

Preface

State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) produces reliable and timely statistics pertaining to central banking and related areas of interest for the use of policy makers, researchers, academia and other national and international stakeholders. The Monthly Statistical Bulletin (MSB) is a reflection of one of such efforts. This publication provides a wide range of data disseminated in one place, most of which is also available on the websites of the respective data producers such as SBP and Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). It is available on the SBP website at:

https://www.sbp.org.pk/reports/stat_reviews/Bulletin/index.htm. To further facilitate the users, data tables are provided in MS excel format. Moreover, for most of the tables we have also provided links to archives of respective datasets at the end of relevant tables.

Readers are also encouraged to use SBP EasyData (easydata.sbp.org.pk), an intuitive and interactive data portal from where one can access, download and plot time-series data from a collection of more than eighteen thousand variables. Recently, we have upgraded the EasyData and introduced new features including a notice board, information on related datasets, most viewed series during selected period and a new API to retrieve a complete dataset. SBP EasyData users are encouraged to subscribe to email notifications for staying updated on important data releases and new features. Readers are also encouraged to explore various dashboards available on our EasyData portal, including, workers' Remittances, Inflation Snapshot, Financial Statement Analysis and Pakistan's Economic Interaction with Other Countries.

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