

Rising Concerns Over Street Crime: Gallup & Gilani History Project Findings Reveal 47% of Respondents Report Increased Theft and Street Crimes in 2024

Question: "During the last year, the rate of theft and street crimes in your area has increased, decreased, or remained the same"?

Increased Decreased No change





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The Gallup & Gilani survey revealed a change in perceptions of street crime and theft over the past year, with 47% of respondents in 2024 indicating that it has increased, compared to a lower percentage in previous years. For over two decades, Gallup has asked nationally representative samples of adults the following question: “During the last year, the rate of theft and street crimes in your area has increased, decreased, or remained the same?”

Comparative Picture: In 2024, 47% of respondents said it has increased, 29% said it has decreased, and 22% said it has remained the same.

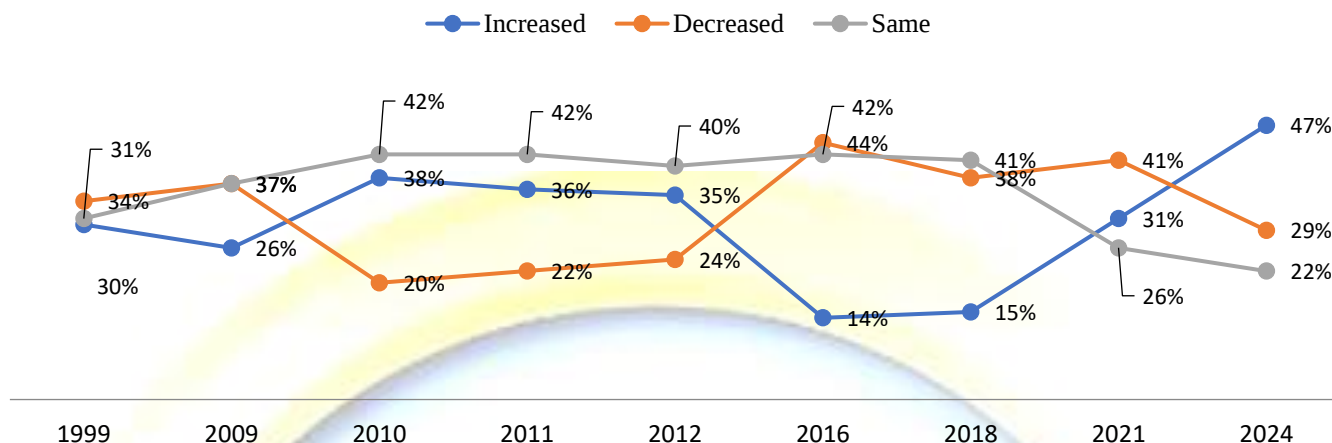
Trend Analysis: The fluctuation in the rate of street crime has been noticeable over the years. In 1999, 30% of respondents reported an increase, 34% reported a decrease, and 31% said it remained the same. In 2009, 26% of respondents noted an increase, 37% reported a decrease, and 37% said it had remained the same. In 2010, 38% of respondents reported an increase, 20% a decrease, and 42% said it remained the same. In 2011, 36% reported an increase, 22% a decrease, and 42% said it remained the same. In 2012, 35% noted an increase, 24% a decrease, and 40% said it remained the same. A significant dip occurred in 2016, with only 14% of respondents reporting an increase, 44% noting a decrease, and 42% saying it remained the same. Positive trends remained consistent, as in 2018, when 15% of respondents reported an increase, 38% reported a decrease, and 41% said it remained the same. In 2021, the proportion of respondents noting an increase rose again to 31%, while 41% reported a decrease, and 26% said it remained the same.

Over the past two and a half decades, the rate of street crime and theft has fluctuated, showing both improvements and deterioration. In 2016, crime rates reached their lowest point. However, a notable increase in 2024 has raised concerns.

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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Source: Gallup & Gilani Pakistan
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The study in Pakistan was conducted and released by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 821 men and women in urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, conducted from 6th August - 9th September 2024. The error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ percent at the 95% confidence level. The methodology used for data collection was telephonic surveys (CATI).



Aim and Rationale for Gallup Pakistan History Project

Bilal I Gilani, who is the Executive Director at Gallup Pakistan, and the 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 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 the Gallup History Project, please contact caf@gallup.com.pk



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Gilani Research Foundation is headed by Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani who pioneered the field of opinion polling in Pakistan and established Gallup Pakistan in 1980. Currently, Dr. Gilani, who holds a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and has taught at leading universities in Pakistan and abroad, is Chairman of Gallup Pakistan.

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

*Best Regards,
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