

# Youth Escaping Pakistan; Myth Or Reality??

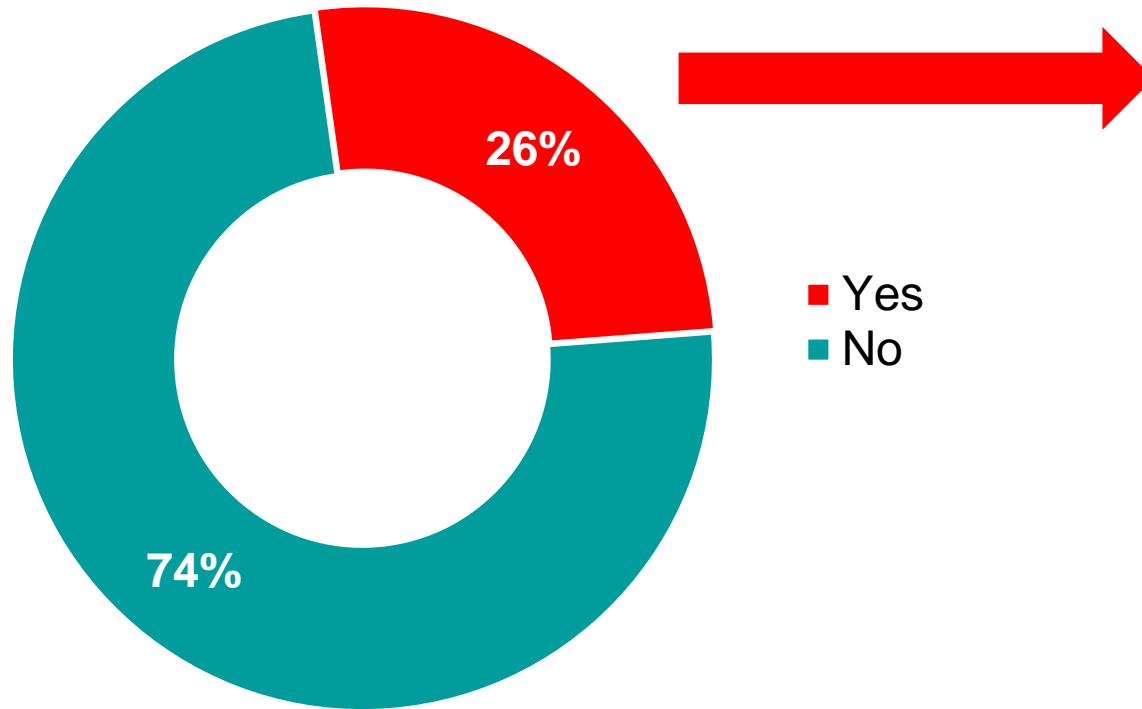
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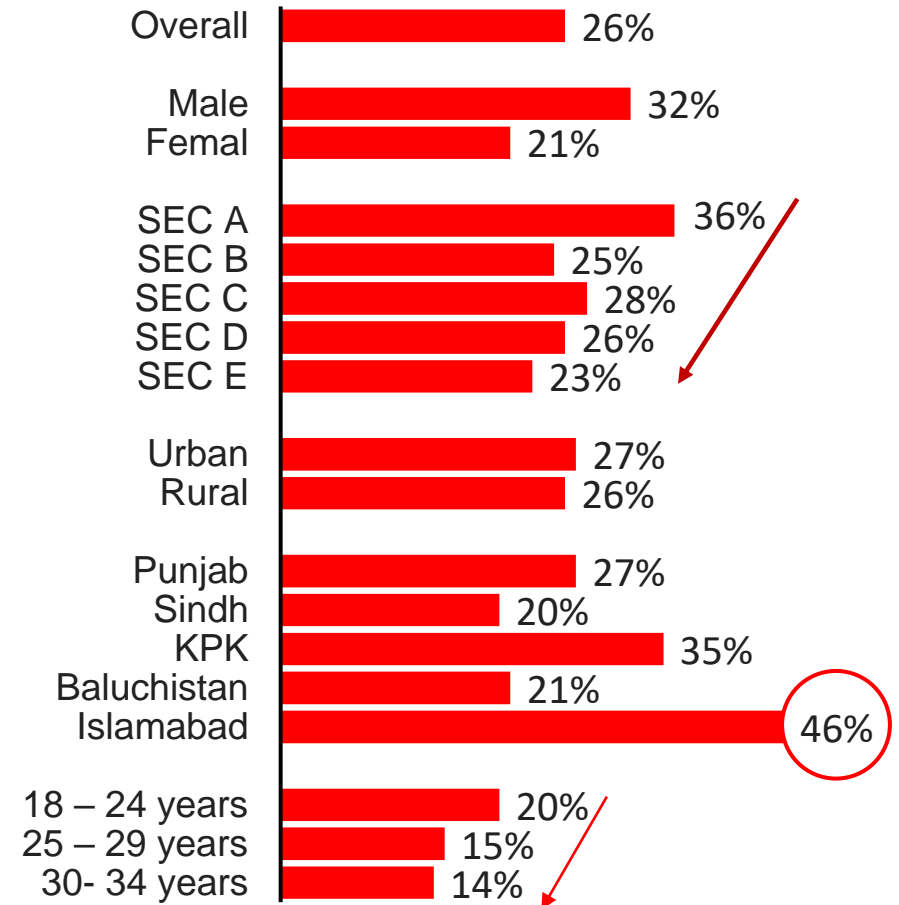


