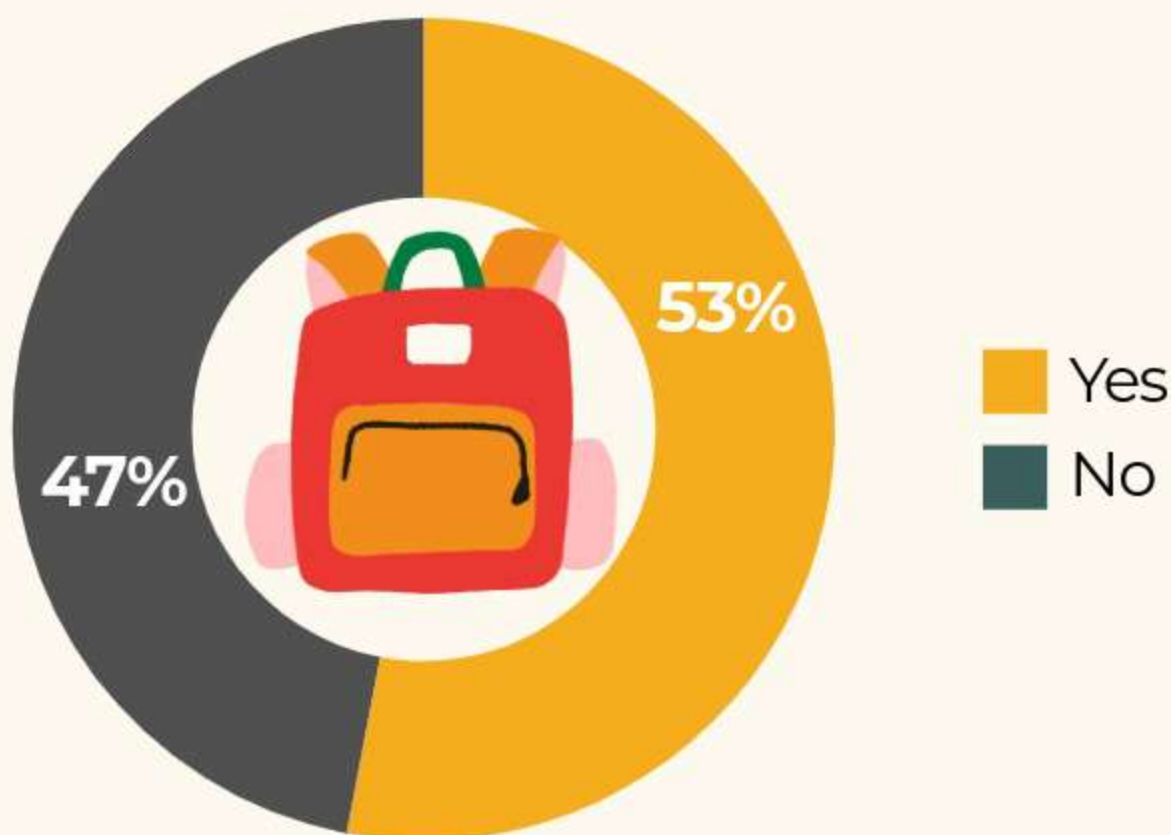


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PRESS RELEASE

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Press release 1 on Understanding the School Landscape in Pakistan
'Children's School Enrollment and Class Levels'

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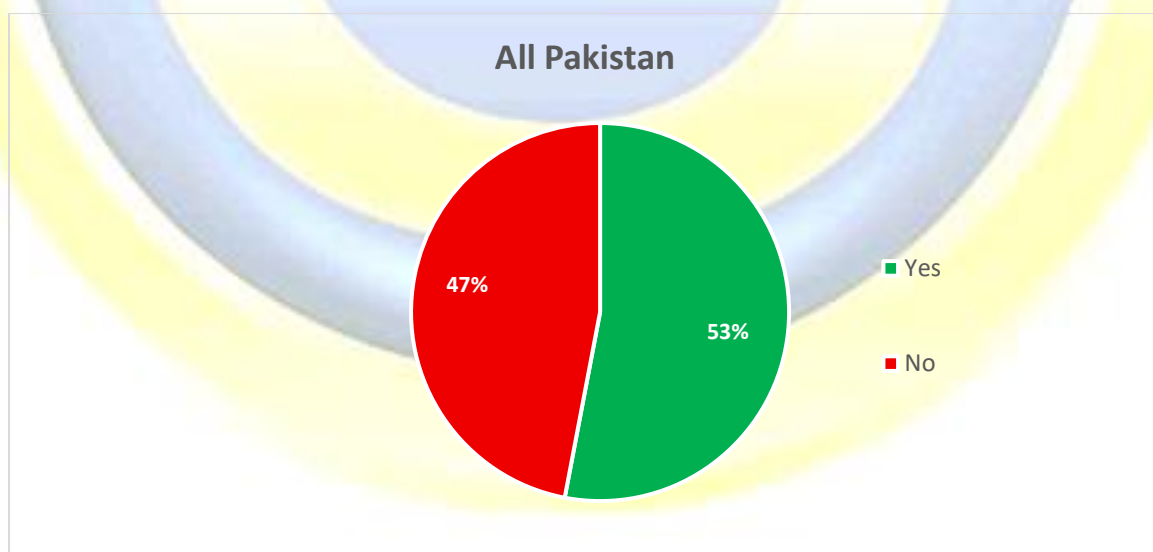
According to a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan survey, 53% of Pakistani parents report that at least one of their children aged 5–17 years is currently attending school, with urban children slightly more likely to be enrolled than their rural peers (56% vs. 52%).

