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According to a recent Gallup poll nearly 6% of households in the country have a handicapped person amongst them. This would amount to approximately one in every sixteen households. One third of them are children under the age of fifteen. Mental retardation or handicap afflicts 20% of the handicapped while 26% of the handicapped suffer from physical handicaps such as limping paralysis or polio. Blindness and deafness/dumbness are the other major problems affecting 17% and 10% of the handicapped respectively. 27% of the handicapped households mentioned miscellaneous afflictions.

The survey was conducted by Gallup Pakistan all over the country in 200 statistically selected cities and towns.

The Gallup survey of the handicapped reveled that nearly one third of the handicapped (35%) are not being given any medical treatment. The remaining turn to one or more sources for help. Approximately 24% seek faith healing from spiritual figures. 55% turn to medical treatment from doctors and 20% from the traditional hakims.

The survey data show more males than females to be reported as handicapped but this difference could partly result from reluctance on the part of parents to report on handicapped women or female children. Nearly one quarter of the handicapped were born handicapped.