

# FOREWORD

The labour force statistics are pivotal for manpower planning, human resource development and economic growth. Federal Bureau of Statistics-The main predecessor of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics-has been conducting Labour Force Surveys (LFS) since 1963. The Survey's figures are extensively used by the government, researchers and other users at large.

LFS has been conducted on quarterly representative sample since 2005-06. For this purpose, the survey's total sample size is evenly distributed into four independent, quarterly representative sub-samples, each to be enumerated in a given quarter. It is the report on first quarter (July-Sept 2012) of the LFS 2012-13.

The report presents area/gender wise national/area level estimates on the main labour force indicators of employment and unemployment according to industry and occupation. The report is previewed with an account of the concepts & definitions and methodology, to help understand the configuration of estimates.

Effort is made to produce this report as an informative and useful document for decision-makers, researchers, planners, economists and other beneficiaries at large. Suggestions will, however, be welcome for its further improvement.

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