



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 3 792 400 and the labour force participation rate recorded 56.4% in Q1 2026.
- The total employment was 3 655 700 and the median monthly employment earnings was HK\$21,000 in Q1 2026.
- The number of unemployed persons and the number of underemployed persons in Q1 2026 were 136 600 and 60 100 respectively.
- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped from 3.8% in Q4 2025 to 3.7% in Q1 2026.
- The underemployment rate dropped from 1.7% in Q4 2025 to 1.6% in Q1 2026.
- There were 2 780 700 domestic households and the median monthly household income was HK\$30,000 in Q1 2026.

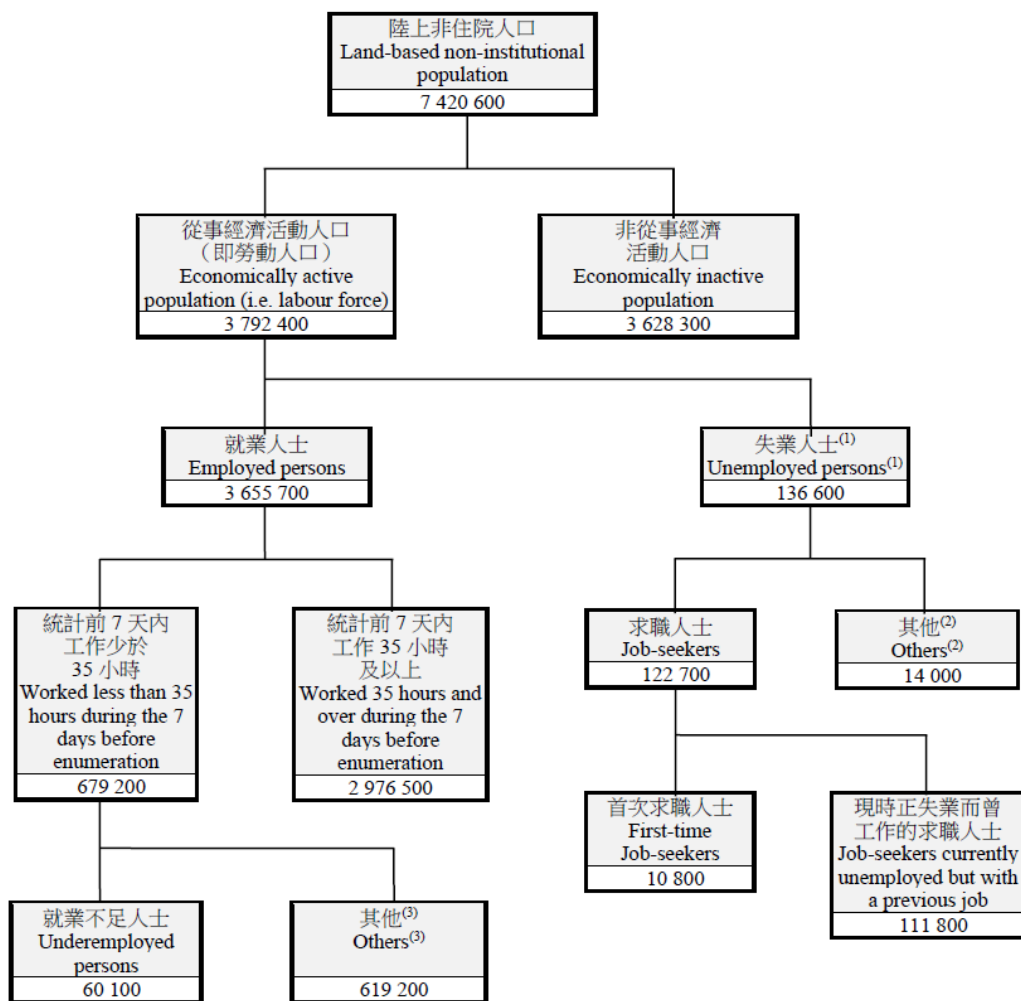
Table 1.1 : Key Quarterly Figures

Year		2025				2026
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Labour force	No. ('000)	3 815.5	3 793.5	3 830.1	3 805.2	3 792.4
Labour force participation rate	(%)	56.9	56.7	57.1	56.7	56.4
Employed persons	No. ('000)	3 692.7	3 657.3	3 674.5	3 667.0	3 655.7
Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons	HK\$	20,100	20,000	20,500	20,500	21,000
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	(%)	3.2	3.5	3.9	3.8	3.7
Unemployed persons	No. ('000)	122.8	136.2	155.6	138.2	136.6
Underemployment rate	(%)	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.6
Underemployed persons	No. ('000)	42.7	52.6	60.0	64.8	60.1
Domestic households	No. ('000)	2 776.5	2 775.3	2 787.9	2 774.9	2 780.7
Median monthly household income	HK\$	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000

Table 1.2 : Key Annual Figures

Year		2023	2024	2025
Labour force		No. ('000)	3 822.3	3 807.4
Labour force participation rate		(%)	57.3	57.0
Employed persons		No. ('000)	3 709.6	3 693.6
Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons		HK\$	20,000	20,400
Unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted)		(%)	2.9	3.0
Unemployed persons		No. ('000)	112.7	113.8
Underemployment rate		(%)	1.1	1.2
Underemployed persons		No. ('000)	41.6	43.9
Domestic households		No. ('000)	2 700.4	2 763.1
Median monthly household income		HK\$	30,000	30,000

Breakdown of labour force in Q1 2026



Notes:

(1) Including 123 700 unemployed persons who had a previous job and 12 900 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 3 792 400 in Q1 2026, of which 48.6% were males and 51.4% were females.
- The labour force participation rate (LFPR) recorded 56.4% in Q1 2026. The LFPR for males was consistently higher than that for females from Q1 2025 to Q1 2026. After excluding foreign domestic helpers, the LFPR for females was even lower.

Chart 2.1 : Labour force by sex

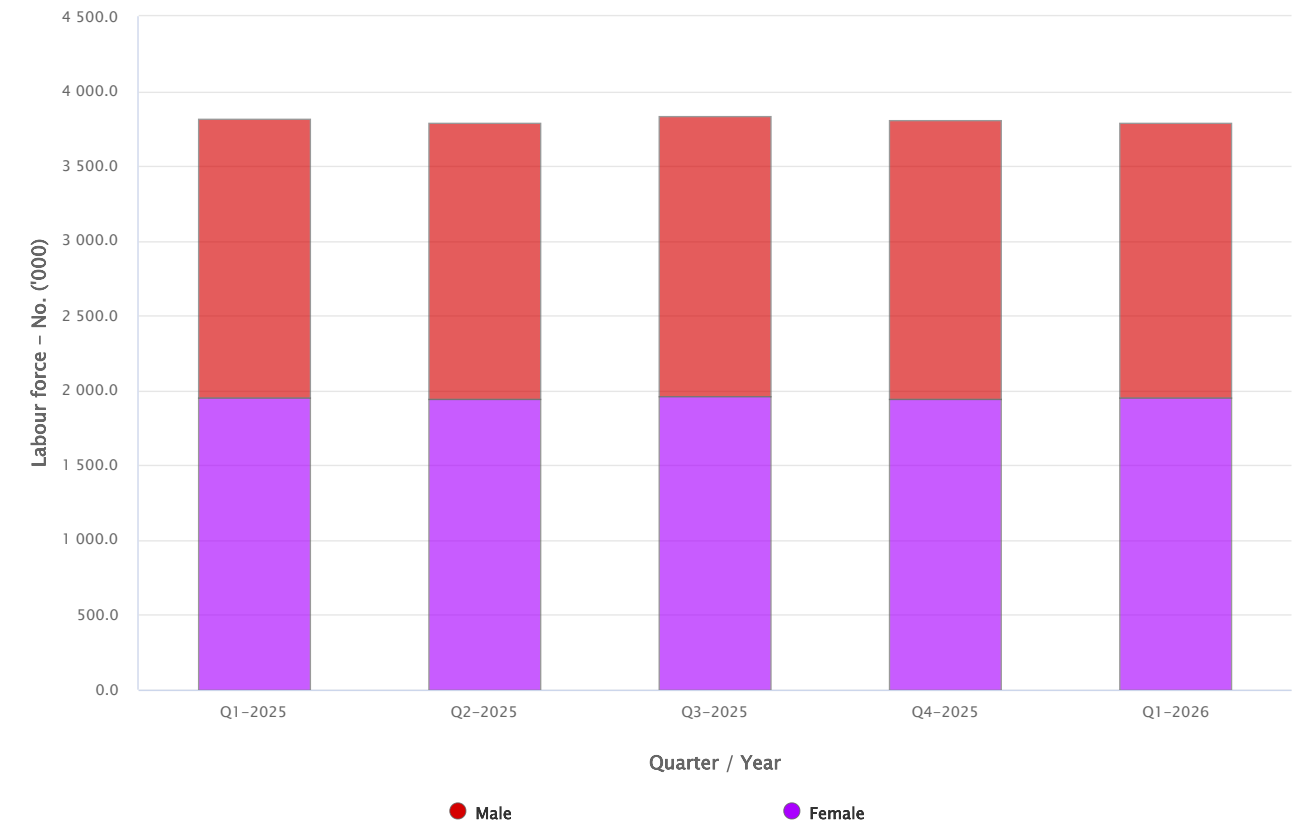


Table 2.1 : Labour force by sex

Year	Labour force									
	No. ('000)					Percentage share (%)				
	2025				2026	2025				2026
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex										
Male	1 865.8	1 847.6	1 871.6	1 857.1	1 843.7	48.9	48.7	48.9	48.8	48.6
Female	1 949.7	1 945.9	1 958.5	1 948.1	1 948.7	51.1	51.3	51.1	51.2	51.4
Both sexes	3 815.5	3 793.5	3 830.1	3 805.2	3 792.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Chart 2.2 : Labour force participation rate by sex

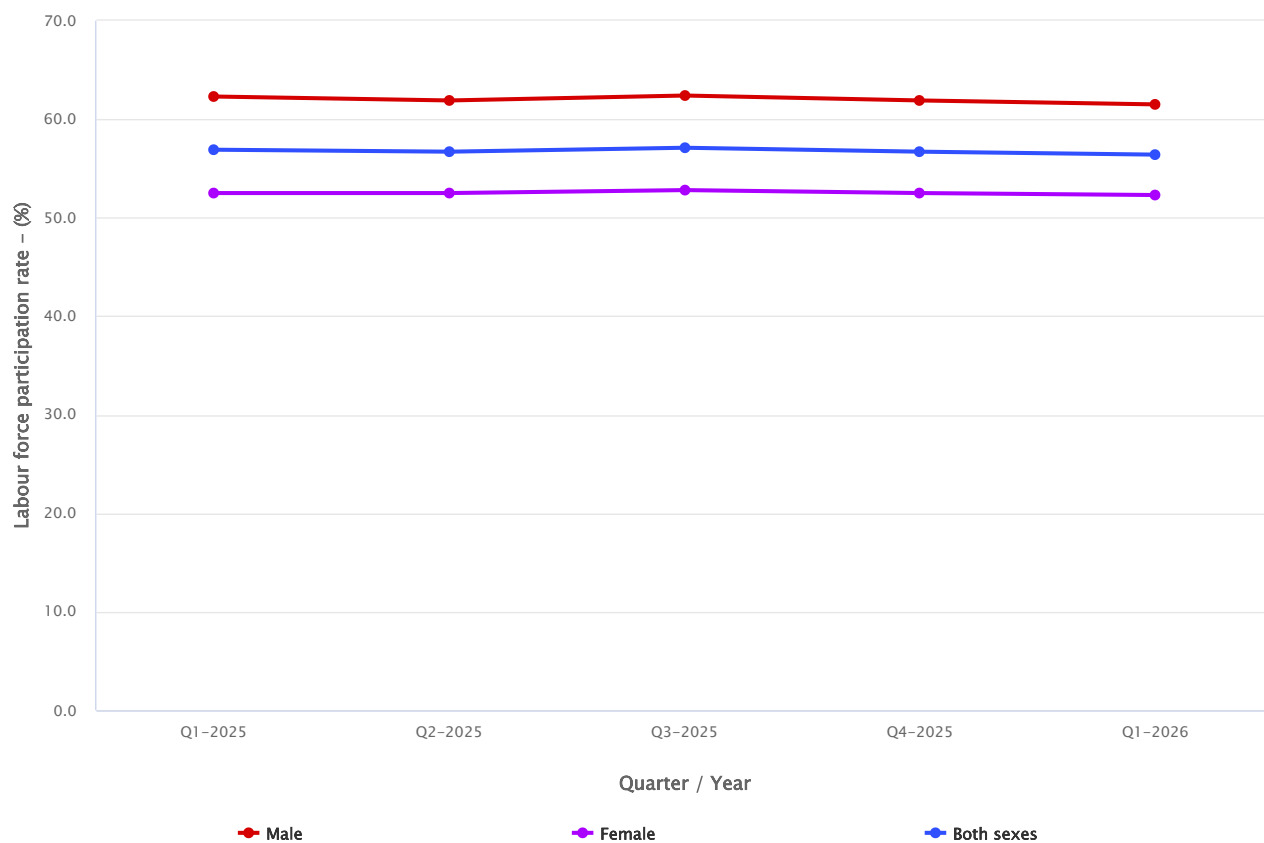


Table 2.2 : Labour force participation rate by sex

	Labour force participation rate				
	(%)				
Year	2025				2026
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex					
Male	62.3	61.9	62.4	61.9	61.5
Female	52.5	52.5	52.8	52.5	52.3
Both sexes	56.9	56.7	57.1	56.7	56.4

