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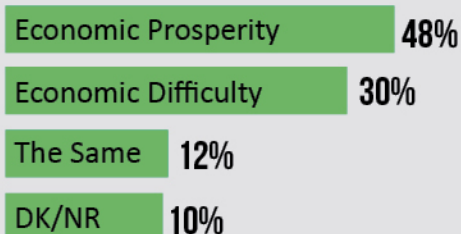
NEARLY HALF (48%) PAKISTANIS, WELL ABOVE THE GLOBAL AVERAGE (25%), THINK THAT 2021 WILL BE A YEAR OF ECONOMIC PROSPERITY: GALLUP INTERNATIONAL'S GLOBAL HOPE, HAPPINESS AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY INDEX.



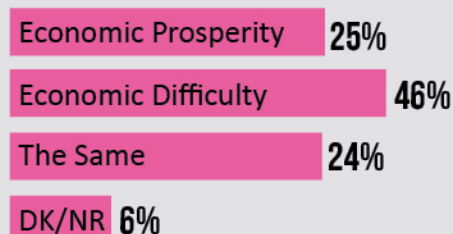
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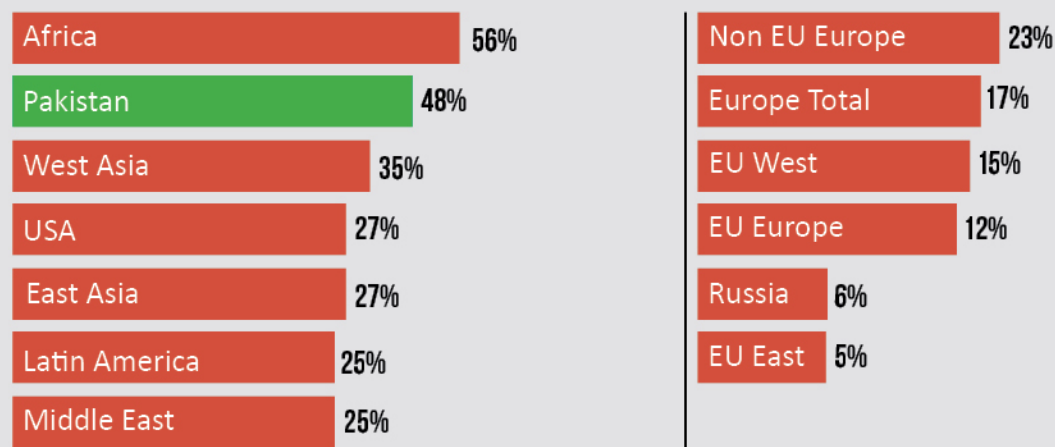
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PAKISTAN'S COMPARISON WITH DIFFERENT REGIONS WHO THINK THAT 2021 WILL BE A YEAR OF ECONOMIC PROSPERITY:





**Special Press Release
End of Year Survey 2020
Hope in Pakistan**

Nearly half (48 %) Pakistanis, well above the global average (25 %), think that 2021 will be a year of economic prosperity: Gallup International's Global Hope, Happiness and Economic Prosperity Index.

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According to a Gallup International Survey at the end of the year 2020, 48% Pakistanis think that 2021 will be a year of economic prosperity while 30% Pakistanis are pessimistic and fear that 2021 will be a year of economic difficulty.

Ranking: Out of 41 countries, Pakistan ranks 6th on the Economic Optimism Index.

These interesting findings have emerged out of an annual, 46 country research conducted by Gallup International (founded by the world-renowned scholar and pollster Dr. George Gallup in 1947). The survey in Pakistan was done by Gallup Pakistan, Pakistan's oldest and trusted survey firm, working since 1979.

The study comprised internationally of 38,709 respondents covering different ethnicities, regions, religions, age, and gender. The international press release with report can be accessed [here](#). This study has been conducted every year in Pakistan and globally for the past 43 years and is unique in terms of sample size, coverage, and longitudinal analysis.



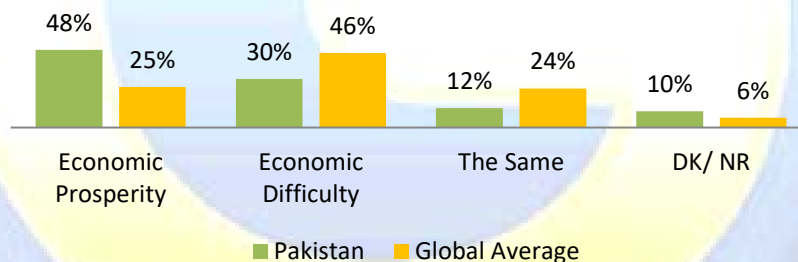
Economic Optimism Index of Pakistan: Despite economic woes brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, nearly half (48 %) Pakistanis, well above the global average of 25 %, think that 2021 will be a year of economic prosperity. Pakistan ranks 6th out of 41 countries on the Economic Optimism Index.

