



Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 2008

SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Religion

Religiosity surges during Ramadan: Over a period of 9 years, analyzed by Gallup Pakistan History Project, nearly 2 in 3 respondents claim to pray 5 times a day.

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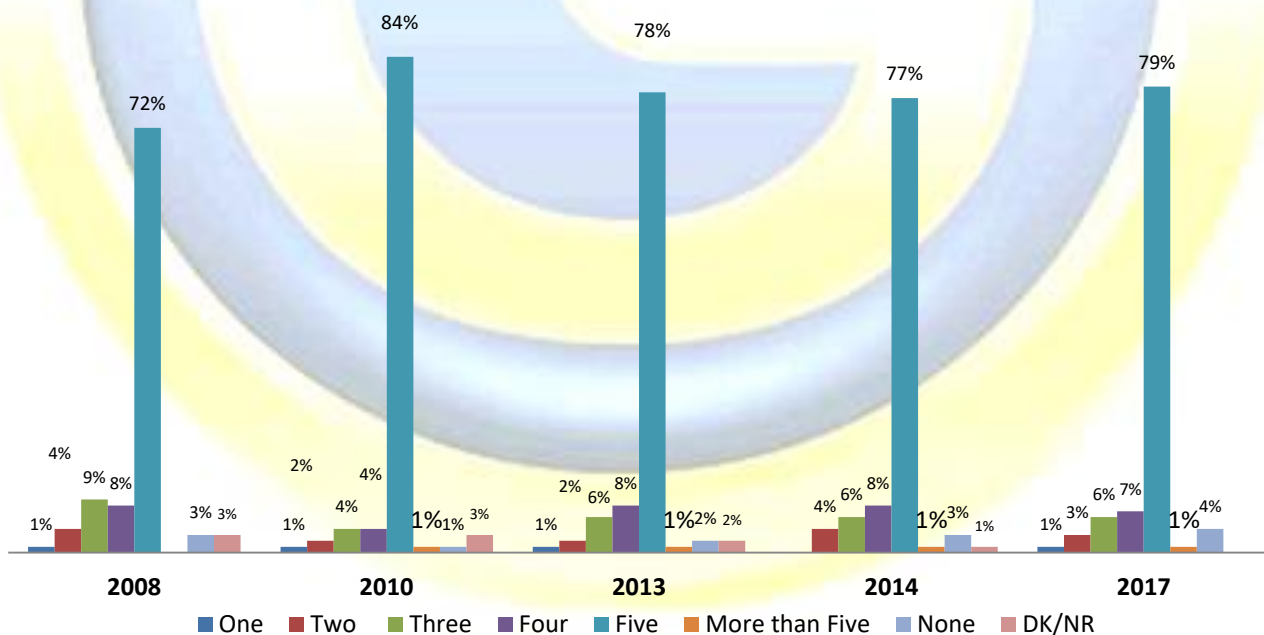
According to a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2008 (9 years ago) respondents were asked “How many times are you normally able to pray during Ramadan?” Responding to this, 72% said that they prayed five times a day during Ramadan, 8% said they prayed four times a day, 9% said they prayed three times a day, and 4% said they prayed two times a day during Ramadan, 1% said only once a day, 3% said they did not pray during Ramadan and 2% did not wish to respond.

Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2017 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2017, 79% said that they prayed five times a day during Ramadan, 7% said they prayed four times a day, 6% said they prayed three times a day, and 3% said they prayed two times a day during Ramadan, 1% said only once a day, 1% said more than five times a day and 4% said they did not pray during Ramadan.

The findings are available since 2008 periodically and the graph below shows how the public opinion has fluctuated over the years.

This press release has been made as part of the Gallup Pakistan History Project which aims to release historical empirical polling data to wider audiences. The objective is to sustain and encourage empirical decision making in Pakistan.

Question: How many times are you normally able to pray during Ramadan?



Source: Gallup and Gilani Surveys
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Aim and Rationale for Gallup Pakistan History Project

Bilal I Gilani, who is Executive Director at Gallup Pakistan and is Director of Gallup Pakistan History Project explains the aim of the Project as follows: ‘Gallup Pakistan has been polling in Pakistan since 1979 (over 35 years). During this time millions of Pakistanis have been surveyed by over a thousand interviewers of Gallup. In 2014, Gallup Pakistan has decided to release historical Public Opinion data and this Press Release is part of Gallup Pakistan’s History Project. This endeavor is dedicated to all those who hope for a more empirical understanding of Pakistani Issues. For more information about Gallup History Project, please contact car@gallup.com.pk.

Opinion Poll from Gallup Pakistan

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If you have any further questions regarding this poll, please feel free to contact us.

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