Contrary to popular belief, acute majority of Pakistani youth (74%) desires to stay back in Pakistan, dismantling the prevailing propaganda without any evidence. However, privileged youth segment (18-24 age, upper SECs and federal capital residents) express a greater inclination towards leaving Pakistan.

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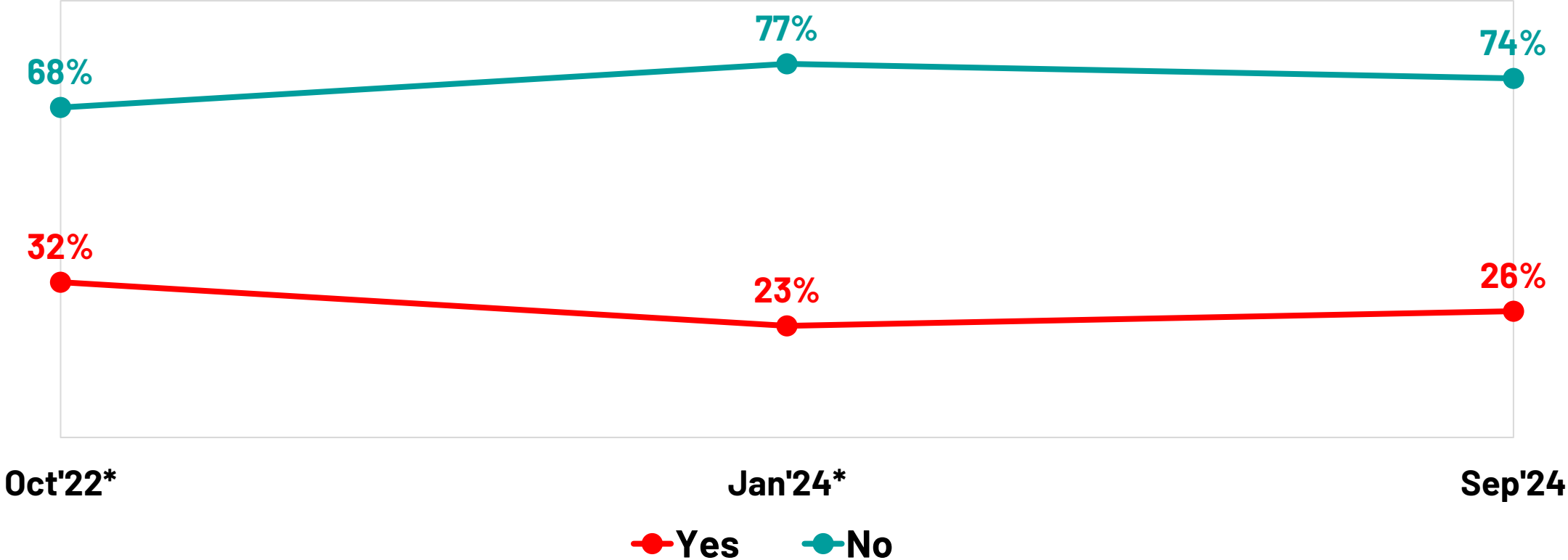
**Those who said they would consider leaving Pakistan and moving to another country**