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

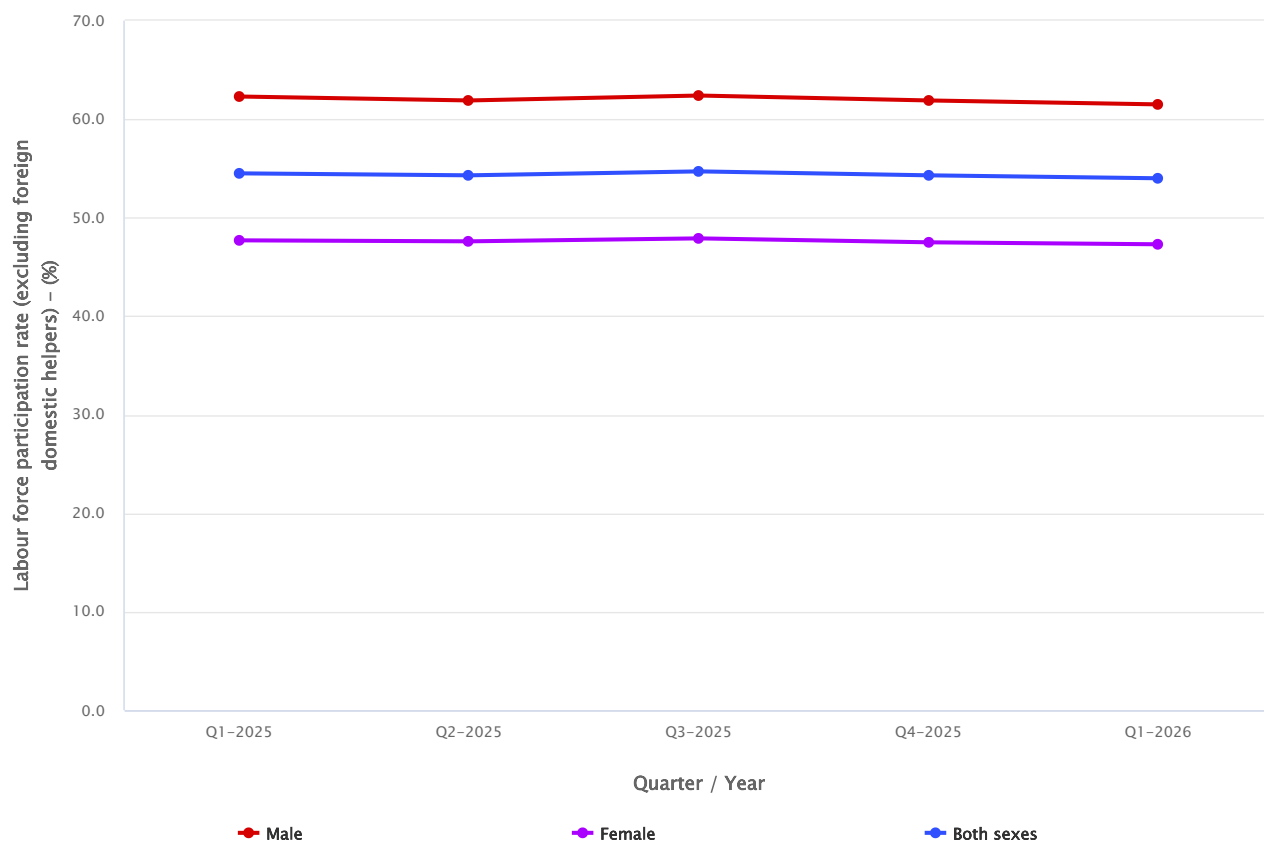


Table 2.3 : Labour force participation rate by sex (excluding foreign domestic helpers)

	Labour force participation rate (excluding foreign domestic helpers)				
	(%)				
Year	2025				2026
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex					
Male	62.3	61.9	62.4	61.9	61.5
Female	47.7	47.6	47.9	47.5	47.3
Both sexes	54.5	54.3	54.7	54.3	54.0

3. Employment

- The number of employed persons was 3 655 700 in Q1 2026, of which 48.2% were males and 51.8% were females.
- The median monthly employment earnings of employed persons was HK\$21,000 in Q1 2026.
- The median monthly employment earnings of female employed persons was lower than that of their male counterparts from Q1 2025 to Q1 2026, 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 Q1 2026.
- The median hours of work of male and female employed persons in Q1 2026 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.

Chart 3.1 : Employed persons by sex

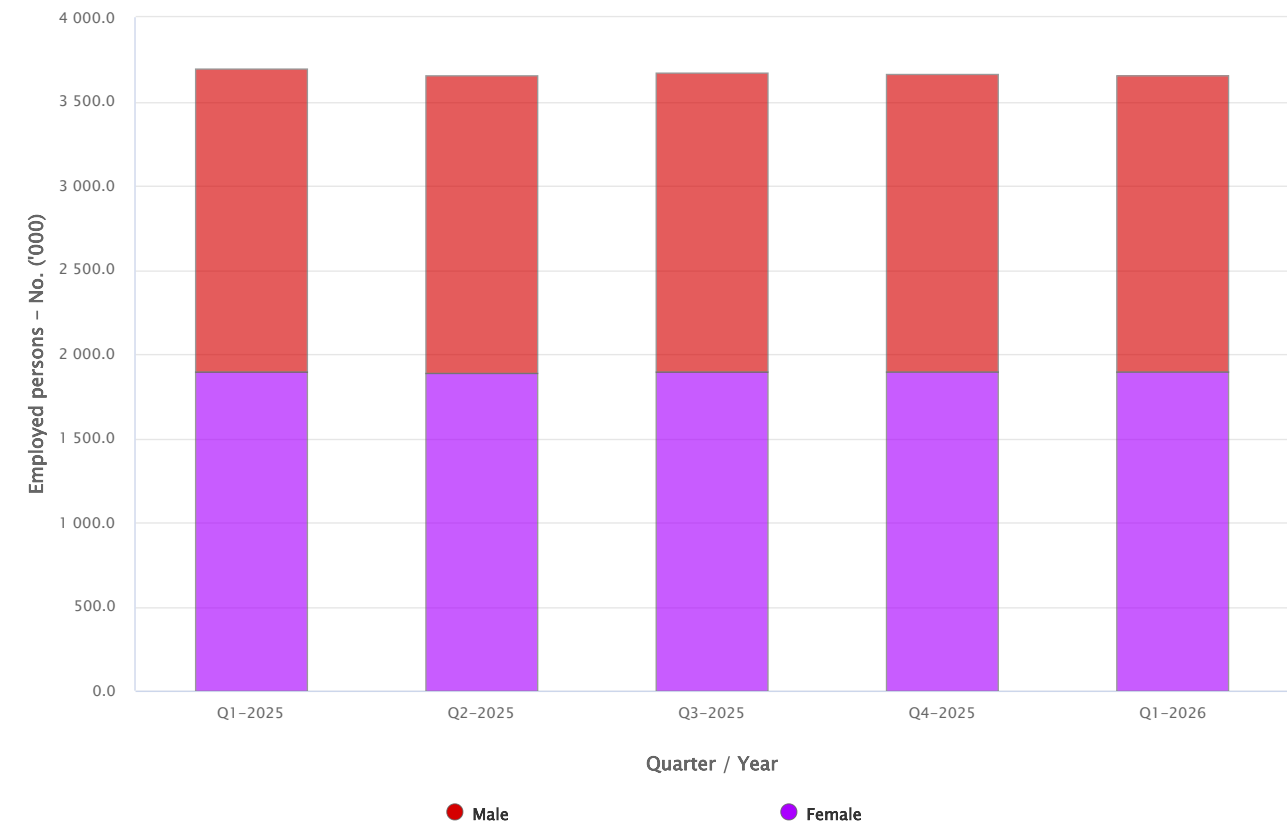


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Year	Employed persons									
	No. ('000)					Percentage share (%)				
	2025				2026	2025				2026
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex										
Male	1 794.4	1 769.2	1 780.2	1 774.3	1 762.3	48.6	48.4	48.4	48.4	48.2
Female	1 898.3	1 888.2	1 894.3	1 892.7	1 893.4	51.4	51.6	51.6	51.6	51.8
Both sexes	3 692.7	3 657.3	3 674.5	3 667.0	3 655.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

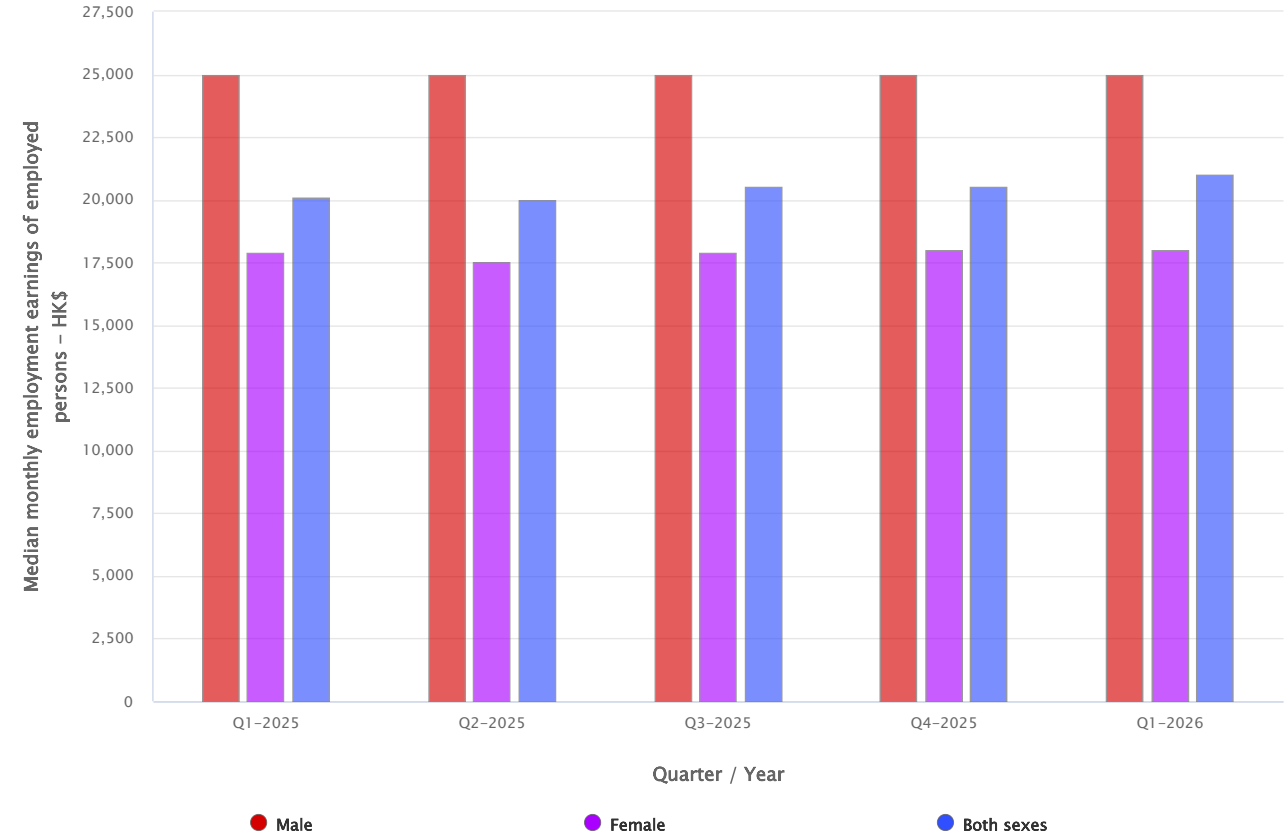


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	Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons				
	HK\$				
Year	2025				2026
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex					
Male	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Female	17,900	17,500	17,900	18,000	18,000
Both sexes	20,100	20,000	20,500	20,500	21,000

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

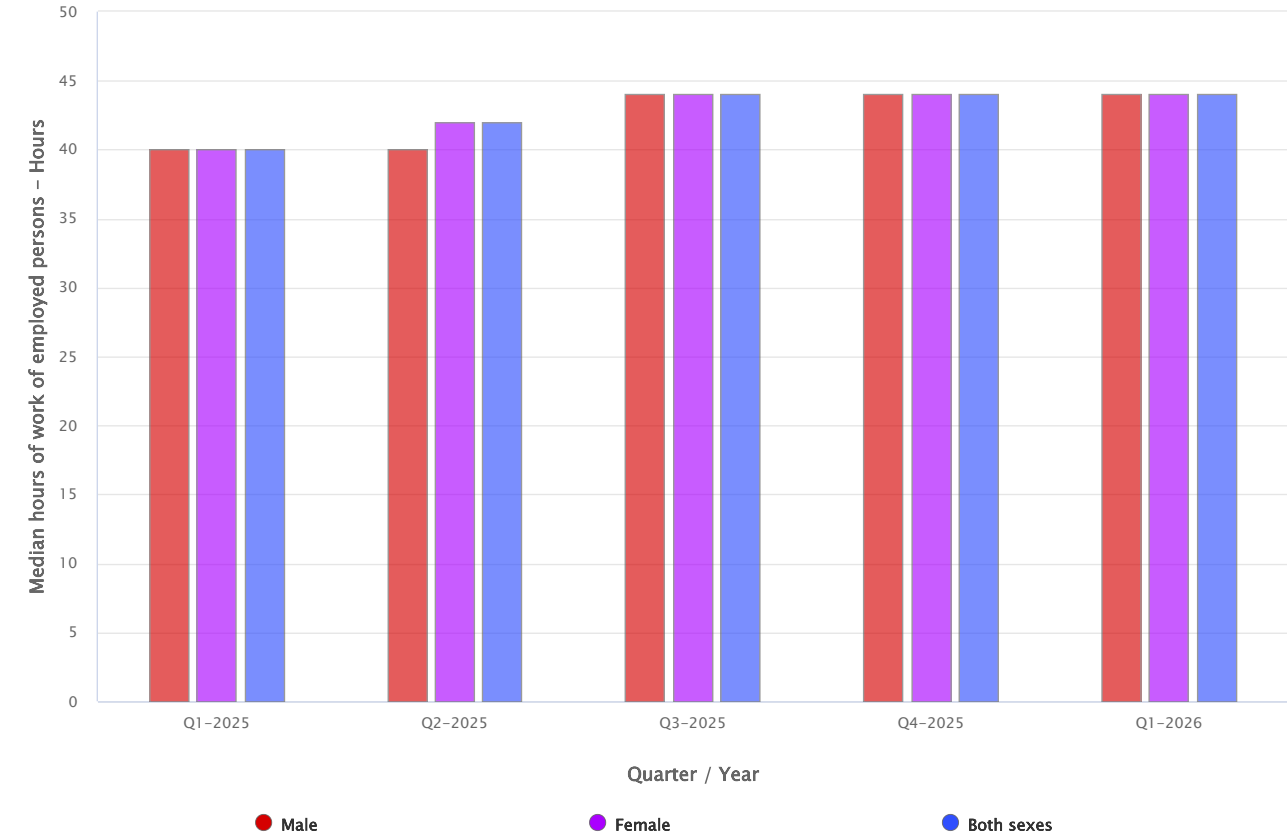


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	Median hours of work of employed persons				
	Hours				
Year	2025				2026
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex					
Male	40	40	44	44	44
Female	40	42	44	44	44
Both sexes	40	42	44	44	44