A nationally representative sample of adult men and women from across the four provinces was asked the following question, “*Compared to this year, in your opinion, will next year be a year of economic prosperity, economic difficulty or remain the same for your country?*” In response to this question, 48% Pakistanis said 2021 will be a year of economic prosperity, 30% believed that it will be a year of economic difficulty, 12% said that it will be the same. 10% did not know or did not wish to respond.

Global result: Globally, 25% said that 2021 will be a year of economic prosperity, 46% said that it will be a year of economic difficulty, while 24% think it will be the same. 6% did not know or did not wish to respond.

Comparing Pakistan’s figure with the global average figure, Pakistan ranks much higher on the net economic optimism index with net economic optimism of 18% compared to global figure of -21%. Nearly half (48%) Pakistanis think that 2021 will be a year of economic prosperity; this lies in contrast with the global figure of 25%.

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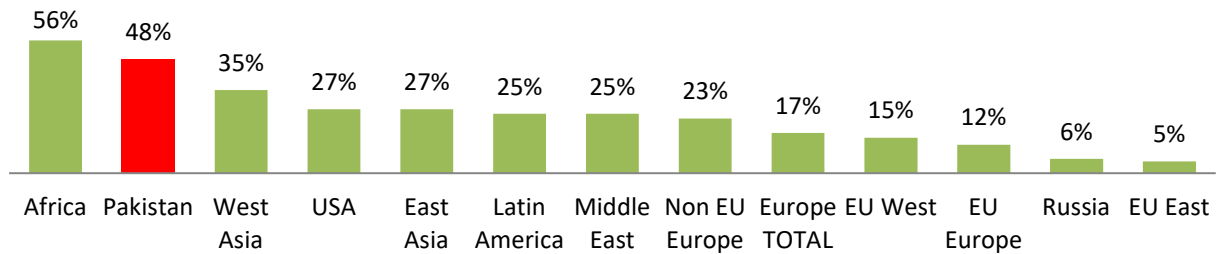
Source: End of Year Survey 2020

For Pakistan field work conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk, www.gilanifoundation.com)

Regional Results: In India, 56% said they are hopeful about the economic situation in 2021, 24% said that the new year will be one of economic difficulty and 15% said they think 2021 will be the same as 2020 in terms of economic prosperity. The study computed net economic optimism for India as 32%.

In Afghanistan, 23% said they are optimistic about the economic situation in 2021, 54% think that it will be a year of economic difficulty and 22% think that it will be same as 2020. The study computed net hope for Afghanistan as -31%.

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Hope about “economic situation in the upcoming year” in Pakistan over the past years:

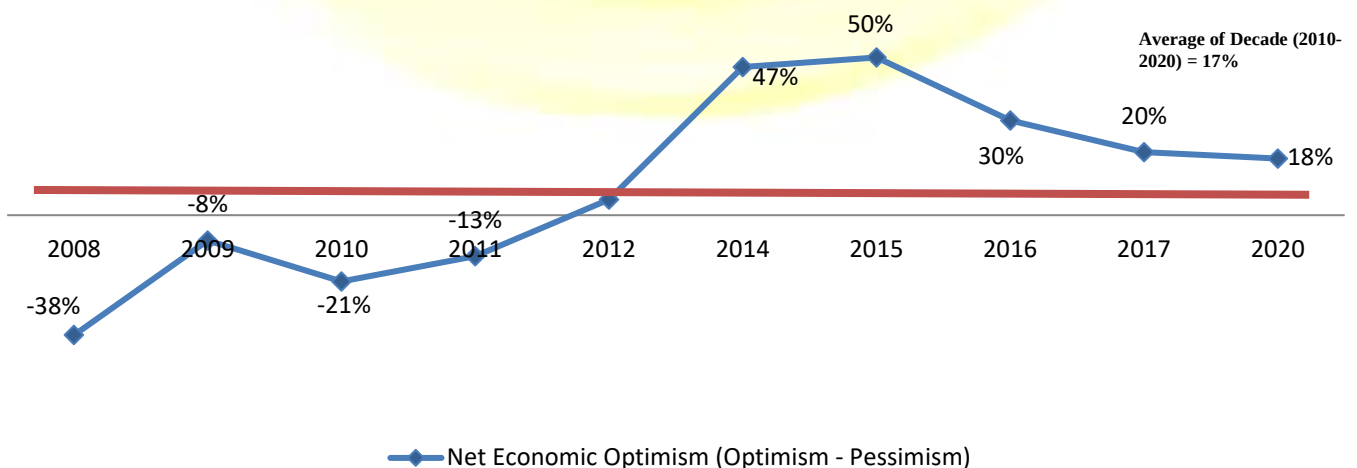
Gallup Pakistan has been asking about economic optimism for the upcoming year for nearly three decades and the chart below shows net economic optimism (optimism – pessimism) since 2008. The results show that since 2015, Pakistanis have become less hopeful about economic prosperity. Net optimism about the economic scenario of Pakistan has fallen to 18% in 2020 from 20% in 2017, 30% in 2016 and 50% in 2015. Average net economic optimism over the past decade (2010-2020) was 17%.

