

PREFACE

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. The first edition covered time series data starting from 1947 to FY 2005 and the present edition has been updated with latest data upto FY 2010. 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 & DWH Department of State Bank of Pakistan, in addition to inputs provided by other department of SBP on relevant subject area. Data has also has 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. Further, the growing use of off-the-shelf tools for time series data analysis has made it inevitable to provide soft copy of the data on CDs.

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. We acknowledge the contributions and assistance provided by the Statistics Division, Economic Affairs Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan and various departments of State Bank of Pakistan.

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

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