

HEALTH CARE

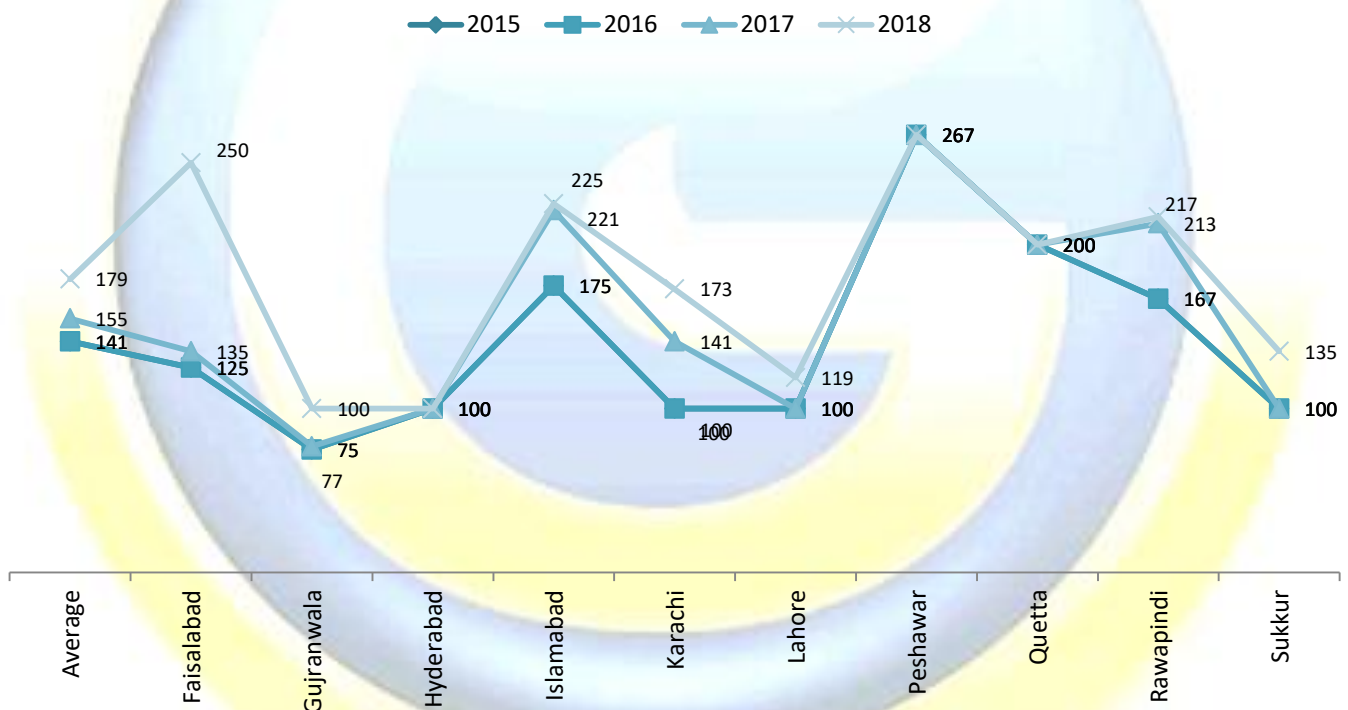
In 2018, the average fee doctor's charged for consultation was 179 rupees, which is 24 rupees more than what they were charging in 2017.

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According to the Pakistan Economic Survey 2018-19 analyzed by Gallup Pakistan, in 2018, the average fee doctor's charged for consultation was 179 rupees, with the highest rate (267 rupees) in Peshawar and the lowest (100 rupees) in Gujranwala. Of the three metropolitans, Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi: Islamabad had the highest rate (225 rupees) and Lahore had the lowest (119 rupees).

This average rate increased by 24 rupees from the previous year's rate. Given the current economic situation in Pakistan, with inflation on the rise and poor GDP growth, it comes as no surprise that the cost of health care has increased. However, the survey findings indicate that smaller cities, such as Gujranwala, were affected by these conditions more than larger cities like Rawalpindi.

Doctor's Consulting Fee per patient (2015-2018)
All values in PKR



Source: Pakistan Economic Survey 2018-19
Analyzed by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association
(www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk; www.gilanifoundation.com)

Although, anecdotal evidence suggests that fees charged by specialists can be as high as 2500 PKR and it appears that there is a wide variety in consulting fee rates, there are very few specialists in Pakistan and so, an overwhelming majority of the population seeks treatment from non-specialized healthcare providers whose average fees are as stated above.

The findings in this study were taken from the Pakistan Economic Survey 2018-2019 and analyzed by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of the Gallup International Association.