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According to a recent Gallup poll, one third of Pakistani male adult population participated in the *urs* or annual congregation of a religious mystic figure (pir) during the last one year. A nation-wide survey by Gallup Pakistan posed the question: "Did you happen to participate in the *urs* of a religious personally during the last one year"? Responding to this question, 35% of the respondents claimed they had participated in an *urs* during the last one year. The survey findings show a greater participation from rural population, but there is a marked difference between Punjab and Sindh provinces on the one hand and Frontier and Baluchistan on the other. The degree of participation in the annual religious congregation is much higher in the Punjab and Sindh compared to Frontier and Baluchistan provinces.

The survey was conducted by Gallup Pakistan in 200 statistically selected villages, towns and cities all over the country. The findings of the survey were computer processed.