



# Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 2010

## SOCIAL Poverty

**2010-2017: 15% decline in the proportion of Pakistanis who are suspicious of street beggar's genuineness.**

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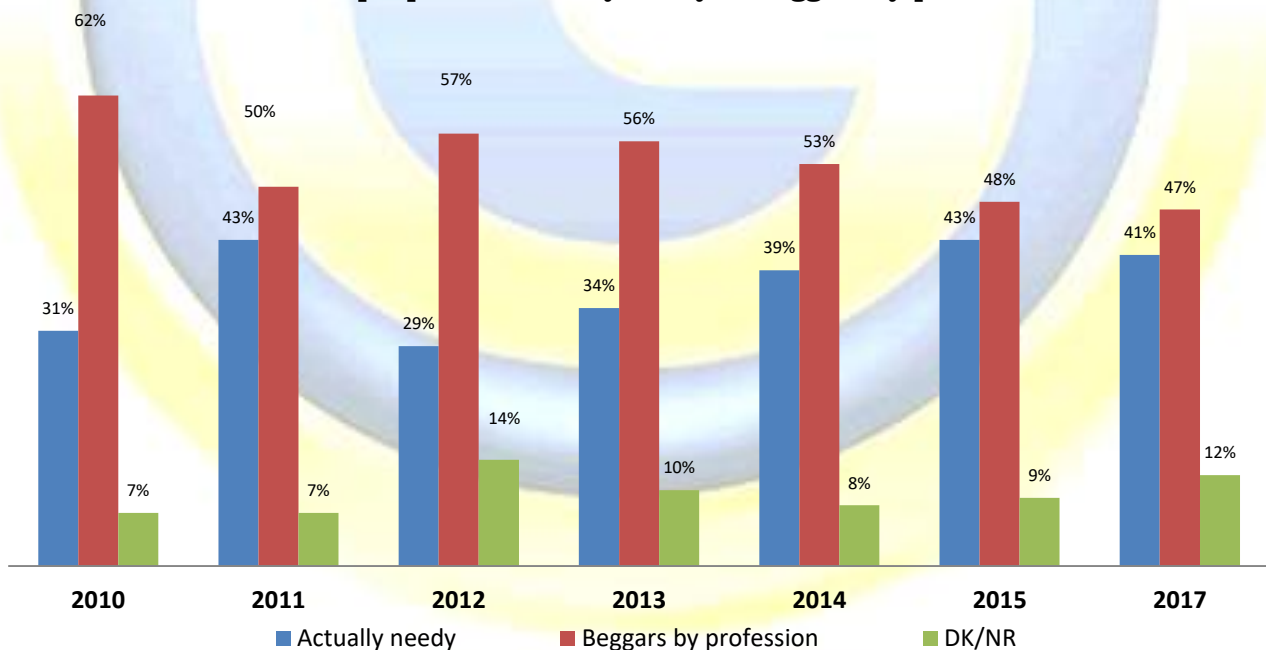
According to a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2010 (7 years ago) respondents were asked "It has often been seen that the number of beggars during Ramadan increases. Do you think these people are actually needy or beggars by profession?" Responding to this, 62% said that these were beggars by profession while 31% believed that they were actually needy and 7% did not respond.

**Comparative Picture:** The question was asked again in 2017 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2017, 47% said that these were beggars by profession while 41% believed that they were actually needy and 12% did not respond.

Over a period of 7 years, there has been 10% increase in the proportion of Pakistanis who say that the beggars are actually needy, while there has been a drop of 15% in the proportion of Pakistanis who think they are professional beggars. The findings are available since 2010 periodically and the graph below shows how the public opinion has fluctuated over the years.

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Source: Gallup and Gilani Surveys  
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### Aim and Rationale for Gallup Pakistan History Project

Bilal I Gilani, who is Executive Director at Gallup Pakistan and is Director of Gallup Pakistan History Project explains the aim of the Project as follows: 'Gallup Pakistan has been polling in Pakistan since 1979 (over 35 years). During this time millions of Pakistanis have been surveyed by over a thousand interviewers of Gallup. In 2014, Gallup Pakistan has decided to release historical Public Opinion data and this Press Release is part of Gallup Pakistan's History Project. This endeavor is dedicated to all those who hope for a more empirical understanding of Pakistani Issues. For more information about Gallup History Project, please contact [caf@gallup.com.pk](mailto:caf@gallup.com.pk).

## **Opinion Poll from Gallup Pakistan**

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