

### **Key Takeout**



The latest wave i.e. Q3, 2025, of Ipsos Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) in Pakistan holds particular significance, as it captures public sentiment following the spike in optimism after the Pakistan-India conflict in May. Historically, such spikes in perception have been temporary, and this wave's data confirms that trend.

While perceptions of the country moving in the right direction and of a strong economy had temporarily increased in Q2, they have now resumed closer to pre-conflict levels. This plateauing reflects the ongoing economic pressures facing Pakistanis, including inflation, unemployment, and poverty. Concurrently, a decrease in the perceived burden of high electricity prices and additional taxes indicates that targeted government communications can influence perceptions, albeit partially.

It is noteworthy that despite this current dip, optimism has not collapsed. Personal financial optimism is the only indicator that has further increased since Q2 2025, especially Young Pakistanis and the middle class have displayed confidence in their personal financial outlook and their confidence in job security. Tracking consumer confidence since 2018 in Pakistan, this is a rare phenomenon driven by the optimism of young Pakistanis, reaching an all-time high that is worth celebrating and, more importantly, presenting a platform for policymakers to capitalize on this through effective measures and communication strategies.

As with previous waves, this survey reminds us that perception and reality are closely intertwined. Strengthening public confidence requires consistent economic performance as well as strong communication to maintain optimism while addressing structural challenges.

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#### METHODOLOGY

#### **APPROACH**

Computer Assisted Telephonic Interviews (CATI)

#### **SAMPLE**

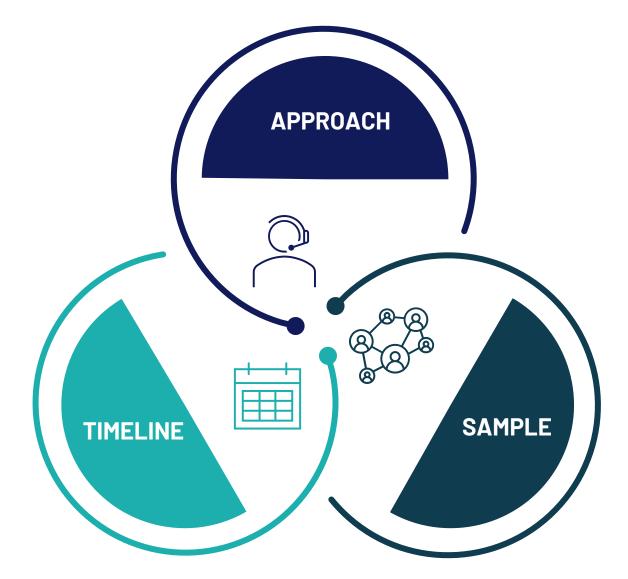
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From all 4 provinces of Pakistan, ICT, GB & AJK Post-stratification survey weights for provinces, gender and SECs applied to align survey data with population distributions

#### **TIMELINE**

Data collection done from 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025

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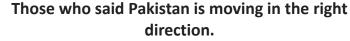


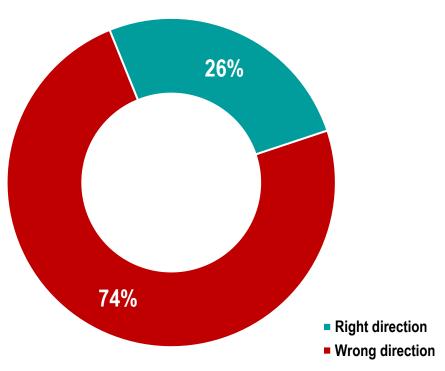
Country Direction: ~1 in 4 Pakistanis believe the country is on the **right** track. Whereas optimism is higher among males, urban population, middle-income groups, and in Punjab.