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

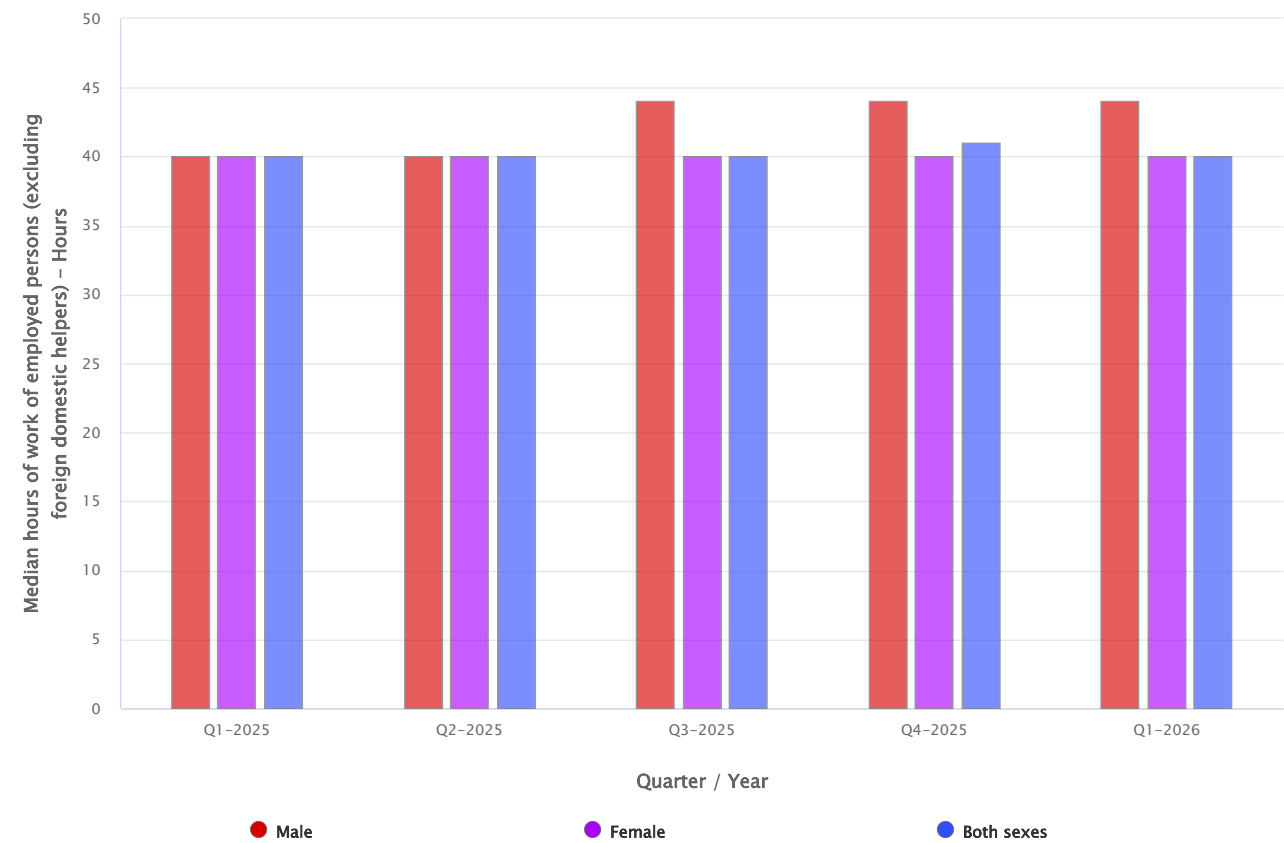


Table 3.4 : Median hours of work of employed persons by sex (excluding foreign domestic helpers)

	Median hours of work of employed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers)				
	Hours				
Year	2025				2026
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex					
Male	40	40	44	44	44
Female	40	40	40	40	40
Both sexes	40	40	40	41	40

4. Unemployment

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped from 3.8% in Q4 2025 to 3.7% in Q1 2026.
- The number of unemployed persons was 136 600 in Q1 2026, of which 81 400 were males and 55 200 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 information and communications sector in Q1 2026.

Chart 4.1 : Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)

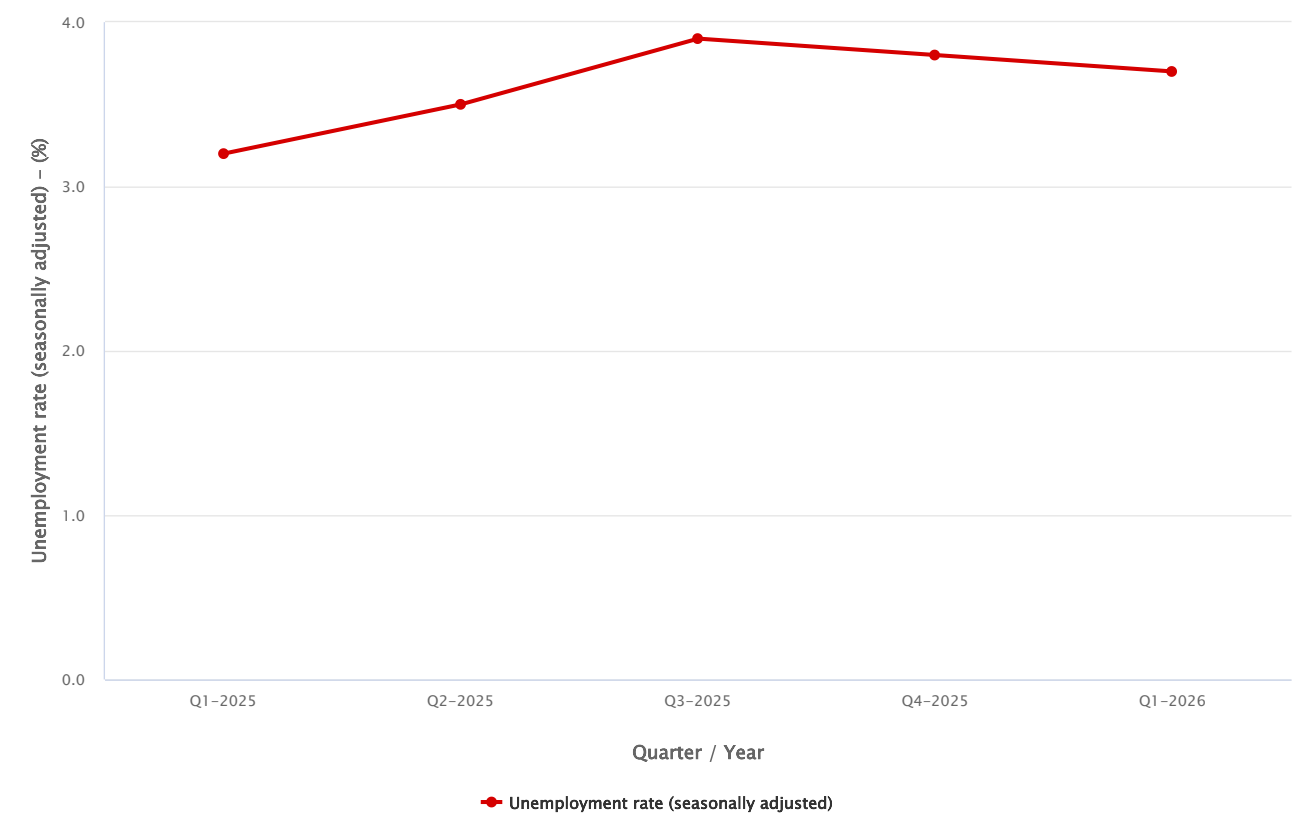


Table 4.1 : Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)

Year		2025				2026
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)		3.2	3.5	3.9	3.8	3.7

Chart 4.2 : Unemployment rate by sex

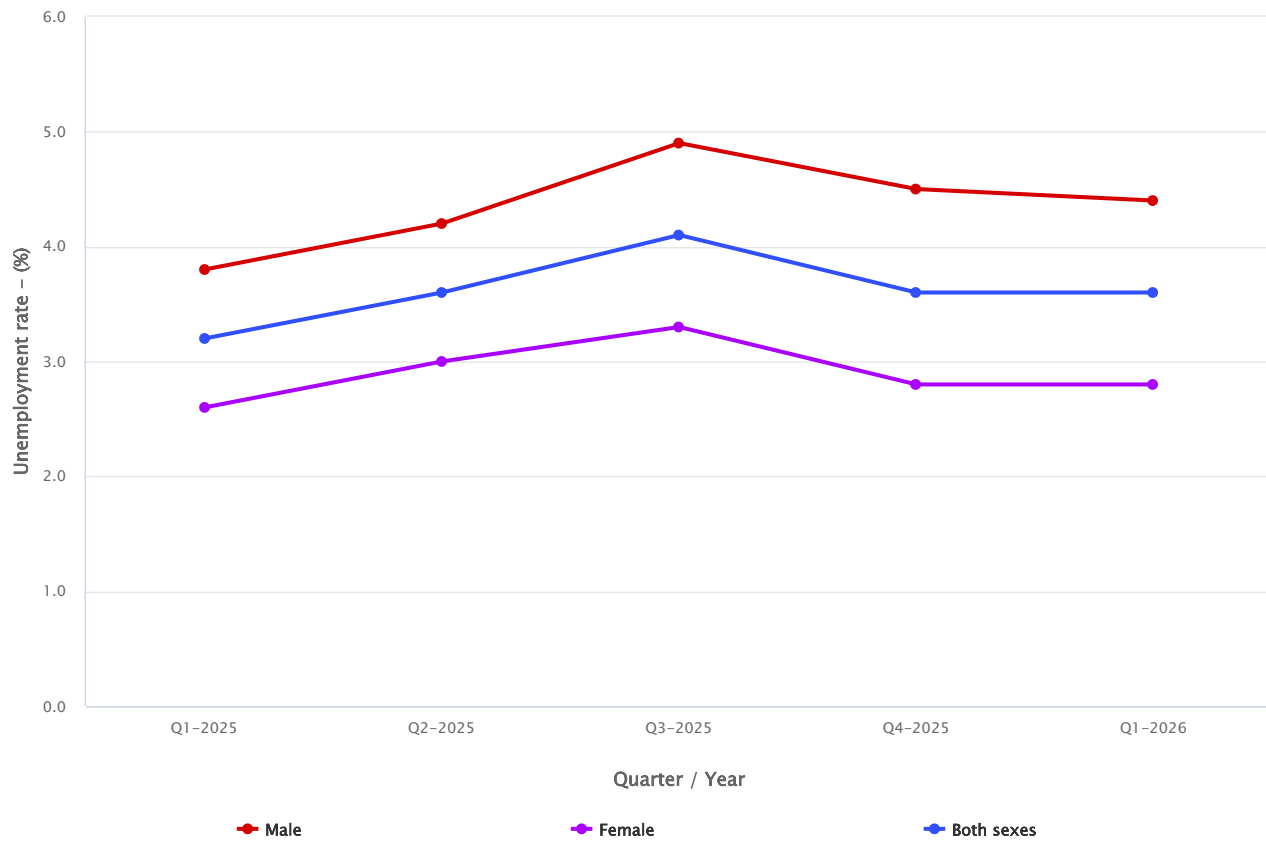


Table 4.2 : Unemployment rate by sex

	Unemployment rate				
	(%)				
Year	2025				2026
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex					
Male	3.8	4.2	4.9	4.5	4.4
Female	2.6	3.0	3.3	2.8	2.8
Both sexes	3.2	3.6	4.1	3.6	3.6

Chart 4.3 : Unemployed persons by sex

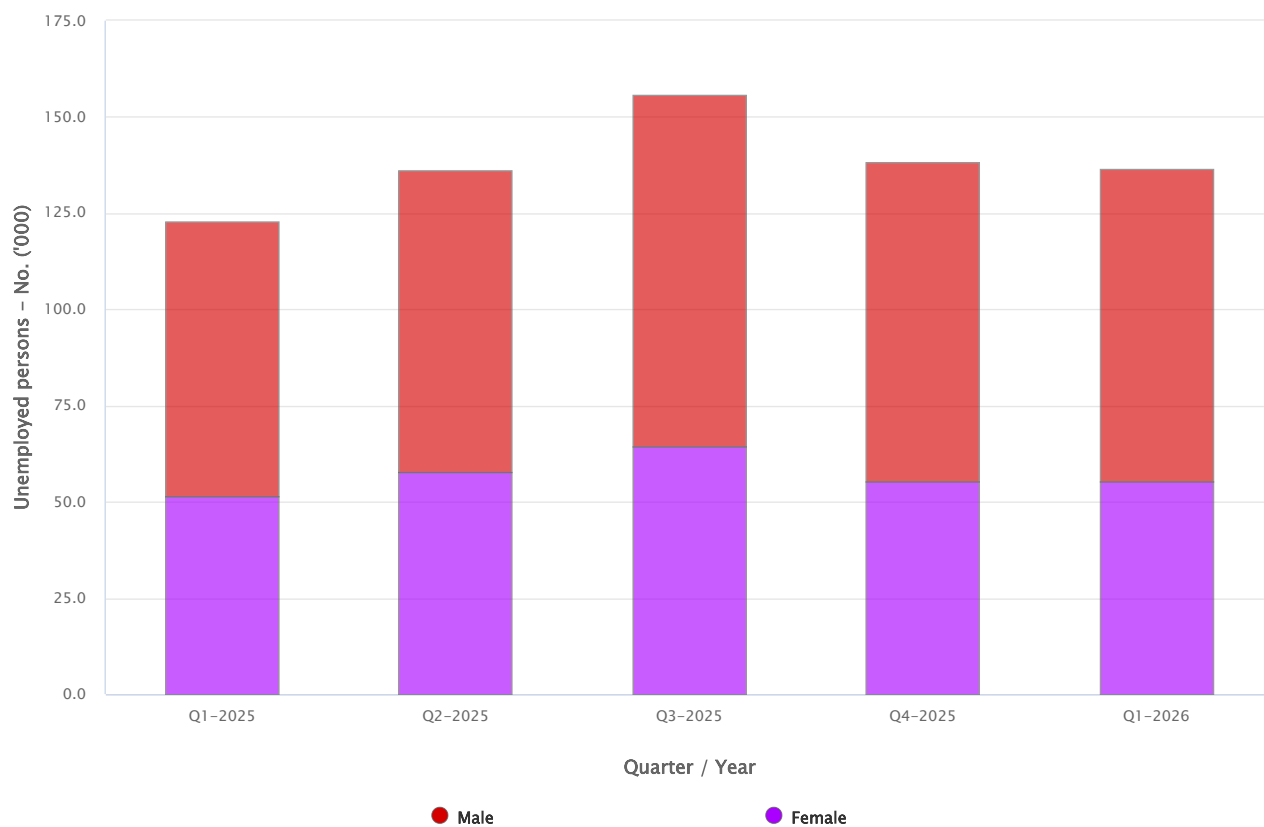


Table 4.3 : Unemployed persons by sex

	Unemployed persons									
	No. ('000)					(%)				
Year	2025				2026	2025				2026
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex										
Male	71.4	78.4	91.3	82.8	81.4	58.1	57.6	58.7	59.9	59.6
Female	51.5	57.7	64.3	55.4	55.2	41.9	42.4	41.3	40.1	40.4
Both sexes	122.8	136.2	155.6	138.2	136.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

Year	2026		
Quarter	Q1		
	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	2.8	2.2	3.1
Construction	23.2	18.8	6.6
Foundation and superstructure	17.3	14.0	6.1
Decoration, repair and maintenance for buildings	5.9	4.8	8.5
Import/export trade and wholesale	9.6	7.7	3.3
Import and export trade	9.4	7.6	3.4
Wholesale	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	25.4	20.5	4.9
Retail	10.5	8.5	4.3
Accommodation and food services	14.9	12.1	5.5
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	14.3	11.5	3.4
Transportation and storage	7.5	6.1	2.9
Postal and courier activities	0.9	0.7	3.4
Information and communications	5.9	4.7	4.4
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	28.7	23.2	3.2
Financing	4.8	3.9	2.3
Insurance	1.9	1.6	2.9
Real estate	5.7	4.6	3.2
Professional and business services	16.3	13.2	3.7
Public administration, social and personal services	19.3	15.6	1.6
Public administration	0.8	0.7	0.6
Education	6.0	4.9	2.5
Human health and social work activities	5.7	4.6	2.1
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1.7	1.4	2.8
Other service activities	5.1	4.1	1.0
Other industries	0.5	0.4	2.2
Overall - not including first-time job-seekers and re-entrants into the labour force who were unemployed	123.7	100.0	-
Overall	136.6	-	3.6

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.

