



# Quarterly Report on General Household Survey

*Provides information on the labour force, employment, unemployment and underemployment, as well as the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population*

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## 1. Key Figures

- The size of the labour force was 3 805 200 and the labour force participation rate recorded 56.7% in Q4 2025.
- The total employment was 3 667 000 and the median monthly employment earnings was HK\$20,500 in Q4 2025.
- The number of unemployed persons and the number of underemployed persons in Q4 2025 were 138 200 and 64 800 respectively.
- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped slightly from 3.9% in Q3 2025 to 3.8% in Q4 2025.
- The underemployment rate rose slightly from 1.6% in Q3 2025 to 1.7% in Q4 2025.
- There were 2 774 900 domestic households and the median monthly household income was HK\$30,000 in Q4 2025.

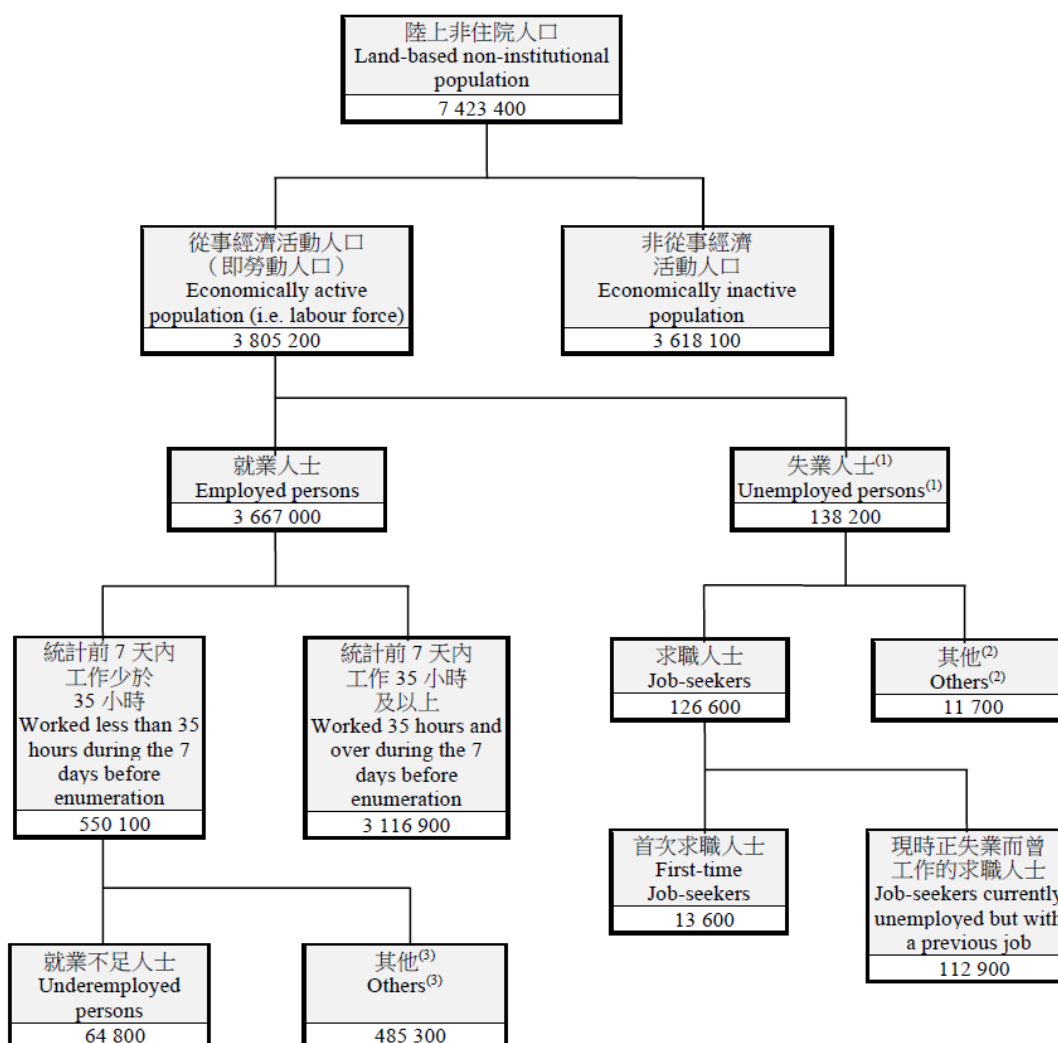
**Table 1.1 : Key Quarterly Figures**

Year		2024	2025			
Quarter		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Labour force	No. ('000)	3 799.8	3 815.5	3 793.5	3 830.1	3 805.2
Labour force participation rate	(%)	56.9	56.9	56.7	57.1	56.7
Employed persons	No. ('000)	3 687.0	3 692.7	3 657.3	3 674.5	3 667.0
Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons	HK\$	20,000	20,100	20,000	20,500	20,500
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	(%)	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.9	3.8
Unemployed persons	No. ('000)	112.8	122.8	136.2	155.6	138.2
Underemployment rate	(%)	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.7
Underemployed persons	No. ('000)	43.1	42.7	52.6	60.0	64.8
Domestic households	No. ('000)	2 758.4	2 776.5	2 775.3	2 787.9	2 774.9
Median monthly household income	HK\$	29,700	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000

**Table 1.2 : Key Annual Figures**

Year		2022	2023	2024
Labour force	No. ('000)	3 776.3	3 822.3	3 807.4
Labour force participation rate	(%)	58.2	57.3	57.0
Employed persons	No. ('000)	3 613.2	3 709.6	3 693.6
Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons	HK\$	19,000	20,000	20,000
Unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted)	(%)	4.3	2.9	3.0
Unemployed persons	No. ('000)	163.1	112.7	113.8
Underemployment rate	(%)	2.3	1.1	1.2
Underemployed persons	No. ('000)	88.1	41.6	43.9
Domestic households	No. ('000)	2 671.1	2 700.4	2 763.1
Median monthly household income	HK\$	28,300	30,000	30,000

**Breakdown of labour force in Q4 2025**



Notes:

(1) Including 122 700 unemployed persons who had a previous job and 15 500 unemployed persons without a previous job (the latter including first-time job-seekers and re-entrants into the labour force who were unemployed as information on previous job of these persons is not available).

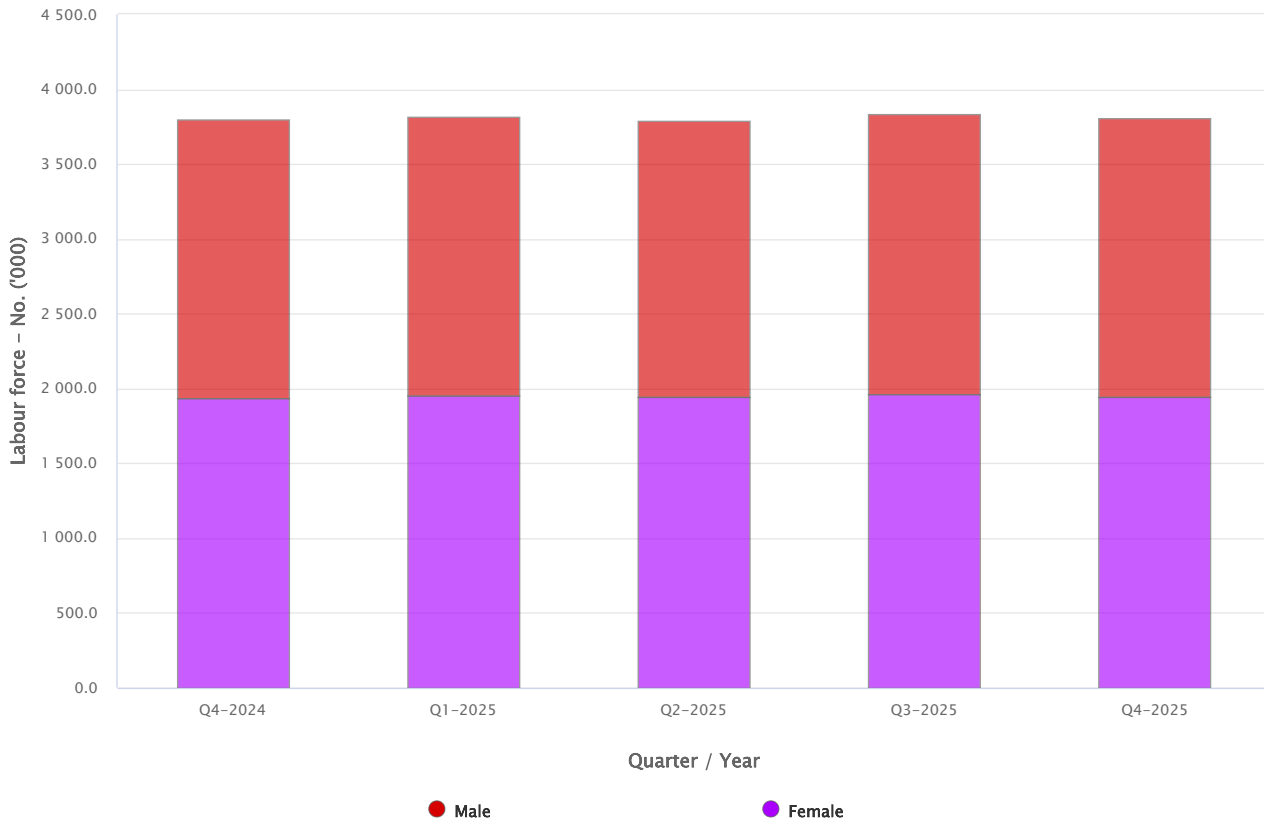
(2) Referring to those unemployed persons who had not sought work during the 30 days before enumeration because they (a) had made arrangements to take up a new job or to start business on a subsequent date; or (b) were expecting to return to their original jobs; or (c) believed that work was not available (i.e. "discouraged workers").

(3) Referring to those employed persons who (i) had worked less than 35 hours during the 7 days before enumeration due to reasons other than slack work, material shortage, mechanical breakdown and inability to find a full-time job; or (ii) had worked less than 35 hours during the 7 days before enumeration but had not been available for additional work during the 7 days before enumeration and had not sought additional work during the 30 days before enumeration.

## 2. Labour Force

- The size of the labour force was 3 805 200 in Q4 2025, of which 48.8% were males and 51.2% were females.
- The labour force participation rate (LFPR) recorded 56.7% in Q4 2025. The LFPR for males was consistently higher than that for females from Q4 2024 to Q4 2025. After excluding foreign domestic helpers, the LFPR for females was even lower.

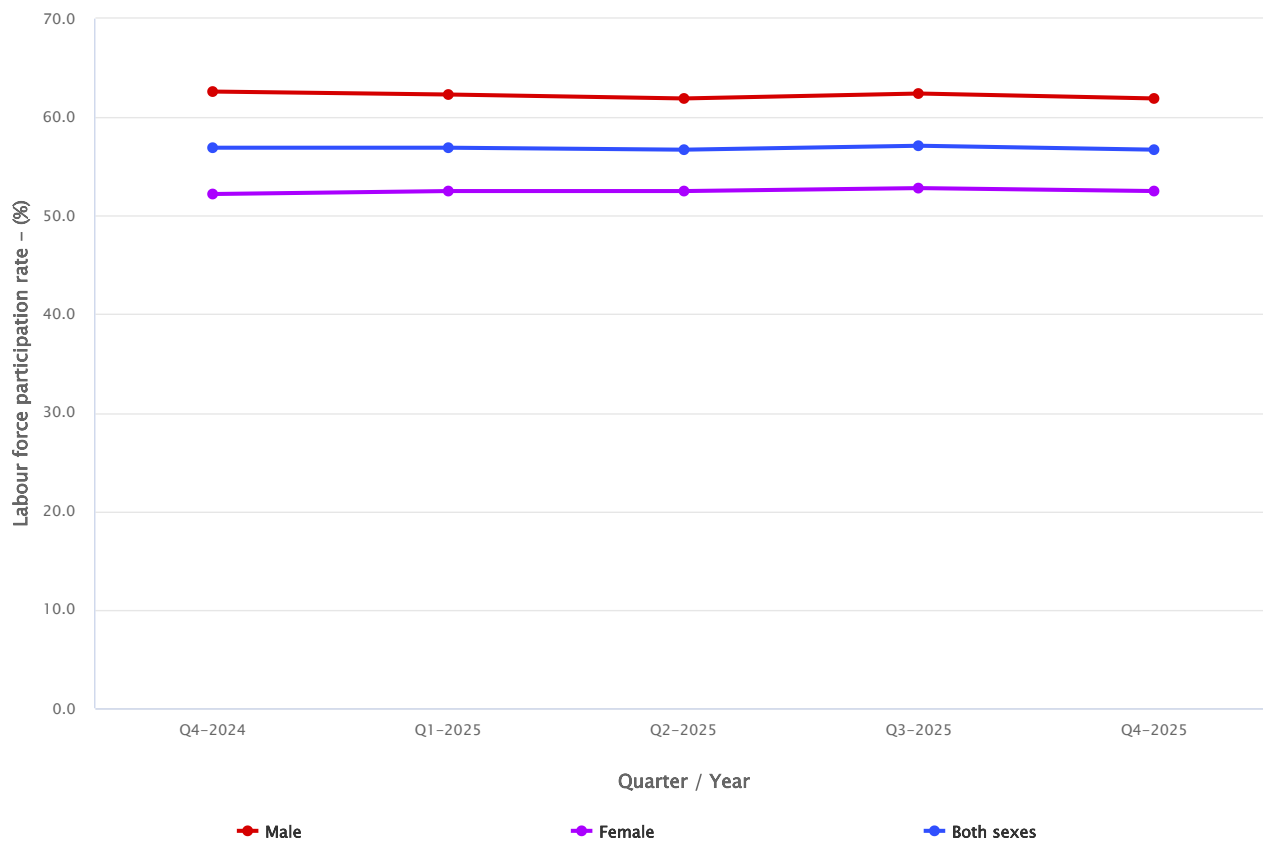
**Chart 2.1 : Labour force by sex**



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	Labour force									
	No. ('000)					Percentage share (%)				
	Year	2025				2024	2025			
Quarter	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex										
Male	1 866.5	1 865.8	1 847.6	1 871.6	1 857.1	49.1	48.9	48.7	48.9	48.8
Female	1 933.3	1 949.7	1 945.9	1 958.5	1 948.1	50.9	51.1	51.3	51.1	51.2
Both sexes	3 799.8	3 815.5	3 793.5	3 830.1	3 805.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

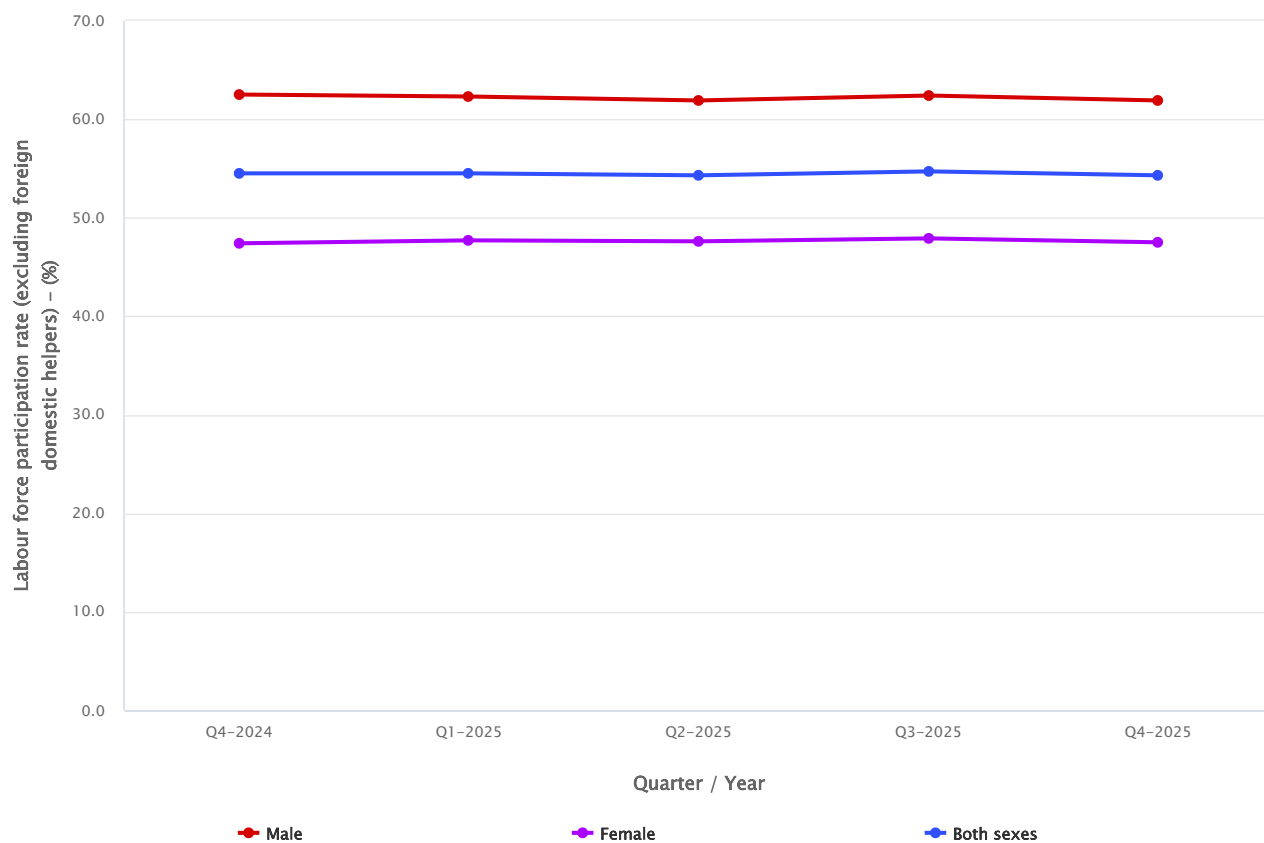
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	Labour force participation rate				
	(%)				
	2024	2025			
Year	2024	2025			
Quarter	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex					
Male	62.6	62.3	61.9	62.4	61.9
Female	52.2	52.5	52.5	52.8	52.5
Both sexes	56.9	56.9	56.7	57.1	56.7

