

Table 1 : Summary Statistics

	2005 Q1	2005 Q4	2006 Q1
The Labour Force			
Labour force ('000)	3 565.1	3 613.4	3 606.7
Male ('000)	1 963.9	1 990.5	1 982.8
Female ('000)	1 601.2	1 622.9	1 624.0
Labour force participation rate (%)	61.1	60.9	61.1
Male (%)	71.0	71.1	71.1
Female (%)	52.1	51.8	52.1
Unemployment			
Unemployed persons ('000)	210.6	182.0	180.5
Male ('000)	135.9	117.9	121.5
Female ('000)	74.8	64.1	59.0
Unemployment rate (%)			
- Not seasonally adjusted	5.9	5.0	5.0
Male (%)	6.9	5.9	6.1
Female (%)	4.7	4.0	3.6
- Adjusted for seasonal variations using the X-11 ARIMA method	6.1	5.3	5.2
Employment			
Employed persons ('000)	3 354.5	3 431.5	3 426.2
Male ('000)	1 828.0	1 872.6	1 861.3
Female ('000)	1 526.4	1 558.8	1 564.9
Median hours of work during the seven days before enumeration	48	48	47
Male	48	48	48
Female	48	48	45
Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$)	10,000 ⁽¹⁾	9,800	10,000⁽¹⁾
	9,500 ⁽²⁾		10,000⁽²⁾
Male (HK\$)	11,000 ⁽¹⁾	11,000	12,000⁽¹⁾
	11,000 ⁽²⁾		11,000⁽²⁾
Female (HK\$)	8,000 ⁽¹⁾	8,000	8,000⁽¹⁾
	7,700 ⁽²⁾		8,000⁽²⁾
Underemployment			
Underemployed persons ('000)	109.8	89.5	82.6
Male ('000)	72.7	59.9	59.7
Female ('000)	37.1	29.5	22.9
Underemployment rate (%)	3.1	2.5	2.3
Male (%)	3.7	3.0	3.0
Female (%)	2.3	1.8	1.4
Domestic Households			
Number of domestic households ('000)	2 265.2	2 298.5	2 292.0
Average household size	3.1	3.1	3.1
Median monthly household income (HK\$)	16,000 ⁽¹⁾	16,000	17,100⁽¹⁾
	15,400 ⁽²⁾		16,500⁽²⁾

Notes: (1) Include Chinese New Year bonus/double pay.
(2) Exclude Chinese New Year bonus/double pay.