- Not applicable

5. Underemployment

- The underemployment rate dropped from 1.7% in Q4 2025 to 1.6% in Q1 2026.
- The number of underemployed persons was 60 100 in Q1 2026, of which 37 000 were males and 23 100 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 Q1 2026.

Chart 5.1 : Underemployment rate by sex

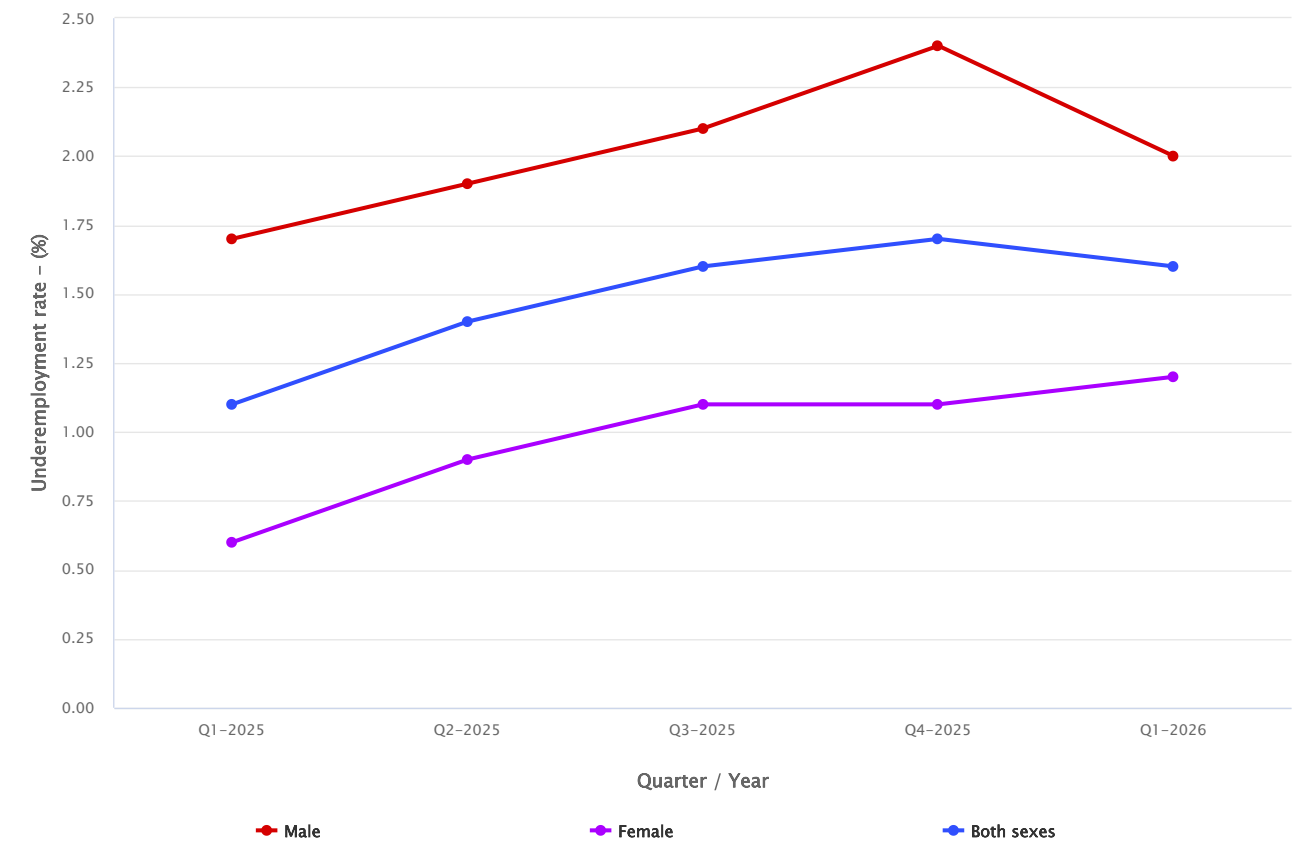


Table 5.1 : Underemployment rate by sex

	Underemployment rate				
	(%)				
Year	2025				2026
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex					
Male	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.4	2.0
Female	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.2
Both sexes	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.6

Chart 5.2 : Underemployed persons by sex

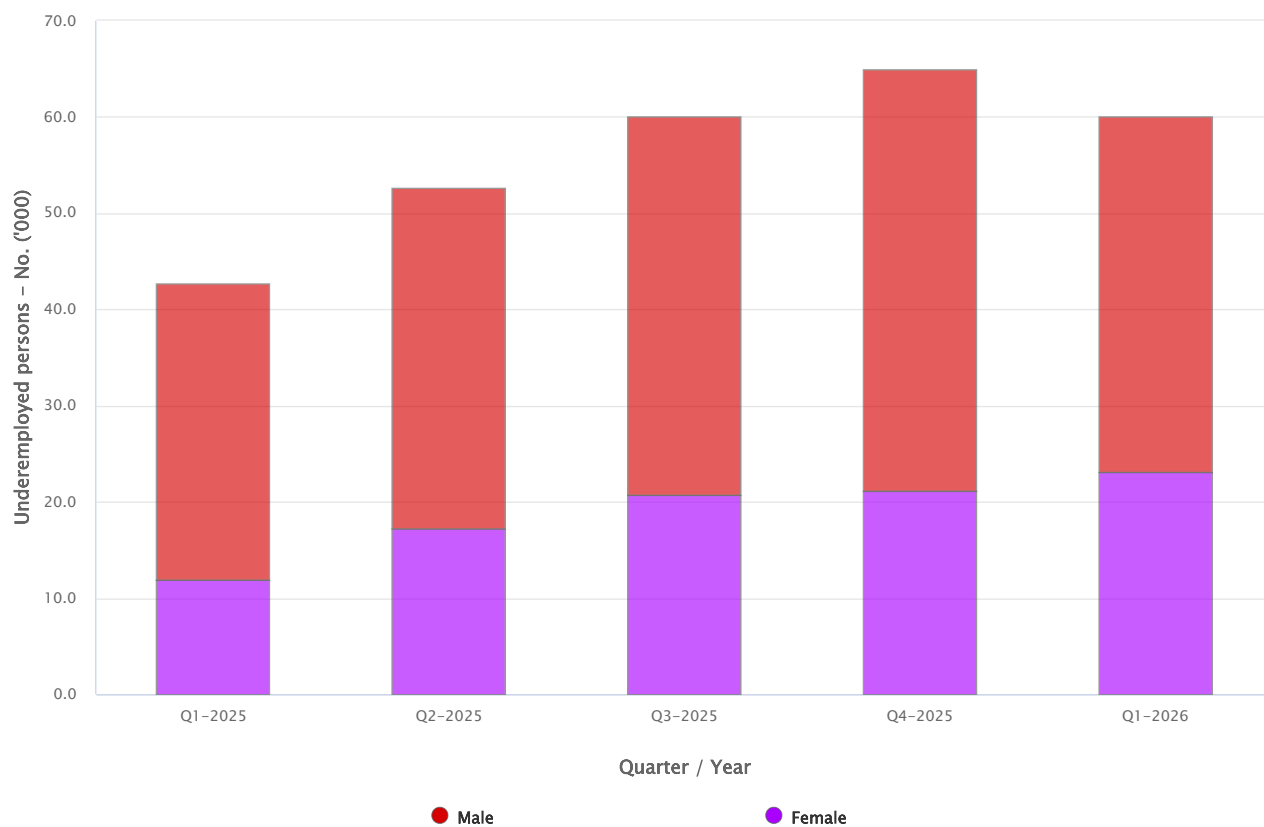


Table 5.2 : Underemployed persons by sex

	Underemployed persons									
	No. ('000)					Percentage share (%)				
Year	2025				2026	2025				2026
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex										
Male	30.8	35.4	39.3	43.7	37.0	72.1	67.4	65.5	67.4	61.6
Female	11.9	17.2	20.7	21.2	23.1	27.9	32.6	34.5	32.6	38.4
Both sexes	42.7	52.6	60.0	64.8	60.1	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	2026		
Quarter	Q1		
	Underemployed persons		Underemployment rate
	No. ('000)	Percentage share (%)	(%)
Detailed industry of main employment			
Manufacturing	0.7	1.2	0.8
Construction	17.4	29.0	5.0
Foundation and superstructure	12.0	20.0	4.3
Decoration, repair and maintenance for buildings	5.4	9.0	7.7
Import/export trade and wholesale	2.3	3.9	0.8
Import and export trade	2.1	3.5	0.8
Wholesale	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	10.5	17.4	2.0
Retail	4.3	7.2	1.8
Accommodation and food services	6.1	10.2	2.2
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	7.0	11.7	1.7
Transportation and storage	5.6	9.3	2.1
Postal and courier activities	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
Information and communications	0.9	1.6	0.7
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	8.5	14.2	1.0
Financing	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
Insurance	0.6	1.1	1.0
Real estate	1.1	1.9	0.6
Professional and business services	6.3	10.5	1.4
Public administration, social and personal services	13.4	22.4	1.1
Public administration	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
Education	5.0	8.4	2.1
Human health and social work activities	1.9	3.1	0.7
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1.4	2.4	2.4
Other service activities	5.0	8.3	1.0
Other industries	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
Overall	60.1	100.0	1.6

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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6. Domestic Households

- The number of domestic households in Q1 2026 was 2 780 700, of which 74.8% were economically active households.
- The average household size in Q1 2026 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 Q1 2026. As for economically active domestic households, the median monthly household income was HK\$40,600.

Chart 6.1 : Domestic households by type of household

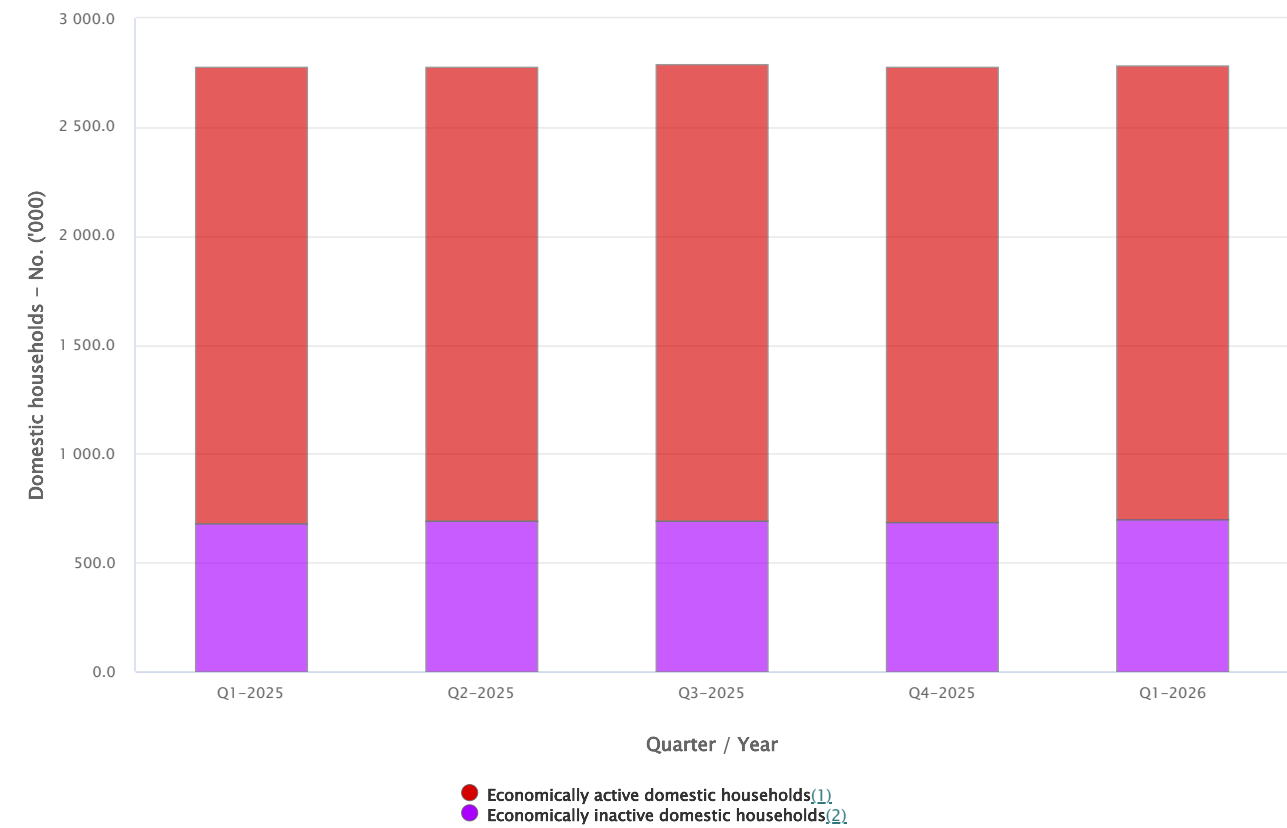


Table 6.1 : Domestic households by type of household

	Domestic households									
	No. ('000)					(%)				
	2025				2026	2025				2026
Year										
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Type of household										
Economically active domestic households (1)	2 096.0	2 079.5	2 095.5	2 089.2	2 080.6	75.5	74.9	75.2	75.3	74.8
Economically inactive domestic households (2)	680.5	695.7	692.3	685.7	700.0	24.5	25.1	24.8	24.7	25.2
Total	2 776.5	2 775.3	2 787.9	2 774.9	2 780.7	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

