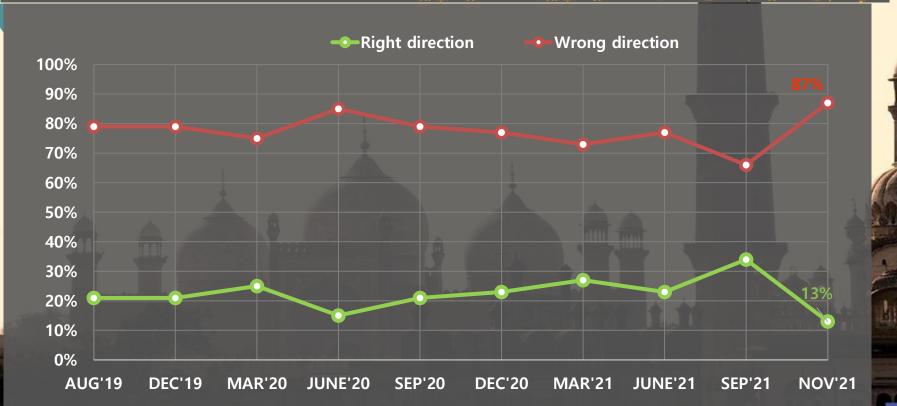


## Government's claim of 'Economy getting better' has collapsed suddenly, as the public sentiment about overall direction of the country has hit its ever lowest.

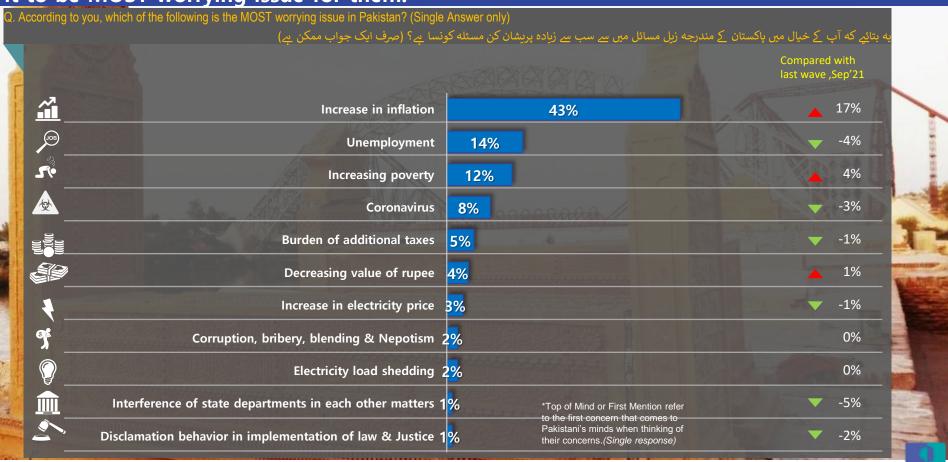
Q. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

یہ بتائے کہ آپ کے خیال میں کیاپاکستان کے حالات درست سمت میں جار سے ہیں یا غلط سمت میں جار ہے ہیں؟

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Inflation is the most worrying issue for Pakistanis. 17% more people since Sep. '21 reported it to be MOST worrying issue for them.

