

PREFACE

The report on Labour Force in Singapore analyses various indicators on the labour force, including employment, unemployment, incomes, and working hours, to present a comprehensive picture of the Singapore labour market each year and draw out longer-term trends.

This year's report assesses the recovery of the resident labour force, two years after the onset of the COVID-19 situation. With the sustained economic recovery and gradual normalisation of business and social activities in a tight labour market environment, the resident labour force continued to see improvements, with most indicators pertaining to the labour force returning to or outperforming pre-COVID levels.

Insights presented in this report are built upon data collected from the Comprehensive Labour Force Survey, which has been conducted annually since 1974. These official national statistics are vital in assessing the health of the labour market and are also closely monitored by international organisations such as the International Labour Organisation, the International Monetary Fund, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

The survey is based on a sample of 33,000 households, which have been randomly selected to be representative of the Singapore population. The concepts and definitions used are aligned with international guidelines on official statistics recommended by the International Labour Organisation and the International Monetary Fund. This consistency in the approach and terminologies adopted enables us to perform fair comparisons with the data from past periods and other countries. Users may refer to the section on Survey Coverage and Methodology for more information on the concepts and definitions used. For individuals who would like to do more in-depth studies on the labour market or specific topics, the detailed statistical tables will serve as a useful guide.

Into its 45th edition, we have continued to maintain a high survey response rate to provide reliable key insights on the labour market in a timely manner. This was achieved because of the strong support from households in providing the necessary information, coupled with the commitment of our staff in the Manpower Research and Statistics Department to collect, process, and analyse the data efficiently and ensure that all information presented is of high quality.

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