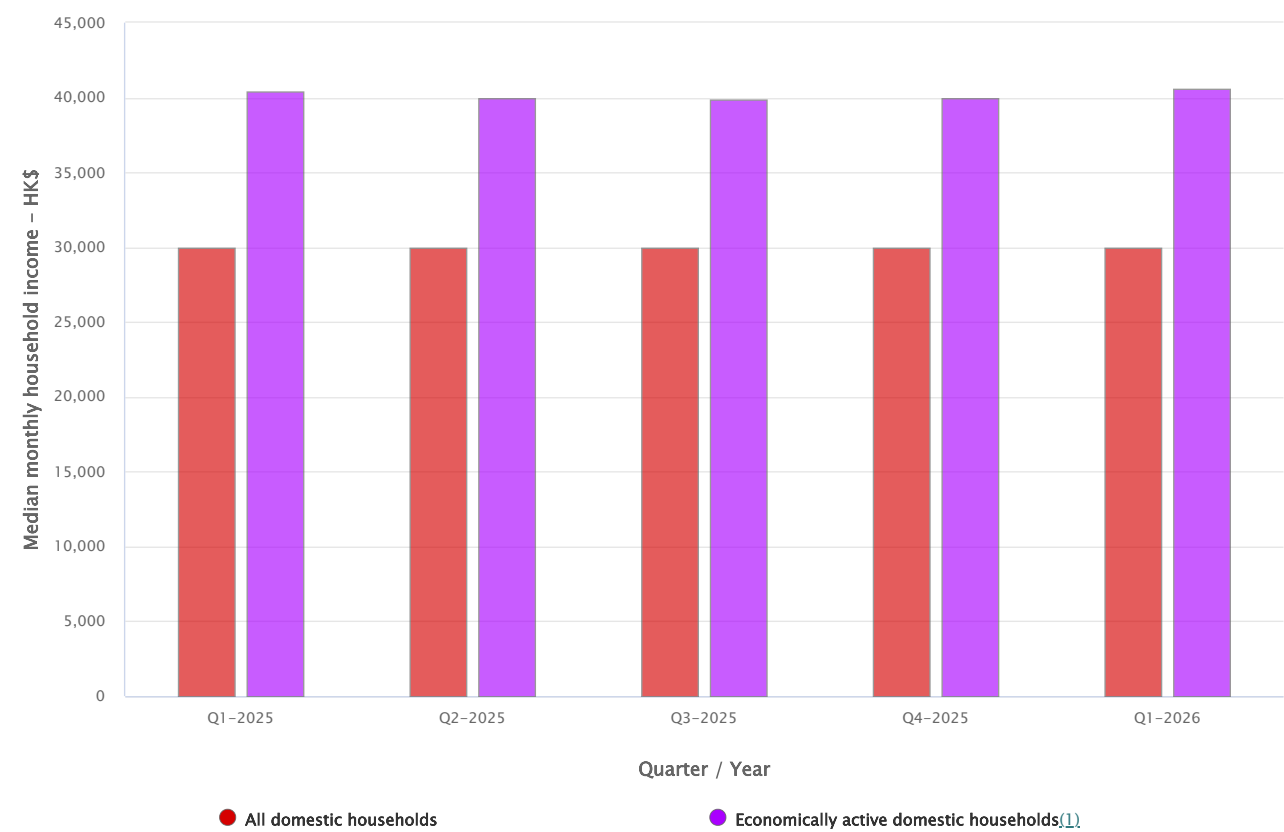


Table 6.2 : Median monthly household income by type of household

Year	Median monthly household income				
	HK\$				
	2025				2026
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Type of household					
All domestic households	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Economically active domestic households (1)	40,400	40,000	39,900	40,000	40,600

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		2025				2026	2025				2026
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Age group										
Male	15 - 19	7.4	9.9	12.0	9.5	8.8	5.1	7.1	8.4	6.5	5.9
	20 - 24	73.4	69.1	74.2	71.9	67.7	49.5	48.0	51.0	48.4	46.1
	25 - 29	165.1	159.7	161.5	160.4	155.4	88.2	86.4	86.8	87.4	85.8
	30 - 34	210.2	209.7	212.1	209.8	208.2	93.6	93.7	93.8	93.6	92.7
	35 - 39	222.0	223.2	226.4	226.2	226.6	95.1	95.5	95.4	95.2	94.8
	40 - 44	226.6	225.9	229.6	227.6	226.6	94.9	94.5	95.0	94.7	94.5
	45 - 49	214.2	213.8	215.2	216.9	217.5	93.2	93.1	92.7	93.1	93.1
	50 - 54	216.5	215.1	214.7	215.5	214.6	88.8	88.7	88.5	89.7	89.5
	55 - 59	200.5	197.6	195.8	196.3	195.5	81.7	81.0	80.8	81.4	81.2
	60 - 64	177.3	174.4	172.5	169.3	168.0	60.6	60.2	60.8	60.6	60.6
	≥65	152.5	149.2	157.5	153.8	154.8	18.9	18.4	19.3	18.7	18.7
	Overall	1 865.8	1 847.6	1 871.6	1 857.1	1 843.7	62.3	61.9	62.4	61.9	61.5
Female	15 - 19	9.2	7.8	9.1	7.6	7.9	6.8	6.0	6.8	5.6	5.7
	20 - 24	73.3	72.3	74.1	70.7	66.0	49.0	49.6	50.9	47.8	45.3
	25 - 29	175.8	173.5	176.9	174.1	167.4	84.9	85.3	86.8	87.1	85.3
	30 - 34	230.6	230.5	233.6	232.3	231.3	82.6	83.1	84.3	84.8	84.9
	35 - 39	261.0	257.8	262.6	262.4	260.4	79.1	78.4	80.1	80.4	80.5
	40 - 44	282.1	282.3	282.3	284.0	286.6	77.5	77.5	77.4	77.9	77.9
	45 - 49	253.6	252.6	256.7	259.9	260.1	75.7	75.1	75.8	76.2	75.2
	50 - 54	243.8	245.8	240.8	236.6	240.8	71.3	72.6	71.5	70.8	71.6
	55 - 59	199.7	198.8	199.1	200.7	204.2	62.3	61.9	62.2	62.6	63.1
	60 - 64	141.0	138.9	139.1	140.2	141.2	40.8	40.2	40.8	41.4	41.6
	≥65	79.7	85.6	84.3	79.6	82.7	8.8	9.4	9.2	8.6	8.8
	Overall	1 949.7	1 945.9	1 958.5	1 948.1	1 948.7	52.5	52.5	52.8	52.5	52.3
Both sexes	15 - 19	16.6	17.8	21.1	17.1	16.8	5.9	6.5	7.7	6.1	5.8
	20 - 24	146.8	141.4	148.2	142.6	133.7	49.3	48.8	50.9	48.1	45.7
	25 - 29	340.9	333.2	338.4	334.5	322.8	86.5	85.8	86.8	87.2	85.5
	30 - 34	440.8	440.1	445.8	442.0	439.6	87.5	87.8	88.6	88.8	88.4
	35 - 39	483.0	481.0	489.0	488.6	487.0	85.8	85.5	86.5	86.7	86.6
	40 - 44	508.7	508.3	511.8	511.6	513.2	84.4	84.3	84.4	84.6	84.5
	45 - 49	467.8	466.3	471.9	476.8	477.6	82.8	82.4	82.7	83.1	82.5
	50 - 54	460.3	460.8	455.5	452.1	455.4	78.6	79.3	78.6	78.7	79.0
	55 - 59	400.3	396.3	394.9	396.9	399.7	70.7	70.2	70.2	70.7	70.9
	60 - 64	318.2	313.3	311.6	309.5	309.1	49.9	49.4	49.9	50.1	50.1
	≥65	232.1	234.8	241.8	233.4	237.5	13.6	13.6	13.9	13.3	13.5
	Overall	3 815.5	3 793.5	3 830.1	3 805.2	3 792.4	56.9	56.7	57.1	56.7	56.4

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		2025				2026	2025				2026
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Age group										
Male	15 - 19	7.4	9.9	12.0	9.5	8.8	5.1	7.1	8.4	6.5	5.9
	20 - 24	73.4	69.1	74.2	71.9	67.7	49.5	48.0	51.0	48.4	46.1
	25 - 29	165.0	159.6	161.4	160.4	155.4	88.2	86.4	86.8	87.4	85.8
	30 - 34	209.8	208.7	211.8	209.2	208.0	93.5	93.7	93.8	93.6	92.7
	35 - 39	221.5	222.6	225.4	226.1	226.6	95.1	95.5	95.4	95.2	94.8
	40 - 44	225.8	225.1	229.0	227.0	226.0	94.9	94.5	95.0	94.7	94.5
	45 - 49	213.8	212.9	214.5	216.5	217.5	93.1	93.1	92.7	93.1	93.1
	50 - 54	216.0	214.9	214.6	215.1	214.3	88.8	88.7	88.5	89.6	89.5
	55 - 59	200.3	197.5	195.6	195.6	195.3	81.6	81.0	80.7	81.3	81.2
	60 - 64	176.9	174.2	172.4	168.9	167.8	60.5	60.2	60.7	60.5	60.6
	≥65	152.5	149.1	157.5	153.8	154.8	18.9	18.3	19.3	18.7	18.7
	Overall	1 862.5	1 843.5	1 868.4	1 854.0	1 842.1	62.3	61.9	62.4	61.9	61.5
Female	15 - 19	9.1	7.8	9.1	7.6	7.8	6.7	6.0	6.8	5.6	5.6
	20 - 24	68.2	69.5	69.2	66.4	63.1	47.2	48.6	49.2	46.2	44.2
	25 - 29	156.6	151.8	154.6	150.8	146.5	83.4	83.5	85.2	85.4	83.6
	30 - 34	182.8	180.4	180.5	178.6	180.9	79.0	79.3	80.6	81.1	81.5
	35 - 39	185.4	182.6	188.1	188.4	187.3	72.9	72.0	74.3	74.7	74.8
	40 - 44	195.2	196.7	200.9	201.2	194.5	70.5	70.6	71.0	71.5	70.5
	45 - 49	197.3	194.9	195.8	203.6	206.0	70.8	70.0	70.5	71.5	70.7
	50 - 54	210.2	215.4	209.7	202.0	205.3	68.2	69.9	68.6	67.4	68.2
	55 - 59	189.2	186.9	187.5	188.0	190.3	61.0	60.5	60.8	61.1	61.5
	60 - 64	136.4	131.1	132.1	133.2	134.3	40.0	38.9	39.5	40.2	40.4
	≥65	77.2	83.5	82.6	77.9	80.6	8.6	9.2	9.0	8.4	8.6
	Overall	1 607.7	1 600.5	1 610.1	1 597.8	1 596.6	47.7	47.6	47.9	47.5	47.3
Both sexes	15 - 19	16.5	17.8	21.1	17.1	16.6	5.9	6.5	7.7	6.1	5.8
	20 - 24	141.7	138.6	143.4	138.3	130.7	48.4	48.3	50.1	47.3	45.1
	25 - 29	321.5	311.3	315.9	311.2	301.9	85.8	85.0	86.0	86.4	84.7
	30 - 34	392.6	389.1	392.3	387.8	388.9	86.2	86.4	87.2	87.4	87.1
	35 - 39	406.9	405.2	413.6	414.4	413.9	83.5	83.2	84.4	84.7	84.6
	40 - 44	421.0	421.8	429.9	428.2	420.5	81.7	81.6	82.0	82.2	81.7
	45 - 49	411.1	407.8	410.3	420.2	423.6	80.9	80.4	80.6	81.2	80.7
	50 - 54	426.2	430.3	424.4	417.1	419.6	77.3	78.1	77.4	77.3	77.6
	55 - 59	389.5	384.3	383.2	383.7	385.6	70.1	69.5	69.6	70.0	70.1
	60 - 64	313.3	305.2	304.5	302.1	302.1	49.5	48.7	49.3	49.5	49.6
	≥65	229.7	232.5	240.1	231.7	235.4	13.5	13.5	13.8	13.2	13.4
	Overall	3 470.1	3 444.0	3 478.5	3 451.7	3 438.7	54.5	54.3	54.7	54.3	54.0

Employment

Table 7.3 : Employed persons by age and sex

		Employed persons				
		No. ('000)				
		2025				2026
Year	Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Age group					
Male	15 - 19	6.7	8.8	10.3	8.5	7.9
	20 - 24	66.6	62.2	63.5	62.0	58.3
	25 - 29	156.2	149.3	152.8	151.1	147.1
	30 - 34	202.7	201.6	203.5	201.6	199.6
	35 - 39	214.4	215.8	217.5	219.3	219.6
	40 - 44	220.6	218.9	219.9	219.7	219.0
	45 - 49	207.1	205.6	206.7	208.3	208.5
	50 - 54	208.4	205.3	204.4	206.4	205.0
	55 - 59	191.5	187.9	184.6	185.7	185.7
	≥60	320.3	313.7	317.1	311.7	311.6
	Overall	1 794.4	1 769.2	1 780.2	1 774.3	1 762.3
Female	15 - 19	8.6	7.0	7.6	6.7	7.2
	20 - 24	66.8	65.4	63.5	63.1	60.3
	25 - 29	168.3	165.6	168.2	166.8	159.5
	30 - 34	226.2	224.7	228.0	227.3	226.2
	35 - 39	255.8	252.5	258.0	257.2	254.7
	40 - 44	277.5	277.4	276.7	278.3	280.7
	45 - 49	248.4	246.5	250.1	253.9	254.6
	50 - 54	236.7	238.4	233.6	230.7	234.1
	55 - 59	194.5	192.3	191.1	194.0	197.4
	≥60	215.5	218.3	217.4	214.8	218.8
	Overall	1 898.3	1 888.2	1 894.3	1 892.7	1 893.4
Both sexes	15 - 19	15.3	15.8	17.9	15.3	15.1
	20 - 24	133.4	127.6	127.0	125.1	118.6
	25 - 29	324.5	314.8	321.0	317.9	306.6
	30 - 34	428.9	426.3	431.4	428.9	425.8
	35 - 39	470.1	468.3	475.5	476.5	474.3
	40 - 44	498.1	496.3	496.6	498.0	499.7
	45 - 49	455.5	452.2	456.8	462.1	463.0
	50 - 54	445.1	443.7	438.0	437.0	439.1
	55 - 59	386.0	380.2	375.7	379.7	383.1
	≥60	535.7	532.0	534.5	526.4	530.4
	Overall	3 692.7	3 657.3	3 674.5	3 667.0	3 655.7

