

Table 1 : Employment (other than those in the Civil Service) by selected major sector

<u>Selected major sector</u>	<u>Dec 2004</u>	<u>Dec 2005</u>	<u>Year-on-Year Change in</u>	
			<u>No.</u>	<u>Percentage(%)</u>
Manufacturing	165 300	167 400	+2 100	+1.3
Construction sites (manual workers only)	61 200	54 500	-6 700	-11.1
Wholesale	70 800	69 200	-1 600	-2.3
Retail	218 400	221 900	+3 500	+1.6
Import and export trade	503 300	510 400	+7 100	+1.4
Restaurants	185 400	193 900	+8 500	+4.6
Hotels and boarding houses	25 500	28 400	+2 900	+11.4
Transport and storage	150 600	154 600	+4 000	+2.6
Communications	30 600	29 200	-1 400	-4.9
Financing and insurance	151 500	157 600	+6 100	+4.1
Real estate	87 500	95 900	+8 400	+9.6
Business services	208 500	210 900	+2 400	+1.2
Sanitary and similar services	57 400	58 200	+800	+1.5
Education services and research institutes	132 500	136 300	+3 800	+2.9
Medical, health and related services	75 800	77 300	+1 500	+1.9
Welfare and community services	63 700	62 100	-1 600	-2.6
Recreational and other personal services	105 800	112 900	+7 100	+6.8
Others ^	8 300	8 100	-200	-1.6
All above industry sectors ^^	2 302 100	2 348 700	+46 600	+2.0

Notes : (1) Figures relate only to those industries covered in the Quarterly Survey of Employment and Vacancies and the Quarterly Employment Survey of Construction Sites.

(2) All figures are not seasonally adjusted.

^ Others include the mining and quarrying sector and the electricity and gas sector.

^^ Individual figures may not add up exactly to the total due to rounding.

Table 2 : Vacancies (other than those in the Civil Service) by selected major sector

<u>Selected major sector</u>	<u>Dec 2004</u>	<u>Dec 2005</u>	<u>Year-on-Year Change in</u>	
			<u>No.</u>	<u>Percentage (%)</u>
Manufacturing	1 370	2 170	+800	+59
Construction sites # (vacancies for manual workers only)	30	20	-10	-36
Wholesale	800	860	+60	+7
Retail	2 630	3 740	+1 110	+42
Import and export trade	5 640	6 940	+1 300	+23
Restaurants	1 720	3 600	+1 880	+110
Hotels and boarding houses	400	520	+120	+30
Transport and storage	1 160	1 470	+310	+28
Communications	410	850	+440	+108
Financing and insurance	2 860	3 950	+1 090	+38
Real estate	2 060	1 990	-70	-3
Business services	3 940	3 790	-150	-4
Sanitary and similar services	450	490	+40	+8
Education services and research institutes	1 060	1 380	+320	+29
Medical, health and related services	1 040	680	-360	-34
Welfare and community services	980	1 310	+330	+33
Recreational and other personal services	2 670	2 750	+80	+3
Others ^	0	10	+10	N.A.
All above industry sectors ^^	29 230	36 510	+7 280	+25

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Please refer to "Limitations of the Survey" in Part V of the Quarterly Report of Employment and Vacancies at Construction Sites, December 2005.

Table 3 : Vacancies (other than those in the Civil Service) by major occupation category

Major occupation category	Number of vacancies		Percentage change(%)
	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2005 over Dec 2004
Managers and administrators	700	550	-22
Professionals	2 430	2 800	+15
Associate professionals	10 090	11 220	+11
Clerks	5 770	6 940	+20
Service workers and shop sales workers	5 650	8 840	+56
Craft and related workers	540	1 160	+117
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	740	1 060	+45
Elementary occupations	3 320	3 940	+19
Total ^^	29 230	36 510	+25

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Table 4 : Quarterly changes of employment and vacancies
(other than those in the Civil Service)

<u>Month/Year</u>	<u>Quarter-to-quarter percentage change in employment</u>		<u>Quarter-to-quarter percentage change in vacancies</u>	
	<u>Not seasonally adjusted</u>	<u>Seasonally adjusted</u>	<u>Not seasonally adjusted</u>	<u>Seasonally adjusted</u>
December 2004	+1.1	+1.1	-11.0	+4.5
March 2005	+0.3	+0.7	+26.9	+5.5
June 2005	+0.8	+0.5	+2.4	+0.8
September 2005	+0.1	+0.1	+14.8	+19.1
December 2005	+0.8	+0.7	-16.2	-1.2

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(2) The seasonally adjusted data series is subject to routine revision when more up-to-date figures become available.