

# Most trustworthy professions among people of Mirpurkhas

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## ABSTRACT:

### Objective:

1. To find the most trustworthy profession(s) in the eyes of people of Mirpurkhas.
2. To find out the trustworthiness of doctors in the eyes of people of Mirpurkhas.

**Study Design:** Random Survey.

**Place & Duration of Study:** Mirpurkhas in 2010.

**Methodology:** 206 people from different walks of life were interviewed. This study was approved by the Hospital Research & Ethics Committee (No. 240911/REC/014)

**Results:** 4 most trusted professions were doctors (39%), no one (21%), army (18%) and teachers (13%). 5 professions were trusted by less than 1% and included lawyers, landlords, media, businessmen and engineers.

**Conclusions:** Doctors are still the most trustworthy profession.

## Introduction:

### Methodology

206 people from different walks of life were interviewed. They were randomly chosen from different locations of Mirpurkhas. No more than 10% of people were chosen from a single profession for interview. Average age of respondents was 32 years (range 22-67). There were 41 (20%) women. This study was approved by the Hospital Research & Ethics Committee (No. 240911/REC/014)

### Result:

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### Discussion:

A similar study was conducted in Mirpurkhas by the students of Muhammad Medical College when 41% declared that doctors were most trustworthy. This time the percentage fell from 41% to 39%. Incidentally trust on army went sharply up from 1% to 18%. Lack of trust from any profession actually went up from 15% to 21%. Some of the similar surveys in the west has found nursing as the most trustworthy profession<sup>1,2</sup>.

Some of the Australian surveys have also found either nurses or doctors as most trustworthy<sup>3,4</sup>. However, vast majority of surveys have found people of the medical professions as most trustworthy<sup>5-12</sup>.

### Conclusion:

Doctors are still the most trustworthy profession.

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