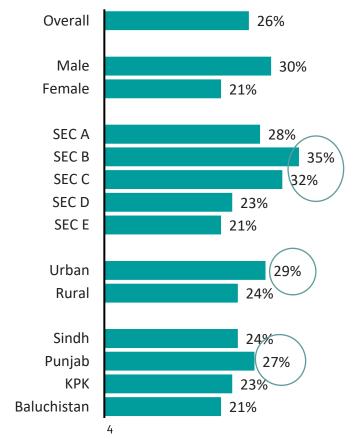
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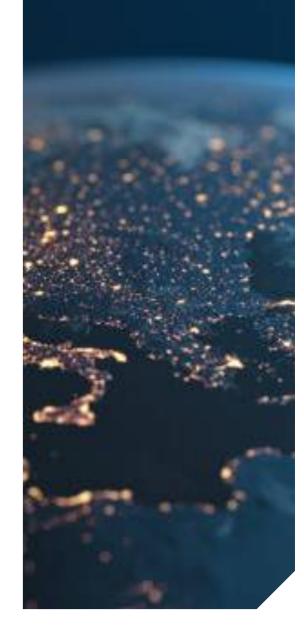
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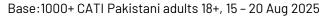
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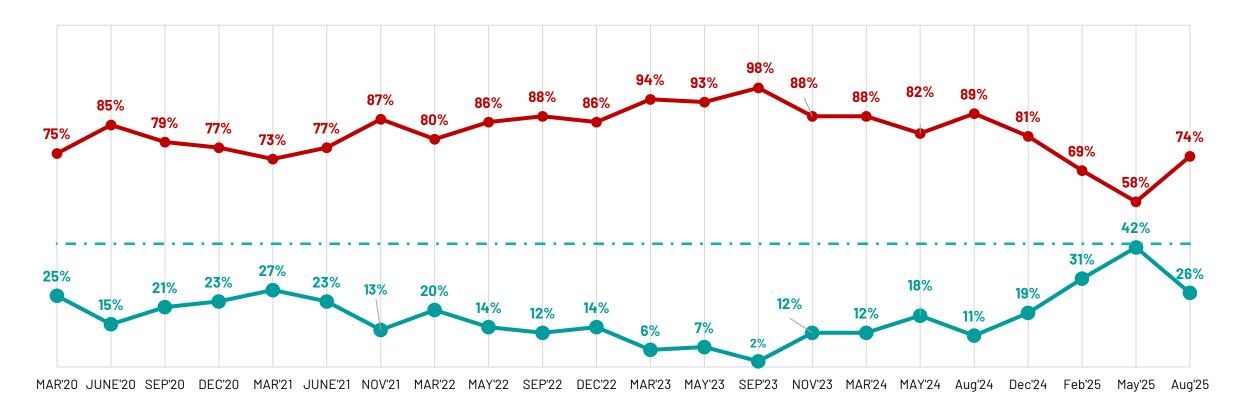


### Perceptions of the country moving in the right direction have returned closer to preconflict levels, following a spike after the Pakistan-India conflict in May.

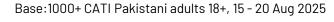
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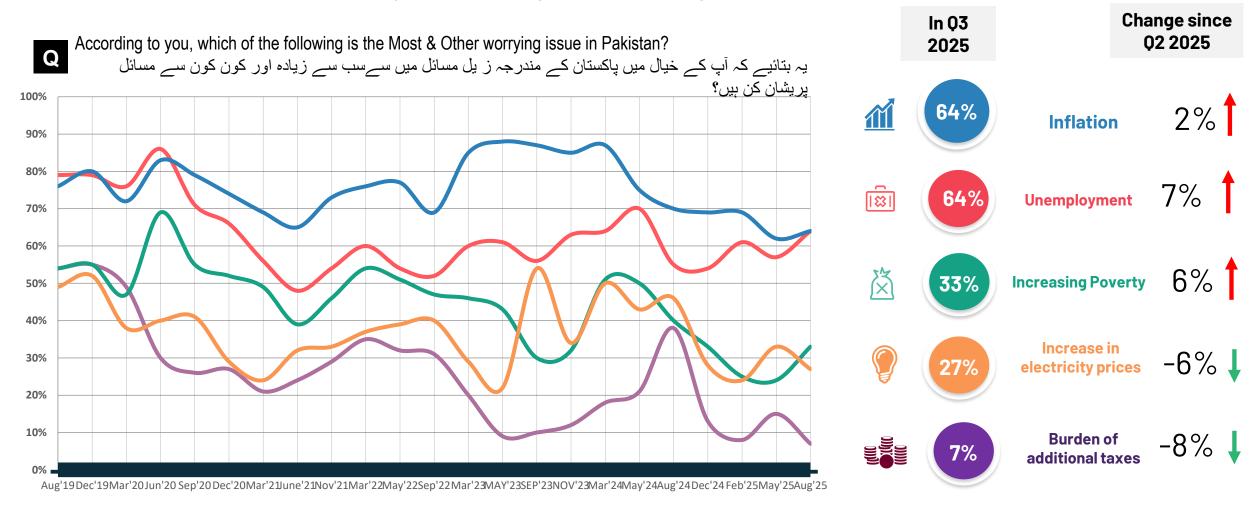


Right direction
Wrong direction





Most worrying issues: Economic concerns remain high with rising inflation, unemployment, and poverty, though burden of taxes and electricity prices fell by **8pp** and **6pp** since Q2 2025, possibly reflecting impact of government communication efforts.



