

**Table 1 : Summary Statistics**

	2007 Q1	2007 Q4	2008 Q1
<b>The Labour Force</b>			
Labour force ('000)	3 611.9	3 651.1	<b>3 653.5</b>
Male ('000)	1 959.3	1 965.0	<b>1 953.2</b>
Female ('000)	1 652.7	1 686.1	<b>1 700.3</b>
Labour force participation rate (%)	61.2	61.3	<b>61.1</b>
Male (%)	70.7	70.5	<b>70.0</b>
Female (%)	52.8	53.2	<b>53.4</b>
<b>Unemployment</b>			
Unemployed persons ('000)	152.5	117.8	<b>119.0</b>
Male ('000)	96.1	69.3	<b>73.8</b>
Female ('000)	56.5	48.5	<b>45.1</b>
Unemployment rate (%)			
- Seasonally adjusted	4.3	3.4	<b>3.4</b>
- Not seasonally adjusted	4.2	3.2	<b>3.3</b>
Male (%)	4.9	3.5	<b>3.8</b>
Female (%)	3.4	2.9	<b>2.7</b>
<b>Employment</b>			
Employed persons ('000)	3 459.4	3 533.3	<b>3 534.5</b>
Male ('000)	1 863.2	1 895.6	<b>1 879.4</b>
Female ('000)	1 596.2	1 637.7	<b>1 655.1</b>
Median hours of work during the seven days before enumeration	48	48	<b>48</b>
Male	48	48	<b>48</b>
Female	48	47	<b>45</b>
Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$)	10,100 <sup>(1)</sup>	10,100	<b>11,000<sup>(1)</sup></b>
	10,000 <sup>(2)</sup>		<b>10,300<sup>(2)</sup></b>
Male (HK\$)	12,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	12,000	<b>12,000<sup>(1)</sup></b>
	11,500 <sup>(2)</sup>		<b>12,000<sup>(2)</sup></b>
Female (HK\$)	8,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	8,000	<b>8,500<sup>(1)</sup></b>
	8,000 <sup>(2)</sup>		<b>8,200<sup>(2)</sup></b>
<b>Underemployment</b>			
Underemployed persons ('000)	80.6	75.5	<b>70.5</b>
Male ('000)	56.1	56.1	<b>51.0</b>
Female ('000)	24.5	19.4	<b>19.5</b>
Underemployment rate (%)	2.2	2.1	<b>1.9</b>
Male (%)	2.9	2.9	<b>2.6</b>
Female (%)	1.5	1.1	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Domestic Households</b>			
Number of domestic households ('000)	2 237.4	2 247.6	<b>2 254.2</b>
Average household size	3.0	3.0	<b>3.0</b>
Median monthly household income (HK\$)	17,700 <sup>(1)</sup>	18,000	<b>18,500<sup>(1)</sup></b>
	17,000 <sup>(2)</sup>		<b>18,000<sup>(2)</sup></b>

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