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According to a recent Gallup poll nearly one third of the families in the major urban of the country live in rented houses. The phenomenon of living in rented houses is particularly prevalent among salaried population nearly half of whom do not live in self-owned houses. The survey was conducted by Gallup Pakistan with a statistically selected sample of household in the top eight urban centers of the country including the four provincial capitals and the federal capital. The survey findings show that the middle income groups live in rented homes more than the poor as well as the rich end of the spectrum.

The data show that 45% of the salaried people live in rented houses as opposed to 27% of those engaged in independent professions and commerce and 26% of skilled workers. A major percent of the unskilled workers (41%) live in rented houses. According to a Government of Pakistan survey held in 1981 the average rental value of houses was the highest in Islamabad.