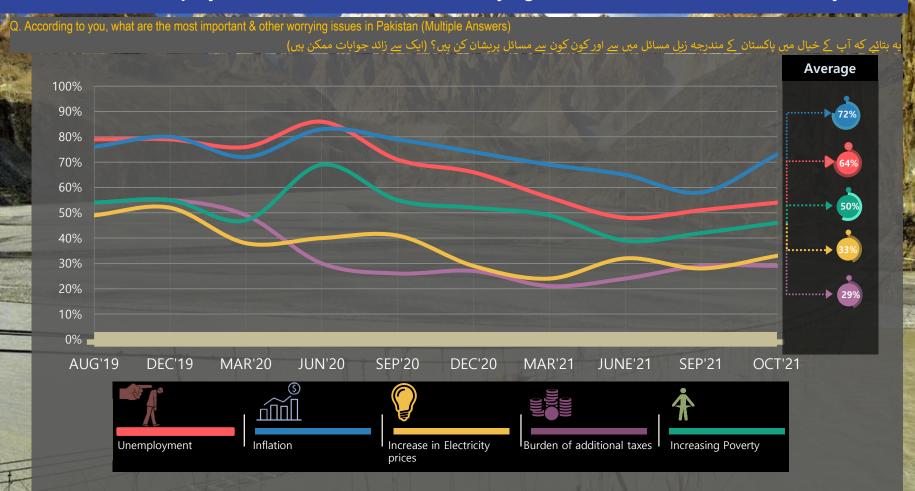


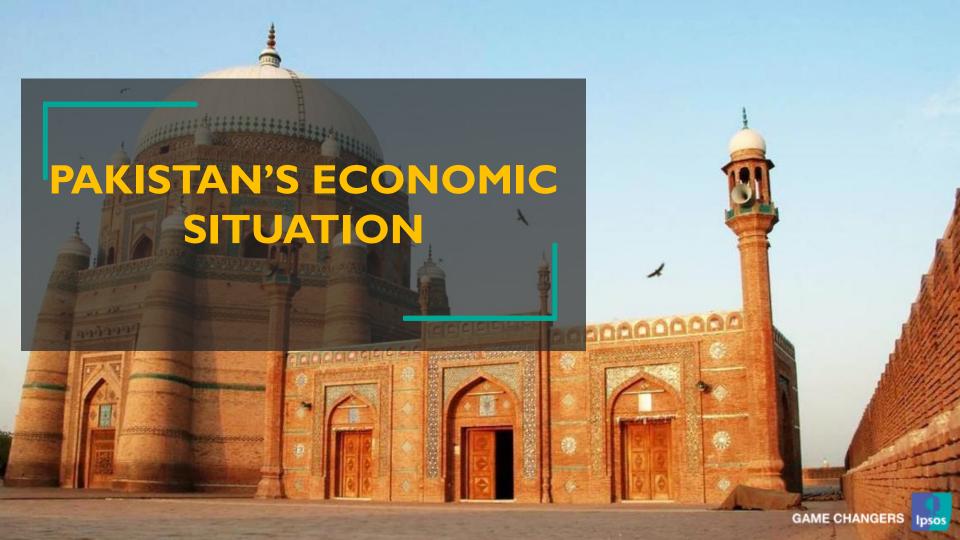
# Even when asked about other worrying issues; economy related concerns remain on top. Meanwhile, coronavirus as a worrying issue has gone down by 18% in the last two months

Q. According to you, what are the most important & other worrying issues in Pakistan (Multiple Answers)

	Most Worrying Issue		Other Worrying Issues			Compared with last wave,Sep'2
<u> </u>	Increase in inflation	43%		30%	73%	<b>1</b> 5%
JOB	Unemployment	14%	41%		55%	<b>4</b> %
	Increasing poverty	12%	34%		46%	<b>A</b> 7%
<b>₽</b>	Coronavirus	8%	16%		24%	<b>▼</b> -18%
	Burden of additional taxes	5%	24%		29%	<b>△</b> 0%
	Decreasing value of rupee	4%	20%		24%	<b>A</b> 8%
	Increase in electricity price	3%	30%		33%	<b>5</b> %
- St	Corruption, bribery, blending & Nepotism	2% 129	<b>%</b>		14%	-2%
+	Electricity load shedding	2% 11%	6		13%	▼ -3%
Interfe	rence of state departments in each other matters 1	<b>7</b> %			8%	<b>▼</b> -15%
	ation behavior in implementation of law & Justice 1	<b>% 11%</b>			12%	<b>▼</b> -7%
	Lack of facilities in healthcare & treatment 1	<b>7</b> %		Wa-	8%	<b>▼</b> -5%
	Unavailability of water for domestic usage 1	<b>7</b> %	The state of the s		8%	▼ -8%
	Increase in extremist thoughts & behaviors 1	<b>%4</b> %			5%	<b>▼</b> -5%
<u>*</u>	Terrorism 1	<b>8%</b>			9%	-3%
((:	Freedom of speech & censorship on media 0	<b>%</b> %			4%	-5%

