

PREFACE

The report on Labour Force in Singapore analyses various labour market indicators on employment, unemployment, incomes and working hours, to present a comprehensive picture of the Singapore labour market each year. Insights presented in this report are built upon data collected from the Comprehensive Labour Force Survey, which has been conducted annually since 1974. Last year's release analysed the impact of COVID-19 on the labour market. This year's release focuses on our recovery.

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.

While the COVID-19 situation brought about challenges to the conduct of the survey, we were able to retain a high response rate to provide 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, and the commitment of our staff in the Manpower Research and Statistics Department to collect, process and analyse the data efficiently and ensure that it is of high quality.

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