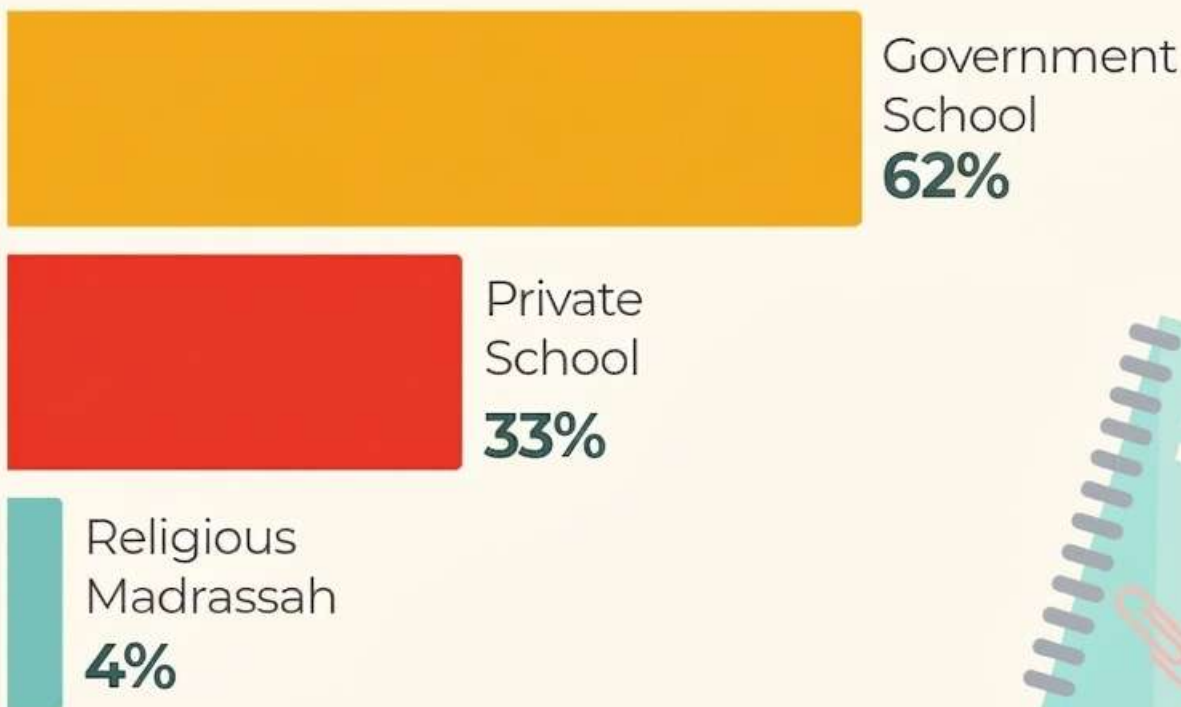


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PRESS RELEASE

Opinion Poll **Education & Schooling**

Press release 2 on Understanding the School Landscape in Pakistan
'Type of School Attended by Pakistani Children'

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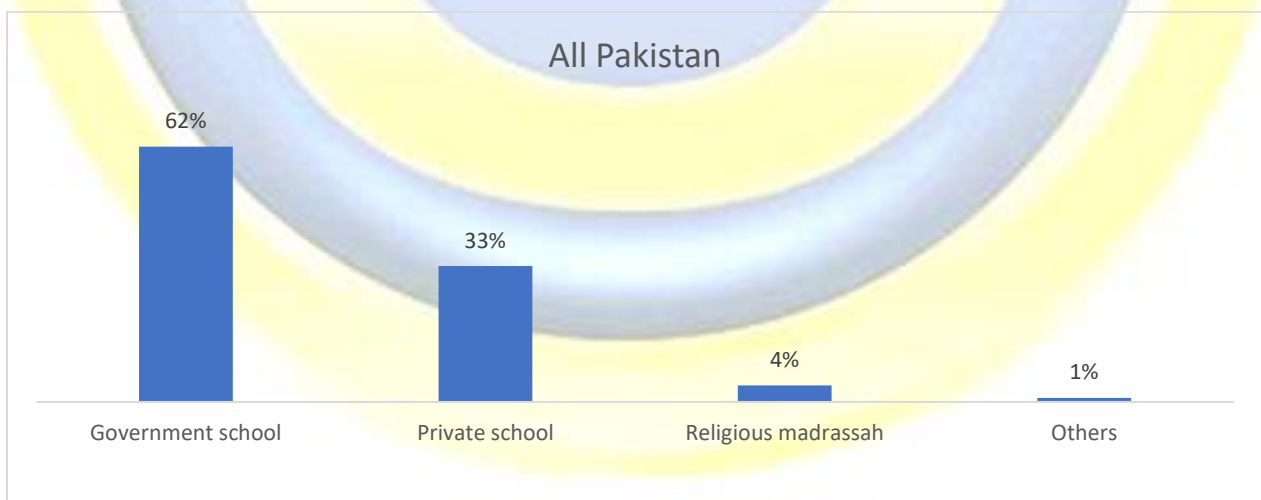
According to a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan survey, the majority of school-going Pakistani children (62%) attend government schools, while private schooling is more common in urban areas and among parents with higher education.

