

PREFACE

The Report on Labour Force in Singapore is intended to be wide in coverage to present a comprehensive picture of the Singapore labour market. It analyses the employment, unemployment, incomes, and working hours of Singapore's labour force. Insights presented in this Report are based on data collected from the Comprehensive Labour Force Survey, which has been conducted annually since 1974.

To help users better understand analysis covered in the first part of the Report, we explain the concepts and definitions of key statistics presented in the section on survey coverage and methodology. The concepts and definitions are aligned with international guidelines on official statistics set out by the International Labour Organisation and the International Monetary Fund. This has helped ensure that the statistics presented are not just comparable against itself over time, but also comparable against the same statistic in another country. Users interested in doing an in-depth study of the labour market can refer to the detailed statistical tables.

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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