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

		Employed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers)				
		No. ('000)				
		2025				2026
Year						
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Age group					
Male	15 - 19	6.7	8.8	10.3	8.5	7.9
	20 - 24	66.6	62.2	63.5	62.0	58.3
	25 - 29	156.1	149.1	152.6	151.1	147.1
	30 - 34	202.3	200.7	203.2	201.0	199.4
	35 - 39	213.8	215.2	216.6	219.2	219.6
	40 - 44	219.8	218.1	219.3	219.1	218.4
	45 - 49	206.7	204.7	205.9	207.9	208.5
	50 - 54	207.9	205.1	204.3	206.0	204.7
	55 - 59	191.3	187.8	184.4	185.1	185.5
	≥60	319.9	313.3	317.0	311.2	311.4
	Overall	1 791.1	1 765.0	1 777.1	1 771.2	1 760.7
Female	15 - 19	8.5	7.0	7.6	6.7	7.1
	20 - 24	61.7	62.6	58.6	58.8	57.3
	25 - 29	149.0	143.8	145.9	143.6	138.6
	30 - 34	178.4	174.6	174.8	173.6	175.8
	35 - 39	180.1	177.3	183.5	183.1	181.6
	40 - 44	190.6	191.7	195.4	195.5	188.6
	45 - 49	192.2	188.9	189.3	197.6	200.5
	50 - 54	203.2	208.1	202.6	196.0	198.6
	55 - 59	184.0	180.4	179.6	181.3	183.5
	≥60	208.5	208.4	208.7	206.1	209.9
	Overall	1 556.2	1 542.8	1 545.9	1 542.3	1 541.4
Both sexes	15 - 19	15.2	15.8	17.9	15.3	15.0
	20 - 24	128.3	124.8	122.1	120.8	115.6
	25 - 29	305.1	292.9	298.5	294.6	285.7
	30 - 34	380.7	375.2	378.0	374.6	375.1
	35 - 39	394.0	392.5	400.1	402.3	401.2
	40 - 44	410.4	409.8	414.7	414.7	407.0
	45 - 49	398.8	393.7	395.2	405.5	409.0
	50 - 54	411.1	413.2	406.9	402.0	403.3
	55 - 59	375.3	368.2	364.0	366.4	369.0
	≥60	528.4	521.7	525.6	517.3	521.3
	Overall	3 347.3	3 307.8	3 322.9	3 313.5	3 302.1

Table 7.5 : Employed persons by educational attainment and sex

		Employed persons				
		No. ('000)				
Year		2025				2026
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Educational attainment					
Male	Primary and below	91.8	88.4	86.7	83.6	88.2
	Lower secondary (1)	248.0	240.5	244.3	244.3	240.4
	Upper secondary (2)	581.7	581.3	578.1	574.1	566.4
	Post-secondary - diploma/certificate	61.7	62.0	63.6	69.8	65.6
	Post-secondary - sub-degree	141.9	145.2	141.7	135.4	137.9
	Post-secondary - degree	669.3	651.8	665.7	667.1	663.7
	Overall	1 794.4	1 769.2	1 780.2	1 774.3	1 762.3
Female	Primary and below	144.7	145.1	137.3	128.8	130.0
	Lower secondary (1)	207.9	215.0	217.8	210.0	219.8
	Upper secondary (2)	703.1	696.6	714.9	728.9	701.4
	Post-secondary - diploma/certificate	63.8	64.7	67.0	69.7	71.3
	Post-secondary - sub-degree	116.1	114.0	110.1	110.0	112.7
	Post-secondary - degree	662.7	652.7	647.2	645.3	658.3
	Overall	1 898.3	1 888.2	1 894.3	1 892.7	1 893.4
Both sexes	Primary and below	236.5	233.5	224.1	212.4	218.3
	Lower secondary (1)	456.0	455.5	462.1	454.2	460.1
	Upper secondary (2)	1 284.9	1 277.9	1 293.0	1 303.1	1 267.8
	Post-secondary - diploma/certificate	125.5	126.7	130.6	139.5	136.9
	Post-secondary - sub-degree	258.0	259.2	251.8	245.4	250.6
	Post-secondary - degree	1 331.9	1 304.5	1 312.9	1 312.4	1 322.0
	Overall	3 692.7	3 657.3	3 674.5	3 667.0	3 655.7

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)				
		2025				2026
Year						
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Educational attainment					
Male	Primary and below	91.8	88.3	86.7	83.5	88.2
	Lower secondary (1)	247.9	240.4	244.2	243.9	240.2
	Upper secondary (2)	578.8	577.4	575.3	571.7	565.0
	Post-secondary - diploma/certificate	61.7	62.0	63.5	69.8	65.6
	Post-secondary - sub-degree	141.9	145.2	141.7	135.4	137.9
	Post-secondary - degree	669.0	651.8	665.7	666.8	663.7
	Overall	1 791.1	1 765.0	1 777.1	1 771.2	1 760.7
Female	Primary and below	112.3	111.2	106.8	101.7	101.5
	Lower secondary (1)	181.6	180.2	180.8	171.9	178.9
	Upper secondary (2)	463.1	462.3	476.7	483.0	463.5
	Post-secondary - diploma/certificate	53.8	54.7	57.2	61.6	62.9
	Post-secondary - sub-degree	112.5	110.8	106.8	105.3	108.2
	Post-secondary - degree	632.9	623.6	617.6	618.8	626.4
	Overall	1 556.2	1 542.8	1 545.9	1 542.3	1 541.4
Both sexes	Primary and below	204.1	199.5	193.5	185.2	189.8
	Lower secondary (1)	429.5	420.6	424.9	415.8	419.2
	Upper secondary (2)	1 041.9	1 039.7	1 052.0	1 054.7	1 028.4
	Post-secondary - diploma/certificate	115.5	116.7	120.6	131.4	128.6
	Post-secondary - sub-degree	254.4	255.9	248.5	240.8	246.1
	Post-secondary - degree	1 301.9	1 275.4	1 283.4	1 285.6	1 290.1
	Overall	3 347.3	3 307.8	3 322.9	3 313.5	3 302.1

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)				
		2025				2026
Year						
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Detailed industry of main employment					
Male	Manufacturing	57.8	62.7	60.7	55.5	54.4
	Construction	297.1	294.0	291.9	289.9	281.8
	Foundation and superstructure	234.3	235.8	232.8	230.1	225.8
	Decoration, repair and maintenance for buildings	62.7	58.1	59.0	59.8	56.0
	Import/export trade and wholesale	140.7	140.5	139.4	140.1	145.6
	Import and export trade	132.7	133.4	131.5	132.1	139.3
	Wholesale	7.9	7.0	7.9	8.1	6.3
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	217.2	208.5	208.6	206.9	207.7
	Retail	95.5	96.1	90.2	90.1	93.7
	Accommodation and food services	121.7	112.4	118.4	116.8	113.9
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	318.3	308.1	306.6	306.4	300.6
	Transportation and storage	204.1	200.6	195.9	197.4	193.0
	Postal and courier activities	20.2	20.6	19.8	19.1	19.9
	Information and communications	94.0	86.9	90.9	89.9	87.7
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	424.3	427.5	429.0	424.3	421.4
	Financing	102.3	105.8	107.5	101.1	99.0
	Insurance	28.1	28.7	28.1	28.0	24.9
	Real estate	97.1	96.5	100.1	98.5	98.9
	Professional and business services	196.8	196.5	193.4	196.8	198.6
	Public administration, social and personal services	318.8	309.8	324.9	333.4	331.8
	Public administration	77.0	74.1	79.5	80.4	77.7
	Education	79.9	79.6	81.7	83.4	86.3
	Human health and social work activities	72.5	72.8	77.9	75.7	77.0
	Arts, entertainment and recreation	28.8	26.9	26.9	32.0	32.6
	Other service activities	60.6	56.3	59.0	62.0	58.2
	Other industries	20.3	18.2	19.2	17.8	19.1
	Overall	1 794.4	1 769.2	1 780.2	1 774.3	1 762.3
Female	Manufacturing	30.5	28.0	26.9	31.1	31.9
	Construction	48.2	41.3	40.8	43.2	46.6
	Foundation and superstructure	40.8	32.5	31.8	35.9	38.4
	Decoration, repair and maintenance for buildings	7.4	8.8	9.0	7.4	8.1
	Import/export trade and wholesale	150.2	142.5	144.0	144.1	133.8
	Import and export trade	145.3	136.9	137.9	138.9	127.7
	Wholesale	5.0	5.6	6.1	5.3	6.1
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	281.2	282.0	281.0	282.9	281.6
	Retail	143.3	139.2	145.6	143.7	137.5
	Accommodation and food services	137.9	142.7	135.3	139.2	144.2
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	101.9	109.8	110.2	103.9	108.9
	Transportation and storage	59.9	61.9	64.6	60.4	63.1
	Postal and courier activities	4.7	5.6	5.6	5.1	4.9
	Information and communications	37.2	42.3	39.9	38.4	40.9
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	435.8	430.9	439.9	439.6	440.4
	Financing	97.9	95.0	96.5	101.2	101.4
	Insurance	41.0	38.5	39.7	38.3	40.4
	Real estate	72.3	72.4	73.1	74.7	74.5

Year		Employed persons				
		No. ('000)				
		2025				2026
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Detailed industry of main employment					
	Professional and business services	224.5	224.9	230.6	225.5	224.1
	Public administration, social and personal services	842.5	848.0	845.4	840.9	845.2
	Public administration	53.7	56.1	51.6	50.5	54.2
	Education	155.2	156.6	155.5	154.6	150.6
	Human health and social work activities	192.4	191.5	188.6	192.4	192.8
	Arts, entertainment and recreation	26.6	25.7	27.4	24.2	25.8
	Other service activities	414.6	418.1	422.3	419.3	421.7
	Other industries	7.9	5.8	6.1	6.9	5.1
	Overall	1 898.3	1 888.2	1 894.3	1 892.7	1 893.4
Both sexes	Manufacturing	88.2	90.7	87.6	86.5	86.3
	Construction	345.3	335.2	332.7	333.1	328.3
	Foundation and superstructure	275.2	268.3	264.6	265.9	264.2
	Decoration, repair and maintenance for buildings	70.1	66.9	68.0	67.2	64.1
	Import/export trade and wholesale	290.9	282.9	283.4	284.3	279.3
	Import and export trade	278.0	270.3	269.4	270.9	267.0
	Wholesale	12.9	12.6	14.0	13.3	12.3
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	498.4	490.5	489.6	489.8	489.3
	Retail	238.8	235.4	235.8	233.8	231.2
	Accommodation and food services	259.6	255.1	253.8	256.0	258.1
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	420.2	417.9	416.8	410.3	409.5
	Transportation and storage	264.1	262.6	260.5	257.8	256.1
	Postal and courier activities	25.0	26.2	25.5	24.2	24.8
	Information and communications	131.1	129.2	130.8	128.3	128.6
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	860.2	858.4	868.9	864.0	861.8
	Financing	200.2	200.9	204.0	202.2	200.4
	Insurance	69.1	67.2	67.8	66.3	65.3
	Real estate	169.5	168.9	173.2	173.2	173.4
	Professional and business services	421.3	421.5	423.9	422.3	422.7
	Public administration, social and personal services	1 161.3	1 157.7	1 170.3	1 174.3	1 176.9
	Public administration	130.7	130.3	131.1	130.9	132.0
	Education	235.1	236.2	237.2	237.9	236.9
	Human health and social work activities	264.9	264.3	266.5	268.1	269.8
	Arts, entertainment and recreation	55.5	52.6	54.2	56.1	58.4
	Other service activities	475.2	474.3	481.3	481.3	479.9
	Other industries	28.3	24.0	25.3	24.7	24.2
	Overall	3 692.7	3 657.3	3 674.5	3 667.0	3 655.7

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)				
		2025				2026
Year						
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Occupation of main employment					
Male	Managers	270.8	271.6	272.4	262.0	260.0
	Professionals	240.6	238.0	240.1	241.2	238.2
	Associate professionals	339.6	342.0	331.9	333.6	337.2
	Clerical support workers	113.7	106.8	115.2	120.0	115.1
	Services and sales workers	298.2	287.3	296.3	295.1	297.9
	Craft and related trades workers	203.6	202.7	205.1	206.0	201.9
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	145.2	143.7	137.8	136.4	135.8
	Elementary occupations	178.1	173.3	176.6	175.2	170.3
	Other occupations	4.7	3.7	4.9	5.0	6.0
	Overall	1 794.4	1 769.2	1 780.2	1 774.3	1 762.3
Female	Managers	161.1	170.7	163.5	162.8	153.4
	Professionals	223.9	229.9	228.5	225.8	232.4
	Associate professionals	269.2	252.1	263.7	267.2	273.2
	Clerical support workers	333.0	330.1	327.2	325.1	319.0
	Services and sales workers	393.3	396.7	400.8	403.4	407.2
	Craft and related trades workers	16.6	11.8	11.5	11.1	10.9
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	4.2	4.9	5.1	4.5	4.0
	Elementary occupations	494.9	489.7	490.9	489.2	490.3
	Other occupations	2.1	2.2	3.1	3.6	3.0
	Overall	1 898.3	1 888.2	1 894.3	1 892.7	1 893.4
Both sexes	Managers	432.0	442.3	435.9	424.8	413.3
	Professionals	464.5	467.9	468.6	467.1	470.6
	Associate professionals	608.8	594.2	595.6	600.8	610.4
	Clerical support workers	446.6	436.9	442.3	445.1	434.0
	Services and sales workers	691.5	684.0	697.0	698.4	705.1
	Craft and related trades workers	220.2	214.5	216.6	217.1	212.7
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	149.4	148.6	142.9	140.8	139.8
	Elementary occupations	673.0	663.0	667.5	664.3	660.6
	Other occupations	6.8	5.9	8.0	8.5	9.1
	Overall	3 692.7	3 657.3	3 674.5	3 667.0	3 655.7

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

Year		Employed persons				
		No. ('000)				
		2025				2026
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Hours of work of all employment (1)					
Male	< 20	191.9	113.0	106.1	101.6	150.5
	20 - 29	110.7	113.0	66.3	72.8	103.0
	30 - 34	74.4	82.9	71.4	79.6	67.4
	35 - 39	117.6	124.0	126.1	117.5	116.0
	40 - 44	532.2	545.1	562.3	561.6	508.2
	45 - 49	340.5	347.4	389.1	387.3	377.3
	50 - 54	197.7	209.7	222.8	208.6	211.0
	55 - 59	46.3	54.2	54.2	50.4	43.2
	60 - 64	109.9	104.9	109.8	120.6	115.7
	65 - 69	22.7	22.3	22.6	23.0	24.7
	70 - 74	37.9	40.2	37.8	41.1	35.3
	≥ 75	12.7	12.6	11.8	10.1	10.0
	Overall	1 794.4	1 769.2	1 780.2	1 774.3	1 762.3
Female	< 20	207.5	144.8	132.8	127.7	176.3
	20 - 29	120.4	120.9	83.2	88.5	111.9
	30 - 34	90.5	88.3	72.8	79.8	70.2
	35 - 39	120.9	120.3	133.7	119.1	112.7
	40 - 44	536.5	557.3	583.4	560.8	537.5
	45 - 49	315.8	321.7	349.3	362.4	345.7
	50 - 54	195.8	210.3	188.1	204.0	196.4
	55 - 59	34.8	38.4	40.8	45.4	37.4
	60 - 64	213.5	205.9	224.8	234.6	240.3
	65 - 69	15.3	20.5	25.4	19.8	20.4
	70 - 74	40.0	51.0	50.5	41.3	37.7
	≥ 75	7.1	8.6	9.6	9.1	6.9
	Overall	1 898.3	1 888.2	1 894.3	1 892.7	1 893.4
Both sexes	< 20	399.4	257.8	238.9	229.4	326.7
	20 - 29	231.1	233.9	149.5	161.3	214.9
	30 - 34	164.9	171.2	144.2	159.5	137.6
	35 - 39	238.5	244.3	259.8	236.6	228.8
	40 - 44	1 068.7	1 102.4	1 145.7	1 122.5	1 045.7
	45 - 49	656.3	669.1	738.3	749.8	722.9
	50 - 54	393.6	420.0	410.9	412.5	407.4
	55 - 59	81.1	92.6	94.9	95.8	80.6
	60 - 64	323.4	310.8	334.6	355.2	356.0
	65 - 69	38.0	42.8	48.0	42.8	45.2
	70 - 74	77.9	91.2	88.3	82.5	73.0
	≥ 75	19.8	21.2	21.4	19.3	16.9
	Overall	3 692.7	3 657.3	3 674.5	3 667.0	3 655.7

