

Preface

The *Statistical Supplement* provides detailed and comprehensive data on almost all sectors of the economy covered in the *State Bank's Annual Report, The State of Pakistan's Economy, 2017-18*. The data in the supplement is aimed to substantiate the analysis carried out in the report and to facilitate readers in undertaking detailed analysis of the economy. The publication will help users to attain a snapshot of the Pakistan economy through the latest available information.

The Statistical Supplement contains data covering economic growth, savings, investment, prices, public finance, money and credit, banking system, capital market, domestic and external debt, balance of payments, foreign trade and social sector development. Efforts have been made to include accurate and up-to-date data relating to the different sectors of the economy. The statistics presented in the supplement follow standard definitions and classifications that are in line with international recommendations and guidelines. Suitable graphs and charts have been added to facilitate the users in understanding and interpreting the data contained in the tables. It is hoped that the supplement will serve as a useful source of information and will cater the needs of researchers and policy makers.

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The publication is available both in printed as well as in electronic format on State Bank's website www.sbp.org.pk. Comments and suggestions for further improving the publication are welcome.

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