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South Asia or Southern Asia, is a term used to represent the southern region of the Asian continent, which comprises the sub-Himalayan SAARC countries and, for some authorities, adjoining countries to the west and east. In 2050 the figures are expected to be one in five in East Asia, one in seven in South Asia and Southeast Asia, and one in eight in West Asia (United Nations, 1998). From 2000 on, India is expected to have the greatest absolute number of elderly persons, and in South Asia the highest proportion of seniors is projected to be in Sri Lanka (see Table 2). Situated in southern Asia, Pakistan has an area of 803,940 sq km (310,403 sq mi), extending 1,875 km (1,165 mi) ne – sw from the ranges of the Hindu Kush and the Himalaya to the Arabian Sea and 1,006 km (625 mi) se – nw. Comparatively, the area occupied by Pakistan is slightly less than twice the size of the state of California. *Economy and Culture in Pakistan: Migrants and Cities in a Muslim Society*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1991. *Encyclopaedia Indica: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh*.