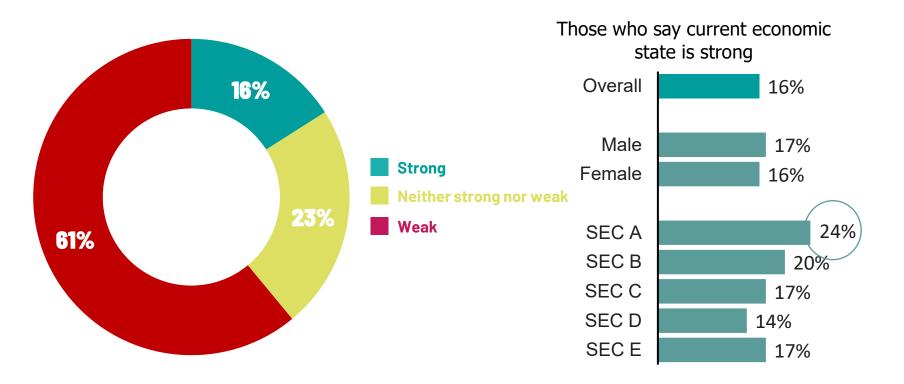


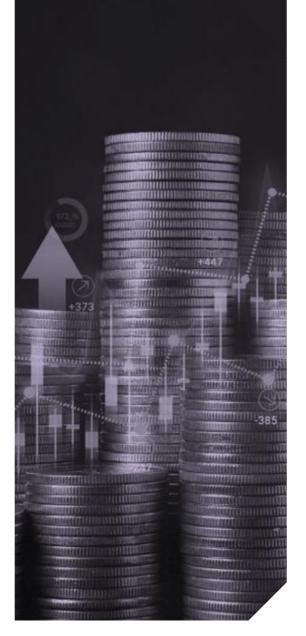


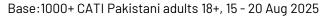
Current State of Economy: ~1 in 6 Pakistanis believe the country's economic condition is strong, with optimism higher among the upper and middle classes.

Rate the current state of the economy in Pakistan. Using a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 means a very strong economy today and 1 means a very weak economy.

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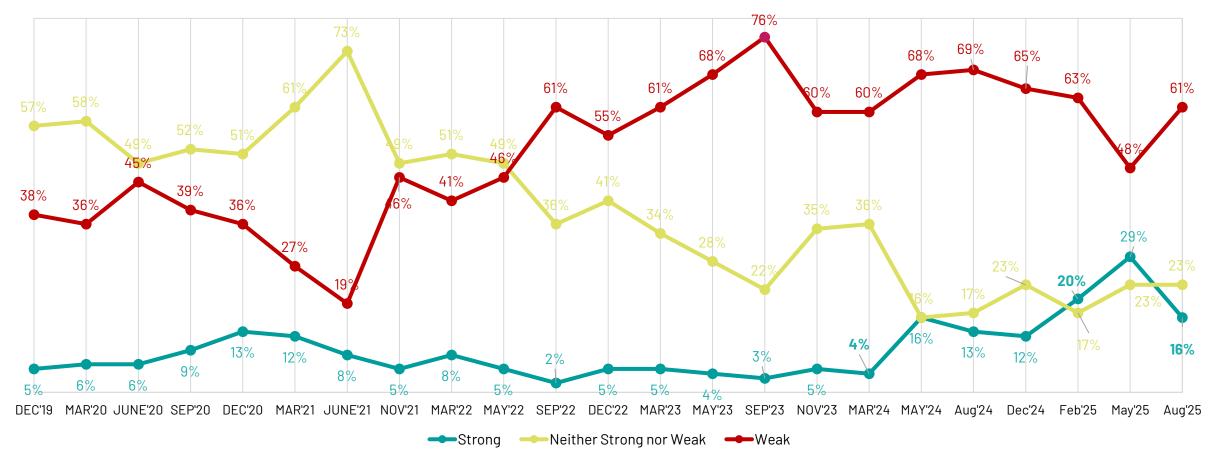




# Current State of Economy: Following the trend of the country's direction perception, there's a dip in the number of Pakistanis who describe the economy as strong.