**Chart 2.3 : Labour force participation rate by sex (excluding foreign domestic helpers)**



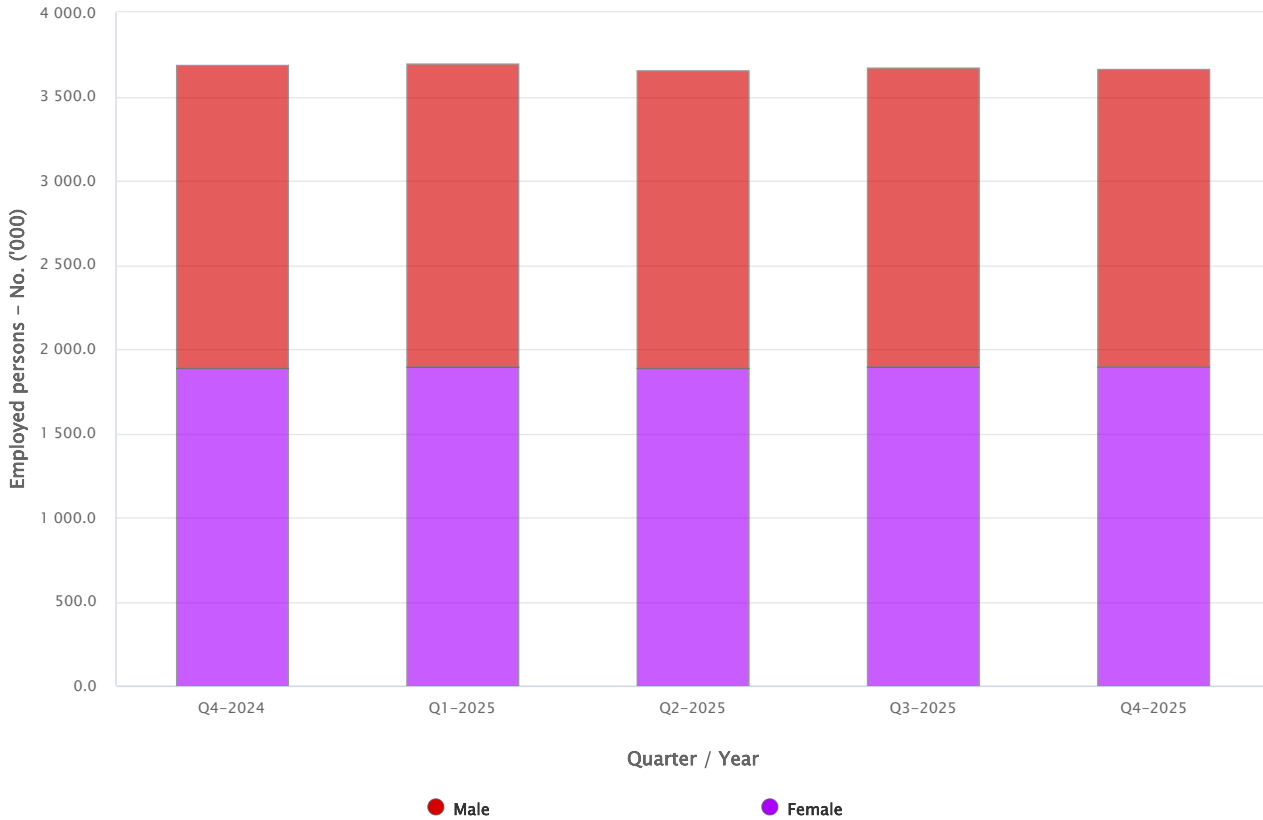
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	(%)				
	Year	2025			
Quarter	2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex					
Male	62.5	62.3	61.9	62.4	61.9
Female	47.4	47.7	47.6	47.9	47.5
Both sexes	54.5	54.5	54.3	54.7	54.3

### 3. Employment

- The number of employed persons was 3 667 000 in Q4 2025, of which 48.4% were males and 51.6% were females.
- The median monthly employment earnings of employed persons was HK\$20,500 in Q4 2025.
- The median monthly employment earnings of female employed persons was lower than that of their male counterparts from Q4 2024 to Q4 2025, being attributed to a host of factors (differences in industrial and occupational distributions, hours of work, educational attainment, etc.).
- The median hours of work during the 7 days before enumeration was 44 in Q4 2025.
- The median hours of work of male and female employed persons in Q4 2025 were both 44. After excluding foreign domestic helpers, the median hours of work of female employed persons was 40, lower than that of 44 for males.

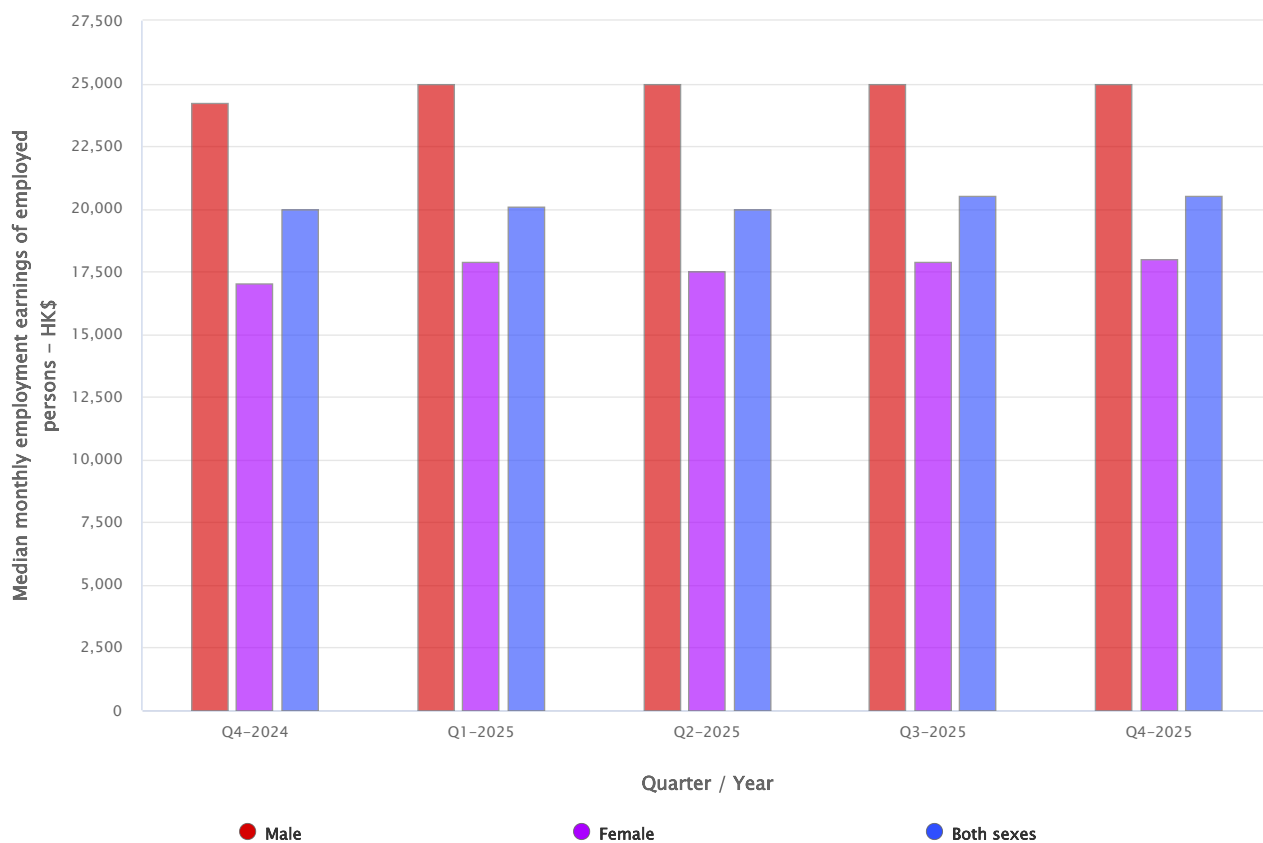
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	No. ('000)					Percentage share (%)				
	Year	2025				2024	2025			
Quarter	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex										
Male	1 799.1	1 794.4	1 769.2	1 780.2	1 774.3	48.8	48.6	48.4	48.4	48.4
Female	1 887.9	1 898.3	1 888.2	1 894.3	1 892.7	51.2	51.4	51.6	51.6	51.6
Both sexes	3 687.0	3 692.7	3 657.3	3 674.5	3 667.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

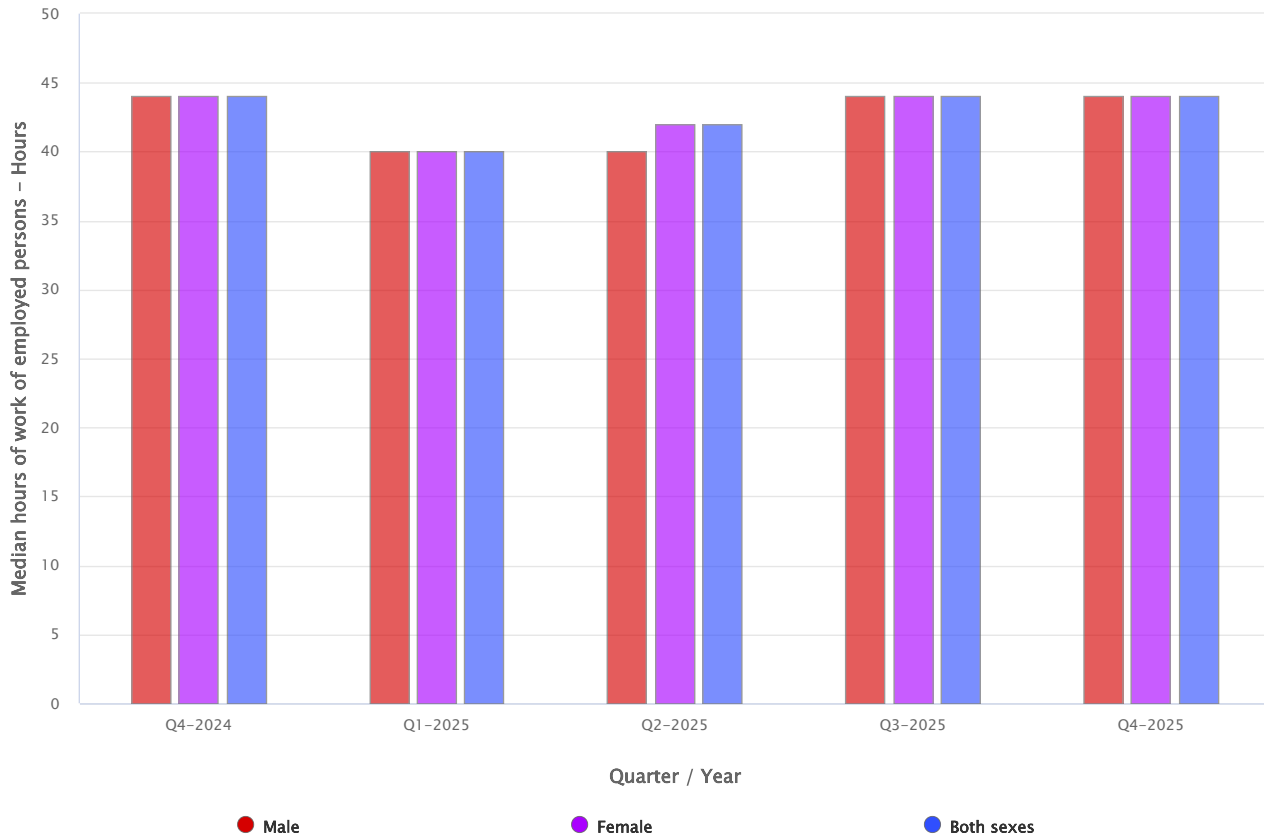
**Chart 3.2 : Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons by sex**



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	Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons					
	HK\$					
	Year	2024	2025			
Quarter	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Sex						
Male		24,200	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Female		17,000	17,900	17,500	17,900	18,000
Both sexes		20,000	20,100	20,000	20,500	20,500

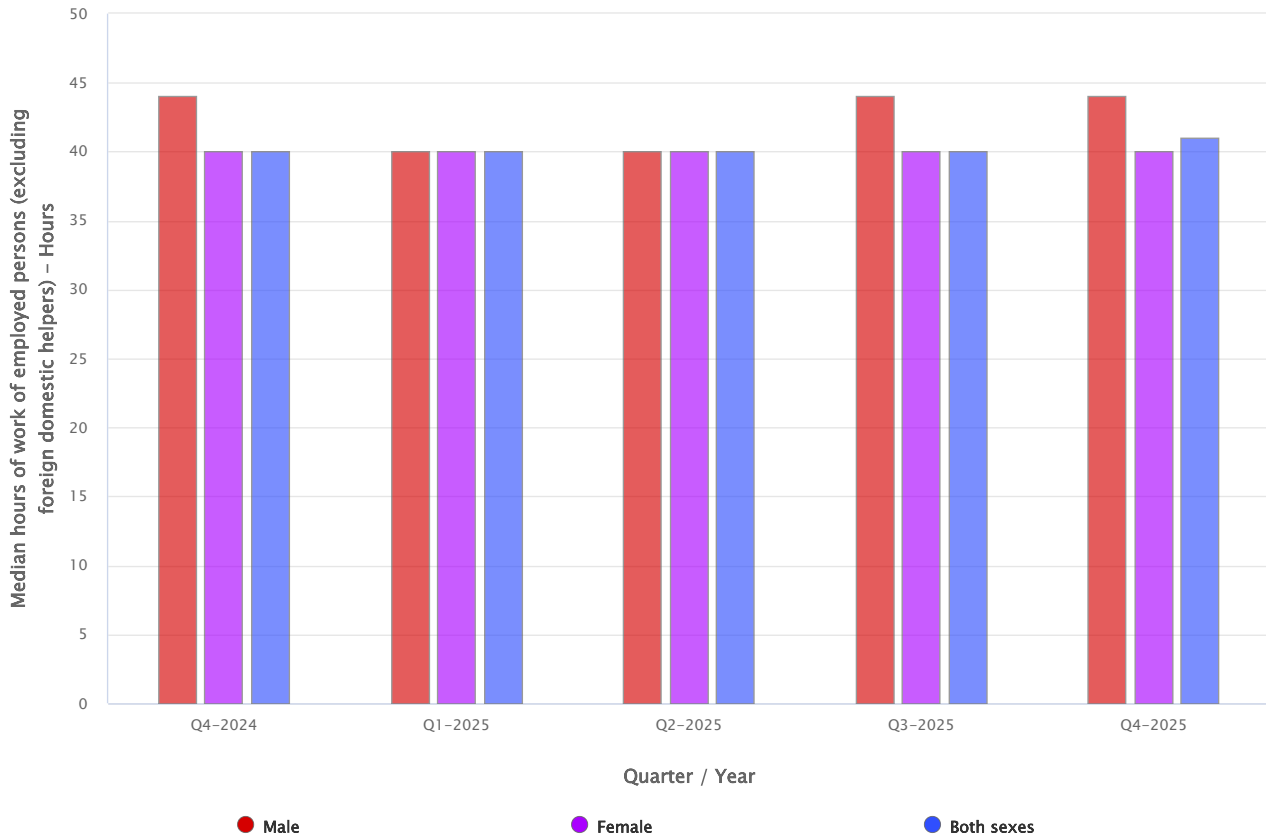
**Chart 3.3 : Median hours of work of employed persons by sex**



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	Median hours of work of employed persons				
	Hours				
	2024	2025			
Year	2024	2025			
Quarter	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex					
Male	44	40	40	44	44
Female	44	40	42	44	44
Both sexes	44	40	42	44	44

**Chart 3.4 : Median hours of work of employed persons by sex (excluding foreign domestic helpers)**



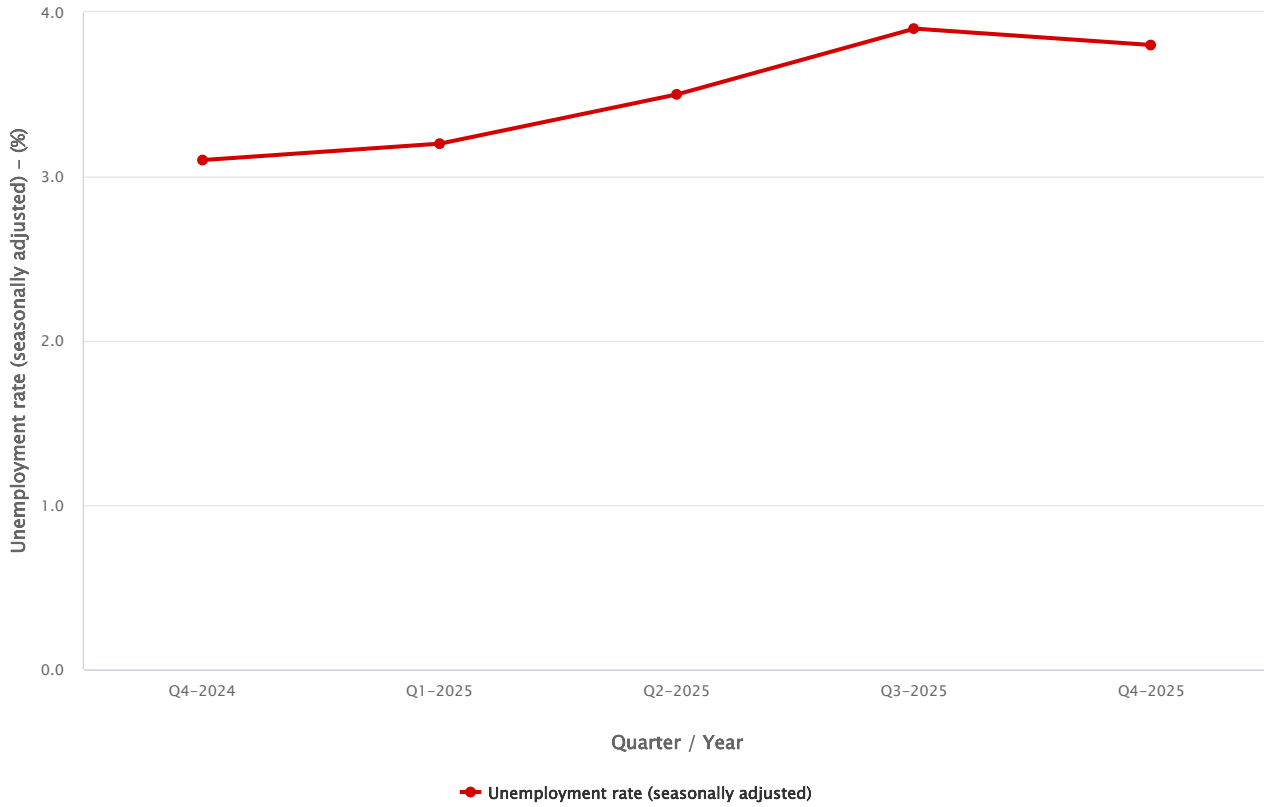
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	Hours				
	2024	2025			
Quarter	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex					
Male	44	40	40	44	44
Female	40	40	40	40	40
Both sexes	40	40	40	40	41

## 4. Unemployment

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped slightly from 3.9% in Q3 2025 to 3.8% in Q4 2025.
- The number of unemployed persons was 138 200 in Q4 2025, of which 82 800 were males and 55 400 were females.
- Analysed by detailed previous industry, the unemployment rate was higher for the decoration, repair and maintenance for buildings sector; the foundation and superstructure sector; the accommodation and food services sector; and the retail sector in Q4 2025.

