

FOREWORD

The labour force statistics are pivotal for manpower planning, human resource development and, economic growth. Federal Bureau of Statistics has been conducting Labour Force Surveys (LFS) since 1963. The Survey data is extensively used by the government, researchers and other stakeholders at large. This report presents annual estimates of the LFS 2008-09.

Detailed information on labour force characteristics has been collected from representative sample of 36,400 households to produce gender disaggregated national and provincial level estimates with urban/rural breakdown. The Survey also provides for quarterly representative results at national, rural/urban level. For this purpose, total sample size is evenly distributed into four sub samples, each to be enumerated in a given quarter.

The Survey, along with the quantification of core variables, also estimates important associated attributes of literacy, migration, occupational safety, etc in accordance with Pakistan Standard Classification of Occupation (PSCO) 1994 revised in the light of International Standard Classification of Occupation (ISCO) 1988.

Effort has been made to make this report a comprehensive, informative and useful document for decision-makers, researchers, planners, economists and other beneficiaries at large. The report is based on the methodology reviewed with the technical assistance of ILO Mission of Oct 2006. The suggestions are however welcome for its further improvement.

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