

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. The Survey report is used by the government, researchers and other stakeholders.

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) 2005-06 is 25th in the series and the 1st one undertaken on quarterly basis. For this purpose, the enumeration of the Survey's sample has been carried out in the form of four distinct nationally representative quarterly samples. The present report presents annual estimates for the reference period 2005-06.

The report presents detailed information on labour force characteristics collected from representative sample of 32,744 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. The report as well as methodology has also been reviewed with the technical assistance from ILO. Any suggestions will be welcome for its further improvement.

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