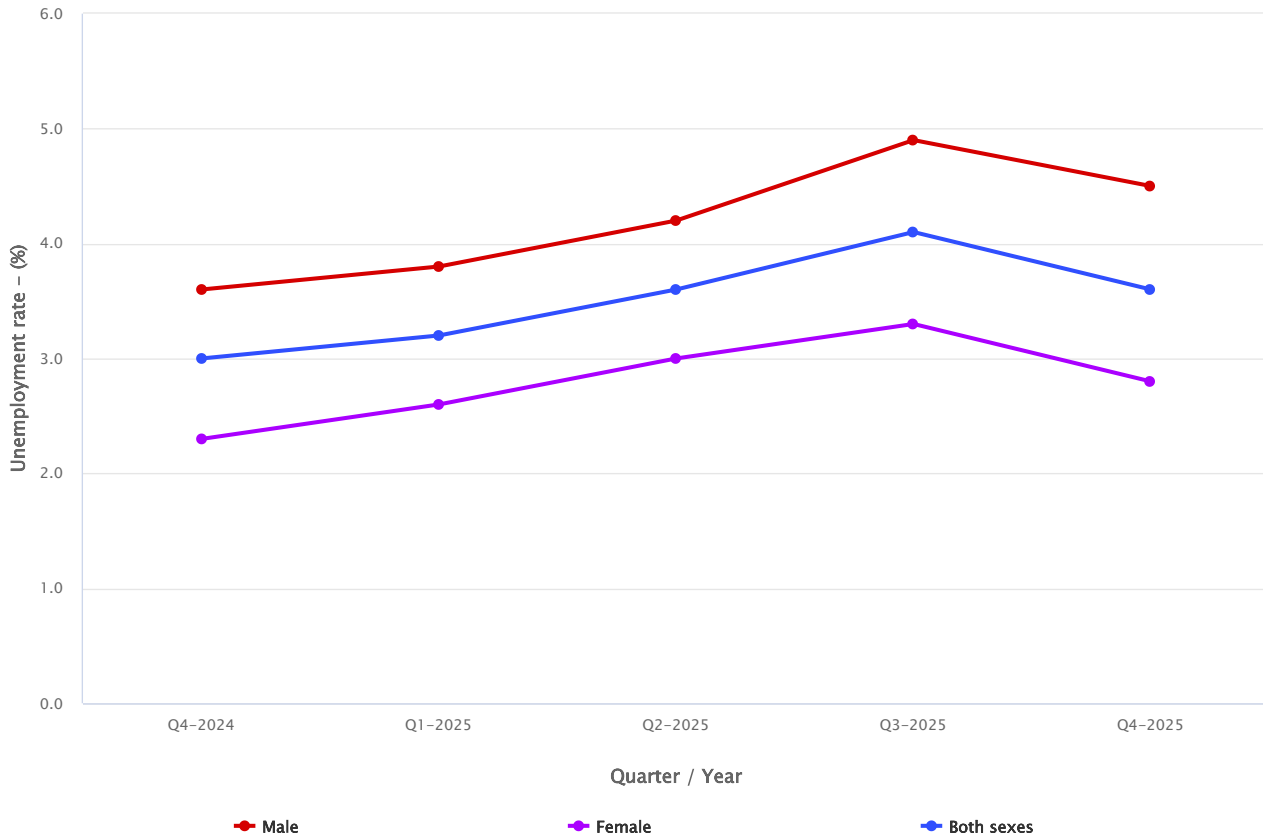
**Chart 4.1 : Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)**



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Year		2024	2025			
Quarter		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	(%)	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.9	3.8

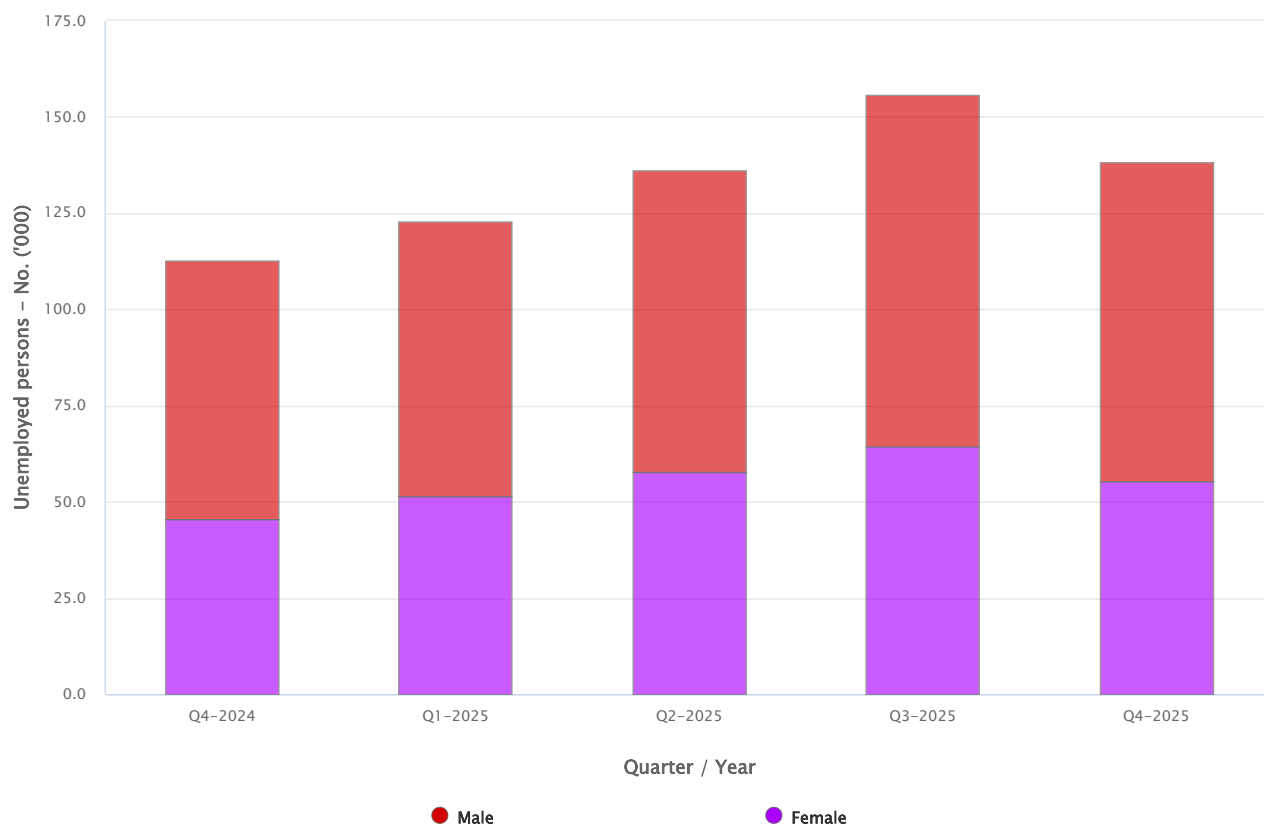
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	Unemployment rate				
	(%)				
	2024	2025			
Year	2024	2025			
Quarter	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex					
Male	3.6	3.8	4.2	4.9	4.5
Female	2.3	2.6	3.0	3.3	2.8
Both sexes	3.0	3.2	3.6	4.1	3.6

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	Unemployed persons									
	No. ('000)					(%)				
	Year	2025				2024	2025			
Quarter	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex										
Male	67.4	71.4	78.4	91.3	82.8	59.8	58.1	57.6	58.7	59.9
Female	45.4	51.5	57.7	64.3	55.4	40.2	41.9	42.4	41.3	40.1
Both sexes	112.8	122.8	136.2	155.6	138.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Table 4.4 : Unemployed persons and unemployment rate by detailed previous industry**

Year	2025		
Quarter	Q4		
	Unemployed persons		Unemployment rate
	No. ('000)	Percentage share - not including first-time job-seekers and re-entrants into the labour force who were unemployed (%)	(%)
Detailed previous industry			
Manufacturing	3.1	2.5	3.5
Construction	23.8	19.4	6.7
Foundation and superstructure	17.7	14.5	6.3
Decoration, repair and maintenance for buildings	6.1	5.0	8.3
Import/export trade and wholesale	10.0	8.2	3.4
Import and export trade	9.6	7.8	3.4
Wholesale	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	27.0	22.0	5.2
Retail	11.2	9.1	4.6
Accommodation and food services	15.8	12.9	5.8
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	14.3	11.7	3.4
Transportation and storage	7.8	6.3	2.9
Postal and courier activities	0.7	0.6	3.0
Information and communications	5.8	4.7	4.3
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	26.9	22.0	3.0
Financing	4.4	3.6	2.1
Insurance	1.8	1.5	2.7
Real estate	5.1	4.2	2.9
Professional and business services	15.6	12.7	3.6
Public administration, social and personal services	17.0	13.9	1.4
Public administration	0.6	0.5	0.5
Education	5.8	4.7	2.4
Human health and social work activities	5.1	4.2	1.9
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1.6	1.3	2.7
Other service activities	3.9	3.2	0.8
Other industries	0.5	0.4	2.1
Overall - not including first-time job-seekers and re-entrants into the labour force who were unemployed	122.7	100.0	-
Overall	138.2	-	3.6

1 The retail, accommodation and food services industries as a whole is generally referred to as the consumption- and tourism-related segment.

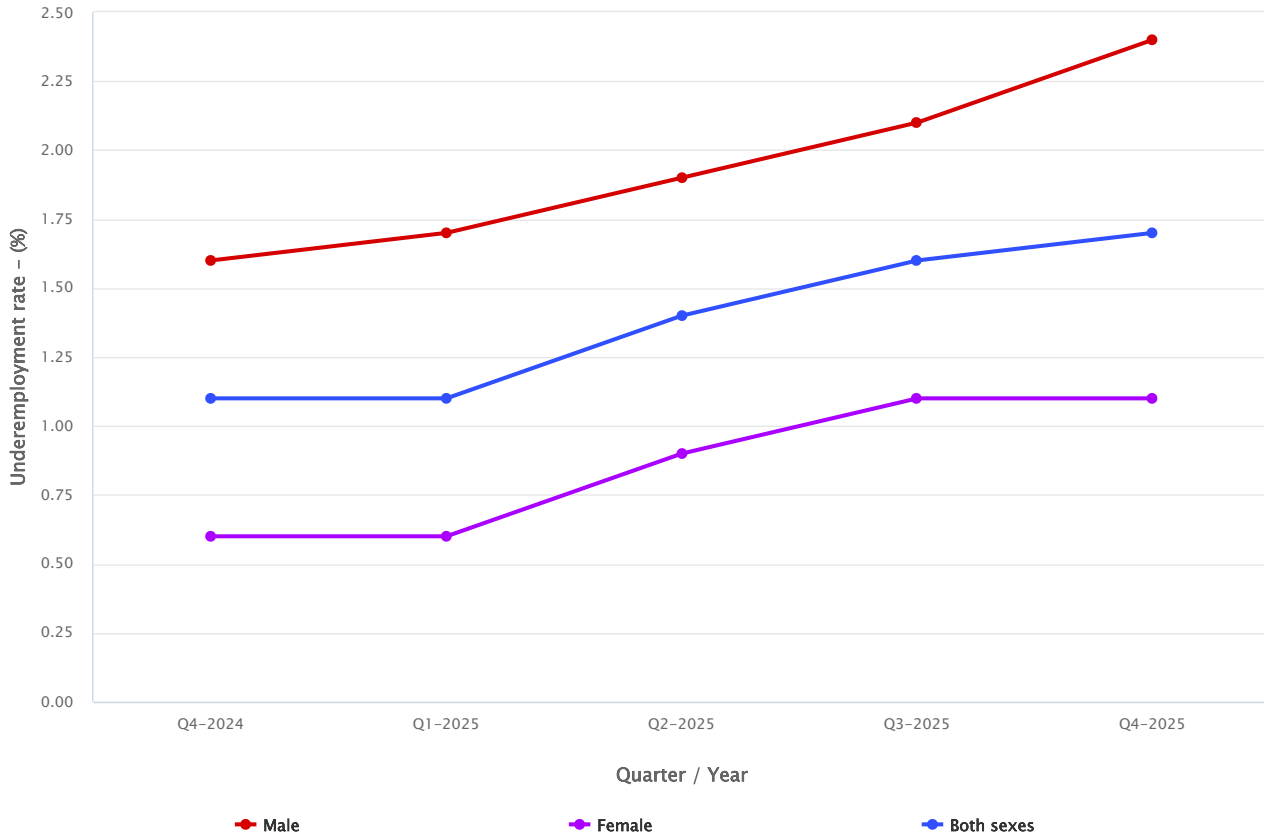
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- Not applicable

## 5. Underemployment

- The underemployment rate rose slightly from 1.6% in Q3 2025 to 1.7% in Q4 2025.
- The number of underemployed persons was 64 800 in Q4 2025, of which 43 700 were males and 21 200 were females.
- Analysed by detailed industry of main employment, the underemployment rate was higher for the decoration, repair and maintenance for buildings sector; and the foundation and superstructure sector in Q4 2025.

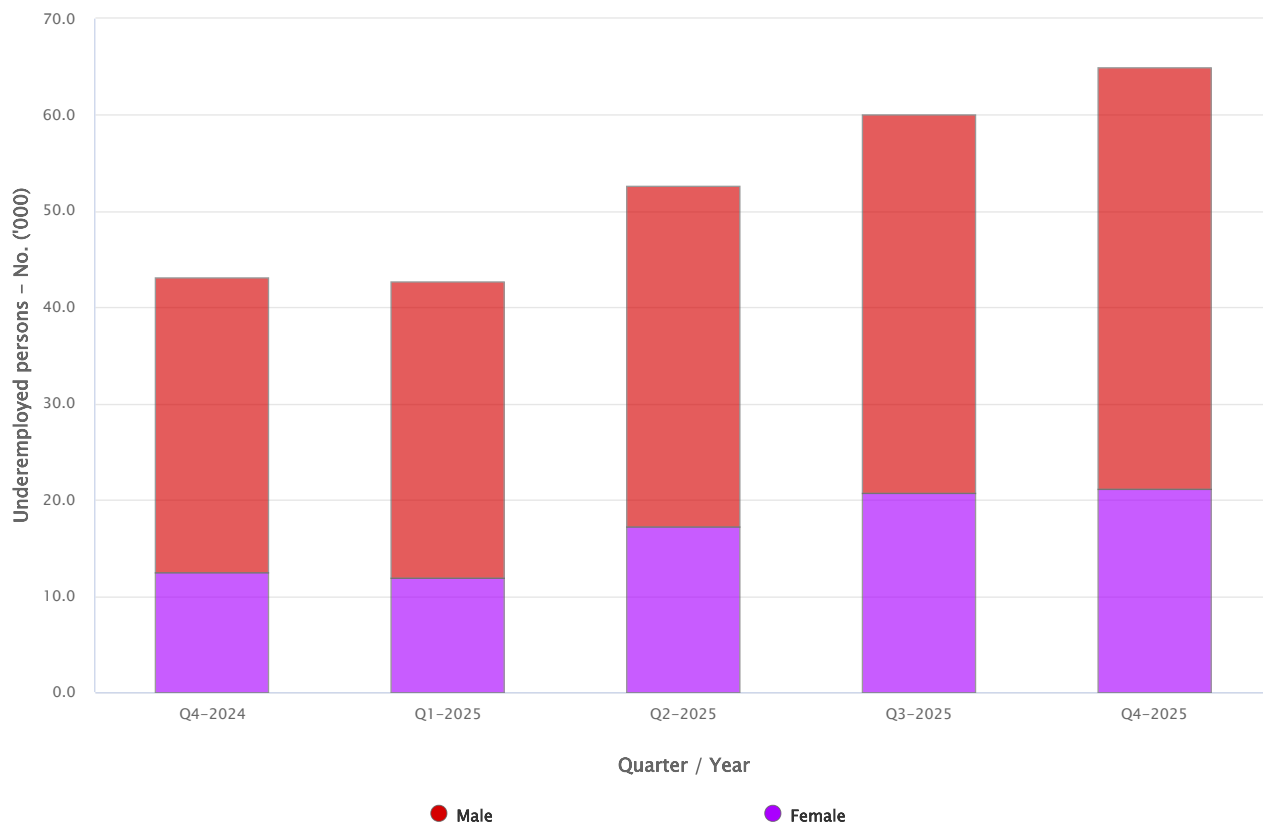
**Chart 5.1 : Underemployment rate by sex**