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)				
		2025				2026
Year						
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Hours of work of all employment (1)					
Male	< 20	191.9	113.0	106.1	101.4	150.3
	20 - 29	110.7	113.0	66.3	72.8	103.0
	30 - 34	74.4	82.9	71.4	79.6	67.4
	35 - 39	117.6	123.8	126.1	117.5	116.0
	40 - 44	531.9	544.9	561.9	561.3	508.2
	45 - 49	340.1	346.9	388.7	386.8	377.1
	50 - 54	197.3	208.6	222.1	207.9	210.9
	55 - 59	46.3	54.0	54.2	50.2	43.2
	60 - 64	108.5	103.8	108.5	119.5	115.0
	65 - 69	22.2	21.9	22.6	23.0	24.7
	70 - 74	37.6	39.6	37.5	41.0	34.9
	≥ 75	12.7	12.6	11.8	10.1	10.0
	Overall	1 791.1	1 765.0	1 777.1	1 771.2	1 760.7
Female	< 20	206.4	144.2	132.2	126.0	174.9
	20 - 29	116.2	120.0	82.9	88.3	109.3
	30 - 34	83.8	86.2	72.5	78.5	67.3
	35 - 39	114.0	115.0	131.3	116.9	108.8
	40 - 44	504.4	526.9	562.8	539.5	515.4
	45 - 49	271.4	275.8	298.4	309.5	295.3
	50 - 54	145.4	149.1	136.8	148.5	147.5
	55 - 59	28.5	32.2	34.0	36.9	29.5
	60 - 64	59.1	59.6	60.1	64.5	64.0
	65 - 69	8.2	9.5	11.8	12.0	12.9
	70 - 74	15.4	19.6	18.7	16.7	12.4
	≥ 75	3.3	4.6	4.4	5.1	4.2
	Overall	1 556.2	1 542.8	1 545.9	1 542.3	1 541.4
Both sexes	< 20	398.3	257.2	238.3	227.4	325.2
	20 - 29	226.8	233.0	149.2	161.1	212.3
	30 - 34	158.1	169.0	143.9	158.1	134.7
	35 - 39	231.6	238.8	257.4	234.4	224.8
	40 - 44	1 036.3	1 071.8	1 124.7	1 100.8	1 023.6
	45 - 49	611.6	622.6	687.1	696.2	672.3
	50 - 54	342.8	357.8	358.9	356.3	358.4
	55 - 59	74.8	86.2	88.2	87.1	72.6
	60 - 64	167.6	163.4	168.6	184.1	179.0
	65 - 69	30.4	31.5	34.4	34.9	37.6
	70 - 74	53.0	59.2	56.2	57.6	47.3
	≥ 75	16.0	17.2	16.2	15.2	14.2
	Overall	3 347.3	3 307.8	3 322.9	3 313.5	3 302.1

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				
		2025				2026
Year						
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Industry of main employment					
Male	Manufacturing	44	42	45	45	42
	Construction	40	40	44	45	44
	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	40	40	43	42	42
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	40	40	43	40	40
	Public administration, social and personal services	42	44	44	44	44
	Other industries	40	43	44	44	40
	Overall	40	40	44	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	45	45	48	48	48
	Other industries	40	40	40	40	40
	Overall	40	42	44	44	44
Both sexes	Manufacturing	40	40	44	45	40
	Construction	40	40	42	44	42
	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	44	45	45	45	45
	Other industries	40	42	42	42	40
	Overall	40	42	44	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

Year		Employed persons				
		No. ('000)				
		2025				2026
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Monthly employment earnings (HK\$)					
Male	< 3,000	27.2	22.2	26.0	25.9	21.1
	3,000 - 3,999	9.5	10.6	9.9	8.5	9.0
	4,000 - 4,999	11.5	12.9	11.7	10.8	12.5
	5,000 - 5,999	12.7	15.4	13.3	16.1	17.2
	6,000 - 6,999	14.8	14.2	14.8	15.4	13.3
	7,000 - 7,999	12.5	14.3	13.7	12.2	9.8
	8,000 - 8,999	18.5	19.6	16.2	17.2	17.4
	9,000 - 9,999	15.3	16.2	19.6	15.2	14.7
	10,000 - 11,999	56.0	58.2	50.2	54.4	47.7
	12,000 - 13,999	75.5	67.6	70.8	70.4	71.9
	14,000 - 15,999	117.3	116.7	110.4	109.8	113.6
	16,000 - 17,999	105.0	97.3	105.3	109.9	99.0
	18,000 - 19,999	107.1	109.5	117.1	110.7	104.6
	20,000 - 24,999	282.3	290.3	300.8	295.9	279.6
	25,000 - 29,999	184.2	175.8	179.4	191.5	182.1
	30,000 - 34,999	160.9	171.8	156.8	157.4	157.1
	35,000 - 39,999	88.1	87.8	98.8	90.2	96.8
	40,000 - 44,999	86.0	88.4	90.2	88.4	90.0
	45,000 - 49,999	60.5	55.7	50.9	49.3	52.4
	50,000 - 59,999	95.6	89.5	92.3	89.8	95.3
	60,000 - 79,999	99.8	89.0	99.7	99.0	101.5
	80,000 - 99,999	57.1	56.2	53.4	52.6	57.9
	≥ 100,000	97.2	90.0	79.2	83.8	97.8
	Overall	1 794.4	1 769.2	1 780.2	1 774.3	1 762.3
Female	< 3,000	36.5	35.3	32.8	32.7	34.1
	3,000 - 3,999	16.9	18.8	16.9	16.4	17.2
	4,000 - 4,999	201.8	197.3	197.2	168.3	149.8
	5,000 - 5,999	146.8	144.1	150.9	177.7	195.9
	6,000 - 6,999	46.6	51.8	53.1	54.6	54.9
	7,000 - 7,999	28.2	26.4	25.1	30.3	26.9
	8,000 - 8,999	25.8	27.3	26.5	26.5	23.5
	9,000 - 9,999	20.4	24.5	21.9	22.8	20.5
	10,000 - 11,999	65.0	73.0	66.9	59.4	58.5
	12,000 - 13,999	103.4	102.1	99.2	95.5	93.2
	14,000 - 15,999	144.1	143.6	138.0	135.3	134.4
	16,000 - 17,999	114.8	114.6	121.7	118.9	119.1
	18,000 - 19,999	107.6	107.0	108.6	114.0	106.6
	20,000 - 24,999	224.7	215.2	229.4	227.1	212.7
	25,000 - 29,999	122.0	129.8	129.8	123.4	120.4
	30,000 - 34,999	104.2	104.3	96.9	106.4	112.2
	35,000 - 39,999	60.7	57.2	66.0	68.0	69.4
	40,000 - 44,999	65.1	56.6	57.3	63.9	59.8
	45,000 - 49,999	32.5	35.7	35.5	39.8	38.8
	50,000 - 59,999	66.6	60.3	65.1	67.0	71.0
	60,000 - 79,999	80.2	75.4	81.7	72.4	85.5

Year		Employed persons				
		No. ('000)				
		2025				2026
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Monthly employment earnings (HK\$)					
	80,000 - 99,999	37.9	39.5	37.4	34.1	40.7
	≥ 100,000	46.2	48.2	36.3	38.2	48.3
	Overall	1 898.3	1 888.2	1 894.3	1 892.7	1 893.4
Both sexes	< 3,000	63.7	57.5	58.7	58.6	55.1
	3,000 - 3,999	26.4	29.4	26.8	24.9	26.1
	4,000 - 4,999	213.3	210.2	208.9	179.1	162.3
	5,000 - 5,999	159.5	159.6	164.3	193.7	213.1
	6,000 - 6,999	61.5	65.9	67.9	70.0	68.2
	7,000 - 7,999	40.7	40.7	38.8	42.5	36.6
	8,000 - 8,999	44.3	47.0	42.6	43.7	40.9
	9,000 - 9,999	35.7	40.6	41.5	38.0	35.2
	10,000 - 11,999	121.0	131.2	117.1	113.8	106.2
	12,000 - 13,999	178.9	169.8	170.0	165.9	165.1
	14,000 - 15,999	261.4	260.3	248.4	245.1	248.0
	16,000 - 17,999	219.9	212.0	227.0	228.9	218.1
	18,000 - 19,999	214.7	216.5	225.7	224.7	211.3
	20,000 - 24,999	507.0	505.4	530.2	523.0	492.3
	25,000 - 29,999	306.2	305.6	309.2	314.8	302.5
	30,000 - 34,999	265.1	276.1	253.6	263.8	269.4
	35,000 - 39,999	148.8	145.0	164.7	158.2	166.2
	40,000 - 44,999	151.1	145.0	147.5	152.3	149.7
	45,000 - 49,999	92.9	91.4	86.3	89.0	91.3
	50,000 - 59,999	162.1	149.8	157.4	156.8	166.3
	60,000 - 79,999	180.0	164.4	181.5	171.5	187.0
	80,000 - 99,999	95.0	95.7	90.9	86.7	98.6
	≥ 100,000	143.3	138.2	115.5	122.0	146.1
	Overall	3 692.7	3 657.3	3 674.5	3 667.0	3 655.7

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

		Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons				
		HK\$				
Year		2025				2026
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Educational attainment					
Male	Primary and below	15,600	15,500	15,500	16,000	16,000
	Lower secondary (1)	19,000	18,900	18,300	18,500	19,000
	Upper secondary (2)	20,300	20,000	20,500	20,500	21,000
	Post-secondary - diploma/certificate	25,000	23,000	24,500	25,000	25,000
	Post-secondary - sub-degree	26,000	26,000	25,000	25,000	26,700
	Post-secondary - degree	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	41,900
	Overall	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Female	Primary and below	10,900	10,500	11,000	11,000	12,000
	Lower secondary (1)	13,300	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
	Upper secondary (2)	13,400	13,000	13,500	13,900	13,900
	Post-secondary - diploma/certificate	19,000	19,700	17,700	19,000	18,800
	Post-secondary - sub-degree	20,000	20,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
	Post-secondary - degree	32,000	32,000	33,000	34,000	34,500
	Overall	17,900	17,500	17,900	18,000	18,000
Both sexes	Primary and below	12,100	12,200	13,000	13,000	13,000
	Lower secondary (1)	15,500	15,300	15,500	15,700	15,500
	Upper secondary (2)	17,400	17,000	17,300	17,000	17,800
	Post-secondary - diploma/certificate	20,300	20,800	20,500	21,400	21,000
	Post-secondary - sub-degree	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,100	24,500
	Post-secondary - degree	37,000	36,400	37,000	37,400	38,600
	Overall	20,100	20,000	20,500	20,500	21,000

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\$				
		2025				2026
Year						
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Industry of main employment					
Male	Manufacturing	25,000	25,000	24,600	25,000	24,000
	Construction	24,500	24,000	23,000	23,800	24,000
	Import/export trade and wholesale	30,000	29,000	28,700	25,000	30,000
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	19,600	19,300	19,700	20,000	20,000
	Retail	19,000	18,600	18,700	19,200	19,400
	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	22,200	22,000	23,500
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	30,000	30,000	29,500	29,400	30,000
	Financing and insurance	48,000	45,900	48,000	50,000	50,000
	Real estate and professional and business services	25,000	24,000	23,500	24,000	25,000
	Public administration, social and personal services	30,000	30,000	30,600	30,000	30,700
	Other industries	24,500	28,200	26,000	26,000	27,000
	Overall	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Female	Manufacturing	16,000	16,000	18,000	16,500	17,200
	Construction	20,000	18,100	20,000	20,000	20,200
	Import/export trade and wholesale	21,000	21,300	21,000	22,000	22,300
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,200
	Retail	15,000	14,000	14,500	15,000	15,000
	Accommodation and food services	15,400	15,300	15,800	15,000	15,500
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	21,500	22,000	21,000	22,000	23,800
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	24,900
	Financing and insurance	34,700	34,900	32,900	35,000	36,500
	Real estate and professional and business services	19,100	19,000	19,800	20,000	20,000
	Public administration, social and personal services	13,000	13,000	13,000	12,500	13,000
	Other industries	20,000	20,000	16,000	20,500	25,000
	Overall	17,900	17,500	17,900	18,000	18,000
Both sexes	Manufacturing	21,500	22,500	21,000	21,400	21,300
	Construction	23,500	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
	Import/export trade and wholesale	25,000	25,000	23,900	23,500	25,000
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	16,600	16,000	16,500	17,000	17,000
	Retail	16,000	15,000	16,000	16,300	16,200
	Accommodation and food services	17,000	17,000	17,100	17,400	17,500
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	23,500
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	25,500	25,200	25,000	25,000	26,500
	Financing and insurance	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,100
	Real estate and professional and business services	20,700	20,700	21,000	21,000	21,600
	Public administration, social and personal services	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,100	18,500
	Other industries	23,600	26,200	25,000	25,000	27,000
	Overall	20,100	20,000	20,500	20,500	21,000

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\$				
		2025				2026
Year						
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Occupation of main employment					
Male	Managers	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	51,700
	Professionals	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
	Associate professionals	28,600	28,800	27,400	28,000	29,900
	Clerical support workers	19,800	19,900	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Services and sales workers	19,000	18,500	19,000	19,700	19,400
	Craft and related trades workers	21,900	21,500	21,400	22,000	22,000
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	19,800	19,900	20,000	19,000	19,900
	Elementary occupations	15,600	15,500	15,800	15,900	15,500
	Other occupations	16,000	16,600	16,000	15,000	14,500
	Overall	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Female	Managers	50,000	45,000	48,000	45,000	50,000
	Professionals	45,000	47,300	46,300	45,500	46,800
	Associate professionals	25,800	25,500	25,000	26,600	28,000
	Clerical support workers	19,300	19,300	19,200	19,400	20,000
	Services and sales workers	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
	Craft and related trades workers	15,500	15,000	16,000	17,700	17,000
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	18,000	16,000	15,900	18,000	19,000
	Elementary occupations	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,100
	Other occupations	15,000 †	16,000 †	14,500	12,100	15,800
	Overall	17,900	17,500	17,900	18,000	18,000
Both sexes	Managers	50,000	49,400	50,000	49,800	50,000
	Professionals	48,000	50,000	49,000	47,800	50,000
	Associate professionals	27,700	27,000	26,000	27,500	28,600
	Clerical support workers	19,500	19,500	19,800	19,800	20,000
	Services and sales workers	16,500	16,000	16,300	16,600	16,900
	Craft and related trades workers	21,000	21,000	21,000	22,000	22,000
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	19,600	19,500	20,000	19,000	19,900
	Elementary occupations	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
	Other occupations	15,200	16,000	15,600	14,500	14,500
	Overall	20,100	20,000	20,500	20,500	21,000

