

PREFACE

The “Yearbook of Statistics Singapore, 2016” is the forty-ninth edition of an annual flagship publication by the Singapore Department of Statistics (DOS). It provides a comprehensive and current statistical record of the key socio-demographic and economic characteristics of Singapore. Through this publication, users are able to gain a snapshot of the Singapore economy and population based on the latest available information.

Improvements are continually made to the Yearbook to enhance its value to users. New data series on topics of interest are added as and when appropriate. The Yearbook currently contains a chapter on infographics and 264 tables organised into 28 chapters.

In addition to the Yearbook, the Department disseminates official statistics on Singapore through a range of electronic and mobile services. These include the Statistics Singapore website, SingStat mobile application and SingStat Express. Users may download softcopies of statistical publications via the SingStat website for free. For users with specific data requirements, the Department’s Statistical Information Services offer personalised assistance on a cost-recovery basis.

The data series in the Yearbook are compiled by DOS as well as other government ministries and departments, statutory boards and private organisations. I would like to extend my deep appreciation to all the organisations that have contributed to the success of this publication. I look forward to your continued readership and support.

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