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	Underemployment rate				
	(%)				
	2024	2025			
Year	2024	2025			
Quarter	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex					
Male	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.4
Female	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.1
Both sexes	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.7

**Chart 5.2 : Underemployed persons by sex**



**Table 5.2 : Underemployed persons by sex**

	Underemployed persons									
	No. ('000)					Percentage share (%)				
	Year	2025				2024	2025			
Quarter	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex										
Male	30.7	30.8	35.4	39.3	43.7	71.2	72.1	67.4	65.5	67.4
Female	12.4	11.9	17.2	20.7	21.2	28.8	27.9	32.6	34.5	32.6
Both sexes	43.1	42.7	52.6	60.0	64.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Table 5.3 : Underemployed persons and underemployment rate by detailed industry of main employment**

Year	2025		
Quarter	Q4		
	Underemployed persons		Underemployment rate
	No. ('000)	Percentage share (%)	(%)
Detailed industry of main employment			
Manufacturing	0.8	1.2	0.9
Construction	18.0	27.8	5.1
Foundation and superstructure	13.1	20.2	4.6
Decoration, repair and maintenance for buildings	4.9	7.6	6.7
Import/export trade and wholesale	2.5	3.9	0.9
Import and export trade	2.3	3.5	0.8
Wholesale	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	11.3	17.4	2.2
Retail	4.1	6.4	1.7
Accommodation and food services	7.2	11.0	2.6
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	8.6	13.3	2.0
Transportation and storage	7.2	11.2	2.7
Postal and courier activities	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
Information and communications	0.9	1.4	0.7
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	8.6	13.3	1.0
Financing	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
Insurance	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
Real estate	1.2	1.8	0.7
Professional and business services	6.9	10.6	1.6
Public administration, social and personal services	14.4	22.2	1.2
Public administration	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
Education	6.4	9.8	2.6
Human health and social work activities	2.0	3.1	0.7
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1.6	2.5	2.8
Other service activities	4.3	6.6	0.9
Other industries	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
Overall	64.8	100.0	1.7

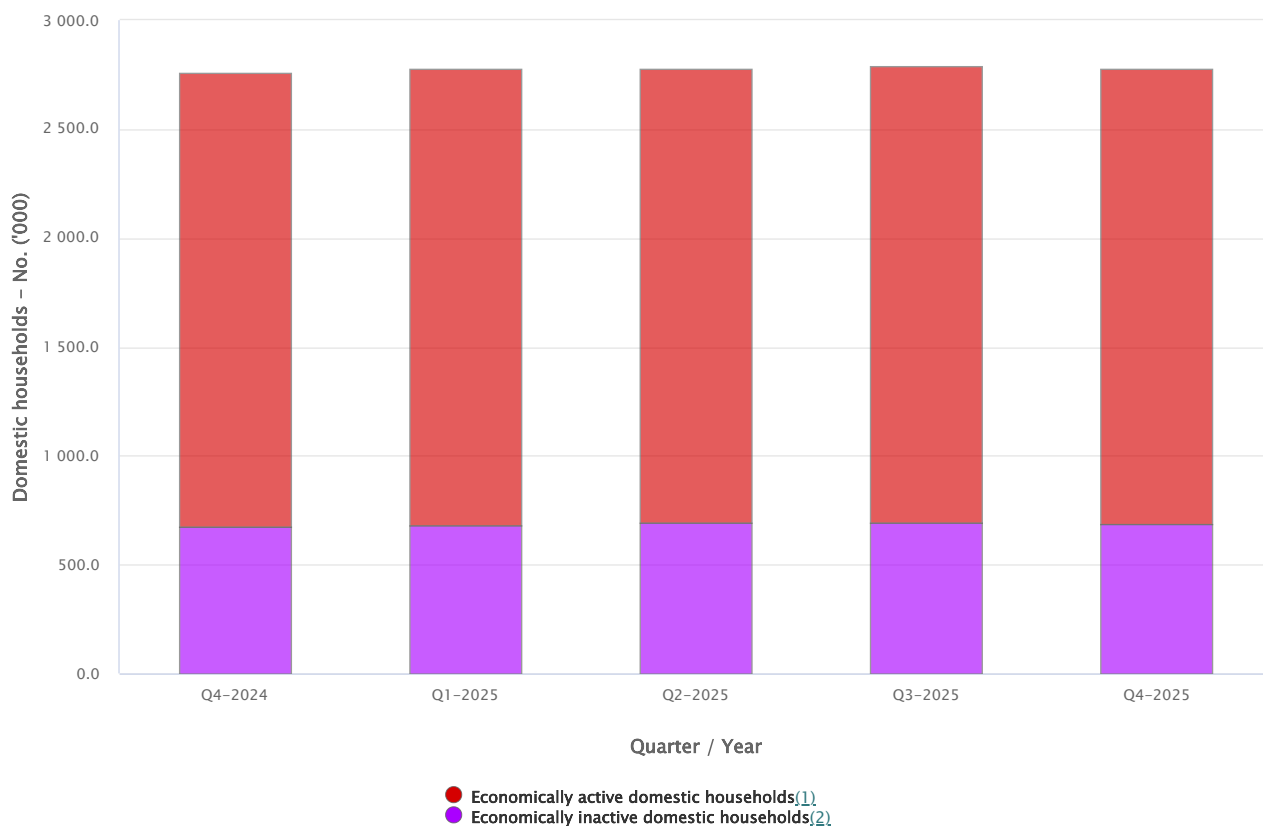
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## 6. Domestic Households

- The number of domestic households in Q4 2025 was 2 774 900, of which 75.3% were economically active households.
- The average household size in Q4 2025 was 2.6 persons. After excluding foreign domestic helpers, the average household size was 2.5 persons.
- The median monthly household income was HK\$30,000 in Q4 2025. As for economically active domestic households, the median monthly household income was HK\$40,000.

**Chart 6.1 : Domestic households by type of household**



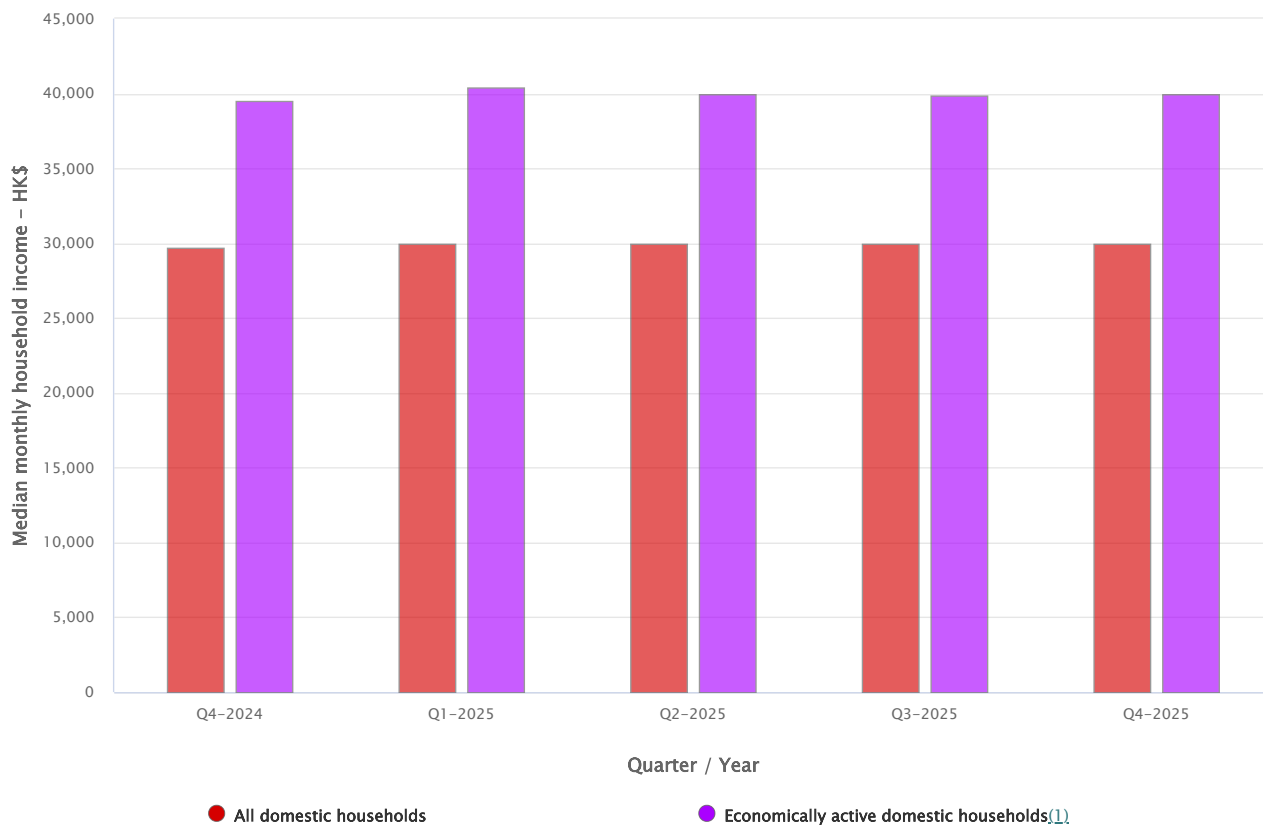
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	Domestic households									
	No. ('000)					(%)				
	Year	2025				2024	2025			
Quarter	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Type of household										
Economically active domestic households (1)	2 087.1	2 096.0	2 079.5	2 095.5	2 089.2	75.7	75.5	74.9	75.2	75.3
Economically inactive domestic households (2)	671.2	680.5	695.7	692.3	685.7	24.3	24.5	25.1	24.8	24.7
Total	2 758.4	2 776.5	2 775.3	2 787.9	2 774.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

1 Economically active household is a domestic household with at least one member (excluding foreign domestic helpers) being economically active.

2 Economically inactive household is a domestic household with all members (excluding foreign domestic helpers) being economically inactive (e.g. home-makers/retired persons not available for work or not seeking work and those below the age of 15, etc).

**Chart 6.2 : Median monthly household income by type of household**



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	Median monthly household income				
	HK\$				
	2024	2025			
Year	2024	2025			
Quarter	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Type of household					
All domestic households	29,700	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Economically active domestic households (1)	39,500	40,400	40,000	39,900	40,000

1 Economically active household is a domestic household with at least one member (excluding foreign domestic helpers) being economically active.

## 7. Detailed Statistics

### Labour force

**Table 7.1 : Labour force and labour force participation rate by age and sex**

		Labour force					Labour force participation rate				
		No. ('000)					(% )				
Year		2024	2025				2024	2025			
Quarter		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Age group										
Male	15 - 19	9.0	7.4	9.9	12.0	9.5	6.2	5.1	7.1	8.4	6.5
	20 - 24	77.7	73.4	69.1	74.2	71.9	50.9	49.5	48.0	51.0	48.4
	25 - 29	168.2	165.1	159.7	161.5	160.4	89.3	88.2	86.4	86.8	87.4
	30 - 34	211.2	210.2	209.7	212.1	209.8	94.3	93.6	93.7	93.8	93.6
	35 - 39	218.9	222.0	223.2	226.4	226.2	94.6	95.1	95.5	95.4	95.2
	40 - 44	223.4	226.6	225.9	229.6	227.6	94.2	94.9	94.5	95.0	94.7
	45 - 49	210.8	214.2	213.8	215.2	216.9	92.5	93.2	93.1	92.7	93.1
	50 - 54	217.9	216.5	215.1	214.7	215.5	89.5	88.8	88.7	88.5	89.7
	55 - 59	199.0	200.5	197.6	195.8	196.3	81.2	81.7	81.0	80.8	81.4
	60 - 64	177.2	177.3	174.4	172.5	169.3	60.4	60.6	60.2	60.8	60.6
	≥65	153.2	152.5	149.2	157.5	153.8	19.3	18.9	18.4	19.3	18.7
	Overall	1 866.5	1 865.8	1 847.6	1 871.6	1 857.1	62.6	62.3	61.9	62.4	61.9
Female	15 - 19	10.3	9.2	7.8	9.1	7.6	7.5	6.8	6.0	6.8	5.6
	20 - 24	78.1	73.3	72.3	74.1	70.7	50.7	49.0	49.6	50.9	47.8
	25 - 29	174.2	175.8	173.5	176.9	174.1	83.1	84.9	85.3	86.8	87.1
	30 - 34	229.7	230.6	230.5	233.6	232.3	82.2	82.6	83.1	84.3	84.8
	35 - 39	260.0	261.0	257.8	262.6	262.4	79.2	79.1	78.4	80.1	80.4
	40 - 44	278.2	282.1	282.3	282.3	284.0	76.8	77.5	77.5	77.4	77.9
	45 - 49	250.2	253.6	252.6	256.7	259.9	75.6	75.7	75.1	75.8	76.2
	50 - 54	243.1	243.8	245.8	240.8	236.6	71.0	71.3	72.6	71.5	70.8
	55 - 59	195.9	199.7	198.8	199.1	200.7	61.3	62.3	61.9	62.2	62.6
	60 - 64	136.3	141.0	138.9	139.1	140.2	39.5	40.8	40.2	40.8	41.4
	≥65	77.4	79.7	85.6	84.3	79.6	8.7	8.8	9.4	9.2	8.6
	Overall	1 933.3	1 949.7	1 945.9	1 958.5	1 948.1	52.2	52.5	52.5	52.8	52.5
Both sexes	15 - 19	19.3	16.6	17.8	21.1	17.1	6.8	5.9	6.5	7.7	6.1
	20 - 24	155.7	146.8	141.4	148.2	142.6	50.8	49.3	48.8	50.9	48.1
	25 - 29	342.4	340.9	333.2	338.4	334.5	86.1	86.5	85.8	86.8	87.2
	30 - 34	441.0	440.8	440.1	445.8	442.0	87.6	87.5	87.8	88.6	88.8
	35 - 39	479.0	483.0	481.0	489.0	488.6	85.5	85.8	85.5	86.5	86.7
	40 - 44	501.6	508.7	508.3	511.8	511.6	83.7	84.4	84.3	84.4	84.6
	45 - 49	461.0	467.8	466.3	471.9	476.8	82.5	82.8	82.4	82.7	83.1
	50 - 54	460.9	460.3	460.8	455.5	452.1	78.7	78.6	79.3	78.6	78.7
	55 - 59	394.9	400.3	396.3	394.9	396.9	69.9	70.7	70.2	70.2	70.7
	60 - 64	313.5	318.2	313.3	311.6	309.5	49.1	49.9	49.4	49.9	50.1
	≥65	230.6	232.1	234.8	241.8	233.4	13.7	13.6	13.6	13.9	13.3
	Overall	3 799.8	3 815.5	3 793.5	3 830.1	3 805.2	56.9	56.9	56.7	57.1	56.7

**Table 7.2 : Labour force and labour force participation rate by age and sex (excluding foreign domestic helpers)**

		Labour force (excluding foreign domestic helpers)					Labour force participation rate (excluding foreign domestic helpers)				
		No. ('000)					(%)				
Year		2024	2025				2024	2025			
Quarter		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Age group										
Male	15 - 19	9.0	7.4	9.9	12.0	9.5	6.2	5.1	7.1	8.4	6.5
	20 - 24	77.7	73.4	69.1	74.2	71.9	50.9	49.5	48.0	51.0	48.4
	25 - 29	168.0	165.0	159.6	161.4	160.4	89.3	88.2	86.4	86.8	87.4
	30 - 34	210.8	209.8	208.7	211.8	209.2	94.3	93.5	93.7	93.8	93.6
	35 - 39	217.9	221.5	222.6	225.4	226.1	94.6	95.1	95.5	95.4	95.2
	40 - 44	223.1	225.8	225.1	229.0	227.0	94.2	94.9	94.5	95.0	94.7
	45 - 49	210.5	213.8	212.9	214.5	216.5	92.5	93.1	93.1	92.7	93.1
	50 - 54	217.2	216.0	214.9	214.6	215.1	89.5	88.8	88.7	88.5	89.6
	55 - 59	198.6	200.3	197.5	195.6	195.6	81.1	81.6	81.0	80.7	81.3
	60 - 64	177.1	176.9	174.2	172.4	168.9	60.4	60.5	60.2	60.7	60.5
	≥65	153.2	152.5	149.1	157.5	153.8	19.3	18.9	18.3	19.3	18.7
	Overall	1 863.1	1 862.5	1 843.5	1 868.4	1 854.0	62.5	62.3	61.9	62.4	61.9
Female	15 - 19	10.2	9.1	7.8	9.1	7.6	7.5	6.7	6.0	6.8	5.6
	20 - 24	73.7	68.2	69.5	69.2	66.4	49.3	47.2	48.6	49.2	46.2
	25 - 29	151.3	156.6	151.8	154.6	150.8	81.1	83.4	83.5	85.2	85.4
	30 - 34	183.6	182.8	180.4	180.5	178.6	78.7	79.0	79.3	80.6	81.1
	35 - 39	180.6	185.4	182.6	188.1	188.4	72.5	72.9	72.0	74.3	74.7
	40 - 44	195.6	195.2	196.7	200.9	201.2	70.0	70.5	70.6	71.0	71.5
	45 - 49	197.4	197.3	194.9	195.8	203.6	70.9	70.8	70.0	70.5	71.5
	50 - 54	208.7	210.2	215.4	209.7	202.0	67.7	68.2	69.9	68.6	67.4
	55 - 59	185.1	189.2	186.9	187.5	188.0	60.0	61.0	60.5	60.8	61.1
	60 - 64	131.4	136.4	131.1	132.1	133.2	38.6	40.0	38.9	39.5	40.2
	≥65	74.8	77.2	83.5	82.6	77.9	8.4	8.6	9.2	9.0	8.4
	Overall	1 592.3	1 607.7	1 600.5	1 610.1	1 597.8	47.4	47.7	47.6	47.9	47.5
Both sexes	15 - 19	19.2	16.5	17.8	21.1	17.1	6.8	5.9	6.5	7.7	6.1
	20 - 24	151.4	141.7	138.6	143.4	138.3	50.1	48.4	48.3	50.1	47.3
	25 - 29	319.4	321.5	311.3	315.9	311.2	85.2	85.8	85.0	86.0	86.4
	30 - 34	394.4	392.6	389.1	392.3	387.8	86.3	86.2	86.4	87.2	87.4
	35 - 39	398.6	406.9	405.2	413.6	414.4	83.1	83.5	83.2	84.4	84.7
	40 - 44	418.7	421.0	421.8	429.9	428.2	81.1	81.7	81.6	82.0	82.2
	45 - 49	407.9	411.1	407.8	410.3	420.2	80.6	80.9	80.4	80.6	81.2
	50 - 54	425.9	426.2	430.3	424.4	417.1	77.3	77.3	78.1	77.4	77.3
	55 - 59	383.7	389.5	384.3	383.2	383.7	69.3	70.1	69.5	69.6	70.0
	60 - 64	308.5	313.3	305.2	304.5	302.1	48.7	49.5	48.7	49.3	49.5
	≥65	228.0	229.7	232.5	240.1	231.7	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.8	13.2
	Overall	3 455.4	3 470.1	3 444.0	3 478.5	3 451.7	54.5	54.5	54.3	54.7	54.3

