

PREFACE

Statistics & Data Warehouse Department of State Bank of Pakistan always strives to implement the best practices of data collection, compilation & dissemination to provide sound footings with quality statistics to the policy makers, researchers and other national and international stakeholders. This department endeavors to produce high quality statistics for monetary and macro-economic policies formulation leading to prosperity of Pakistan.

The first edition of Handbook of Statistics on Pakistan Economy was compiled in 2005 with a view to provide a warehouse of statistical information pertaining to a broad spectrum of economic variables. This effort was appreciated as a valuable source of information by a large community of users and researchers. Keeping in view the importance of up-to-date data, it was decided to update the publication after every five years. At present, two editions have been published since 2005. The first edition covered time series data starting from 1947 to FY 2005, second edition covered time series data up to FY 2010 and the present third edition has been updated with latest data up to FY 2015. Moreover, new data series have been included in the present edition of handbook due to increasing demand of data. In certain cases, however it has not been possible to include complete series due to non-availability of the necessary data. For monthly and other higher frequency data, the time period coverage is comparatively short.

Subjects covered in the publication comprise of money and banking, balance of payments, national income, savings and investments, capital market and other key statistics of Pakistan. Major part of the handbook is based on data compiled by the Statistics & Data Warehouse Department of State Bank of Pakistan, in addition to inputs provided by other department of SBP on relevant subject areas. Data has also been collected from other government organizations and ministries such as the Statistics Division, Economic Affairs Division and Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan. Explanatory notes on each chapter have been provided at the end of the publication for the benefit of users. It includes highlights of each table along with details of changes in methodologies, base-years and other changes that have taken place from time to time. In addition to the printed version, the publication is also available on the SBP website www.sbp.org.pk and data series are also provided in MS Excel format.

The publication is compiled, edited and composed by an in-house team of professionals whose untiring efforts enabled timely completion of the task. Every effort is made to ensure that information provided in the handbook is accurate and up-to-date at the time of going to press..

Comments and suggestions for further improvement of the publication are welcome.

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