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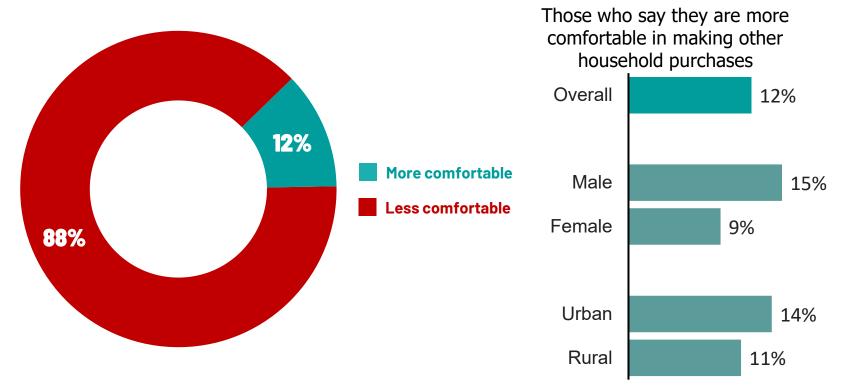
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Household Purchases: ~ 12% of Pakistanis feel comfortable with the household purchase. Comfort is higher among males and urban citizens

Compared to 1 year ago, are you now more or less comfortable making other household purchases? یہ بتائیے کہ گذشتہ ایک سال پہلے کے مقابلے میں آج کل آپ کے لئے عام گھریلو یا ذاتی استعمال کی اشیاء کی خریداری کرنا آسان ہوگیا ہے؟ ہے یا مشکل ہوگیا ہے؟



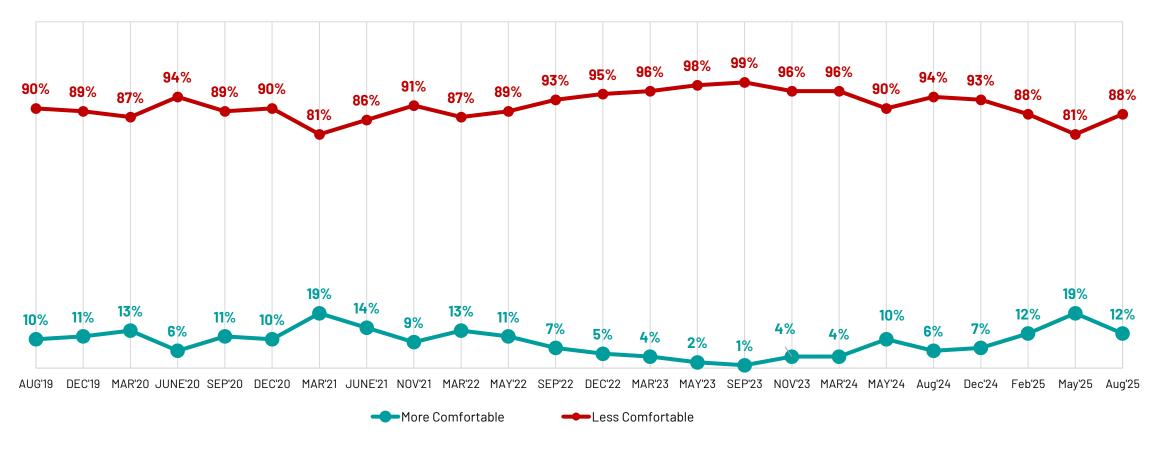


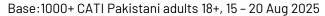


# Comfort in making household purchases: This comfort has dropped by **7pp** since Q2 2025.

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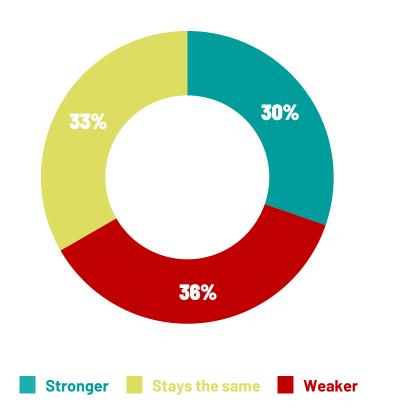


# Expectations from Economy: ~1 in 3 Pakistanis expect economy to get stronger in next 6 months, with middle class being the most optimistic.

