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According to the findings of a recent Gallup poll, a majority of the population does not approve of creating more provinces in the country. A nation-wide survey conducted in both rural and urban areas of all the four provinces posed the question: “some people believe that more provinces should be formed for example by dividing the present Punjab into three provinces and Frontier, Sindh and Baluchistan into two provinces each. They argue that this will facilitate people in their day to day dealings with the government. Others believe that the country should not be divided into more provinces. What is your view?” 74% of the respondents opposed the creation of new provinces while 16% supported it. 10% did not give any opinion. Survey findings show that even though majorities in all parts of the country oppose the creation of the new provinces, the demand for new provinces is quite significant in some parts of the country. The support for creating new provinces is more pronounced in urban Sindh where 27% support it and in urban Baluchistan, where the demand is supported by 30% of the population. In comparison only 15% rural Punjab and 17% of urban Punjab support the creation of new provinces.

The survey was conducted by Gallup Pakistan with a statistically selected sample in 200 rural and urban localities all over the country.

THE CREATION OF NEW PROVINCES

Percent of respondents			
	Supported	Opposed	No opinion
ALL Pakistan	16	74	10
Rural Punjab	15	78	7
Urban Punjab	17	77	6
Rural Sindh	18	55	27
Urban Sindh	27	64	9
Rural NWFP	10	77	13
Urban NWFP	18	77	5
Rural Baluchistan	10	90	-
Urban Baluchistan	30	70	-