

Table 1 : Summary Statistics

	2007* Q4	2008 Q3	2008 Q4
The Labour Force			
Labour force ('000)	3 638.6	3 677.2	3 685.7
Male	1 958.5	1 959.0	1 960.6
Female	1 680.2	1 718.2	1 725.1
Labour force participation rate (%)	61.1	61.1	61.1
Male	70.3	69.9	69.8
Female	53.0	53.5	53.5
Unemployment			
Unemployed persons ('000)	118.2	134.0	141.3
Male	69.8	80.0	86.2
Female	48.4	54.0	55.1
Unemployment rate (%)			
- Seasonally adjusted	3.4	3.4	4.1
- Not seasonally adjusted	3.2	3.6	3.8
Male	3.6	4.1	4.4
Female	2.9	3.1	3.2
Employment			
Employed persons ('000)	3 520.5	3 543.1	3 544.3
Male	1 888.7	1 879.0	1 874.4
Female	1 631.8	1 664.1	1 669.9
Median hours of work during the seven days before enumeration	48	45	46
Male	48	45	48
Female	46	45	45
Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$)	10,200	10,500	10,500
Male	12,000	12,000	12,000
Female	8,000	8,500	8,500
Underemployment			
Underemployed persons ('000)	74.7	66.3	69.8
Male	55.4	49.0	51.8
Female	19.2	17.3	18.0
Underemployment rate (%)	2.1	1.8	1.9
Male	2.8	2.5	2.6
Female	1.1	1.0	1.0
Domestic Households			
Number of domestic households ('000)	2 247.3	2 293.4	2 295.0
Average household size	3.0	3.0	3.0
Median monthly household income (HK\$)	18,000	18,500	18,400

*Revised figures.