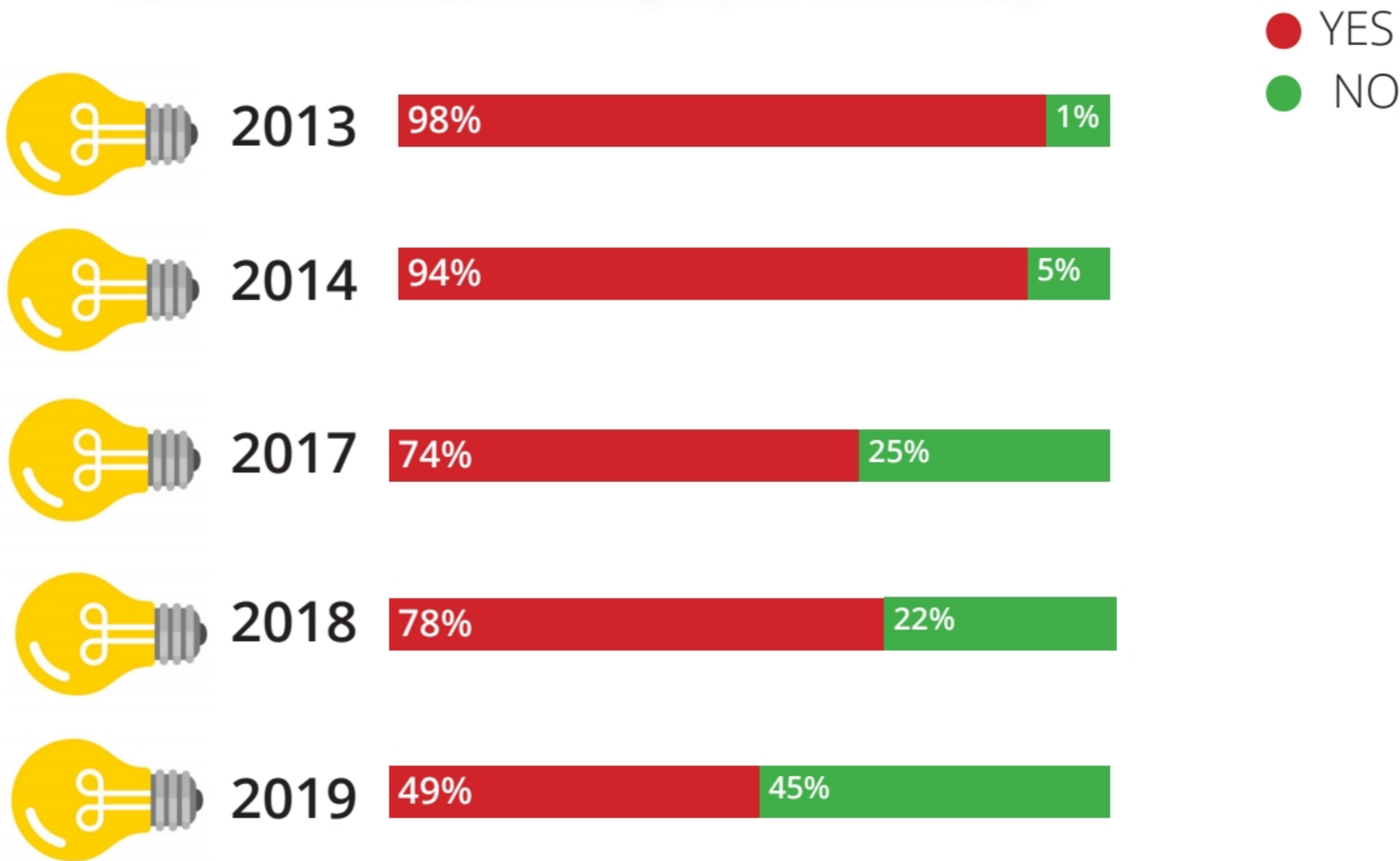


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Public Opinion in Pakistan in the Year 2013

ENERGY Electricity

Pakistan overcomes load shedding: Over a period of 6 years, 53% decline in the proportion of Pakistanis who claim there is load shedding in their homes

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In a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 2013, respondents were asked “Has there been load shedding in your house today?” In response, 98% said there was load shedding, while 1% reported no load shedding.

Comparative Picture: This question was asked again in 2019 to enable a comparison to be made across the years. In 2019, only 45% reported load shedding in their houses, while majority 49% said there was no load shedding.

Trend Analysis: Largest fall in Load shedding happened between 2018-19

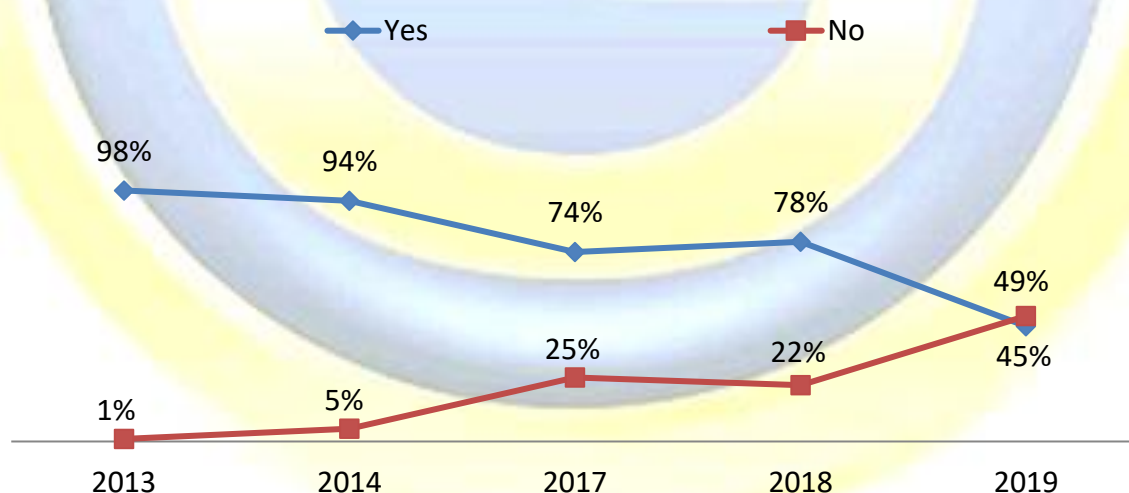
The percentage of respondents who reported load shedding in their homes has gradually decreased over the years with the most significant decrease occurring in 2019 when the percentage fell by 33% from 78% to 45%.

Implications of this finding: Load shedding has been one of the most significant problems plaguing the country for more than a decade. These results indicate an applaudable improvement in the energy shortfall faced by Pakistan since 2013, which will consequently contribute to the industrial and economical progress of the country.

Bilal Ijaz Gilani, Executive Director of Gallup Pakistan adds ‘the results of this Gallup poll show that there is still a long way to go in eradicating load shedding as almost half respondents still report load shedding on the day the enumerators from Gallup visited their households. Moreover, it should be noted that the Ministry of Power of the Federal government has been reporting that the problem of load shedding has been addressed completely. The results of this popular public opinion poll contradict the claim. Considering there are more than 20 million power consumers across Pakistan spread over 100 districts and 500 Tehsils and 5000+ union councils, public opinion polls are the most reliable means to determine if actual load shedding has been addressed.

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.

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Note: DK/NR not shown

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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 40 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 caf@gallup.com.pk.

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

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