## Employment

**Table 7.3 : Employed persons by age and sex**

		Employed persons				
		No. ('000)				
		2024	2025			
Year						
Quarter		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Age group					
Male	15 - 19	8.1	6.7	8.8	10.3	8.5
	20 - 24	70.6	66.6	62.2	63.5	62.0
	25 - 29	159.3	156.2	149.3	152.8	151.1
	30 - 34	204.5	202.7	201.6	203.5	201.6
	35 - 39	213.2	214.4	215.8	217.5	219.3
	40 - 44	217.2	220.6	218.9	219.9	219.7
	45 - 49	204.1	207.1	205.6	206.7	208.3
	50 - 54	210.3	208.4	205.3	204.4	206.4
	55 - 59	190.9	191.5	187.9	184.6	185.7
	≥60	320.9	320.3	313.7	317.1	311.7
	Overall	1 799.1	1 794.4	1 769.2	1 780.2	1 774.3
Female	15 - 19	9.7	8.6	7.0	7.6	6.7
	20 - 24	71.6	66.8	65.4	63.5	63.1
	25 - 29	167.4	168.3	165.6	168.2	166.8
	30 - 34	225.8	226.2	224.7	228.0	227.3
	35 - 39	255.0	255.8	252.5	258.0	257.2
	40 - 44	273.9	277.5	277.4	276.7	278.3
	45 - 49	245.0	248.4	246.5	250.1	253.9
	50 - 54	237.9	236.7	238.4	233.6	230.7
	55 - 59	191.8	194.5	192.3	191.1	194.0
	≥60	209.7	215.5	218.3	217.4	214.8
	Overall	1 887.9	1 898.3	1 888.2	1 894.3	1 892.7
Both sexes	15 - 19	17.8	15.3	15.8	17.9	15.3
	20 - 24	142.2	133.4	127.6	127.0	125.1
	25 - 29	326.7	324.5	314.8	321.0	317.9
	30 - 34	430.3	428.9	426.3	431.4	428.9
	35 - 39	468.2	470.1	468.3	475.5	476.5
	40 - 44	491.2	498.1	496.3	496.6	498.0
	45 - 49	449.0	455.5	452.2	456.8	462.1
	50 - 54	448.3	445.1	443.7	438.0	437.0
	55 - 59	382.7	386.0	380.2	375.7	379.7
	≥60	530.6	535.7	532.0	534.5	526.4
	Overall	3 687.0	3 692.7	3 657.3	3 674.5	3 667.0

**Table 7.4 : Employed persons by age and sex (excluding foreign domestic helpers)**

		Employed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers)				
		No. ('000)				
		2024	2025			
Year		2024	2025			
Quarter		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Age group					
Male	15 - 19	8.1	6.7	8.8	10.3	8.5
	20 - 24	70.6	66.6	62.2	63.5	62.0
	25 - 29	159.1	156.1	149.1	152.6	151.1
	30 - 34	204.1	202.3	200.7	203.2	201.0
	35 - 39	212.2	213.8	215.2	216.6	219.2
	40 - 44	216.9	219.8	218.1	219.3	219.1
	45 - 49	203.8	206.7	204.7	205.9	207.9
	50 - 54	209.7	207.9	205.1	204.3	206.0
	55 - 59	190.5	191.3	187.8	184.4	185.1
	≥60	320.8	319.9	313.3	317.0	311.2
	Overall	1 795.7	1 791.1	1 765.0	1 777.1	1 771.2
Female	15 - 19	9.6	8.5	7.0	7.6	6.7
	20 - 24	67.2	61.7	62.6	58.6	58.8
	25 - 29	144.6	149.0	143.8	145.9	143.6
	30 - 34	179.7	178.4	174.6	174.8	173.6
	35 - 39	175.6	180.1	177.3	183.5	183.1
	40 - 44	191.4	190.6	191.7	195.4	195.5
	45 - 49	192.1	192.2	188.9	189.3	197.6
	50 - 54	203.5	203.2	208.1	202.6	196.0
	55 - 59	181.0	184.0	180.4	179.6	181.3
	≥60	202.2	208.5	208.4	208.7	206.1
	Overall	1 546.9	1 556.2	1 542.8	1 545.9	1 542.3
Both sexes	15 - 19	17.7	15.2	15.8	17.9	15.3
	20 - 24	137.9	128.3	124.8	122.1	120.8
	25 - 29	303.7	305.1	292.9	298.5	294.6
	30 - 34	383.8	380.7	375.2	378.0	374.6
	35 - 39	387.8	394.0	392.5	400.1	402.3
	40 - 44	408.2	410.4	409.8	414.7	414.7
	45 - 49	395.9	398.8	393.7	395.2	405.5
	50 - 54	413.2	411.1	413.2	406.9	402.0
	55 - 59	371.5	375.3	368.2	364.0	366.4
	≥60	523.0	528.4	521.7	525.6	517.3
	Overall	3 342.7	3 347.3	3 307.8	3 322.9	3 313.5

**Table 7.5 : Employed persons by educational attainment and sex**

		Employed persons				
		No. ('000)				
		2024	2025			
Year		2024	2025			
Quarter		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Educational attainment					
Male	Primary and below	97.8	91.8	88.4	86.7	83.6
	Lower secondary (1)	262.8	248.0	240.5	244.3	244.3
	Upper secondary (2)	579.6	581.7	581.3	578.1	574.1
	Post-secondary - diploma/certificate	68.3	61.7	62.0	63.6	69.8
	Post-secondary - sub-degree	135.4	141.9	145.2	141.7	135.4
	Post-secondary - degree	655.2	669.3	651.8	665.7	667.1
	Overall	1 799.1	1 794.4	1 769.2	1 780.2	1 774.3
Female	Primary and below	145.3	144.7	145.1	137.3	128.8
	Lower secondary (1)	209.5	207.9	215.0	217.8	210.0
	Upper secondary (2)	712.1	703.1	696.6	714.9	728.9
	Post-secondary - diploma/certificate	67.2	63.8	64.7	67.0	69.7
	Post-secondary - sub-degree	118.4	116.1	114.0	110.1	110.0
	Post-secondary - degree	635.5	662.7	652.7	647.2	645.3
	Overall	1 887.9	1 898.3	1 888.2	1 894.3	1 892.7
Both sexes	Primary and below	243.1	236.5	233.5	224.1	212.4
	Lower secondary (1)	472.3	456.0	455.5	462.1	454.2
	Upper secondary (2)	1 291.7	1 284.9	1 277.9	1 293.0	1 303.1
	Post-secondary - diploma/certificate	135.5	125.5	126.7	130.6	139.5
	Post-secondary - sub-degree	253.8	258.0	259.2	251.8	245.4
	Post-secondary - degree	1 290.6	1 331.9	1 304.5	1 312.9	1 312.4
	Overall	3 687.0	3 692.7	3 657.3	3 674.5	3 667.0

1 Including Secondary 1-3 or equivalent level.

2 Including Secondary 4-7 of old academic structure (1985-2011), Secondary 4-6 of new academic structure (2012 onwards) or equivalent level, Project Yi Jin/Yi Jin Diploma, Diploma of Applied Education and craft level.

**Table 7.6 : Employed persons by educational attainment and sex (excluding foreign domestic helpers)**

		Employed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers)				
		No. ('000)				
		Year	2025			
Quarter		2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Educational attainment					
Male	Primary and below	97.5	91.8	88.3	86.7	83.5
	Lower secondary (1)	262.1	247.9	240.4	244.2	243.9
	Upper secondary (2)	577.5	578.8	577.4	575.3	571.7
	Post-secondary - diploma/certificate	68.3	61.7	62.0	63.5	69.8
	Post-secondary - sub-degree	135.4	141.9	145.2	141.7	135.4
	Post-secondary - degree	654.9	669.0	651.8	665.7	666.8
	Overall	1 795.7	1 791.1	1 765.0	1 777.1	1 771.2
Female	Primary and below	114.5	112.3	111.2	106.8	101.7
	Lower secondary (1)	181.5	181.6	180.2	180.8	171.9
	Upper secondary (2)	467.9	463.1	462.3	476.7	483.0
	Post-secondary - diploma/certificate	56.4	53.8	54.7	57.2	61.6
	Post-secondary - sub-degree	115.7	112.5	110.8	106.8	105.3
	Post-secondary - degree	610.8	632.9	623.6	617.6	618.8
	Overall	1 546.9	1 556.2	1 542.8	1 545.9	1 542.3
Both sexes	Primary and below	212.1	204.1	199.5	193.5	185.2
	Lower secondary (1)	443.5	429.5	420.6	424.9	415.8
	Upper secondary (2)	1 045.5	1 041.9	1 039.7	1 052.0	1 054.7
	Post-secondary - diploma/certificate	124.8	115.5	116.7	120.6	131.4
	Post-secondary - sub-degree	251.1	254.4	255.9	248.5	240.8
	Post-secondary - degree	1 265.7	1 301.9	1 275.4	1 283.4	1 285.6
	Overall	3 342.7	3 347.3	3 307.8	3 322.9	3 313.5

1 Including Secondary 1-3 or equivalent level.

2 Including Secondary 4-7 of old academic structure (1985-2011), Secondary 4-6 of new academic structure (2012 onwards) or equivalent level, Project Yi Jin/Yi Jin Diploma, Diploma of Applied Education and craft level.

**Table 7.7 : Employed persons by detailed industry of main employment and sex**

		Employed persons				
		No. ('000)				
		Year	2025			
Quarter		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Detailed industry of main employment					
Male	Manufacturing	55.2	57.8	62.7	60.7	55.5
	Construction	306.0	297.1	294.0	291.9	289.9
	Foundation and superstructure	241.6	234.3	235.8	232.8	230.1
	Decoration, repair and maintenance for buildings	64.3	62.7	58.1	59.0	59.8
	Import/export trade and wholesale	143.0	140.7	140.5	139.4	140.1
	Import and export trade	137.2	132.7	133.4	131.5	132.1
	Wholesale	5.8	7.9	7.0	7.9	8.1
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	221.8	217.2	208.5	208.6	206.9
	Retail	94.7	95.5	96.1	90.2	90.1
	Accommodation and food services	127.1	121.7	112.4	118.4	116.8
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	316.7	318.3	308.1	306.6	306.4
	Transportation and storage	202.0	204.1	200.6	195.9	197.4
	Postal and courier activities	21.1	20.2	20.6	19.8	19.1
	Information and communications	93.7	94.0	86.9	90.9	89.9
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	413.7	424.3	427.5	429.0	424.3
	Financing	99.9	102.3	105.8	107.5	101.1
	Insurance	26.4	28.1	28.7	28.1	28.0
	Real estate	96.8	97.1	96.5	100.1	98.5
	Professional and business services	190.6	196.8	196.5	193.4	196.8
	Public administration, social and personal services	324.6	318.8	309.8	324.9	333.4
	Public administration	79.8	77.0	74.1	79.5	80.4
	Education	85.5	79.9	79.6	81.7	83.4
	Human health and social work activities	74.3	72.5	72.8	77.9	75.7
Arts, entertainment and recreation	29.0	28.8	26.9	26.9	32.0	
Other service activities	56.0	60.6	56.3	59.0	62.0	
Other industries	18.0	20.3	18.2	19.2	17.8	
Overall	1 799.1	1 794.4	1 769.2	1 780.2	1 774.3	
Female	Manufacturing	30.9	30.5	28.0	26.9	31.1
	Construction	45.0	48.2	41.3	40.8	43.2
	Foundation and superstructure	37.6	40.8	32.5	31.8	35.9
	Decoration, repair and maintenance for buildings	7.3	7.4	8.8	9.0	7.4
	Import/export trade and wholesale	149.1	150.2	142.5	144.0	144.1
	Import and export trade	142.2	145.3	136.9	137.9	138.9
	Wholesale	6.8	5.0	5.6	6.1	5.3
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	283.2	281.2	282.0	281.0	282.9
	Retail	149.5	143.3	139.2	145.6	143.7
	Accommodation and food services	133.7	137.9	142.7	135.3	139.2
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	100.1	101.9	109.8	110.2	103.9
	Transportation and storage	59.4	59.9	61.9	64.6	60.4
	Postal and courier activities	2.7	4.7	5.6	5.6	5.1
	Information and communications	38.1	37.2	42.3	39.9	38.4
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	444.8	435.8	430.9	439.9	439.6
	Financing	98.8	97.9	95.0	96.5	101.2
	Insurance	41.2	41.0	38.5	39.7	38.3
	Real estate	75.4	72.3	72.4	73.1	74.7

		Employed persons				
		No. ('000)				
		Year	2025			
Quarter		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Detailed industry of main employment					
	Professional and business services	229.3	224.5	224.9	230.6	225.5
	Public administration, social and personal services	828.3	842.5	848.0	845.4	840.9
	Public administration	53.9	53.7	56.1	51.6	50.5
	Education	149.9	155.2	156.6	155.5	154.6
	Human health and social work activities	185.0	192.4	191.5	188.6	192.4
	Arts, entertainment and recreation	27.7	26.6	25.7	27.4	24.2
	Other service activities	411.7	414.6	418.1	422.3	419.3
	Other industries	6.6	7.9	5.8	6.1	6.9
	Overall	1 887.9	1 898.3	1 888.2	1 894.3	1 892.7
Both sexes	Manufacturing	86.1	88.2	90.7	87.6	86.5
	Construction	350.9	345.3	335.2	332.7	333.1
	Foundation and superstructure	279.3	275.2	268.3	264.6	265.9
	Decoration, repair and maintenance for buildings	71.7	70.1	66.9	68.0	67.2
	Import/export trade and wholesale	292.1	290.9	282.9	283.4	284.3
	Import and export trade	279.4	278.0	270.3	269.4	270.9
	Wholesale	12.7	12.9	12.6	14.0	13.3
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	505.0	498.4	490.5	489.6	489.8
	Retail	244.2	238.8	235.4	235.8	233.8
	Accommodation and food services	260.8	259.6	255.1	253.8	256.0
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	416.8	420.2	417.9	416.8	410.3
	Transportation and storage	261.3	264.1	262.6	260.5	257.8
	Postal and courier activities	23.7	25.0	26.2	25.5	24.2
	Information and communications	131.7	131.1	129.2	130.8	128.3
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	858.5	860.2	858.4	868.9	864.0
	Financing	198.8	200.2	200.9	204.0	202.2
	Insurance	67.7	69.1	67.2	67.8	66.3
	Real estate	172.2	169.5	168.9	173.2	173.2
	Professional and business services	419.9	421.3	421.5	423.9	422.3
	Public administration, social and personal services	1 152.9	1 161.3	1 157.7	1 170.3	1 174.3
	Public administration	133.7	130.7	130.3	131.1	130.9
	Education	235.5	235.1	236.2	237.2	237.9
	Human health and social work activities	259.3	264.9	264.3	266.5	268.1
	Arts, entertainment and recreation	56.7	55.5	52.6	54.2	56.1
	Other service activities	467.7	475.2	474.3	481.3	481.3
	Other industries	24.6	28.3	24.0	25.3	24.7
	Overall	3 687.0	3 692.7	3 657.3	3 674.5	3 667.0

1 The retail, accommodation and food services industries as a whole is generally referred to as the consumption- and tourism-related segment.

