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According to a survey conducted by Gallup Pakistan 60% of Pakistanis feel that poverty is increasing in the country; only 15% think it is decreasing while the remaining 25% believe that there is no change in the situation. The survey was conducted among approximately 1500 statistically selected men and women in the urban areas of all the four provinces of Pakistan. They represented a cross section of various ages and socio-economic groups. The findings show that the youth are more concerned than the older population: 65% of those under the age of 30 expressed serious concern about rising poverty while the comparable figure among respondents over the age of fifty was 40%. There was however no significant difference in the views of various income groups. The feeling about rising poverty was nearly the same among high and low income respondents. The Gallup survey also asked: *"would you say the practice of helping the poor is increasing, decreasing or is there no change?"* Forty-three percent (43%) of the respondents said the habit of helping the poor is decreasing, 21% said it is increasing while 36% said there is no change.

The survey was conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International among nearly 1500 statistically selected men and women in urban areas of all the four provinces of Pakistan. The sample comprised a cross section of various income, education and geographic segments. The text of this report can also be seen on the internet at: www.gallup.com.pk.