This press release is part of Gallup Pakistan's ongoing series on Understanding the School Landscape in Pakistan. The previous release of this series, 'Children's School Enrollment and Class Levels', can be accessed [here](#).

The detailed report is available on the official Gallup Pakistan website, can be accessed [here](#).

A nationally representative sample of parents across the country, whose children are enrolled in school, was asked the question, ***"Please tell what type of school your children attend?"***. In response, 62% reported that their children attend 'government schools'. Meanwhile, 33% stated their children are enrolled in 'private schools', 4% attend 'religious madrassahs', and 1% study in other types of institutions. These findings highlight the continued dominance of public schooling in Pakistan.

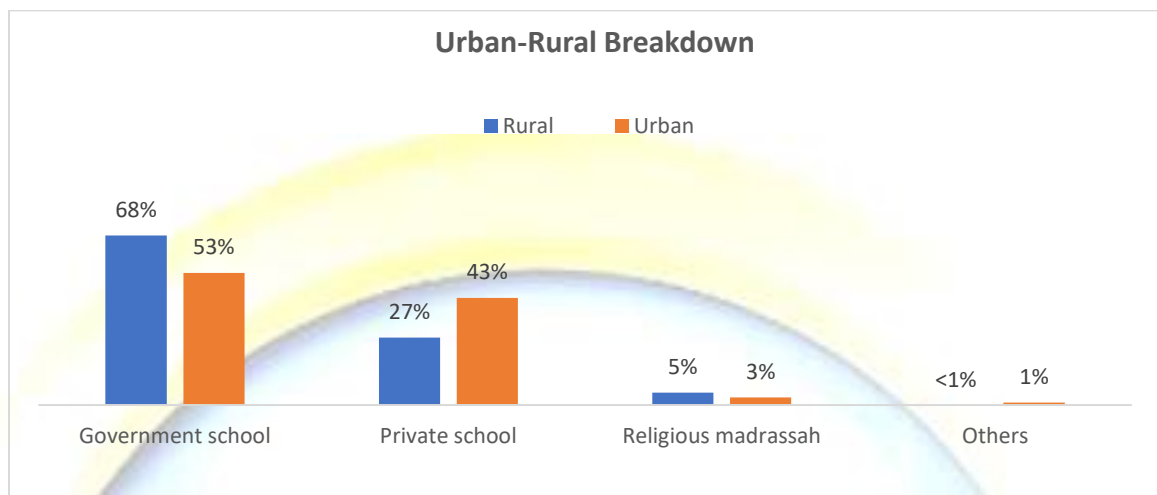
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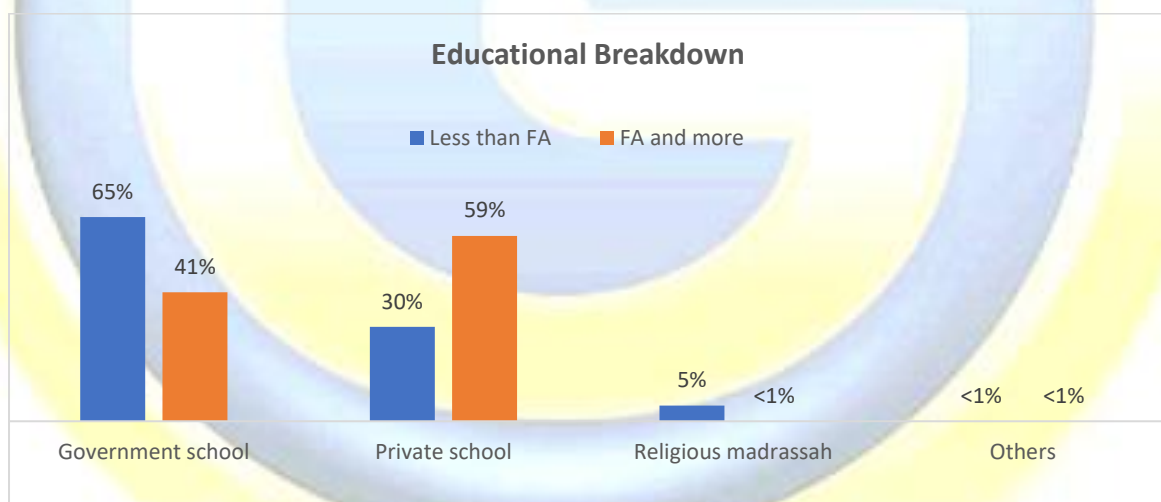
The study in Pakistan was conducted and released by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 1415 married men and women, in urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, conducted from March 18, 2026 to 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 type of school differs noticeably between urban and rural areas. In urban areas, 43% of children attend private schools, while 53% go to government schools. In contrast, rural children are more likely to be in government schools (68%) and less likely to attend private schools (27%).



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Educational Breakdown: Parental education strongly influences school choice. Children of parents with FA and above education are much more likely to attend private schools (59%), whereas children of parents with less than FA education mostly attend government schools (65%). Religious madrassahs are more common among children of less-educated parents (5%) compared to FA+ educated parents (<1%).



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Overall, the survey highlights that government schools remain the backbone of Pakistan's education system, while private schools are concentrated among urban areas and families with higher education levels. These patterns indicate ongoing disparities in educational access and choices, providing insights for policymakers to target resources and programs effectively.



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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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