

**Table 1 : Summary Statistics**

	2004 <u>Q2</u>	2005 <u>Q1</u>	2005 <u>Q2</u>
<b>The Labour Force</b>			
Labour force ('000)	3 543.8	3 565.1	<b>3 569.2</b>
Male ('000)	1 976.7	1 963.9	<b>1 971.0</b>
Female ('000)	1 567.1	1 601.2	<b>1 598.2</b>
Labour force participation rate (%)	61.3	61.1	<b>60.8</b>
Male (%)	71.9	71.0	<b>70.9</b>
Female (%)	51.7	52.1	<b>51.7</b>
<b>Unemployment</b>			
Unemployed persons ('000)	240.9	210.6	<b>204.5</b>
Male ('000)	154.8	135.9	<b>134.4</b>
Female ('000)	86.0	74.8	<b>70.1</b>
Unemployment rate (%)			
- Not seasonally adjusted	6.8	5.9	<b>5.7</b>
Male (%)	7.8	6.9	<b>6.8</b>
Female (%)	5.5	4.7	<b>4.4</b>
- Adjusted for seasonal variations using the X-11 ARIMA method	6.8	6.1	<b>5.7</b>
<b>Employment</b>			
Employed persons ('000)	3 302.9	3 354.5	<b>3 364.7</b>
Male ('000)	1 821.9	1 828.0	<b>1 836.6</b>
Female ('000)	1 481.0	1 526.4	<b>1 528.1</b>
Median hours of work during the seven days before enumeration	48	48	<b>48</b>
Male	48	48	<b>48</b>
Female	47	48	<b>45</b>
Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$)	9,500	10,000	9,800
Male (HK\$)	11,000	11,000	11,000
Female (HK\$)	8,000	8,000	8,000
<b>Underemployment</b>			
Underemployed persons ('000)	122.8	109.8	<b>100.4</b>
Male ('000)	79.6	72.7	<b>69.7</b>
Female ('000)	43.2	37.1	<b>30.7</b>
Underemployment rate (%)	3.5	3.1	<b>2.8</b>
Male (%)	4.0	3.7	<b>3.5</b>
Female (%)	2.8	2.3	<b>1.9</b>
<b>Domestic Households</b>			
Number of domestic households ('000)	2 225.1	2 265.2	<b>2 279.9</b>
Average household size	3.1	3.1	<b>3.1</b>
Median monthly household income (HK\$)	15,400	16,000	15,700