

**Table 1 : Summary Statistics**

	2007* Q2	2008 Q1	2008 Q2
<b>The Labour Force</b>			
Labour force ('000)	3 625.7	3 653.5	<b>3 654.3</b>
Male	1 954.1	1 953.2	<b>1 948.3</b>
Female	1 671.6	1 700.3	<b>1 706.0</b>
Labour force participation rate (%)	61.2	61.1	<b>61.0</b>
Male	70.3	70.0	<b>69.7</b>
Female	53.2	53.4	<b>53.4</b>
<b>Unemployment</b>			
Unemployed persons ('000)	156.3	119.0	<b>121.5</b>
Male	95.5	73.8	<b>73.4</b>
Female	60.9	45.1	<b>48.1</b>
Unemployment rate (%)			
- Seasonally adjusted	4.2	3.4	<b>3.3</b>
- Not seasonally adjusted	4.3	3.3	<b>3.3</b>
Male	4.9	3.8	<b>3.8</b>
Female	3.6	2.7	<b>2.8</b>
<b>Employment</b>			
Employed persons ('000)	3 469.3	3 534.5	<b>3 532.8</b>
Male	1 858.6	1 879.4	<b>1 874.9</b>
Female	1 610.7	1 655.1	<b>1 657.9</b>
Median hours of work during the seven days before enumeration	48	48	<b>45</b>
Male	48	48	<b>48</b>
Female	45	45	<b>45</b>
Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$)	10,000	11,000	<b>10,500</b>
Male	12,000	12,000	<b>12,000</b>
Female	8,000	8,500	<b>8,500</b>
<b>Underemployment</b>			
Underemployed persons ('000)	80.9	70.5	<b>67.8</b>
Male	58.4	51.0	<b>50.8</b>
Female	22.5	19.5	<b>17.0</b>
Underemployment rate (%)	2.2	1.9	<b>1.9</b>
Male	3.0	2.6	<b>2.6</b>
Female	1.3	1.1	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Domestic Households</b>			
Number of domestic households ('000)	2 235.4	2 254.2	<b>2 271.9</b>
Average household size	3.0	3.0	<b>3.0</b>
Median monthly household income (HK\$)	17,400	18,500	<b>18,000</b>

\*Revised figures.