

Table 1 : Summary Statistics

	2005 Q4	2006 Q3	2006 Q4
The Labour Force			
Labour force ('000)	3 551.0	3 614.1	3 619.7
Male ('000)	1 956.0	1 964.9	1 969.1
Female ('000)	1 595.0	1 649.1	1 650.6
Labour force participation rate (%)	60.9	61.8	61.6
Male (%)	71.0	71.3	71.2
Female (%)	51.8	53.3	53.0
Unemployment			
Unemployed persons ('000)	178.4	177.0	153.7
Male ('000)	115.6	108.1	99.7
Female ('000)	62.8	68.9	54.1
Unemployment rate (%)			
- Seasonally adjusted	5.2	4.7	4.4
- Not seasonally adjusted	5.0	4.9	4.2
Male (%)	5.9	5.5	5.1
Female (%)	3.9	4.2	3.3
Employment			
Employed persons ('000)	3 372.6	3 437.1	3 466.0
Male ('000)	1 840.4	1 856.8	1 869.5
Female ('000)	1 532.2	1 580.2	1 596.5
Median hours of work during the seven days before enumeration	48	48	48
Male	48	48	48
Female	48	48	47
Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$)	10,000	10,000	10,000
Male (HK\$)	11,000	11,000	11,000
Female (HK\$)	8,000	8,000	8,000
Underemployment			
Underemployed persons ('000)	86.8	84.3	86.7
Male ('000)	58.3	57.3	61.5
Female ('000)	28.5	27.0	26.0
Underemployment rate (%)	2.4	2.3	2.4
Male (%)	3.0	2.9	3.1
Female (%)	1.8	1.6	1.6
Domestic Households			
Number of domestic households ('000)	2 197.7	2 225.5	2 230.9
Average household size	3.0	3.0	3.0
Median monthly household income (HK\$)	16,000	17,000	16,900