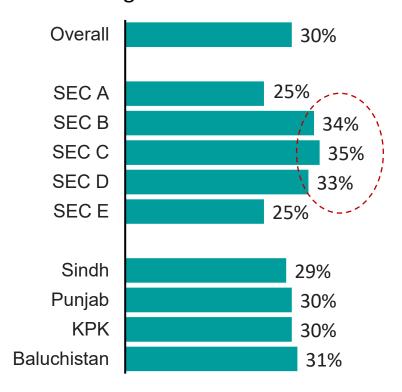


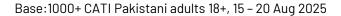
Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect the economy in your local area to be much stronger, somewhat stronger, about the same, somewhat weaker, or much weaker than it is now?

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Those who expect economy to get stronger in 6 months



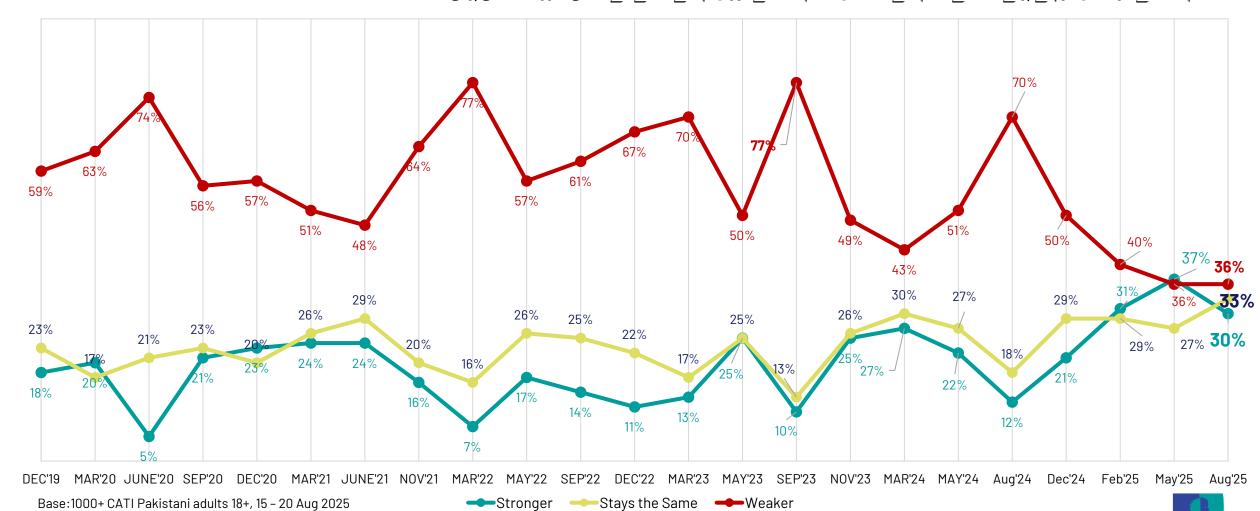




### Expectations from Economy: Optimism about country economic outlook dipped from **37**% in the previous quarter to **30**%

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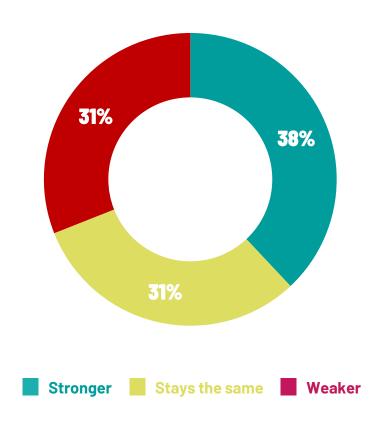
Personal Financial Situation: About **2 in 5** Pakistanis expect their personal financial conditions to improve in the next 6 months, This optimism is higher among young Pakistanis, the middle class, and residents of Sindh.

