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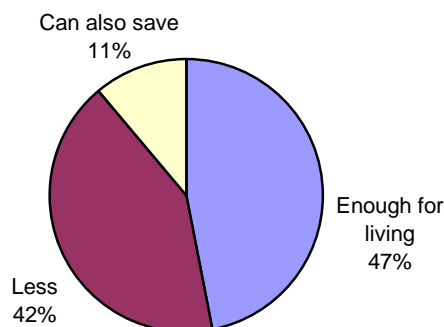
While Majority (47%) Claim to Earn Enough For Living, 42% Said Their Income is Not Enough: GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a recent Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, only a hand full of Pakistanis (11%) earn such that they can have savings, where as most of the respondents either earn enough for their living (47%) or below average (42%). Regarding their current economic condition, 38% claimed it is the same as in the previous year and 31% said it is a little better. Forty three percent (43%) said that their personal economic conditions would remain the same in the future and 41% are hopeful that their financial situation would either be a lot better (12%) or at least a little better (29%) after one year. It must be noted that these are perceptions and may or may not match the material situation experienced by the respondents.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*Is your current income enough for your living, less or such that you can also save?*” Majority (47%) claimed that they earn enough, and 42% said they do not earn enough for living. Eleven percent (11%) of the respondents can also afford to save from their income. Understandably, due to better job opportunities in the urban areas, a proportionately higher percentage of urbanites (14%) as compared to ruralites (9%) claimed to be able to save from their income, while more ruralites (43%) earn less than what is required to lead a comfortable life.

“Is your current income enough for your living, less or such that you can also save?”



Source: Gilani Poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan,
the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk)

To find out about their current financial situation the respondents were asked “*How is your current economic condition as compared to the previous year?*” The results show that for majority of them (38%) the financial situation is the same, while 31% claimed it is a little better as compared to last year. Sixteen percent (16%) said their economic condition has suffered and is a little worse than the previous year. Equal percentage of respondents claimed to have much better or much worse economic conditions as compared to last year (8% each).

When the respondents were asked about their future perceptions regarding their finances, 43% said that their personal economic conditions would remain the same and 41% are hopeful that their financial situation would either be much better (12%) or at least a little better (29%) after one year. Thirteen percent (13%) believe that their personal economic condition would become little or much worse in the future and 3% of the respondents were unsure. Interestingly a proportionately higher percentage of urbanites (14%) than ruralites (12%) fear their financial situation would worsen after a year.

“*How is your current economic condition as compared to the previous year?*”

Much better	8%
Little better	31%
Same	38%
Little worse	16%
Much worse	8%
Don't know	-

“*In your view, how would be your economic condition as after a year, as compared to this year?*”

Much better	12%
Little better	29%
Same	43%
Little worse	8%
Much worse	5%
Don't know	3%

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The study was released by Gilani foundation and carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The latest survey was carried out among a sample of 2631 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during December 2008. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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