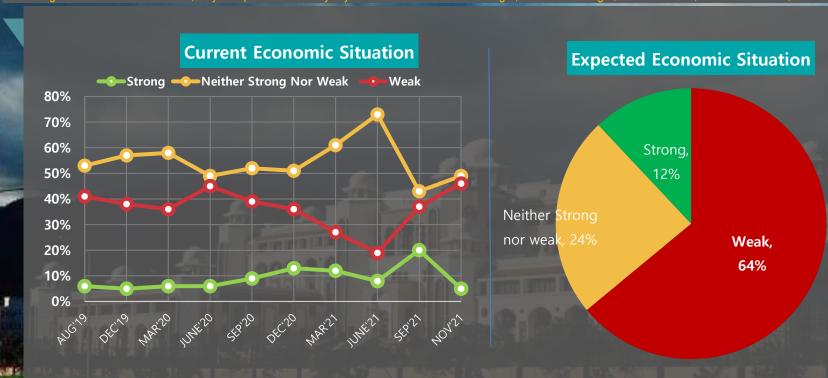
## Inflation and unemployment have been the most worrying issues for Pakistanis from last 2 years





# After seeing an all time high in Sep'21, 'current economic situation' perception has hit rock bottom, with only 5% considering it as strong. Acute majority expect it to remain weak even in the next 6 months

- Q. Rate the current state of the economy in your local area using a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 means a very strong economy today and 1 means a very weak economy.
- Q. Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect the economy in your local area to be much stronger, somewhat stronger, about the same, somewhat weaker, or much weaker than it is now?

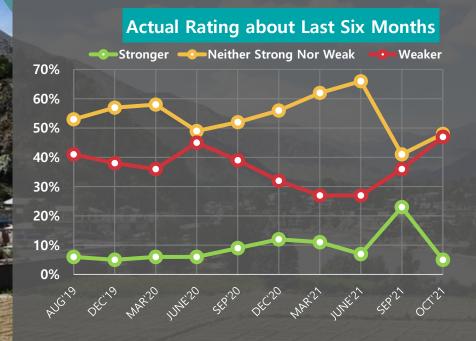




# Coinciding it with Dec. '19 reading, only 5% claiming personal financial situation to be strong. Two-third Pakistanis fear it stay weaker in the next 6 months

- Q. . Rate your current financial situation, using a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 means your personal financial situation is very strong today and 1 means it is very weak.
- Q. Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect your personal financial situation to be much stronger, somewhat stronger,

about the same, somewhat weaker, or much weaker than it is now?

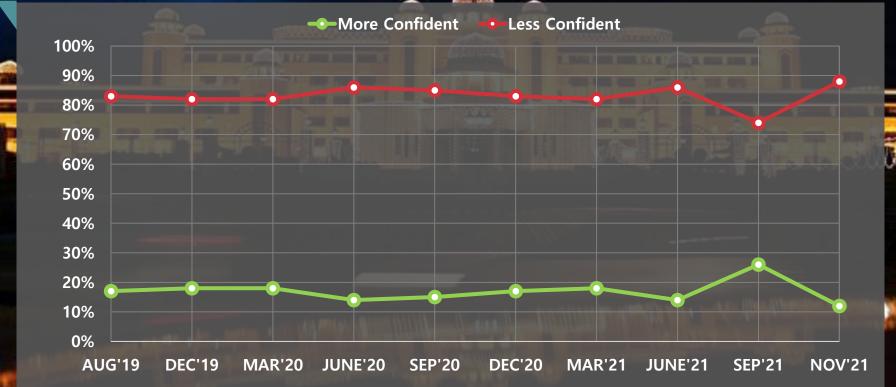






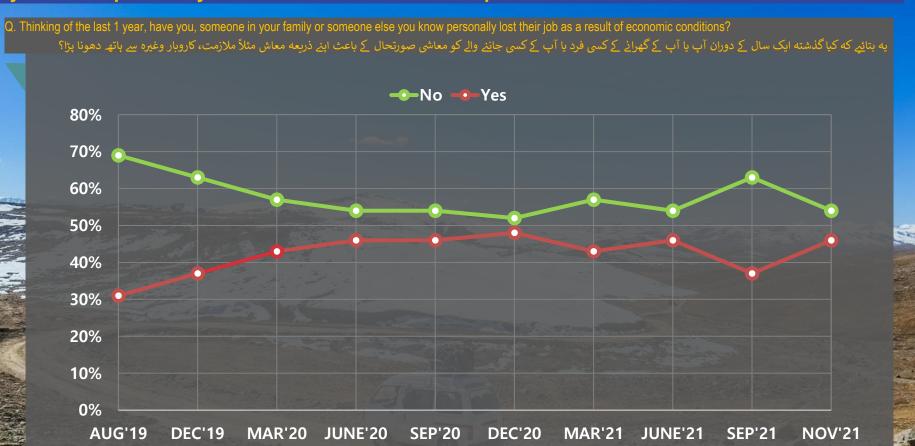
### Job security perceptions have shrunk to **EVER LOWEST** 12%, halved since Sep'21