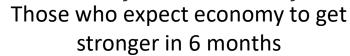
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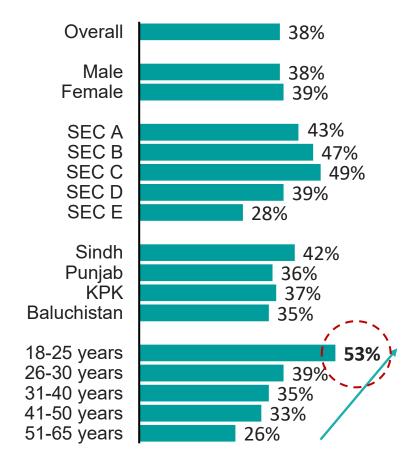
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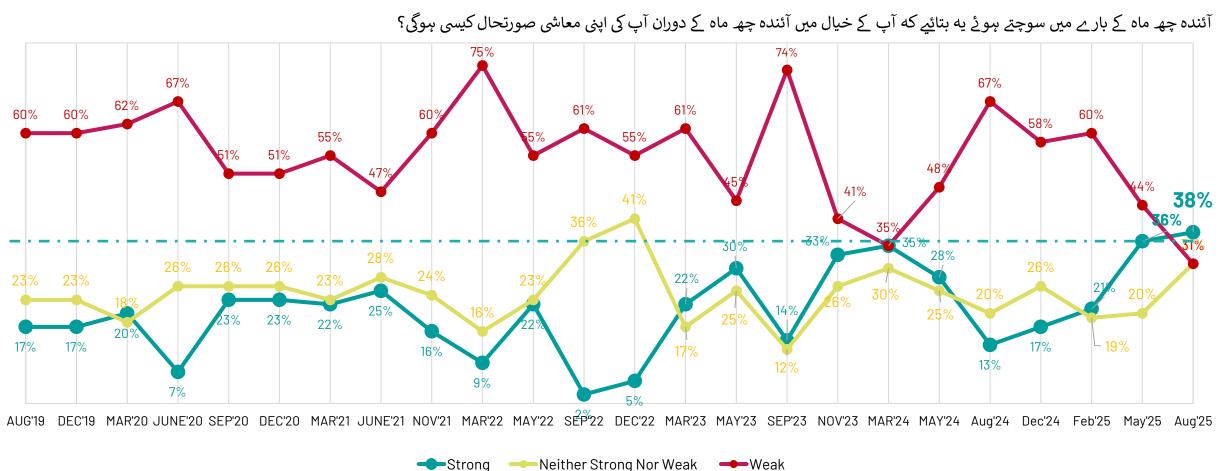




### Personal financial optimism hits all time high despite broader economic challenges.

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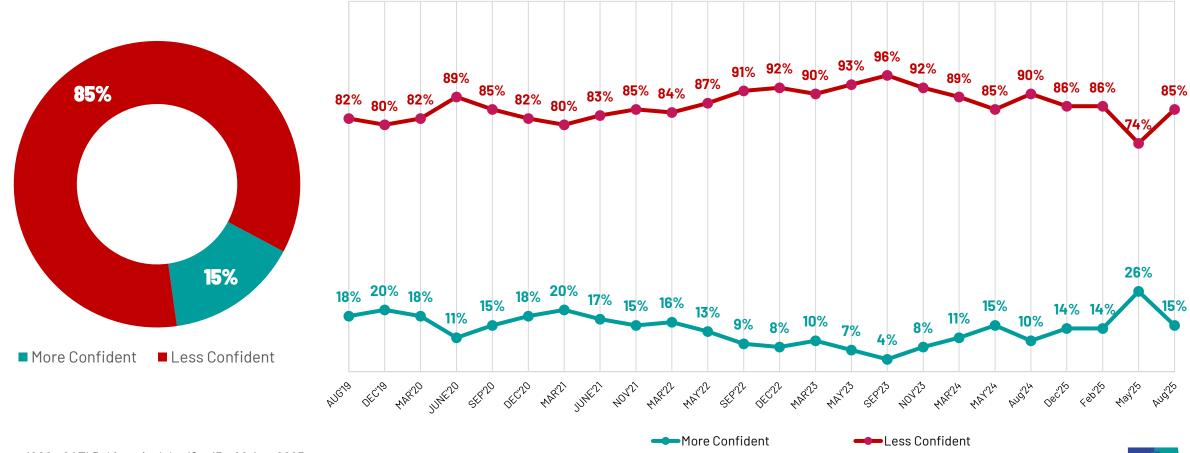




