

Table 1 : Summary Statistics

	2004 Q3	2005 Q2	2005 Q3
The Labour Force			
Labour force ('000)	3 555.2	3 569.2	3 597.3
Male ('000)	1 976.8	1 971.0	1 987.8
Female ('000)	1 578.4	1 598.2	1 609.5
Labour force participation rate (%)	61.2	60.8	61.0
Male (%)	71.7	70.9	71.3
Female (%)	51.8	51.7	51.7
Unemployment			
Unemployed persons ('000)	250.5	204.5	205.7
Male ('000)	157.6	134.4	129.9
Female ('000)	92.9	70.1	75.8
Unemployment rate (%)			
- Not seasonally adjusted	7.0	5.7	5.7
Male (%)	8.0	6.8	6.5
Female (%)	5.9	4.4	4.7
- Adjusted for seasonal variations using the X-11 ARIMA method	6.8	5.7	5.5
Employment			
Employed persons ('000)	3 304.7	3 364.7	3 391.6
Male ('000)	1 819.2	1 836.6	1 857.9
Female ('000)	1 485.5	1 528.1	1 533.7
Median hours of work during the seven days before enumeration	48	48	48
Male	48	48	48
Female	48	45	48
Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$)	9,500	9,800	9,800
Male (HK\$)	11,000	11,000	11,000
Female (HK\$)	8,000	8,000	8,000
Underemployment			
Underemployed persons ('000)	113.5	100.4	95.0
Male ('000)	74.4	69.7	62.2
Female ('000)	39.1	30.7	32.8
Underemployment rate (%)	3.2	2.8	2.6
Male (%)	3.8	3.5	3.1
Female (%)	2.5	1.9	2.0
Domestic Households			
Number of domestic households ('000)	2 243.6	2 279.9	2 289.9
Average household size	3.1	3.1	3.1
Median monthly household income (HK\$)	15,500	15,700	16,000