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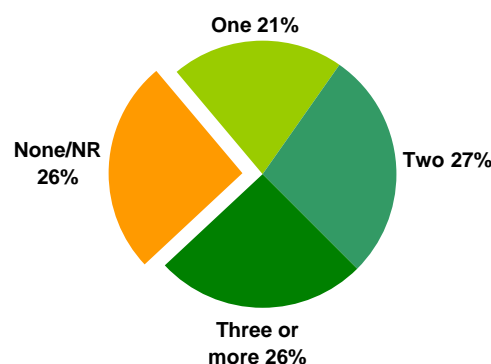
56% Pakistanis Prefer Private Schools; However 70% Send Their Children to Government Schools: GILANI POLL/GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, majority of Pakistanis (74%) have one or more school-going children in their households. Although more than half of the respondents (59%) claim to prefer private schools, a higher percentage of people (70%) have enrolled their children in public/government schools. One of the main reasons for this is affordability; nearly half of all Pakistanis (49%), across all income groups, believe schools charge exorbitant amount of fees.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “*How many children from your household go to school?*” In 74% households one or more child goes to school. Among these, 21% have one school going child, 28% have two children and 26% have three or more children who go to school. Twenty four percent (24%) said that there are no school-going children in their household. The remaining 2% gave no response.

“*How many children from your household go to school?*”



In a follow up question the respondents were asked about the type of school their children go to. The majority, 70% send their children to Government schools (Urdu Medium 55%; English Medium 15%). Twenty nine percent (29%) of the respondents said their children study in Private English Medium Schools. Since private schooling is quite expensive a proportionately higher percentage of respondents from high income groups and urbanites send their children to private English medium schools. It should be noted that the respondents may not always be correct in their description of a school belonging to one or the other medium of instruction.

Which school do the children of your household go to?

Government Urdu Medium	55%
Government English Medium	15%
Private English Medium	29%
No Response	1%

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

To understand which educational system is perceived to have a better quality, the respondents were asked “*In your view, is the quality of education better in public or private schools?*” Although a proportionately higher percentage of people (59%) claimed that private schools have better education quality, many respondents (41%) have shown preference for government schooling. One percent (1%) gave no response.

The respondents were next asked “*Over all in your view, do schools charge too much, reasonable or less fees?*” More than half of the respondents (52%) claimed that schools over charge them. According to a few people (11%) schools charges are less than what they should be, while 37% believe school fees are reasonable. Majority of respondents across all income groups are of the view that schools charge exorbitant amount of money.

“In your view, is the quality of education better in public or private schools?”

Private Schools	59%
Public Schools	41%
No response	1%

Over all in your view, do schools charge too much, reasonable or less fees?”

Too much	52%
Reasonable	37%
Less	11%
No Response	1%

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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 2695 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during April 2009. Error margin is estimated to be approximately \pm 2-3 per cent at 95% confidence level.

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