Base: Nationally representative 1627 CATI interviews with 18-34 yrs old Pakistanis, Data Collection: 20-27 Sep. 2024

The trend reveals that Pakistani youth (74%) are committed to their country and are NOT inclined to leave. A couple of years back, Oct 2022 saw a 32% consider leaving, this number plummeted to 23% by February 2024 amidst pre-election hope indicating stability towards the end of 2024.

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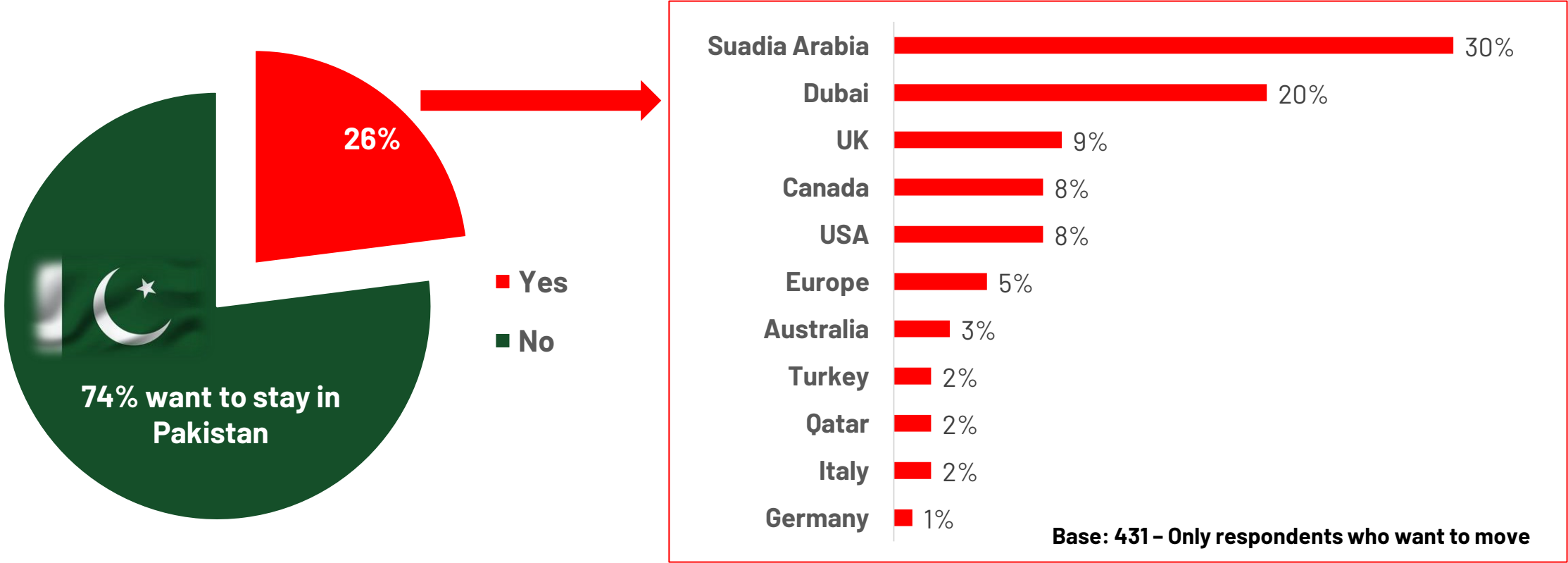


