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According to a recent Gallup poll overseas Pakistani workers are returning home at an increasing pace. The number of Pakistani who returned home in 1985-86 were nearly twice as many as those in the previous year. The returning Pakistani are still young or entering middle age. Two third of them according to the Gallup survey are under the age of forty. The largest group is between the age of thirty and forty, who comprises 41% of all returning migrants. 23% are under thirty, while 22% are between the ages of forty and fifty. The remaining 14% are over the age of fifty. Since most of them are in working age group, they actively seek work or become self employed. But nearly 20% of the migrant said they were unemployed. According to a survey finding, nearly 30% of returning migrants are engaged in small business of their own while 27% are employed as unskilled workers and 22% are doing a salaried job.

The Gallup study of returning migrants has analyzed the change of profession among returning workers before and after their stint of overseas work, showing that nearly half of them return to their previous professions whereas the remaining enter a new occupation. The change over is mostly from unskilled work or salaried job to their own business. The overseas sometimes appear to have been most productive for those who were unemployed before going abroad. Nearly 50% of them claim to be doing personal business.

The study was conducted by Gallup Pakistan with a scientifically selected sample of returning migrants from all over the country.