

Table 1 : Summary Statistics

	2005 Q3	2006 Q2	2006 Q3
The Labour Force			
Labour force ('000)	3 590.7	3 606.6	3 676.5
Male ('000)	1 985.7	1 972.8	2 000.5
Female ('000)	1 605.0	1 633.8	1 676.0
Labour force participation rate (%)	60.9	60.8	61.7
Male (%)	71.3	70.5	71.3
Female (%)	51.6	52.1	53.2
Unemployment			
Unemployed persons ('000)	205.4	179.0	180.4
Male ('000)	129.8	115.9	110.2
Female ('000)	75.7	63.2	70.1
Unemployment rate (%)			
- Seasonally adjusted	5.4	5.0	4.7
- Not seasonally adjusted	5.7	5.0	4.9
Male (%)	6.5	5.9	5.5
Female (%)	4.7	3.9	4.2
Employment			
Employed persons ('000)	3 385.3	3 427.5	3 496.1
Male ('000)	1 855.9	1 856.9	1 890.2
Female ('000)	1 529.4	1 570.6	1 605.9
Median hours of work during the seven days before enumeration	48	45	48
Male	48	48	48
Female	48	45	48
Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$)	9,800	10,000	10,000
Male (HK\$)	11,000	12,000	11,000
Female (HK\$)	8,000	8,000	8,000
Underemployment			
Underemployed persons ('000)	94.7	96.0	86.2
Male ('000)	62.0	65.2	58.3
Female ('000)	32.8	30.8	27.9
Underemployment rate (%)	2.6	2.7	2.3
Male (%)	3.1	3.3	2.9
Female (%)	2.0	1.9	1.7
Domestic Households			
Number of domestic households ('000)	2 281.0	2 313.8	2 322.1
Average household size	3.1	3.0	3.0
Median monthly household income (HK\$)	16,000	16,300	16,700