Q. Compared to 1 year ago, are you NOW more or less confident about job security for yourself, your family and other people you know personally? یه بتائیے که گذشته ایک سال پہلے کے مقابلے میں آج کل آپ اپنی یا اپنے گھرانے کے افراد یا جان پہچان والے افراد کے ذریعه معاش مثلاً ملازمت، کاروبار وغیرہ کے باقی رہنے کے حوالے سے مجموعی طور پر کس حد تک کم یا زیادہ پراعتماد بیں؟





# 54% Pakistanis reported witnessing themselves or people known to them personally losing their jobs in the past one year, the situation continues to prevail the same since 2020.

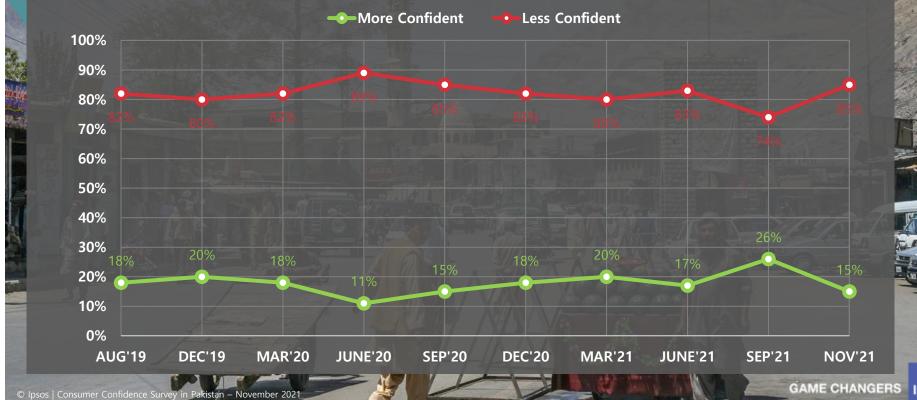




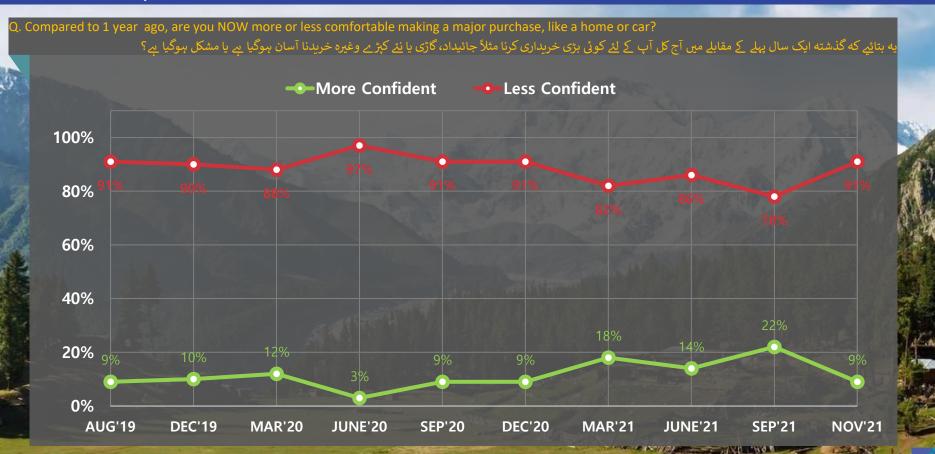
## In the current situation, only 15% Pakistanis feel confident to save money and invest in their future. Sharp decrease in the last two months

Q. Compared to 1 year ago, are you NOW more or less confident to invest in the future, including your ability to save money for your retirement or your children's education?