**Table 7.8 : Employed persons by occupation of main employment and sex**

		Employed persons				
		No. ('000)				
		Year	2025			
Quarter		2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Occupation of main employment					
Male	Managers	268.5	270.8	271.6	272.4	262.0
	Professionals	234.3	240.6	238.0	240.1	241.2
	Associate professionals	333.2	339.6	342.0	331.9	333.6
	Clerical support workers	113.5	113.7	106.8	115.2	120.0
	Services and sales workers	301.0	298.2	287.3	296.3	295.1
	Craft and related trades workers	218.1	203.6	202.7	205.1	206.0
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	142.7	145.2	143.7	137.8	136.4
	Elementary occupations	181.2	178.1	173.3	176.6	175.2
	Other occupations	6.5	4.7	3.7	4.9	5.0
	Overall	1 799.1	1 794.4	1 769.2	1 780.2	1 774.3
Female	Managers	152.4	161.1	170.7	163.5	162.8
	Professionals	225.8	223.9	229.9	228.5	225.8
	Associate professionals	276.7	269.2	252.1	263.7	267.2
	Clerical support workers	330.6	333.0	330.1	327.2	325.1
	Services and sales workers	390.5	393.3	396.7	400.8	403.4
	Craft and related trades workers	12.9	16.6	11.8	11.5	11.1
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	4.9	4.2	4.9	5.1	4.5
	Elementary occupations	491.9	494.9	489.7	490.9	489.2
	Other occupations	2.3	2.1	2.2	3.1	3.6
	Overall	1 887.9	1 898.3	1 888.2	1 894.3	1 892.7
Both sexes	Managers	420.9	432.0	442.3	435.9	424.8
	Professionals	460.1	464.5	467.9	468.6	467.1
	Associate professionals	609.9	608.8	594.2	595.6	600.8
	Clerical support workers	444.1	446.6	436.9	442.3	445.1
	Services and sales workers	691.5	691.5	684.0	697.0	698.4
	Craft and related trades workers	231.1	220.2	214.5	216.6	217.1
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	147.6	149.4	148.6	142.9	140.8
	Elementary occupations	673.1	673.0	663.0	667.5	664.3
	Other occupations	8.8	6.8	5.9	8.0	8.5
	Overall	3 687.0	3 692.7	3 657.3	3 674.5	3 667.0

**Table 7.9 : Employed persons by hours of work of all employment and sex**

		Employed persons				
		No. ('000)				
		2024	2025			
Year		2024	2025			
Quarter		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Hours of work of all employment (1)					
Male	< 20	101.2	191.9	113.0	106.1	101.6
	20 - 29	66.2	110.7	113.0	66.3	72.8
	30 - 34	86.6	74.4	82.9	71.4	79.6
	35 - 39	115.1	117.6	124.0	126.1	117.5
	40 - 44	575.8	532.2	545.1	562.3	561.6
	45 - 49	383.7	340.5	347.4	389.1	387.3
	50 - 54	223.9	197.7	209.7	222.8	208.6
	55 - 59	59.6	46.3	54.2	54.2	50.4
	60 - 64	106.2	109.9	104.9	109.8	120.6
	65 - 69	24.5	22.7	22.3	22.6	23.0
	70 - 74	42.8	37.9	40.2	37.8	41.1
	≥ 75	13.5	12.7	12.6	11.8	10.1
	Overall	1 799.1	1 794.4	1 769.2	1 780.2	1 774.3
	Female	< 20	129.3	207.5	144.8	132.8
20 - 29		86.7	120.4	120.9	83.2	88.5
30 - 34		81.5	90.5	88.3	72.8	79.8
35 - 39		126.4	120.9	120.3	133.7	119.1
40 - 44		561.2	536.5	557.3	583.4	560.8
45 - 49		353.3	315.8	321.7	349.3	362.4
50 - 54		203.3	195.8	210.3	188.1	204.0
55 - 59		43.9	34.8	38.4	40.8	45.4
60 - 64		228.4	213.5	205.9	224.8	234.6
65 - 69		22.3	15.3	20.5	25.4	19.8
70 - 74		42.0	40.0	51.0	50.5	41.3
≥ 75		9.5	7.1	8.6	9.6	9.1
Overall		1 887.9	1 898.3	1 888.2	1 894.3	1 892.7
Both sexes		< 20	230.5	399.4	257.8	238.9
	20 - 29	153.0	231.1	233.9	149.5	161.3
	30 - 34	168.1	164.9	171.2	144.2	159.5
	35 - 39	241.5	238.5	244.3	259.8	236.6
	40 - 44	1 137.1	1 068.7	1 102.4	1 145.7	1 122.5
	45 - 49	737.0	656.3	669.1	738.3	749.8
	50 - 54	427.2	393.6	420.0	410.9	412.5
	55 - 59	103.5	81.1	92.6	94.9	95.8
	60 - 64	334.6	323.4	310.8	334.6	355.2
	65 - 69	46.8	38.0	42.8	48.0	42.8
	70 - 74	84.8	77.9	91.2	88.3	82.5
	≥ 75	23.0	19.8	21.2	21.4	19.3
	Overall	3 687.0	3 692.7	3 657.3	3 674.5	3 667.0

1 Referring to hours of work of all employment during the 7 days before enumeration.

**Table 7.10 : Employed persons by hours of work of all employment and sex (excluding foreign domestic helpers)**

		Employed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers)				
		No. ('000)				
		Year	2025			
Quarter		2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Hours of work of all employment (1)					
Male	< 20	101.2	191.9	113.0	106.1	101.4
	20 - 29	66.2	110.7	113.0	66.3	72.8
	30 - 34	86.6	74.4	82.9	71.4	79.6
	35 - 39	115.1	117.6	123.8	126.1	117.5
	40 - 44	575.2	531.9	544.9	561.9	561.3
	45 - 49	383.2	340.1	346.9	388.7	386.8
	50 - 54	223.4	197.3	208.6	222.1	207.9
	55 - 59	59.6	46.3	54.0	54.2	50.2
	60 - 64	104.8	108.5	103.8	108.5	119.5
	65 - 69	24.5	22.2	21.9	22.6	23.0
	70 - 74	42.8	37.6	39.6	37.5	41.0
	≥ 75	13.2	12.7	12.6	11.8	10.1
	Overall	1 795.7	1 791.1	1 765.0	1 777.1	1 771.2
	Female	< 20	129.2	206.4	144.2	132.2
20 - 29		86.7	116.2	120.0	82.9	88.3
30 - 34		81.1	83.8	86.2	72.5	78.5
35 - 39		124.9	114.0	115.0	131.3	116.9
40 - 44		544.4	504.4	526.9	562.8	539.5
45 - 49		298.2	271.4	275.8	298.4	309.5
50 - 54		148.3	145.4	149.1	136.8	148.5
55 - 59		36.8	28.5	32.2	34.0	36.9
60 - 64		61.5	59.1	59.6	60.1	64.5
65 - 69		14.1	8.2	9.5	11.8	12.0
70 - 74		17.5	15.4	19.6	18.7	16.7
≥ 75		4.2	3.3	4.6	4.4	5.1
Overall		1 546.9	1 556.2	1 542.8	1 545.9	1 542.3
Both sexes		< 20	230.3	398.3	257.2	238.3
	20 - 29	153.0	226.8	233.0	149.2	161.1
	30 - 34	167.8	158.1	169.0	143.9	158.1
	35 - 39	239.9	231.6	238.8	257.4	234.4
	40 - 44	1 119.6	1 036.3	1 071.8	1 124.7	1 100.8
	45 - 49	681.4	611.6	622.6	687.1	696.2
	50 - 54	371.7	342.8	357.8	358.9	356.3
	55 - 59	96.4	74.8	86.2	88.2	87.1
	60 - 64	166.3	167.6	163.4	168.6	184.1
	65 - 69	38.6	30.4	31.5	34.4	34.9
	70 - 74	60.2	53.0	59.2	56.2	57.6
	≥ 75	17.4	16.0	17.2	16.2	15.2
	Overall	3 342.7	3 347.3	3 307.8	3 322.9	3 313.5

1 Referring to hours of work of all employment during the 7 days before enumeration.

**Table 7.11 : Median hours of work of employed persons by industry of main employment and sex**

		Median hours of work of employed persons				
		Hours				
		Year	2025			
Quarter		2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Industry of main employment					
Male	Manufacturing	45	44	42	45	45
	Construction	44	40	40	44	45
	Import/export trade and wholesale	40	40	40	40	40
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	48	48	48	48	48
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	42	40	40	43	42
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	40	40	40	43	40
	Public administration, social and personal services	44	42	44	44	44
	Other industries	44	40	43	44	44
	Overall	44	40	40	44	44
Female	Manufacturing	40	40	40	40	40
	Construction	40	40	40	40	40
	Import/export trade and wholesale	40	40	40	40	40
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	45	45	45	45	45
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	40	40	40	40	40
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	40	40	40	40	40
	Public administration, social and personal services	48	45	45	48	48
	Other industries	40	40	40	40	40
	Overall	44	40	42	44	44
Both sexes	Manufacturing	43	40	40	44	45
	Construction	44	40	40	42	44
	Import/export trade and wholesale	40	40	40	40	40
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	48	45	45	45	45
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	40	40	40	40	40
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	40	40	40	40	40
	Public administration, social and personal services	45	44	45	45	45
	Other industries	43	40	42	42	42
	Overall	44	40	42	44	44

1 The retail, accommodation and food services industries as a whole is generally referred to as the consumption- and tourism-related segment.

**Table 7.12 : Employed persons by monthly employment earnings and sex**

		Employed persons				
		No. ('000)				
		Year	2024	2025		
Quarter		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Monthly employment earnings (HK\$)					
Male	< 3,000	27.1	27.2	22.2	26.0	25.9
	3,000 - 3,999	10.7	9.5	10.6	9.9	8.5
	4,000 - 4,999	11.5	11.5	12.9	11.7	10.8
	5,000 - 5,999	14.6	12.7	15.4	13.3	16.1
	6,000 - 6,999	12.7	14.8	14.2	14.8	15.4
	7,000 - 7,999	15.1	12.5	14.3	13.7	12.2
	8,000 - 8,999	21.1	18.5	19.6	16.2	17.2
	9,000 - 9,999	14.5	15.3	16.2	19.6	15.2
	10,000 - 11,999	56.1	56.0	58.2	50.2	54.4
	12,000 - 13,999	79.2	75.5	67.6	70.8	70.4
	14,000 - 15,999	120.2	117.3	116.7	110.4	109.8
	16,000 - 17,999	102.3	105.0	97.3	105.3	109.9
	18,000 - 19,999	113.8	107.1	109.5	117.1	110.7
	20,000 - 24,999	312.5	282.3	290.3	300.8	295.9
	25,000 - 29,999	179.4	184.2	175.8	179.4	191.5
	30,000 - 34,999	176.4	160.9	171.8	156.8	157.4
	35,000 - 39,999	93.4	88.1	87.8	98.8	90.2
	40,000 - 44,999	78.1	86.0	88.4	90.2	88.4
	45,000 - 49,999	48.9	60.5	55.7	50.9	49.3
	50,000 - 59,999	94.0	95.6	89.5	92.3	89.8
60,000 - 79,999	97.8	99.8	89.0	99.7	99.0	
80,000 - 99,999	45.7	57.1	56.2	53.4	52.6	
≥ 100,000	74.0	97.2	90.0	79.2	83.8	
Overall		1 799.1	1 794.4	1 769.2	1 780.2	1 774.3
Female	< 3,000	35.4	36.5	35.3	32.8	32.7
	3,000 - 3,999	20.1	16.9	18.8	16.9	16.4
	4,000 - 4,999	208.6	201.8	197.3	197.2	168.3
	5,000 - 5,999	136.0	146.8	144.1	150.9	177.7
	6,000 - 6,999	49.7	46.6	51.8	53.1	54.6
	7,000 - 7,999	27.3	28.2	26.4	25.1	30.3
	8,000 - 8,999	29.9	25.8	27.3	26.5	26.5
	9,000 - 9,999	22.7	20.4	24.5	21.9	22.8
	10,000 - 11,999	73.0	65.0	73.0	66.9	59.4
	12,000 - 13,999	107.6	103.4	102.1	99.2	95.5
	14,000 - 15,999	138.5	144.1	143.6	138.0	135.3
	16,000 - 17,999	121.6	114.8	114.6	121.7	118.9
	18,000 - 19,999	109.7	107.6	107.0	108.6	114.0
	20,000 - 24,999	229.5	224.7	215.2	229.4	227.1
	25,000 - 29,999	117.9	122.0	129.8	129.8	123.4
	30,000 - 34,999	99.8	104.2	104.3	96.9	106.4
	35,000 - 39,999	64.8	60.7	57.2	66.0	68.0
	40,000 - 44,999	56.1	65.1	56.6	57.3	63.9
	45,000 - 49,999	35.0	32.5	35.7	35.5	39.8
	50,000 - 59,999	71.0	66.6	60.3	65.1	67.0
60,000 - 79,999	68.1	80.2	75.4	81.7	72.4	

		Employed persons				
		No. ('000)				
		2024	2025			
Year		2024	2025			
Quarter		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Monthly employment earnings (HK\$)					
	80,000 - 99,999	31.6	37.9	39.5	37.4	34.1
	≥ 100,000	34.0	46.2	48.2	36.3	38.2
	Overall	1 887.9	1 898.3	1 888.2	1 894.3	1 892.7
Both sexes	< 3,000	62.5	63.7	57.5	58.7	58.6
	3,000 - 3,999	30.8	26.4	29.4	26.8	24.9
	4,000 - 4,999	220.1	213.3	210.2	208.9	179.1
	5,000 - 5,999	150.6	159.5	159.6	164.3	193.7
	6,000 - 6,999	62.5	61.5	65.9	67.9	70.0
	7,000 - 7,999	42.4	40.7	40.7	38.8	42.5
	8,000 - 8,999	51.0	44.3	47.0	42.6	43.7
	9,000 - 9,999	37.3	35.7	40.6	41.5	38.0
	10,000 - 11,999	129.1	121.0	131.2	117.1	113.8
	12,000 - 13,999	186.8	178.9	169.8	170.0	165.9
	14,000 - 15,999	258.7	261.4	260.3	248.4	245.1
	16,000 - 17,999	223.9	219.9	212.0	227.0	228.9
	18,000 - 19,999	223.4	214.7	216.5	225.7	224.7
	20,000 - 24,999	542.1	507.0	505.4	530.2	523.0
	25,000 - 29,999	297.3	306.2	305.6	309.2	314.8
	30,000 - 34,999	276.2	265.1	276.1	253.6	263.8
	35,000 - 39,999	158.2	148.8	145.0	164.7	158.2
	40,000 - 44,999	134.2	151.1	145.0	147.5	152.3
	45,000 - 49,999	83.8	92.9	91.4	86.3	89.0
	50,000 - 59,999	165.0	162.1	149.8	157.4	156.8
	60,000 - 79,999	165.9	180.0	164.4	181.5	171.5
80,000 - 99,999	77.3	95.0	95.7	90.9	86.7	
≥ 100,000	107.9	143.3	138.2	115.5	122.0	
Overall	3 687.0	3 692.7	3 657.3	3 674.5	3 667.0	

**Table 7.13 : Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons by educational attainment and sex**

		Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons				
		HK\$				
		Year	2024	2025		
Quarter		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Educational attainment					
Male	Primary and below	15,500	15,600	15,500	15,500	16,000
	Lower secondary (1)	19,000	19,000	18,900	18,300	18,500
	Upper secondary (2)	20,000	20,300	20,000	20,500	20,500
	Post-secondary - diploma/certificate	22,100	25,000	23,000	24,500	25,000
	Post-secondary - sub-degree	25,000	26,000	26,000	25,000	25,000
	Post-secondary - degree	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
	Overall	24,200	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Female	Primary and below	10,800	10,900	10,500	11,000	11,000
	Lower secondary (1)	13,000	13,300	13,000	13,000	13,000
	Upper secondary (2)	13,000	13,400	13,000	13,500	13,900
	Post-secondary - diploma/certificate	18,500	19,000	19,700	17,700	19,000
	Post-secondary - sub-degree	20,000	20,000	20,000	21,000	21,000
	Post-secondary - degree	32,200	32,000	32,000	33,000	34,000
	Overall	17,000	17,900	17,500	17,900	18,000
Both sexes	Primary and below	13,000	12,100	12,200	13,000	13,000
	Lower secondary (1)	15,500	15,500	15,300	15,500	15,700
	Upper secondary (2)	17,000	17,400	17,000	17,300	17,000
	Post-secondary - diploma/certificate	20,000	20,300	20,800	20,500	21,400
	Post-secondary - sub-degree	22,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,100
	Post-secondary - degree	35,100	37,000	36,400	37,000	37,400
	Overall	20,000	20,100	20,000	20,500	20,500

1 Including Secondary 1-3 or equivalent level.

2 Including Secondary 4-7 of old academic structure (1985-2011), Secondary 4-6 of new academic structure (2012 onwards) or equivalent level, Project Yi Jin/Yi Jin Diploma, Diploma of Applied Education and craft level.

**Table 7.14 : Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons by industry of main employment and sex**

		Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons				
		HK\$				
		Year	2025			
Quarter		2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Industry of main employment					
Male	Manufacturing	21,500	25,000	25,000	24,600	25,000
	Construction	24,000	24,500	24,000	23,000	23,800
	Import/export trade and wholesale	28,700	30,000	29,000	28,700	25,000
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	20,000	19,600	19,300	19,700	20,000
	Retail	18,500	19,000	18,600	18,700	19,200
	Accommodation and food services	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,200	22,000
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	28,500	30,000	30,000	29,500	29,400
	Financing and insurance	45,000	48,000	45,900	48,000	50,000
	Real estate and professional and business services	22,500	25,000	24,000	23,500	24,000
	Public administration, social and personal services	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,600	30,000
	Other industries	23,500	24,500	28,200	26,000	26,000
	Overall	24,200	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
	Female	Manufacturing	16,000	16,000	16,000	18,000
Construction		20,000	20,000	18,100	20,000	20,000
Import/export trade and wholesale		21,000	21,000	21,300	21,000	22,000
Retail, accommodation and food services (1)		15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Retail		14,500	15,000	14,000	14,500	15,000
Accommodation and food services		15,000	15,400	15,300	15,800	15,000
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications		20,000	21,500	22,000	21,000	22,000
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services		21,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
Financing and insurance		30,000	34,700	34,900	32,900	35,000
Real estate and professional and business services		18,500	19,100	19,000	19,800	20,000
Public administration, social and personal services		12,700	13,000	13,000	13,000	12,500
Other industries		18,500	20,000	20,000	16,000	20,500
Overall		17,000	17,900	17,500	17,900	18,000
Both sexes		Manufacturing	20,000	21,500	22,500	21,000
	Construction	23,000	23,500	23,000	23,000	23,000
	Import/export trade and wholesale	24,500	25,000	25,000	23,900	23,500
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	16,000	16,600	16,000	16,500	17,000
	Retail	15,500	16,000	15,000	16,000	16,300
	Accommodation and food services	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,100	17,400
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	21,100	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	24,200	25,500	25,200	25,000	25,000
	Financing and insurance	37,500	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
	Real estate and professional and business services	20,000	20,700	20,700	21,000	21,000
	Public administration, social and personal services	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,100
	Other industries	23,000	23,600	26,200	25,000	25,000
	Overall	20,000	20,100	20,000	20,500	20,500

1 The retail, accommodation and food services industries as a whole is generally referred to as the consumption- and tourism-related segment.

