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According to the latest Gallup poll, unemployment is viewed as the nation's most pressing problem. In a nation wide urban survey 22% mentioned unemployment, in response to a question: What in your view is the most important problem faced by the country today? Other issues troubling the public are inflation mentioned by 7%, corruption, mentioned by 6% and miscellaneous economic problems mentioned by 7%. While economic problems top the list of public concerns, a sizeable group mentioned other issues relating to politics and national security. 6% mentioned the introduction of Shariat as the most important problem faced by the country, while 8% mentioned various political issues. 7% of this national urban sample of the population identified national security and defence to be nation's most pressing concern. 14% of the public mentioned various social issues as the important problem.

The survey was conducted by Gallup Pakistan in 250 scientifically selected locations in various cities and towns all over the country. According to the survey there are some differences in the priorities of different regions in the country. The Pushto speaking populations concern about unemployment is higher than all other area. 32% of them rate it as the most pressing concern. They are also more concerned with the Shariat issue and national security issue compared to the rest of the country. The more educated population and, especially people in various professions like engineers, doctors etc. show slightly greater concern about political issues compared to the rest of the country.