

**Table 1 : Summary Statistics**

	2007* Q3	2008 Q2	2008 Q3
<b>The Labour Force</b>			
Labour force ('000)	3 648.3	3 654.3	<b>3 677.2</b>
Male	1 963.1	1 948.3	<b>1 959.0</b>
Female	1 685.1	1 706.0	<b>1 718.2</b>
Labour force participation rate (%)	61.5	61.0	<b>61.1</b>
Male	70.6	69.7	<b>69.9</b>
Female	53.4	53.4	<b>53.5</b>
<b>Unemployment</b>			
Unemployed persons ('000)	156.6	121.5	<b>134.0</b>
Male	95.3	73.4	<b>80.0</b>
Female	61.3	48.1	<b>54.0</b>
Unemployment rate (%)			
- Seasonally adjusted	4.0	3.3	<b>3.4</b>
- Not seasonally adjusted	4.3	3.3	<b>3.6</b>
Male	4.9	3.8	<b>4.1</b>
Female	3.6	2.8	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Employment</b>			
Employed persons ('000)	3 491.7	3 532.8	<b>3 543.1</b>
Male	1 867.9	1 874.9	<b>1 879.0</b>
Female	1 623.8	1 657.9	<b>1 664.1</b>
Median hours of work during the seven days before enumeration	48	45	<b>45</b>
Male	48	48	<b>45</b>
Female	48	45	<b>45</b>
Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$)	10,100	10,500	<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)	80.4	67.8	<b>66.3</b>
Male	56.0	50.8	<b>49.0</b>
Female	24.5	17.0	<b>17.3</b>
Underemployment rate (%)	2.2	1.9	<b>1.8</b>
Male	2.9	2.6	<b>2.5</b>
Female	1.5	1.0	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Domestic Households</b>			
Number of domestic households ('000)	2 245.0	2 271.9	<b>2 293.4</b>
Average household size	3.0	3.0	<b>3.0</b>
Median monthly household income (HK\$)	17,500	18,000	<b>18,500</b>

\*Revised figures.