

## PREFACE

The Labour Force Survey of Singapore was introduced in 1974 to provide reliable and timely statistical information on the labour market. The survey is designed to capture a wide range of data on the economic activities of the population, including detailed information on employment, unemployment and the characteristics of the labour force and economically inactive persons. Starting from 2001, a Labour Force Survey Supplement on Training has also been conducted to capture information on the incidence and intensity of training by the Singapore labour force.

The report is divided into three parts. The first part analyses the major changes in trend and structure of the labour force. The second part on survey methodology describes the objective, coverage, concepts and definitions, sampling design and reliability of data as well as other operational aspects of the survey. A total of 95 statistical tables are included in the third part of the report.

We hope this Report will meet the needs of users for up-to-date and comprehensive labour force data. The contents and presentation of the Report are reviewed regularly. We welcome readers' feedback to help us improve the Report. A "Feedback Form" page is enclosed at the end of the publication for readers' use.

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