

# FOREWORD

The labour force statistics are pivotal to pave the way for manpower planning, human resource development and, economic growth. The Federal Bureau of Statistics has been conducting Labour Force Surveys (LFS) since 1963 regularly as its seminal activity. The Survey's figures wield credibility with the government, researchers and, other users at large. The report on Labour Force Survey 2003-04 is 24<sup>th</sup> one in the series of its kind.

The report presents detailed information on labour force characteristics collected from representative sample of 18,912 households to produce national and provincial level estimates with urban/rural breakup. The Survey, in league with the quantification of core variables, also puts figure on important allied attributes of literacy, migration, occupational safety etc.

In order to spell out nature and dimension of activities, Pakistan Standard Classification of Occupation (PSCO), 1994 revised in the light of International Standard Classification of Occupation (ISCO), 1988 has been used.

All out effort has been made to produce this report as comprehensive, informative and useful document as possible for decision-makers, researchers, planners, economists and other beneficiaries at large. Suggestions will, however, be welcome for its further improvement.

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