Oct 22\* - Ipsos in Pakistan's Study "Next Generation Pakistan" for British Counsel  
Feb 24\* - Ipsos in Pakistan' Study "Political Participation and Landscape of Pakistani Youth " for Voice of America

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Among those who express a desire to relocate, the primary destinations are economically stable countries in close proximity to Pakistan, with Saudi Arabia (30%) and the UAE (20%) topping the list, nullifying the commonly believed myth of youth's interest towards Western countries



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Q: If you wanted to leave Pakistan, which country would you consider moving to permanently?

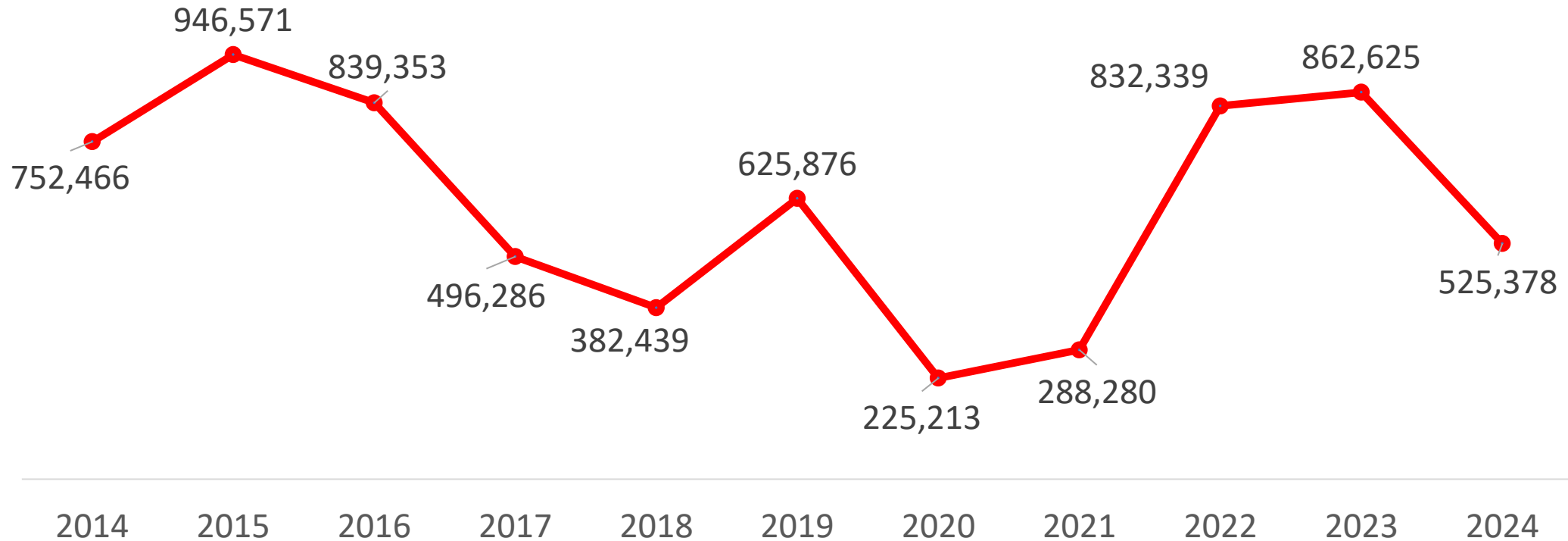


# Pakistan Bureau of Emigration & Overseas Employment

During the year 2015, highest number of Pakistanis(946,571) proceeded abroad for the purpose of employment. During the year 2024 (September), 525,378 Pakistanis proceeded abroad for the purpose of employment.\*

Total Number of Emigrants as per Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment:

### Number of Emigrants - 2014 - 2024



Source: Bureau of Emigration & Overseas Employment - <https://beoe.gov.pk/>