

Table 1 : Summary Statistics

	2004 Q4	2005 Q3	2005 Q4
The Labour Force			
Labour force ('000)	3 574.9	3 597.3	3 613.4
Male ('000)	1 975.8	1 987.8	1 990.5
Female ('000)	1 599.0	1 609.5	1 622.9
Labour force participation rate (%)	61.3	61.0	60.9
Male (%)	71.4	71.3	71.1
Female (%)	52.2	51.7	51.8
Unemployment			
Unemployed persons ('000)	227.9	205.7	182.0
Male ('000)	138.3	129.9	117.9
Female ('000)	89.6	75.8	64.1
Unemployment rate (%)			
- Not seasonally adjusted	6.4	5.7	5.0
Male (%)	7.0	6.5	5.9
Female (%)	5.6	4.7	4.0
- Adjusted for seasonal variations using the X-11 ARIMA method	6.6	5.5	5.3
Employment			
Employed persons ('000)	3 347.0	3 391.6	3 431.5
Male ('000)	1 837.5	1 857.9	1 872.6
Female ('000)	1 509.5	1 533.7	1 558.8
Median hours of work during the seven days before enumeration	48	48	48
Male	48	48	48
Female	48	48	48
Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$)	9,500	9,800	9,800
Male (HK\$)	11,000	11,000	11,000
Female (HK\$)	7,800	8,000	8,000
Underemployment			
Underemployed persons ('000)	111.3	95.0	89.5
Male ('000)	70.6	62.2	59.9
Female ('000)	40.6	32.8	29.5
Underemployment rate (%)	3.1	2.6	2.5
Male (%)	3.6	3.1	3.0
Female (%)	2.5	2.0	1.8
Domestic Households			
Number of domestic households ('000)	2 251.8	2 289.9	2 298.5
Average household size	3.1	3.1	3.1
Median monthly household income (HK\$)	15,500	16,000	16,000