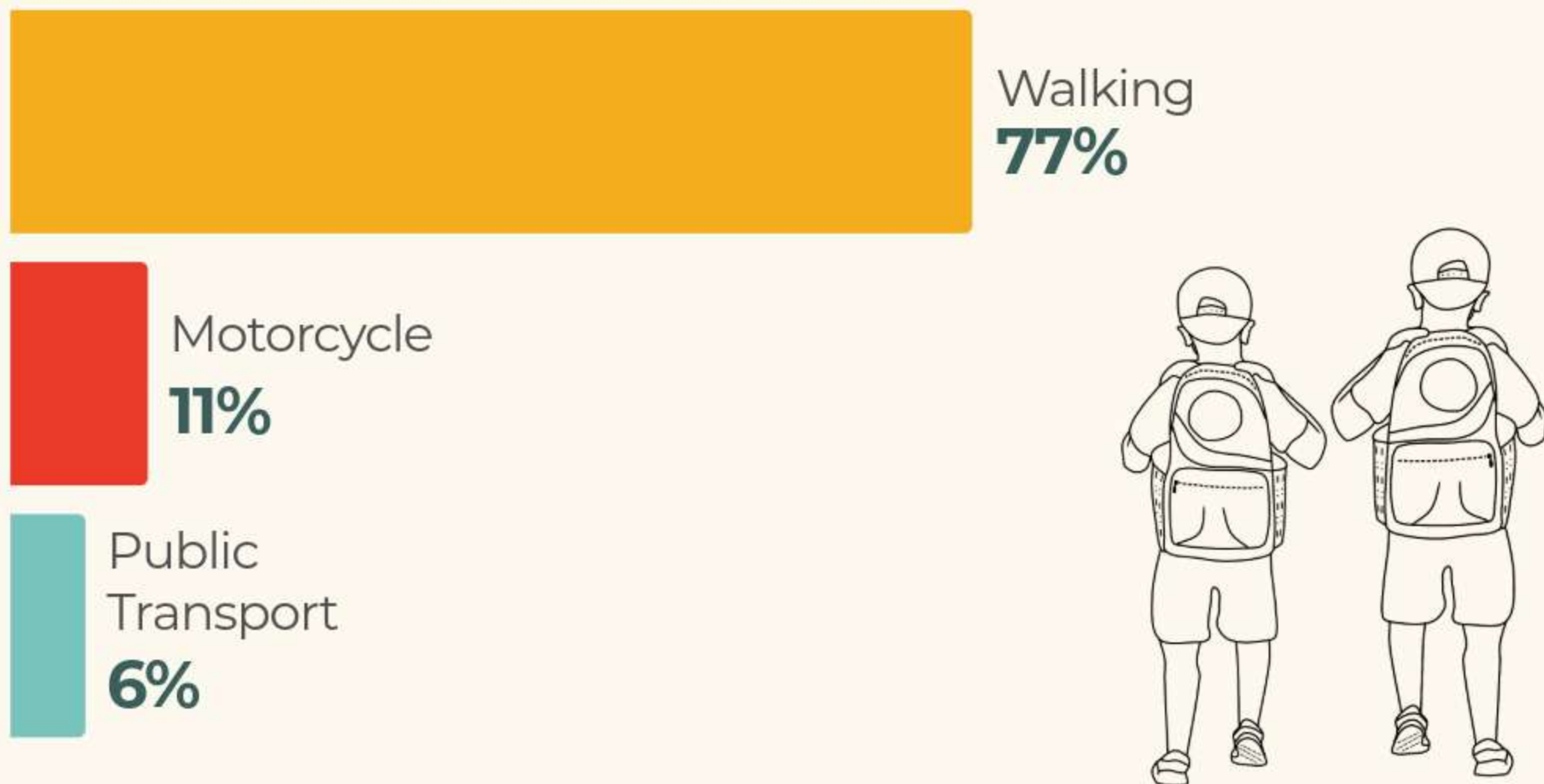


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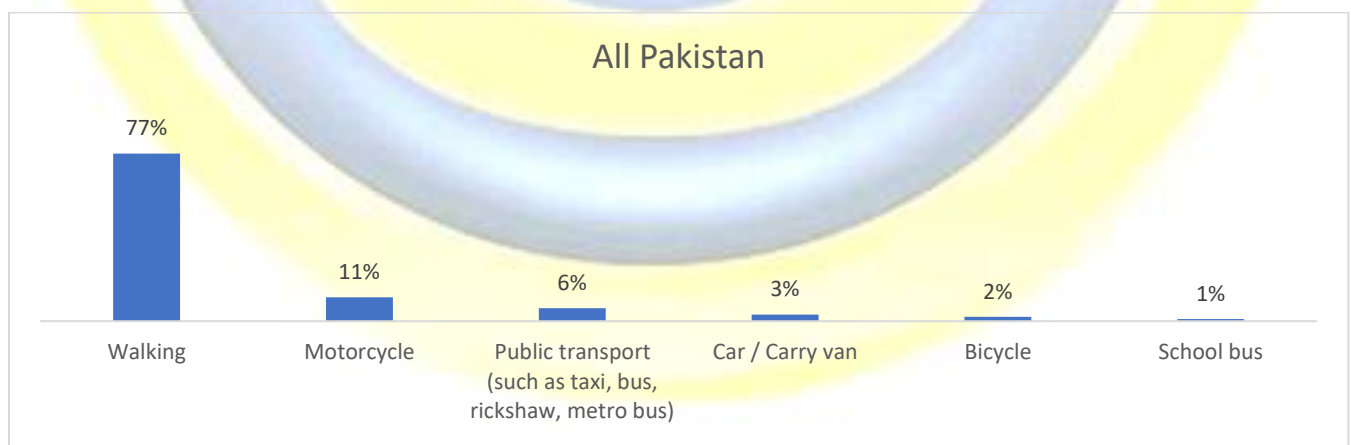
According to a survey conducted by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, walking remains the primary mode of school travel in Pakistan (77%). Rural children are slightly more likely to walk to school (78%). However, families with a higher education background are far more likely to use motorcycles, cars, or public transport.

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

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A nationally representative sample of parents across the country, whose children are enrolled in school, was asked the question, ***"Please tell which of the following modes of transportation does your child usually use to go to school?"***. At the national level, 77% of children 'walk to school', 11% travel by 'motorcycle', 6% use 'public transport such as taxi, bus, rickshaw, or metro bus', 3% use a 'car or carry van', 2% use a 'bicycle' and 1% take a school bus.