### Confidence to invest: 15% feel confident to invest in future, down 11 pp points since Q2 2025.

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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? یہ بتائیے کہ گذشتہ ایک سال پہلے کے مقابلے میں آج کل آپ اس حوالے سے کس حد تک کم یا زیادہ پر اعتما د ہیں کہ آپ میں مستقبل مثال ریٹائرمنٹ کے بعد یا اپن ے بچوں کی تعلیم، شادی وغیرہ کے اخر اجات کے لئے پیسہ بچانے کی صالحیت موجود ہے؟



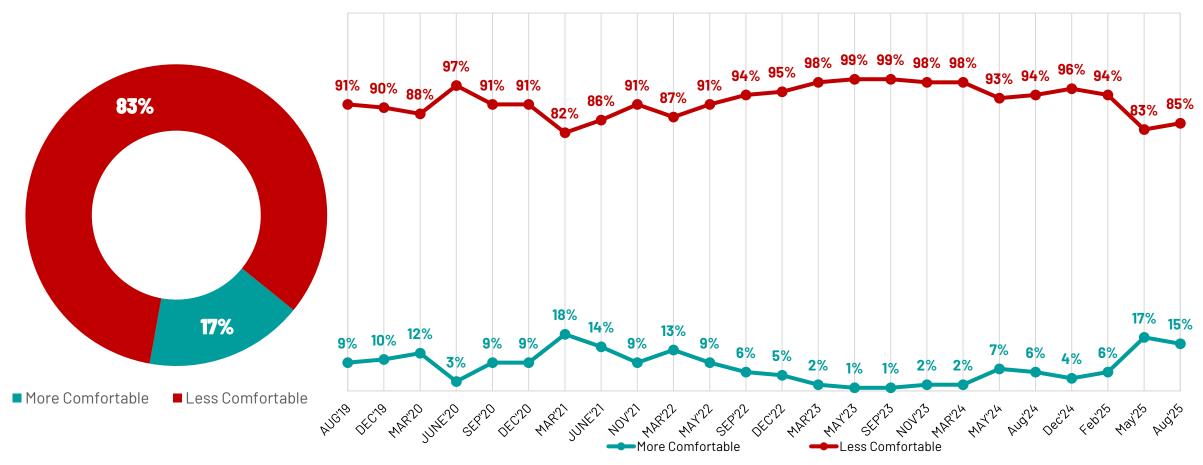


## Comfort in making major purchases: Comfort in major purchases drops 2 points, from 17% to 15%

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Compared to 1 year ago, are you NOW more or less comfortable making a major purchase, like a home or car?

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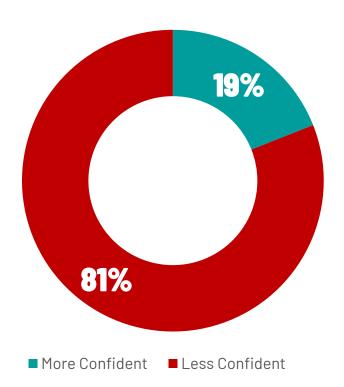


Confidence in Job Security: About 2 in 10 Pakistanis feel secure about their jobs, with youth and middle to upper-middle income groups being most confident, signaling a positive trend.

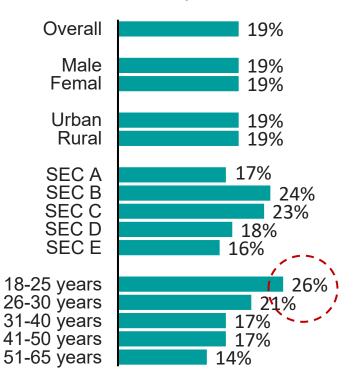
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Compared to 1 year ago, are you NOW more or less confident about job security for yourself, your family and other people you know personally?

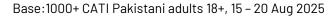
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Those who are confident about job security.