**Table 7.15 : Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons by occupation of main employment and sex**

		Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons				
		HK\$				
		Year	2025			
Quarter		2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Occupation of main employment					
Male	Managers	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
	Professionals	48,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
	Associate professionals	26,900	28,600	28,800	27,400	28,000
	Clerical support workers	19,000	19,800	19,900	20,000	20,000
	Services and sales workers	19,000	19,000	18,500	19,000	19,700
	Craft and related trades workers	22,000	21,900	21,500	21,400	22,000
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	19,000	19,800	19,900	20,000	19,000
	Elementary occupations	15,000	15,600	15,500	15,800	15,900
	Other occupations	14,000	16,000	16,600	16,000	15,000
	Overall	24,200	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Female	Managers	46,000	50,000	45,000	48,000	45,000
	Professionals	45,000	45,000	47,300	46,300	45,500
	Associate professionals	25,000	25,800	25,500	25,000	26,600
	Clerical support workers	18,700	19,300	19,300	19,200	19,400
	Services and sales workers	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
	Craft and related trades workers	17,000	15,500	15,000	16,000	17,700
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	15,000	18,000	16,000	15,900	18,000
	Elementary occupations	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Other occupations	14,100 †	15,000 †	16,000 †	14,500	12,100
	Overall	17,000	17,900	17,500	17,900	18,000
Both sexes	Managers	49,300	50,000	49,400	50,000	49,800
	Professionals	45,000	48,000	50,000	49,000	47,800
	Associate professionals	25,500	27,700	27,000	26,000	27,500
	Clerical support workers	18,900	19,500	19,500	19,800	19,800
	Services and sales workers	16,000	16,500	16,000	16,300	16,600
	Craft and related trades workers	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	22,000
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	19,000	19,600	19,500	20,000	19,000
	Elementary occupations	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
	Other occupations	14,100	15,200	16,000	15,600	14,500
	Overall	20,000	20,100	20,000	20,500	20,500

† Figure should be interpreted with caution due to relatively large sampling error.

## Unemployment

**Table 7.16 : Unemployed persons and unemployment rate by age and sex**

		Unemployed persons					Unemployment rate				
		No. ('000)					(% )				
Year		2024	2025				2024	2025			
Quarter		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Age group										
Male	15 - 19	1.0	0.7	1.2	1.7	1.0	10.6	9.7	11.6	14.5	10.5
	20 - 24	7.0	6.8	6.9	10.7	9.9	9.1	9.3	10.0	14.4	13.8
	25 - 29	8.9	8.9	10.4	8.7	9.3	5.3	5.4	6.5	5.4	5.8
	30 - 34	6.7	7.5	8.1	8.7	8.2	3.2	3.6	3.9	4.1	3.9
	35 - 39	5.7	7.7	7.4	8.9	6.9	2.6	3.5	3.3	3.9	3.0
	40 - 44	6.2	6.0	7.1	9.6	7.8	2.8	2.7	3.1	4.2	3.4
	45 - 49	6.7	7.1	8.1	8.5	8.6	3.2	3.3	3.8	4.0	4.0
	50 - 54	7.5	8.1	9.8	10.3	9.1	3.5	3.7	4.5	4.8	4.2
	55 - 59	8.1	9.0	9.6	11.2	10.6	4.1	4.5	4.9	5.7	5.4
	≥60	9.4	9.5	9.9	12.9	11.4	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.9	3.5
	Overall	67.4	71.4	78.4	91.3	82.8	3.6	3.8	4.2	4.9	4.5
Female	15 - 19	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.4	0.8	5.3	6.1	11.0	15.7	11.2
	20 - 24	6.5	6.5	6.9	10.6	7.6	8.3	8.9	9.6	14.3	10.7
	25 - 29	6.8	7.5	8.0	8.7	7.2	3.9	4.3	4.6	4.9	4.2
	30 - 34	3.9	4.4	5.8	5.7	5.0	1.7	1.9	2.5	2.4	2.1
	35 - 39	5.0	5.2	5.3	4.6	5.3	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.8	2.0
	40 - 44	4.2	4.6	4.9	5.6	5.7	1.5	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.0
	45 - 49	5.3	5.2	6.0	6.5	6.1	2.1	2.0	2.4	2.5	2.3
	50 - 54	5.1	7.1	7.3	7.2	6.0	2.1	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.5
	55 - 59	4.1	5.3	6.5	8.0	6.7	2.1	2.6	3.3	4.0	3.3
	≥60	4.0	5.1	6.2	6.0	5.0	1.9	2.3	2.8	2.7	2.3
	Overall	45.4	51.5	57.7	64.3	55.4	2.3	2.6	3.0	3.3	2.8
Both sexes	15 - 19	1.5	1.3	2.0	3.2	1.8	7.8	7.7	11.3	15.0	10.8
	20 - 24	13.5	13.3	13.8	21.3	17.5	8.7	9.1	9.8	14.4	12.3
	25 - 29	15.7	16.4	18.4	17.5	16.6	4.6	4.8	5.5	5.2	5.0
	30 - 34	10.6	11.9	13.9	14.3	13.2	2.4	2.7	3.1	3.2	3.0
	35 - 39	10.7	12.9	12.6	13.5	12.1	2.2	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.5
	40 - 44	10.4	10.6	12.0	15.2	13.5	2.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.6
	45 - 49	11.9	12.3	14.1	15.1	14.7	2.6	2.6	3.0	3.2	3.1
	50 - 54	12.7	15.2	17.1	17.5	15.1	2.8	3.3	3.7	3.8	3.3
	55 - 59	12.2	14.3	16.1	19.2	17.3	3.1	3.6	4.1	4.8	4.3
	≥60	13.4	14.6	16.1	18.9	16.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.4	3.0
	Overall	112.8	122.8	136.2	155.6	138.2	3.0	3.2	3.6	4.1	3.6

**Table 7.17 : Unemployed persons by duration of unemployment, age and sex**

			Unemployed persons				
			No. ('000)				
			Year	2024	2025		
Quarter			Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Duration of unemployment (months)	Age group					
Male	<1	15 - 24	1.7	1.0	2.1	4.6	1.9
		25 - 39	4.4	4.8	6.2	4.2	4.0
		≥40	10.5	10.3	11.0	13.1	9.1
		Overall	16.6	16.1	19.3	21.9	14.9
	1 - < 2	15 - 24	1.8	0.9	0.9	2.9	2.0
		25 - 39	4.7	4.5	4.5	3.5	3.7
		≥40	4.5	5.6	7.3	7.2	7.8
		Overall	11.1	11.0	12.6	13.7	13.5
	2 - < 3	15 - 24	1.2	0.6	1.2	0.8	1.9
		25 - 39	3.1	3.7	1.9	3.6	3.6
		≥40	4.0	4.6	5.5	5.9	6.3
		Overall	8.3	8.9	8.6	10.3	11.8
	3 - < 6	15 - 24	2.0	2.5	1.0	1.3	2.3
		25 - 39	3.6	4.0	5.1	4.6	4.9
		≥40	7.3	6.0	6.4	8.5	7.9
		Overall	12.8	12.5	12.6	14.5	15.2
	≥ 6	15 - 24	1.4	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.8
		25 - 39	5.6	7.1	8.3	10.4	8.3
		≥40	11.7	13.3	14.2	17.9	16.4
		Overall	18.7	22.9	25.4	31.0	27.4
	Overall	15 - 24	8.0	7.5	8.1	12.4	10.9
		25 - 39	21.4	24.1	25.9	26.3	24.4
		≥40	38.0	39.7	44.5	52.6	47.5
		Overall	67.4	71.4	78.4	91.3	82.8
Female	<1	15 - 24	1.2	1.1	3.1	3.5	1.6
		25 - 39	4.1	4.2	3.8	4.0	3.3
		≥40	5.5	9.1	7.0	8.2	5.8
		Overall	10.8	14.4	13.9	15.7	10.7
	1 - < 2	15 - 24	1.2	1.1	0.9	2.0	1.2
		25 - 39	3.2	2.2	4.5	4.2	3.8
		≥40	2.8	3.3	5.1	6.0	5.1
		Overall	7.1	6.7	10.4	12.2	10.1
	2 - < 3	15 - 24	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.8	1.3
		25 - 39	1.9	3.2	2.3	2.7	1.2
		≥40	3.5	3.6	4.4	3.7	3.8
		Overall	6.9	7.9	7.8	8.2	6.3
	3 - < 6	15 - 24	2.4	2.5	0.8	1.6	2.2
		25 - 39	3.3	2.7	4.2	3.8	4.5
		≥40	3.4	4.1	6.7	5.4	5.3
		Overall	9.1	9.3	11.6	10.8	12.0
	≥ 6	15 - 24	0.7	1.3	1.9	3.1	2.2
		25 - 39	3.3	4.7	4.2	4.4	4.7
		≥40	7.5	7.1	7.9	9.8	9.4
		Overall	11.5	13.2	14.0	17.4	16.3

			Unemployed persons				
			No. ('000)				
			2024	2025			
Year			Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Quarter			Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Duration of unemployment (months)	Age group					
	Overall	15 - 24	7.0	7.1	7.8	12.0	8.4
		25 - 39	15.7	17.1	19.0	19.0	17.5
		≥40	22.7	27.2	31.0	33.2	29.5
		Overall	45.4	51.5	57.7	64.3	55.4
Both sexes	<1	15 - 24	2.9	2.1	5.2	8.2	3.5
		25 - 39	8.4	9.0	10.0	8.2	7.2
		≥40	16.0	19.4	18.0	21.3	14.9
		Overall	27.4	30.5	33.3	37.6	25.6
	1 - < 2	15 - 24	3.0	2.0	1.7	4.9	3.2
		25 - 39	7.9	6.7	8.9	7.7	7.5
		≥40	7.3	8.9	12.3	13.2	12.9
		Overall	18.2	17.6	23.0	25.8	23.6
	2 - < 3	15 - 24	2.7	1.7	2.3	2.5	3.3
		25 - 39	5.0	7.0	4.2	6.3	4.8
		≥40	7.5	8.2	9.9	9.6	10.1
		Overall	15.2	16.8	16.4	18.5	18.1
	3 - < 6	15 - 24	4.3	5.0	1.8	2.9	4.5
		25 - 39	6.9	6.7	9.3	8.4	9.4
		≥40	10.6	10.1	13.1	14.0	13.3
		Overall	21.9	21.8	24.2	25.3	27.2
	≥ 6	15 - 24	2.1	3.8	4.7	5.9	4.9
		25 - 39	8.9	11.8	12.5	14.8	12.9
		≥40	19.2	20.5	22.1	27.7	25.8
		Overall	30.2	36.1	39.3	48.4	43.7
	Overall	15 - 24	15.0	14.6	15.8	24.4	19.3
		25 - 39	37.1	41.2	44.9	45.3	41.9
		≥40	60.7	67.0	75.4	85.8	77.0
		Overall	112.8	122.8	136.2	155.6	138.2

**Table 7.18 : Median duration of unemployment by sex**

	Median duration of unemployment				
	Days				
	2024	2025			
Year	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Quarter	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex					
Male	83	90	87	91	96
Female	82	79	78	77	94
Both sexes	83	85	83	84	95

**Table 7.19 : Unemployed persons with a previous job by previous industry and sex**

		Unemployed persons with a previous job				
		No. ('000)				
		Year	2025			
Quarter		2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Previous industry					
Male	Manufacturing	2.0	2.1	1.8	2.0	1.7
	Construction	14.9	16.9	22.0	23.3	21.5
	Import/export trade and wholesale	5.5	4.8	4.9	5.8	5.0
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	12.6	11.5	12.3	15.8	14.1
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	10.2	11.1	10.1	11.6	11.6
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	10.3	12.7	14.7	17.9	13.9
	Public administration, social and personal services	5.9	6.3	6.3	5.6	5.9
	Other industries	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall - not including first-time job-seekers and re-entrants into the labour force who were unemployed	61.4	65.6	72.4	82.3	73.8
Female	Manufacturing	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.6	1.4
	Construction	1.4	1.4	2.3	2.6	2.3
	Import/export trade and wholesale	3.5	3.8	3.7	4.8	5.0
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	10.1	13.0	14.7	14.9	12.9
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	2.7	2.8	4.0	3.8	2.7
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	11.4	12.0	14.7	12.5	13.1
	Public administration, social and personal services	9.0	10.1	10.5	13.0	11.1
	Other industries	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall - not including first-time job-seekers and re-entrants into the labour force who were unemployed	39.0	44.4	51.1	53.5	48.9
Both sexes	Manufacturing	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.6	3.1
	Construction	16.3	18.3	24.3	25.9	23.8
	Import/export trade and wholesale	9.0	8.7	8.6	10.5	10.0
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	22.8	24.4	27.0	30.7	27.0
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	13.0	14.0	14.1	15.4	14.3
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	21.7	24.7	29.4	30.4	26.9
	Public administration, social and personal services	14.8	16.4	16.8	18.6	17.0
	Other industries	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	0.7	0.5
	Overall - not including first-time job-seekers and re-entrants into the labour force who were unemployed	100.5	110.0	123.4	135.8	122.7

1 The retail, accommodation and food services industries as a whole is generally referred to as the consumption- and tourism-related segment.  
[\*7] Figure is not released due to relatively large sampling error.

**Table 7.20 : Unemployed persons with a previous job by previous occupation and sex**

		Unemployed persons with a previous job				
		No. ('000)				
		Year	2025			
Quarter		2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Previous occupation					
Male	Managers, professionals and associate professionals	17.8	21.9	22.7	27.4	22.7
	Clerical support workers	6.4	6.0	6.2	5.8	4.3
	Services and sales workers	13.5	11.2	12.5	15.9	13.0
	Craft and related trades workers	9.1	10.2	13.5	15.7	14.1
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	4.1	3.3	3.2	4.3	4.2
	Elementary occupations	10.4	12.9	14.0	12.9	15.3
	Other occupations	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall - not including first-time job-seekers and re-entrants into the labour force who were unemployed	61.4	65.6	72.4	82.3	73.8
Female	Managers, professionals and associate professionals	12.7	12.7	15.7	15.1	14.7
	Clerical support workers	8.9	10.4	11.7	12.0	11.0
	Services and sales workers	11.6	14.0	16.3	17.6	16.5
	Craft and related trades workers	[*7]	0.6	0.6	[*7]	1.0
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Elementary occupations	5.5	6.6	6.5	8.0	5.4
	Other occupations	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall - not including first-time job-seekers and re-entrants into the labour force who were unemployed	39.0	44.4	51.1	53.5	48.9
Both sexes	Managers, professionals and associate professionals	30.5	34.6	38.4	42.5	37.3
	Clerical support workers	15.3	16.4	17.9	17.9	15.3
	Services and sales workers	25.1	25.2	28.7	33.5	29.5
	Craft and related trades workers	9.3	10.8	14.1	16.1	15.2
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	4.3	3.4	3.5	4.6	4.5
	Elementary occupations	16.0	19.5	20.5	20.9	20.7
	Other occupations	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall - not including first-time job-seekers and re-entrants into the labour force who were unemployed	100.5	110.0	123.4	135.8	122.7

[\*7] Figure is not released due to relatively large sampling error.

## Underemployment

**Table 7.21 : Underemployed persons and underemployment rate by age and sex**

		Underemployed persons					Underemployment rate				
		No. ('000)					(%)				
Year		2024	2025				2024	2025			
Quarter		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Age group										
Male	15 - 19	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	20 - 29	4.9	4.3	4.2	5.7	6.1	2.0	1.8	1.8	2.4	2.6
	30 - 39	6.6	6.4	5.0	8.0	7.0	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.8	1.6
	40 - 49	5.6	6.2	7.2	9.1	9.8	1.3	1.4	1.6	2.0	2.2
	50 - 59	8.6	8.8	11.2	10.7	12.5	2.1	2.1	2.7	2.6	3.0
	≥60	4.7	4.8	7.5	5.6	8.2	1.4	1.4	2.3	1.7	2.5
	Overall	30.7	30.8	35.4	39.3	43.7	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.4
Female	15 - 19	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	20 - 29	2.2	1.6	2.7	4.3	2.3	0.9	0.7	1.1	1.7	0.9
	30 - 39	2.0	2.3	2.0	3.9	3.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.7
	40 - 49	2.9	2.7	4.0	3.7	4.9	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.9
	50 - 59	3.9	3.5	6.8	3.7	6.8	0.9	0.8	1.5	0.8	1.6
	≥60	1.2	1.6	1.7	4.7	3.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	2.1	1.6
	Overall	12.4	11.9	17.2	20.7	21.2	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.1
Both sexes	15 - 19	0.5	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	2.8	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	20 - 29	7.1	6.0	6.9	10.0	8.4	1.4	1.2	1.5	2.1	1.8
	30 - 39	8.6	8.8	7.1	12.0	10.4	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.3	1.1
	40 - 49	8.5	8.9	11.2	12.8	14.6	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.5
	50 - 59	12.5	12.4	18.0	14.5	19.3	1.5	1.4	2.1	1.7	2.3
	≥60	5.8	6.4	9.2	10.3	11.6	1.1	1.2	1.7	1.9	2.1
	Overall	43.1	42.7	52.6	60.0	64.8	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.7

[\*7] Figure is not released due to relatively large sampling error.