Net optimism about Pakistan’s economic situation had not been this low since 2012 when it was 5%. Overall the trend had improved in 2014 with net optimism of 47% then rising to 50% in 2015 however it has seen a decline after that.

In 2008, when the PPP came to power, net economic optimism was at an all-time low of -38%. It then rose to -8% in the following year, followed by a decline to -21% in 2010 and then a rise to -13% in 2011. For most of PPP’s regime, net economic optimism remained negative. With the shift of power to PML-N, net economic optimism in 2014 rose to 47%, and to an all-time high of 50% in 2015. However, the figures have seen a decline since then.

2020 was a year of extraordinary circumstances. Pakistan’s economy, much like many others in the world suffered disruptions because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Net optimism about Pakistan’s economic situation in the coming year 2021 is 18%.

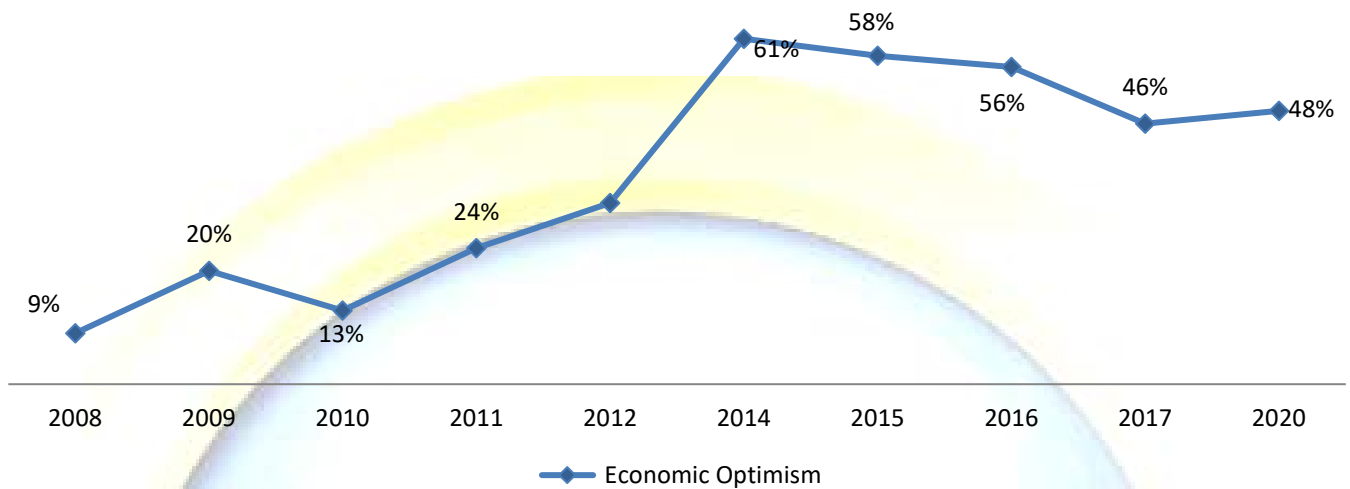
Net Economic Optimism (Optimism - Pessimism) Between 2008 & 2020





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Top optimistic and pessimistic countries:

The top five optimistic countries according to the Economic Optimism Index are Nigeria (72%), Azerbaijan (63%), Vietnam (59%), Kyrgyzstan (58%) and India (56%). The top five countries that answered with 'economic difficulty' are UK (71%), Austria (70%), Italy (67%), Bosnia and Herzegovina (66%) and Bulgaria (64%).

TOP 5 ANSWERING “ECONOMIC PROSPERITY”	TOP 5 ANSWERING “ECONOMIC DIFFICULTY”
NIGERIA: 72	UK: 71
AZERBAIJAN: 63	AUSTRIA: 70
VIETNAM: 59	ITALY: 67
KYRGYZSTAN: 58	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA: 66
INDIA: 56	BULGARIA: 64



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

*Best Regards,
Gallup Pakistan*

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Daily Gilani Poll
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