

# PREFACE

The annual Labour Force in Singapore report provides an update on key labour force trends based on data collected from the Comprehensive Labour Force Survey of Singapore. This is done by analysing the extent to which different population groups are participating in the labour market, how much workers are earning, shifts in workers taking on different forms of employment, e.g. part-time, contract and self-employment, and the size and profile of potential labour force. Such information is useful to individuals and businesses in developing a more in-depth understanding of the shifts in our labour market and economy. The information is also useful in shaping policies and programmes to help improve the well-being of workers and optimise our limited manpower resources.

To help users better understand the key trends and profile of the labour force covered in the first part of the report, key definitions and concepts have been included in the second part of the report on survey coverage and methodology. Detailed statistical tables are also included to facilitate users should they be interested in an in-depth study of the labour market.

The Comprehensive Labour Force Survey of Singapore was first introduced in 1974 and we have since continued to ensure data to be of quality by maintaining high response rates, and extensive data validations. The report is a result of a critical partnership between households that participated in the survey and the team of statisticians at the Manpower Research and Statistics Department who analyse and communicate the information. The quality of our information reflects the strength of this partnership.

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