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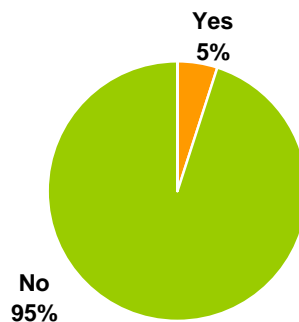
Only 5% Claimed to Have Traveled Abroad; UAE Tops The Most-Visited List: GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, majority of all Pakistanis (95%) have never had a chance to travel outside Pakistan, only 5% said they have gone abroad. Amongst those who have traveled overseas, majority (52%) have visited UAE. The remaining respondents have claimed to visit Asian countries (24%), Europe (13%), and Africa/USA (10%). The survey shows that majority (44%) of these people went abroad for employment or business ventures and one third (34%) traveled to perform Haj or Umra (*The Holy Pilgrimage to Mekkah*). Some of the other reasons cited were recreation (8%), visiting relatives (8%), and education or others (6%).

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*Have you ever had a chance to travel abroad?*” Only 5% said yes where as the majority of respondents (95%) claimed to have never traveled outside Pakistan. Interestingly, a significantly higher percentage of respondents from NWFP (16%) said they have gone abroad as compared to people from other provinces.

“*Have you ever had a chance to travel abroad?*”



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

In a follow up question, the respondents who claimed to have traveled abroad were asked “*Which country have you traveled to?*” The results show that UAE tops the list as 52% said they have had a chance to go to UAE (United Arab Emirates). Twenty four percent (24%) have traveled to Asian countries and 13% of the respondents said they have visited Europe. Africa and USA have been visited by 6% and 4% respectively.

When the respondents, who have traveled abroad, were asked about the reasons for which they made the trip, majority (44%) said they went for employment or for business reasons. Thirty four percent (34%) went for Haj or Umra, and the remaining respondents claimed to have traveled abroad for recreational purpose (8%), to visit relatives (8%), for some other reasons (4%) and 2% claimed they went for education. A significantly higher percentage of ruralites (63%) as compared to urbanites (27%) traveled for employment, while only urbanites claimed to have traveled abroad for education or to visit relatives.

“What was the purpose of your travel?”

Employment/Business	44%
Haj/Umra	34%
Recreation	8%
Visiting relatives	8%
Others	4%
Education	2%

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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 2715 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during January 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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