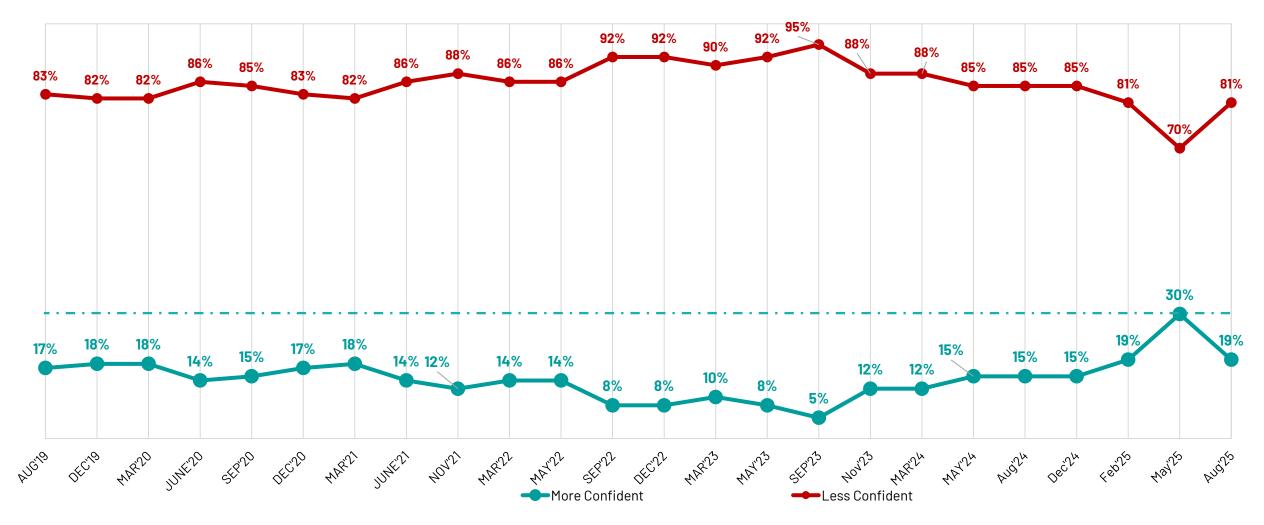








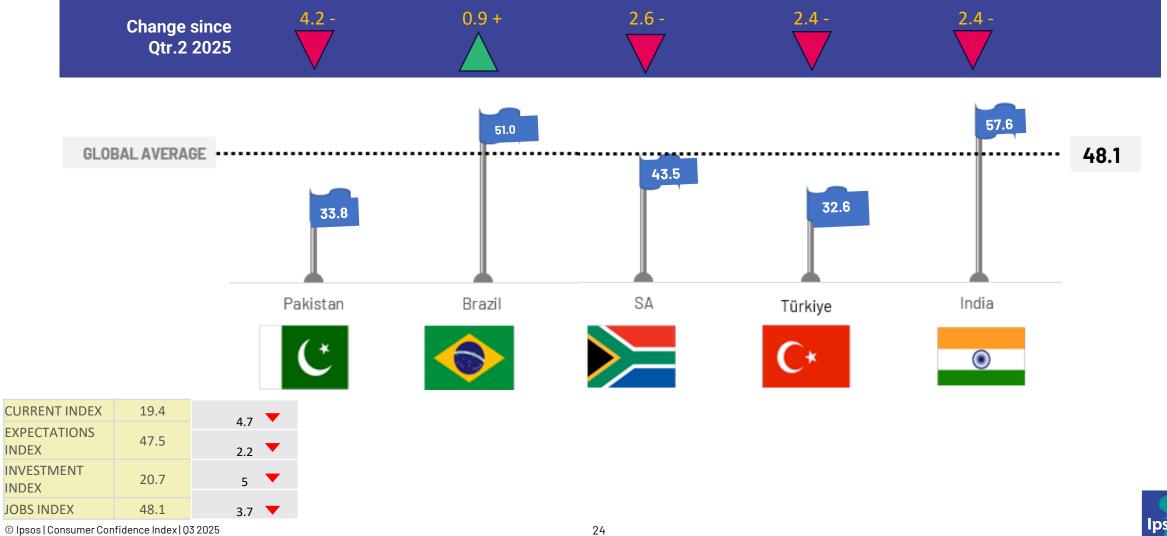
### Confidence in job security falls to 19%, down from 30% since Q2 2025.







### Pakistan's Global Consumer Confidence Index dropped by 4.2 points since Q2 2025





# Despite a significant drop, Pakistan remains above Türkiye in rankings, though still well below other comparable countries

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