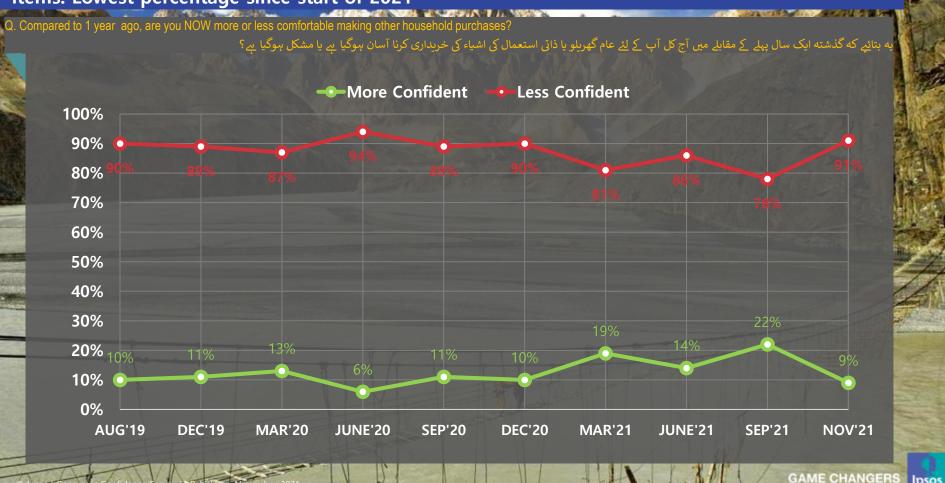
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In comparison to one year ago, 9 in 10 Pakistanis are NOT feeling comfortable for purchasing major items like cars, homes etc.



# Similarly, more than 90% Pakistanis are feeling uncomfortable while purchasing other household items. Lowest percentage since start of 2021





# INTRODUCING THE GLOBAL CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX (GCCI)\*

Ipsos Global Consumer Confidence Index (GCCI) is a national survey of consumer attitudes on the current and future state of the local economy, personal financial situation, as well as confidence to make large investments and ability to save.

Consumer sentiment is a key predictor of purchase trends in the market. Despite it being a lagging indicator, if consumer confidence is high, people will make more purchases and the economy will expand.

Businesses and Policy Makers can monitor changes in the index to factor the data in their decision-making processes. A wave-onwave decreasing trend suggests consumers have a negative outlook on their ability to spend. Thus, manufacturers may expect consumers to avoid retail purchases, particularly items that require financing. Likewise, banks can anticipate a decrease in lending activity, mortgage applications, and credit card usage.

\* GCCI Index is also known as Primary Consumer Sentiments Index (PCSI)

## **Ipsos GLOBAL CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX (GCCI\*)**

## The National index result is driven by the aggregation of four weighted sub-Indices



#### **GCCI CURRENT INDEX:**

Reflects respondents
perception of current
economic climate, ability to
make household purchases,
job security, and investment
confidence within the country.

GCCI EXPECTATION INDEX:
Reflects respondents attitude
regarding the future local
economy, future financial
situation and job loss
expectation within their
country.



#### **GCCI NATIONAL INDEX**

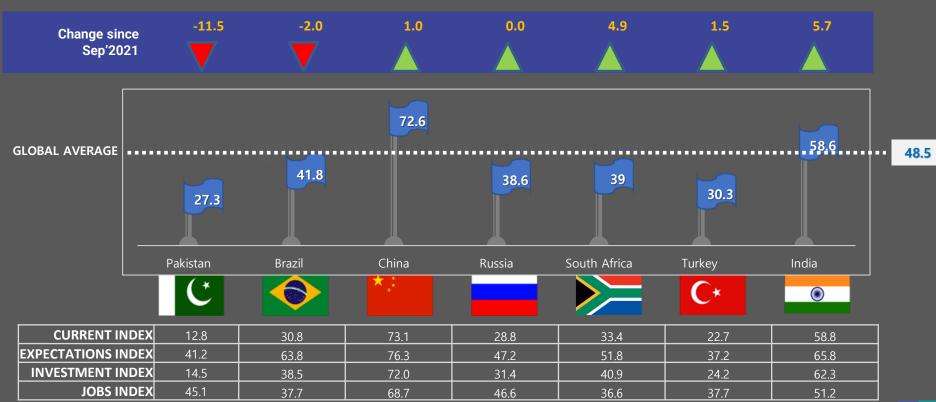
GCCI INVESTMENT INDEX:
Reflects respondents
perception of current financial
situation, future financial
situation, major purchase
comfort, household purchase
confidence within the country.

GCCI JOB INDEX:
Reflects respondents
perception regarding Job
security, job loss experience,
and job less expectation
within the country.

GCCI NATIONAL INDEX: Reflects respondents perception of current local economy, future local economy, current financial situation, future financial situation, major purchase comfort, household purchase comfort, job security, investment confidence, job loss experience and job loss expectation within their country.



#### In a two months time, Pakistan Consumers' Confidence Index has gone down by 12 points.



### ...Which is THE lowest among similar emerging markets



