

FOREWORD

The Labour Force statistics are pivotal for manpower planning, human resource development and, economic growth. Pakistan 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 2012-13. Detailed information on labour force characteristics has been collected from representative sample of 35,067 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 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 Occupation (PSCO 2011 based on ISCO-2008).

The preparation and publication of this report would not have been possible without the officers and staff of PBS, the enumerators who braved all sorts of problems to collect the data, the staff who processed it, the officers who led the team and kept them motivated enough to produce this publication in time.

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. Suggestions for further improvement of the LFS are welcome.

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