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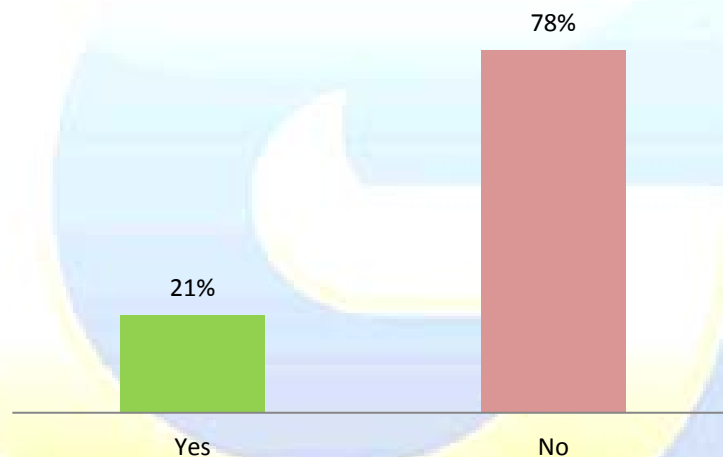
Only 1 in 5 adults report visiting a dentist in the past one year, indicating poor levels of awareness and access to dental services (Gallup & Gilani Pakistan Poll)

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation Survey carried out by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, 21% of Pakistanis reported visiting a dentist in the past year or so, indicating poor levels of awareness and access to dental services.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the four provinces was asked, “Did you have a chance to visit a dentist over the past year or so?” In response, 21% said yes, and 79% said no.

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Bilal I Gilani, Executive Director at Gallup Pakistan, adds: “If we project these findings on Pakistan-wide population, 20million visits to a dentist can be estimated. Considering there are a total of 23,568 registered dental surgeons across Pakistan, it is estimated that in a year a dentist is visited by approximately 900 patients. Considering that many dental activities require multiple checkups, the number may be significantly higher. Similarly, in our estimation, we currently assume that all dentists registered are working, specifically in Pakistan. However, anecdotal evidence suggests that a large proportion of female trained dentists are not practicing. A sizeable brain drain also occurs amongst the male dentists as they move to Middle East for work (according to the Bureau of Immigration, Pakistan was exporting 1000 doctors including dentists every year). If these factors were added to the forecasting, we may have recorded a rise upto 3000 annual visits per dentist.”

Source: Gallup & Gilani Pakistan Poll

Field work conducted by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association
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The study was released by Gilani Research Foundation and carried out by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 1,287 men and women in urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, during September 22 - September 30, 2019. The error margin is estimated to be approximately ± 2 -3 percent at the 95% confidence level.

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

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