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The [detailed report](#) is available on the official Gallup Pakistan website.

A nationally representative sample of parents with at least one child aged 5–17 years across the country was asked the question, *"Is any of your children currently studying in school?"* In response, 53% of respondents confirmed that their children are enrolled, while 47% reported that none of their children are enrolled. These results highlight that school enrollment is still a challenge for a significant portion of families across the country.

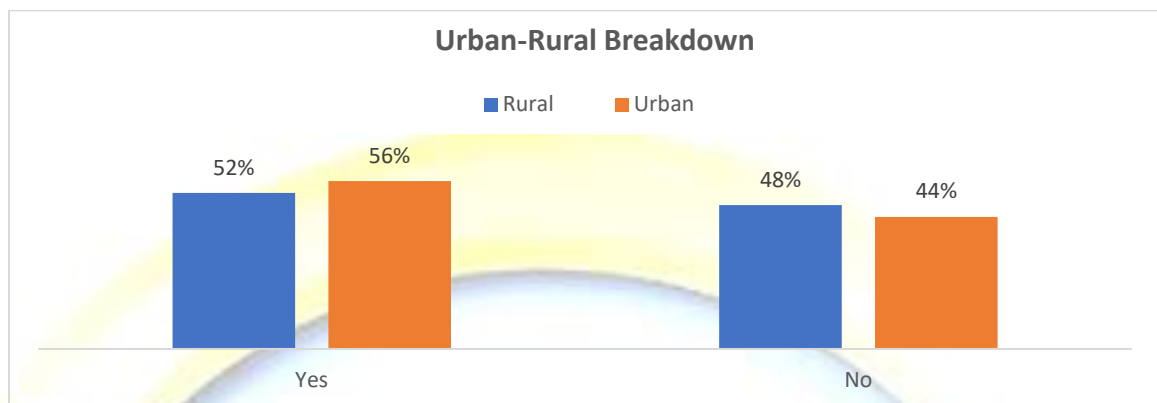
Question: *Is any of your children currently studying in school?*



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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 1415 married men and women, in urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, conducted from March 18, 2026 to March 31, 2026. 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).

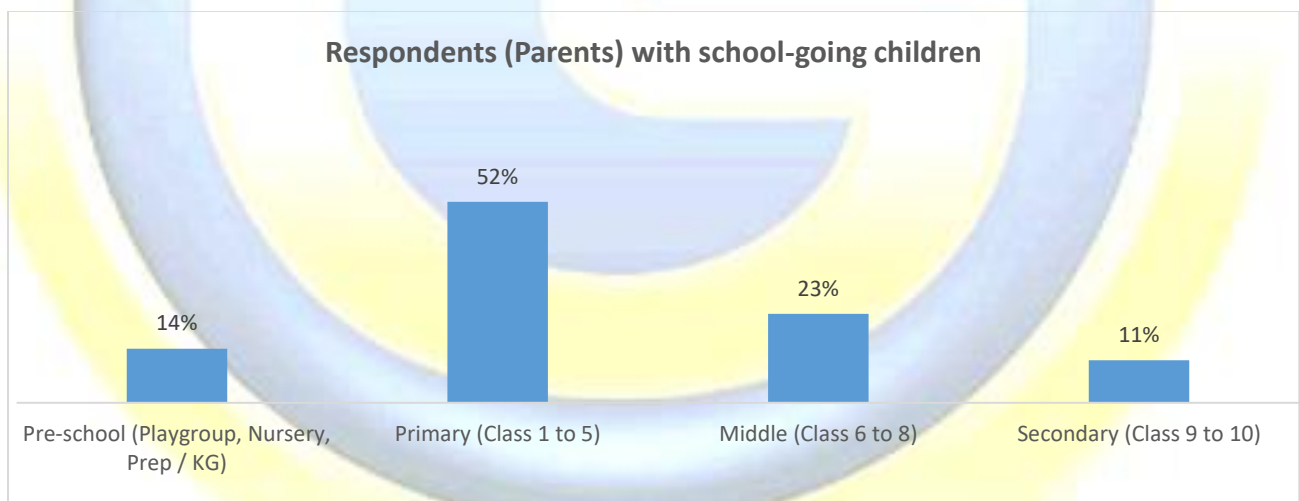
Urban-Rural Breakdown: The data reveals that urban children have a higher enrollment rate than rural children (56% vs. 52%). Notably, the survey highlighted a concerning trend within rural communities, where families with children aged 7–15 reported the highest rates of not attending school (48%).



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Parents whose children are enrolled in school were asked a follow-up question, “**Which class is your child studying in?**”. Among children attending school, 14% are in pre-school (Playgroup, Nursery, Prep/KG), 52% are in primary school (Classes 1–5), 23% are in middle school (Classes 6–8), and 11% are in secondary school (Classes 9–10). These findings indicate that the majority of school-going children are in primary grades, reflecting the largest segment in the education system.

Question: Which class is your child studying in?



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Overall, the survey shows that while more than half of Pakistani children attend school, a considerable number remain out of the formal education system. The predominance of children in primary grades emphasizes the need for policies that encourage progression into middle and secondary education, ensuring a stronger foundation for lifelong learning.



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

*Best Regards,
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