**Table 7.22 : Underemployed persons by industry of main employment and sex**

		Underemployed persons				
		No. ('000)				
		Year	2025			
Quarter		2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Industry of main employment					
Male	Manufacturing	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.6	[*7]
	Construction	14.3	13.5	16.9	16.5	16.9
	Import/export trade and wholesale	0.9	[*7]	0.7	1.2	1.6
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	3.8	2.9	2.9	4.9	4.8
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	4.4	4.6	6.7	6.7	7.8
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.1	5.3
	Public administration, social and personal services	3.7	5.4	4.5	6.2	6.6
	Other industries	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall	30.7	30.8	35.4	39.3	43.7
Female	Manufacturing	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Construction	[*7]	1.0	1.7	[*7]	1.1
	Import/export trade and wholesale	[*7]	[*7]	0.7	0.6	0.9
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	3.8	4.4	5.6	6.9	6.5
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	0.5	[*7]	0.5	0.9	0.9
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	1.7	2.2	3.9	3.8	3.3
	Public administration, social and personal services	5.3	3.9	4.7	7.6	7.8
	Other industries	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall	12.4	11.9	17.2	20.7	21.2
Both sexes	Manufacturing	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.8
	Construction	14.6	14.5	18.6	17.0	18.0
	Import/export trade and wholesale	1.3	[*7]	1.3	1.8	2.5
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	7.5	7.2	8.5	11.8	11.3
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	5.0	5.0	7.2	7.7	8.6
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	4.5	5.2	6.7	6.9	8.6
	Public administration, social and personal services	9.1	9.4	9.2	13.9	14.4
	Other industries	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall	43.1	42.7	52.6	60.0	64.8

1 The retail, accommodation and food services industries as a whole is generally referred to as the consumption- and tourism-related segment.  
[\*7] Figure is not released due to relatively large sampling error.

**Table 7.23 : Underemployed persons by occupation of main employment and sex**

		Underemployed persons				
		No. ('000)				
		Year	2025			
Quarter		2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Occupation of main employment					
Male	Managers, professionals and associate professionals	5.9	6.7	5.7	6.2	7.8
	Clerical support workers	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.9	1.5
	Services and sales workers	3.3	3.5	3.3	6.1	6.3
	Craft and related trades workers	8.6	8.7	11.2	9.5	10.9
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	2.2	1.7	4.0	4.7	4.4
	Elementary occupations	9.8	9.5	10.5	11.7	12.7
	Other occupations	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall	30.7	30.8	35.4	39.3	43.7
Female	Managers, professionals and associate professionals	4.1	2.5	4.1	5.1	6.4
	Clerical support workers	0.8	1.0	1.0	2.8	2.0
	Services and sales workers	4.9	5.8	7.8	9.6	8.8
	Craft and related trades workers	[*7]	[*7]	0.9	0.8	[*7]
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Elementary occupations	2.4	2.4	3.3	2.4	3.8
	Other occupations	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall	12.4	11.9	17.2	20.7	21.2
Both sexes	Managers, professionals and associate professionals	10.0	9.3	9.9	11.3	14.2
	Clerical support workers	1.7	1.7	1.5	3.7	3.5
	Services and sales workers	8.2	9.3	11.2	15.7	15.1
	Craft and related trades workers	8.7	8.9	12.1	10.2	10.9
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	2.2	1.7	4.0	4.7	4.4
	Elementary occupations	12.2	11.8	13.8	14.1	16.5
	Other occupations	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall	43.1	42.7	52.6	60.0	64.8

[\*7] Figure is not released due to relatively large sampling error.

## Economically inactive persons

**Table 7.24 : Economically inactive persons aged 15 and over by age and sex**

		Economically inactive persons				
		No. ('000)				
		Year	2025			
Quarter		2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Age group					
Male	15 - 19	136.4	138.1	130.6	130.8	136.6
	20 - 24	75.0	74.8	74.9	71.3	76.8
	25 - 29	20.2	22.2	25.1	24.6	23.0
	30 - 34	12.8	14.5	14.1	13.9	14.2
	35 - 39	12.5	11.4	10.5	11.0	11.3
	40 - 44	13.8	12.2	13.2	12.0	12.7
	45 - 49	17.0	15.7	15.9	16.8	16.0
	50 - 54	25.5	27.3	27.5	27.9	24.8
	55 - 59	46.2	45.1	46.3	46.7	44.9
	≥60	756.7	767.8	778.7	771.1	780.5
	Overall	1 116.0	1 129.2	1 136.7	1 126.0	1 140.8
Female	15 - 19	126.2	126.8	123.6	124.0	128.5
	20 - 24	75.9	76.3	73.5	71.5	77.3
	25 - 29	35.3	31.2	30.0	26.8	25.9
	30 - 34	49.7	48.5	46.9	43.5	41.7
	35 - 39	68.5	68.8	71.1	65.2	63.8
	40 - 44	84.0	81.8	81.8	82.3	80.4
	45 - 49	81.0	81.4	83.6	82.0	81.3
	50 - 54	99.3	98.1	92.9	96.1	97.8
	55 - 59	123.6	121.0	122.2	121.0	119.7
	≥60	1 023.5	1 029.1	1 034.8	1 037.5	1 047.0
	Overall	1 766.9	1 763.0	1 760.3	1 749.8	1 763.4
Both sexes	15 - 19	262.6	264.9	254.2	254.8	265.1
	20 - 24	150.9	151.2	148.4	142.8	154.1
	25 - 29	55.5	53.4	55.1	51.4	48.9
	30 - 34	62.5	63.0	61.0	57.5	55.9
	35 - 39	81.0	80.2	81.6	76.2	75.1
	40 - 44	97.8	94.1	95.0	94.3	93.0
	45 - 49	98.0	97.2	99.4	98.9	97.2
	50 - 54	124.9	125.4	120.4	123.9	122.6
	55 - 59	169.8	166.0	168.4	167.6	164.6
	≥60	1 780.2	1 796.9	1 813.5	1 808.6	1 827.5
	Overall	2 882.9	2 892.2	2 897.0	2 875.8	2 904.2

**Table 7.25 : Economically inactive persons aged 15 and over by reason for being economically inactive and sex**

		Economically inactive persons				
		No. ('000)				
		Year	2025			
Quarter		2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sex	Reason for being economically inactive					
Male	Engagement in household duties	39.8	41.2	41.9	38.9	35.5
	Retirement/Old age	736.1	737.6	758.1	751.3	764.1
	Attending educational institutions	212.5	221.9	214.2	208.1	220.4
	Permanent sick/Disablement	48.4	57.0	58.9	53.0	49.0
	Other reasons	79.2	71.4	63.5	74.5	71.7
	Overall	1 116.0	1 129.2	1 136.7	1 126.0	1 140.8
Female	Engagement in household duties	548.8	526.0	525.6	513.9	503.6
	Retirement/Old age	875.8	900.5	904.9	921.2	936.2
	Attending educational institutions	215.8	211.9	208.8	198.5	218.3
	Permanent sick/Disablement	52.8	52.9	52.5	50.8	45.9
	Other reasons	73.7	71.8	68.5	65.5	59.4
	Overall	1 766.9	1 763.0	1 760.3	1 749.8	1 763.4
Both sexes	Engagement in household duties	588.6	567.2	567.5	552.8	539.1
	Retirement/Old age	1 611.9	1 638.1	1 663.0	1 672.5	1 700.3
	Attending educational institutions	428.3	433.8	423.0	406.6	438.8
	Permanent sick/Disablement	101.2	109.9	111.5	103.8	94.9
	Other reasons	152.8	143.2	132.0	140.0	131.1
	Overall	2 882.9	2 892.2	2 897.0	2 875.8	2 904.2

**Domestic households**

**Table 7.26 : Domestic households by household size**

		Domestic households				
		No. ('000)				
		Year	2025			
Quarter		2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Household size						
1		593.4	596.2	603.2	616.1	602.3
2		866.5	883.7	881.8	879.2	892.8
3		653.0	649.6	640.0	641.9	643.8
4		419.6	416.2	421.4	424.4	408.1
5 and over		225.8	230.8	228.8	226.3	228.0
5		157.7	165.5	163.7	158.5	162.5
6 and over		68.1	65.3	65.1	67.7	65.5
Overall		2 758.4	2 776.5	2 775.3	2 787.9	2 774.9

**Table 7.27 : Average household size by type of housing**

	Average household size				
	No.				
	2024	2025			
Year					
Quarter	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Type of housing					
Public rental housing (1)	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Subsidised home ownership housing	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Private permanent housing	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6
Temporary housing	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.3
Overall	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6

1 Public rental housing includes public rental housing flats and interim housing flats of the Hong Kong Housing Authority; rental flats and flats under the Senior Citizen Residences Scheme of the Hong Kong Housing Society; and Light Public Housing units of the Housing Bureau.

**Table 7.28 : Domestic households by type of housing**

	Domestic households				
	No. ('000)				
	2024	2025			
Year					
Quarter	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Type of housing					
Public rental housing (1)	822.6	829.0	827.1	831.9	822.4
Subsidised home ownership housing	429.5	434.5	431.1	430.6	430.5
Private permanent housing	1 483.9	1 491.1	1 488.2	1 498.0	1 493.3
Temporary housing	22.4	21.8	28.9	27.4	28.6
Overall	2 758.4	2 776.5	2 775.3	2 787.9	2 774.9

1 Public rental housing includes public rental housing flats and interim housing flats of the Hong Kong Housing Authority; rental flats and flats under the Senior Citizen Residences Scheme of the Hong Kong Housing Society; and Light Public Housing units of the Housing Bureau.

**Table 7.29 : Domestic households by tenure of accommodation**

	Domestic households				
	No. ('000)				
	2024	2025			
Year					
Quarter	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Tenure of accommodation					
Owner-occupiers	1 392.0	1 405.7	1 400.1	1 397.9	1 413.6
Residing in public sector housing	421.8	423.7	420.2	422.1	422.2
Residing in private sector housing	970.2	981.9	979.9	975.8	991.5
Sole tenants	1 271.3	1 274.9	1 285.4	1 297.8	1 273.0
Co-tenants	4.8	4.7	3.0	2.8	3.6
Accommodation provided by employers	41.4	40.5	37.7	43.2	41.1
Others	49.0	50.7	49.2	46.2	43.5
Overall	2 758.4	2 776.5	2 775.3	2 787.9	2 774.9

**Table 7.30 : Domestic households by monthly household income**

Year	Domestic households				
	No. ('000)				
	2024	2025			
Quarter	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Monthly household income (HK\$)					
< 4,000	158.6	164.2	164.7	169.8	168.5
4,000 - 5,999	148.7	146.9	117.9	150.0	144.2
6,000 - 7,999	102.2	105.2	127.1	105.8	107.6
8,000 - 9,999	154.3	162.8	151.9	160.3	164.2
10,000 - 14,999	190.1	180.0	198.3	188.2	185.3
15,000 - 19,999	219.1	209.0	206.6	211.1	204.9
20,000 - 24,999	233.1	226.8	222.0	222.7	215.9
25,000 - 29,999	181.2	171.4	180.3	180.9	177.5
30,000 - 34,999	171.0	165.6	180.3	177.2	175.4
35,000 - 39,999	144.5	140.6	149.2	147.8	149.4
40,000 - 44,999	138.9	134.1	136.1	144.3	133.5
45,000 - 49,999	106.0	111.0	107.0	111.1	116.7
50,000 - 59,999	189.4	192.5	191.0	189.3	184.5
60,000 - 79,999	244.5	244.3	234.0	232.3	246.7
80,000 - 99,999	137.2	140.3	142.3	140.9	143.7
≥ 100,000	239.6	281.6	266.5	256.2	257.0
Overall	2 758.4	2 776.5	2 775.3	2 787.9	2 774.9

**Table 7.31 : Median monthly household income by household size**

Year	Median monthly household income				
	HK\$				
	2024	2025			
Quarter	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Household size					
1	10,600	10,200	10,100	10,500	10,500
2	21,600	22,000	21,800	21,900	22,300
3	36,400	38,100	36,900	36,300	37,000
4	49,500	52,000	50,500	50,100	50,900
5 and over	66,000	67,700	68,000	67,500	69,700
5	64,200	67,200	68,400	67,400	66,700
6 and over	71,000	69,500	67,400	67,700	74,400
Overall	29,700	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000

**Table 7.32 : Median monthly household income by type of housing**

Year	Median monthly household income				
	HK\$				
	2024	2025			
Quarter	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Type of housing					
Public rental housing (1)	20,300	20,500	20,400	20,200	20,100
Subsidised home ownership housing	27,000	26,800	26,900	26,900	26,900
Private permanent housing	40,000	42,000	41,500	40,800	42,000
Overall - including temporary housing	29,700	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000

1 Public rental housing includes public rental housing flats and interim housing flats of the Hong Kong Housing Authority; rental flats and flats under the Senior Citizen Residences Scheme of the Hong Kong Housing Society; and Light Public Housing units of the Housing Bureau.

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## 9. Explanatory Notes

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### General Household Survey

The General Household Survey is a continuous sample survey which has been conducted since August 1981. Its main objective is to collect information on the labour force, employment, unemployment and underemployment, as well as the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the population. It covers the land-based non-institutional population of Hong Kong, i.e. the Hong Kong Resident Population excluding inmates of institutions and persons living on board vessels.

### Labour Force Framework

Statistics on the labour force, employment, unemployment and underemployment are compiled from the findings of the General Household Survey. In accordance with the conceptual framework recommended by the International Labour Organization (ILO), individuals in the population can be divided into two main groups according to their economic activity status, viz. the economically active population and the economically inactive population.

### Labour force

The economically active population, also known as the labour force, comprises the employed population and the unemployed population. To be specific, labour force refers to the land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over who satisfy the criteria for being classified as employed population or unemployed population. Inmates of institutions and persons living on board vessels are excluded.

### Labour force participation rate

Labour force participation rate refers to the proportion of labour force in the total land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over.

### Employed population

Employed population comprises those persons aged 15 and over who have been engaged in performing work for pay or profit during the 7 days before enumeration or who have had formal job attachment. Unpaid family workers and employed persons who were on leave/holiday during the 7 days before enumeration are also included.

### Unemployed population

Unemployed population comprises all persons aged 15 and over who fulfil the following conditions:

- a. have not had a job and have not performed any work for pay or profit during the 7 days before enumeration;
- b. have been available for work during the 7 days before enumeration; and
- c. have sought work during the 30 days before enumeration.

The following types of persons are also classified as unemployed:

- a. discouraged workers, i.e. persons aged 15 and over who fulfil the conditions (a) and (b) above but have not sought work during the 30 days before enumeration because they believe that work is not available;
- b. persons without a job, have sought work but have not been available for work because of temporary sickness; and
- c. persons without a job, have been available for work but have not sought work because they:
  - i. have made arrangements to take up a new job or to start business on a subsequent date; or
  - ii. were expecting to return to their original jobs.

### Unemployment rate

Unemployment rate refers to the proportion of unemployed persons in the labour force.

### Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate refers to the unemployment rate which has been adjusted for seasonal variations to better discern the underlying trend of the unemployment rate over time. Seasonal adjustment is performed using the X-12 ARIMA method, which is a standard method used for removing seasonal effects from data series statistically.

### Underemployed population

Underemployed population comprises those employed persons who have involuntarily worked less than 35 hours during the 7 days before enumeration and have sought additional work during the 30 days before enumeration, or have not sought additional work but have been available for additional work during the 7 days before enumeration.

## **Underemployment rate**

Underemployment rate refers to the proportion of underemployed persons in the labour force.

## **Domestic household**

Domestic household consists of a group of persons who live together and make common provision for essentials for living. These persons need not be related. If a person makes provision for essentials for living without sharing with other persons, he/she is also regarded as a household. In this case, the household is a one-person household. A domestic household must have at least one member who is a Usual Resident. Households comprising Mobile Residents only are not classified as domestic households.

## **Monthly employment earnings**

Monthly employment earnings refer to earnings (before deduction of Mandatory Provident Fund contributions) from all jobs during the month before enumeration. For employees, they include wage and salary, bonus, commission, tips, housing allowance, overtime allowance, attendance allowance and other cash allowances. However, back pays are excluded. For employers and self-employed, they refer to amounts drawn from the self-owned enterprise for personal and household use. If information on the amounts drawn for personal and household use is not available, data on net earnings from business would be collected instead.

## **Monthly household income**

Monthly household income refers to the total cash income, including earnings (before deduction of Mandatory Provident Fund contributions) from all jobs and other cash income received in the month before enumeration by all members of the household. Other cash income includes income generated from rent income, interest, dividends, regular/monthly pensions and insurance annuity benefits, regular contribution from persons outside the household, regular contribution from charities and all government subsidies.

## **Routine revision**

Figures on labour force, employment, unemployment and underemployment in a given year are normally subject to routine revision in August of the following year.

Labour force statistics are subject to routine revision generally arising from:

- a. Routine revision to population estimates - all population estimates in a given year can only be finalised in August of the following year.
- b. Routine revision to seasonal factors compiled using the X-12 ARIMA method - the series of seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in a given calendar year is subject to routine revision when the finalised labour force statistics for that year are available to enable re-estimation of the final seasonal factors.

## **Reliability of the estimates**

Results of the GHS are subject to sampling error and non-sampling error. The estimates from the survey results are based on information obtained from a particular sample, which is one of a large number of possible samples of the same size that could be selected using the same sample design. By chance, estimates derived from different samples would differ from each other. The "sampling error" is a measure of these variations and is thus a measure of the precision with which an estimate derived from a particular sample would approximate the population parameter to be measured.

In the statistical tables, estimates less than 500 (including zero figures) or related statistics derived based on such estimates (e.g. percentages, rates and median) are not released due to very large sampling errors.

As for estimates less than 3 000 or related statistics (or marked with †) derived based on such estimates, they should be interpreted with care due to relatively large sampling errors.

## **Symbols**

Q1 January to March

Q2 April to June

Q3 July to September

Q4 October to December

[\*7] Figure is not released due to relatively large sampling error.

† Statistics should be interpreted with care due to relatively large sampling error.

## **Rounding of figures**

Figures in the tables may not add up to the total due to rounding.

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