

FOREWORD

The Labour force statistics are pivotal for manpower planning, human resource development and economic growth. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics is conducting Labour Force Surveys (LFS) since 1963. The scope of the survey was extended to Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJ & K) in 1992-93. The Survey data is extensively used by the government, researchers and other stakeholders at large.

Although LFS data on AJ & K is accessible to the concerned indentors, this is the second time that annual estimates of LFS (2014-15) in Azad Jammu & Kashmir are presented in the shape of a separate report. The requisite information is collected from a representative sample of 1,931 households to produce gender disaggregated estimates of the total area with urban/rural breakdown.

The Survey, along with the quantification of core variables, also estimates important attributes of literacy, migration, occupational safety, etc. The estimates are profiled according to latest classifications viz Pakistan Standard Industrial Classification (PSIC) 2010, based on ISIC rev-4 and Pakistan Standard Classification of Occupations (PSCO) 2015 based on ISCO-2008.

The preparation of the report of LFS 2014-15 will provide help to construct the time series of labour indicators along with regular annual publication of Pakistan Labour Force Survey. The officers and staff of PBS well deserve a lot of appreciation for setting this worthy precedent.

Effort is made to make this report a comprehensive, informative and useful document for the decision-makers, researchers, planners, economists and other beneficiaries at large. Suggestions for further improvement of the LFS are welcome.

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