practical vehicles. For many in the lower- to middle-income brackets, motorcycles offer unmatched affordability, flexibility, and efficiency, especially for first-time vehicle buyers navigating increasingly dense urban environments.

## Expect new motorcycles sales to grow at a CAGR of 14.2% between FY26-29

Using the average conversion rate of 20% (from benchmark period FY11-FY22, excluding FY20), the projected 18–20 population in FY29, and the IMF's projected GDP growth of ~4.5%, we estimate cumulative motorcycle sales growth of 63% by FY29 (4-year CAGR 14.2%) — a reflection of the powerful demographic-economic synergy at play.

Projected Growth						
	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29		
Projected GDP Growth	3.6%	4.1%	4.5%	4.5%		
10-year Average Multiplier	4.59	4.59	4.59	4.59		
Projected Conversion Rate	16.5%	18.8%	20.7%	20.7%		
Resultant Motorcycle Sale Growth	40%	12%	7%	2%		

Source: IMF, Akseer Research

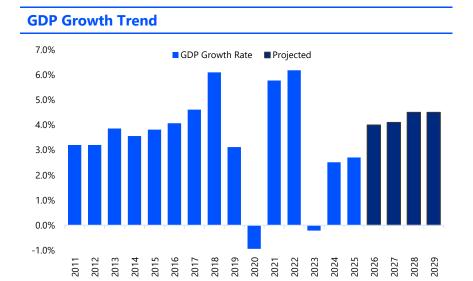
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Conversion	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E	4yr CAGR
10%	1,617,077	1,649,591	1,649,137	1,648,325	2.1%
15%	2,007,888	2,059,440	2,063,596	2,086,464	8.3%
20%	2,398,700	2,469,289	2,478,056	2,524,603	13.5%
25%	2,789,511	2,879,138	2,892,516	2,962,743	18.2%
30%	3,180,322	3,288,987	3,306,976	3,400,882	22.3%

Source: Akseer Research





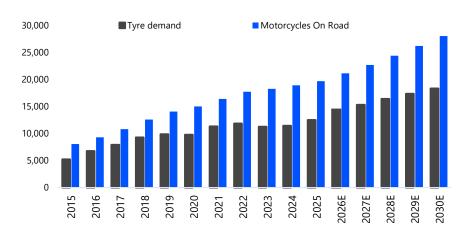


Source: SBP, IMF

#### **Tyre Segment Rides Motorcycle Growth Wave**

The growth momentum in motorcycles also has direct implications for ancillary industries, particularly tyres. The correlation between the two is strong: over the last five years, cumulative tyre sales growth has closely mirrored that of motorcycle sales. Assuming an average tyre life of 4 years, tyre demand is expected to grow at a 4-year CAGR of 9% in tandem with the rising motorcycle base.

#### **Motorcycles On Road vs. Tyre Demand Trend FY15-FY30 ('000)**



Source: Akseer Research, PAMA

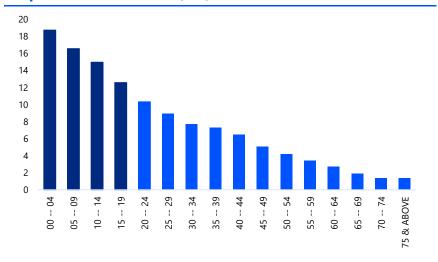




### **Investment Thesis: Cyclical Recovery Meets Structural Growth**

Pakistan's motorcycle industry stands at a unique inflection point backed by a robust demographic engine and supported by evolving urban mobility needs. While the expanding youth population ensures a steady stream of first-time buyers, the pace of actual sales will ultimately depend on broader macroeconomic conditions. As GDP growth stabilizes and purchasing power gradually recovers, the industry is poised for a cyclical rebound, with motorcycles and related segments such as tyres likely to benefit disproportionately. For investors and industry players alike, this confluence of demographic strength and economic sensitivity presents both a challenge and an opportunity — one that requires closely monitoring GDP trends, income dynamics, and shifting urban consumer behavior.

#### **Population Distribution (mn)**



Source: Census 2023, Akseer Research

#### **Investment Considerations: Key players to play this theme**

- ATLH (Atlas Honda Limited): Market leader in motorcycles, direct beneficiary of volume rebound.
- PTL (Panther Tyres Limited): Strong positioning in OEM and replacement tyre segment.
- GTYR (General Tyre): Small but active player in the motorcycle tyre segment.
- SRVI (Service Industries): Broad exposure to tyre and tube market with scalable operations.

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