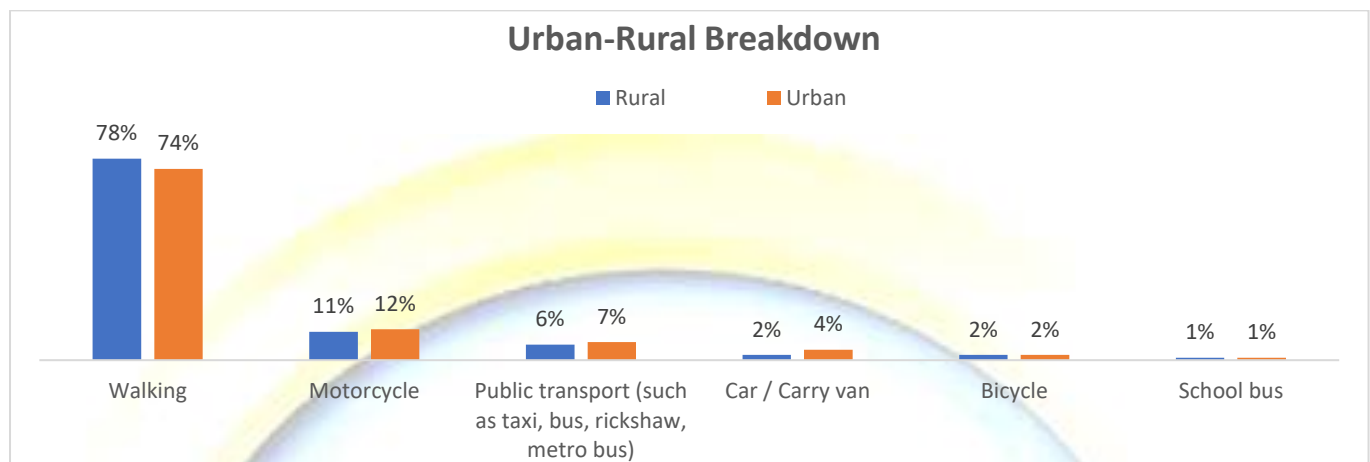
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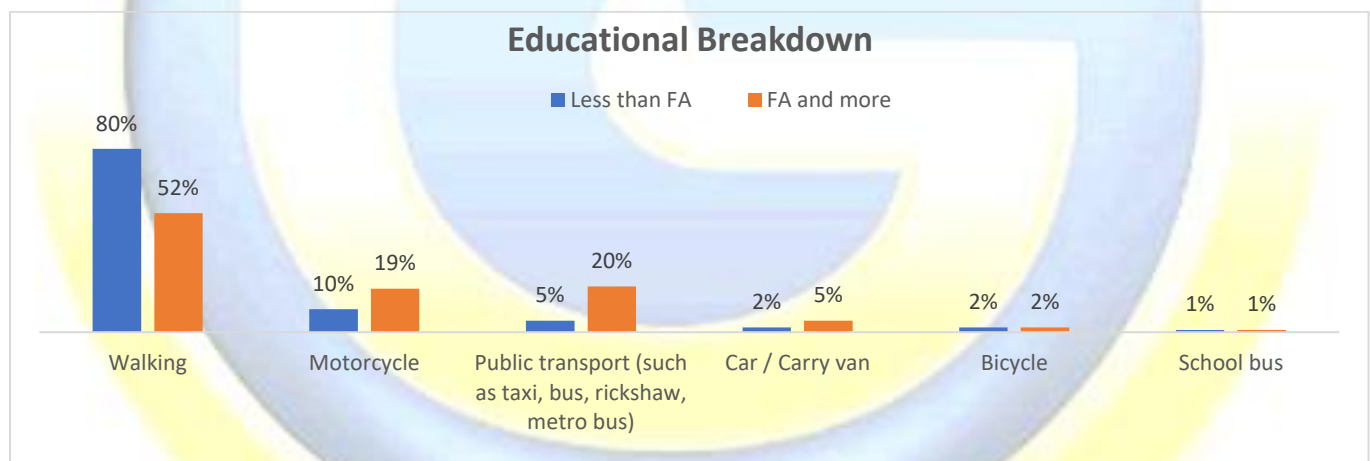
The study in Pakistan was conducted and released by Gallup & Gilani Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 1415 married men and women, in urban and rural areas of all four provinces of the country, conducted from March 18, 2026 to 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: Rural children are slightly more likely to walk to school (78%) compared to urban children (74%). However, urban children rely slightly more on motorcycles (12%), public transport (7%), and cars or carry vans (4%) than rural children.



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Educational Breakdown: Children of less educated parents are more likely to walk to school (80%). However, the children of parents with FA and above education are significantly more likely to use motorcycles (19%), public transport such as taxis and buses (20%), or cars/carry vans (5%) to reach school. This highlights the role of parental education in influencing transportation choices.



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Overall, the survey indicates that walking remains the dominant mode of school travel for children in Pakistan, though motorcycles, cars, and public transport are more common among urban children and those with educated parents. These patterns underscore urban-rural disparities in school access and mobility.



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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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