† 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		2025				2026	2025				2026
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Age group										
Male	15 - 19	0.7	1.2	1.7	1.0	0.9	9.7	11.6	14.5	10.5	10.5
	20 - 24	6.8	6.9	10.7	9.9	9.3	9.3	10.0	14.4	13.8	13.8
	25 - 29	8.9	10.4	8.7	9.3	8.3	5.4	6.5	5.4	5.8	5.4
	30 - 34	7.5	8.1	8.7	8.2	8.6	3.6	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.1
	35 - 39	7.7	7.4	8.9	6.9	7.0	3.5	3.3	3.9	3.0	3.1
	40 - 44	6.0	7.1	9.6	7.8	7.6	2.7	3.1	4.2	3.4	3.3
	45 - 49	7.1	8.1	8.5	8.6	9.0	3.3	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.2
	50 - 54	8.1	9.8	10.3	9.1	9.6	3.7	4.5	4.8	4.2	4.5
	55 - 59	9.0	9.6	11.2	10.6	9.8	4.5	4.9	5.7	5.4	5.0
	≥60	9.5	9.9	12.9	11.4	11.1	2.9	3.1	3.9	3.5	3.5
	Overall	71.4	78.4	91.3	82.8	81.4	3.8	4.2	4.9	4.5	4.4
Female	15 - 19	0.6	0.9	1.4	0.8	0.7	6.1	11.0	15.7	11.2	9.3
	20 - 24	6.5	6.9	10.6	7.6	5.8	8.9	9.6	14.3	10.7	8.7
	25 - 29	7.5	8.0	8.7	7.2	7.9	4.3	4.6	4.9	4.2	4.7
	30 - 34	4.4	5.8	5.7	5.0	5.1	1.9	2.5	2.4	2.1	2.2
	35 - 39	5.2	5.3	4.6	5.3	5.7	2.0	2.0	1.8	2.0	2.2
	40 - 44	4.6	4.9	5.6	5.7	5.9	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.1
	45 - 49	5.2	6.0	6.5	6.1	5.5	2.0	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.1
	50 - 54	7.1	7.3	7.2	6.0	6.7	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.8
	55 - 59	5.3	6.5	8.0	6.7	6.8	2.6	3.3	4.0	3.3	3.3
	≥60	5.1	6.2	6.0	5.0	5.1	2.3	2.8	2.7	2.3	2.3
	Overall	51.5	57.7	64.3	55.4	55.2	2.6	3.0	3.3	2.8	2.8
Both sexes	15 - 19	1.3	2.0	3.2	1.8	1.7	7.7	11.3	15.0	10.8	9.9
	20 - 24	13.3	13.8	21.3	17.5	15.1	9.1	9.8	14.4	12.3	11.3
	25 - 29	16.4	18.4	17.5	16.6	16.2	4.8	5.5	5.2	5.0	5.0
	30 - 34	11.9	13.9	14.3	13.2	13.7	2.7	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.1
	35 - 39	12.9	12.6	13.5	12.1	12.7	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.6
	40 - 44	10.6	12.0	15.2	13.5	13.5	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.6	2.6
	45 - 49	12.3	14.1	15.1	14.7	14.6	2.6	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.1
	50 - 54	15.2	17.1	17.5	15.1	16.3	3.3	3.7	3.8	3.3	3.6
	55 - 59	14.3	16.1	19.2	17.3	16.6	3.6	4.1	4.8	4.3	4.1
	≥60	14.6	16.1	18.9	16.4	16.2	2.7	2.9	3.4	3.0	3.0
	Overall	122.8	136.2	155.6	138.2	136.6	3.2	3.6	4.1	3.6	3.6

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

			Unemployed persons				
			No. ('000)				
			2025				2026
Year							
Quarter			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Duration of unemployment (months)	Age group					
Male	<1	15 - 24	1.0	2.1	4.6	1.9	1.5
		25 - 39	4.8	6.2	4.2	4.0	3.5
		≥40	10.3	11.0	13.1	9.1	8.4
		Overall	16.1	19.3	21.9	14.9	13.3
	1 - < 2	15 - 24	0.9	0.9	2.9	2.0	1.8
		25 - 39	4.5	4.5	3.5	3.7	4.3
		≥40	5.6	7.3	7.2	7.8	6.3
		Overall	11.0	12.6	13.7	13.5	12.4
	2 - < 3	15 - 24	0.6	1.2	0.8	1.9	0.5
		25 - 39	3.7	1.9	3.6	3.6	3.4
		≥40	4.6	5.5	5.9	6.3	6.4
		Overall	8.9	8.6	10.3	11.8	10.3
	3 - < 6	15 - 24	2.5	1.0	1.3	2.3	3.5
		25 - 39	4.0	5.1	4.6	4.9	6.1
		≥40	6.0	6.4	8.5	7.9	7.4
		Overall	12.5	12.6	14.5	15.2	17.1
	≥ 6	15 - 24	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9
		25 - 39	7.1	8.3	10.4	8.3	6.7
		≥40	13.3	14.2	17.9	16.4	18.7
		Overall	22.9	25.4	31.0	27.4	28.3
	Overall	15 - 24	7.5	8.1	12.4	10.9	10.3
		25 - 39	24.1	25.9	26.3	24.4	24.0
		≥40	39.7	44.5	52.6	47.5	47.2
		Overall	71.4	78.4	91.3	82.8	81.4
Female	<1	15 - 24	1.1	3.1	3.5	1.6	0.8
		25 - 39	4.2	3.8	4.0	3.3	3.4
		≥40	9.1	7.0	8.2	5.8	8.1
		Overall	14.4	13.9	15.7	10.7	12.2
	1 - < 2	15 - 24	1.1	0.9	2.0	1.2	1.3
		25 - 39	2.2	4.5	4.2	3.8	3.3
		≥40	3.3	5.1	6.0	5.1	4.5
		Overall	6.7	10.4	12.2	10.1	9.1
	2 - < 3	15 - 24	1.1	1.2	1.8	1.3	0.6
		25 - 39	3.2	2.3	2.7	1.2	1.6
		≥40	3.6	4.4	3.7	3.8	2.5
		Overall	7.9	7.8	8.2	6.3	4.7
	3 - < 6	15 - 24	2.5	0.8	1.6	2.2	1.4
		25 - 39	2.7	4.2	3.8	4.5	4.9
		≥40	4.1	6.7	5.4	5.3	5.7
		Overall	9.3	11.6	10.8	12.0	12.1
	≥ 6	15 - 24	1.3	1.9	3.1	2.2	2.4
		25 - 39	4.7	4.2	4.4	4.7	5.5
		≥40	7.1	7.9	9.8	9.4	9.2
		Overall	13.2	14.0	17.4	16.3	17.1

			Unemployed persons				
			No. ('000)				
Year			2025				2026
Quarter			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Duration of unemployment (months)	Age group					
	Overall	15 - 24	7.1	7.8	12.0	8.4	6.5
		25 - 39	17.1	19.0	19.0	17.5	18.7
		≥40	27.2	31.0	33.2	29.5	30.0
		Overall	51.5	57.7	64.3	55.4	55.2
Both sexes	<1	15 - 24	2.1	5.2	8.2	3.5	2.3
		25 - 39	9.0	10.0	8.2	7.2	6.8
		≥40	19.4	18.0	21.3	14.9	16.5
		Overall	30.5	33.3	37.6	25.6	25.6
	1 - < 2	15 - 24	2.0	1.7	4.9	3.2	3.1
		25 - 39	6.7	8.9	7.7	7.5	7.6
		≥40	8.9	12.3	13.2	12.9	10.7
		Overall	17.6	23.0	25.8	23.6	21.5
	2 - < 3	15 - 24	1.7	2.3	2.5	3.3	1.2
		25 - 39	7.0	4.2	6.3	4.8	5.0
		≥40	8.2	9.9	9.6	10.1	8.9
		Overall	16.8	16.4	18.5	18.1	15.0
	3 - < 6	15 - 24	5.0	1.8	2.9	4.5	5.0
		25 - 39	6.7	9.3	8.4	9.4	11.1
		≥40	10.1	13.1	14.0	13.3	13.1
		Overall	21.8	24.2	25.3	27.2	29.1
	≥ 6	15 - 24	3.8	4.7	5.9	4.9	5.3
		25 - 39	11.8	12.5	14.8	12.9	12.1
		≥40	20.5	22.1	27.7	25.8	28.0
		Overall	36.1	39.3	48.4	43.7	45.4
	Overall	15 - 24	14.6	15.8	24.4	19.3	16.8
		25 - 39	41.2	44.9	45.3	41.9	42.6
		≥40	67.0	75.4	85.8	77.0	77.2
		Overall	122.8	136.2	155.6	138.2	136.6

Table 7.18 : Median duration of unemployment by sex

	Median duration of unemployment				
	Days				
Year	2025				2026
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex					
Male	90	87	91	96	109
Female	79	78	77	94	100
Both sexes	85	83	84	95	105

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

		Unemployed persons with a previous job				
		No. ('000)				
Year		2025				2026
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Previous industry					
Male	Manufacturing	2.1	1.8	2.0	1.7	1.8
	Construction	16.9	22.0	23.3	21.5	21.1
	Import/export trade and wholesale	4.8	4.9	5.8	5.0	5.1
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	11.5	12.3	15.8	14.1	12.5
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	11.1	10.1	11.6	11.6	11.3
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	12.7	14.7	17.9	13.9	15.1
	Public administration, social and personal services	6.3	6.3	5.6	5.9	6.9
	Other industries	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall - not including first-time job-seekers and re-entrants into the labour force who were unemployed	65.6	72.4	82.3	73.8	73.9
Female	Manufacturing	0.9	1.1	1.6	1.4	1.0
	Construction	1.4	2.3	2.6	2.3	2.1
	Import/export trade and wholesale	3.8	3.7	4.8	5.0	4.5
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	13.0	14.7	14.9	12.9	12.9
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	2.8	4.0	3.8	2.7	3.0
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	12.0	14.7	12.5	13.1	13.5
	Public administration, social and personal services	10.1	10.5	13.0	11.1	12.4
	Other industries	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall - not including first-time job-seekers and re-entrants into the labour force who were unemployed	44.4	51.1	53.5	48.9	49.8
Both sexes	Manufacturing	3.1	2.9	3.6	3.1	2.8
	Construction	18.3	24.3	25.9	23.8	23.2
	Import/export trade and wholesale	8.7	8.6	10.5	10.0	9.6
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	24.4	27.0	30.7	27.0	25.4
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	14.0	14.1	15.4	14.3	14.3
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	24.7	29.4	30.4	26.9	28.7
	Public administration, social and personal services	16.4	16.8	18.6	17.0	19.3
	Other industries	[*7]	[*7]	0.7	0.5	0.5
	Overall - not including first-time job-seekers and re-entrants into the labour force who were unemployed	110.0	123.4	135.8	122.7	123.7

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				2026
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Previous occupation					
Male	Managers, professionals and associate professionals	21.9	22.7	27.4	22.7	21.4
	Clerical support workers	6.0	6.2	5.8	4.3	6.4
	Services and sales workers	11.2	12.5	15.9	13.0	15.2
	Craft and related trades workers	10.2	13.5	15.7	14.1	11.6
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	3.3	3.2	4.3	4.2	3.5
	Elementary occupations	12.9	14.0	12.9	15.3	15.7
	Other occupations	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall - not including first-time job-seekers and re-entrants into the labour force who were unemployed	65.6	72.4	82.3	73.8	73.9
Female	Managers, professionals and associate professionals	12.7	15.7	15.1	14.7	16.1
	Clerical support workers	10.4	11.7	12.0	11.0	9.8
	Services and sales workers	14.0	16.3	17.6	16.5	16.5
	Craft and related trades workers	0.6	0.6	[*7]	1.0	0.9
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Elementary occupations	6.6	6.5	8.0	5.4	6.1
	Other occupations	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall - not including first-time job-seekers and re-entrants into the labour force who were unemployed	44.4	51.1	53.5	48.9	49.8
Both sexes	Managers, professionals and associate professionals	34.6	38.4	42.5	37.3	37.6
	Clerical support workers	16.4	17.9	17.9	15.3	16.2
	Services and sales workers	25.2	28.7	33.5	29.5	31.7
	Craft and related trades workers	10.8	14.1	16.1	15.2	12.5
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	3.4	3.5	4.6	4.5	3.9
	Elementary occupations	19.5	20.5	20.9	20.7	21.7
	Other occupations	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall - not including first-time job-seekers and re-entrants into the labour force who were unemployed	110.0	123.4	135.8	122.7	123.7

[*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		2025				2026	2025				2026
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Age group										
Male	15 - 19	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	20 - 29	4.3	4.2	5.7	6.1	5.3	1.8	1.8	2.4	2.6	2.4
	30 - 39	6.4	5.0	8.0	7.0	7.6	1.5	1.2	1.8	1.6	1.7
	40 - 49	6.2	7.2	9.1	9.8	8.3	1.4	1.6	2.0	2.2	1.9
	50 - 59	8.8	11.2	10.7	12.5	9.9	2.1	2.7	2.6	3.0	2.4
	≥60	4.8	7.5	5.6	8.2	5.9	1.4	2.3	1.7	2.5	1.8
	Overall	30.8	35.4	39.3	43.7	37.0	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.4	2.0
Female	15 - 19	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	20 - 29	1.6	2.7	4.3	2.3	4.2	0.7	1.1	1.7	0.9	1.8
	30 - 39	2.3	2.0	3.9	3.4	4.9	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.7	1.0
	40 - 49	2.7	4.0	3.7	4.9	4.3	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.8
	50 - 59	3.5	6.8	3.7	6.8	6.2	0.8	1.5	0.8	1.6	1.4
	≥60	1.6	1.7	4.7	3.5	3.5	0.7	0.7	2.1	1.6	1.6
	Overall	11.9	17.2	20.7	21.2	23.1	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.2
Both sexes	15 - 19	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	20 - 29	6.0	6.9	10.0	8.4	9.5	1.2	1.5	2.1	1.8	2.1
	30 - 39	8.8	7.1	12.0	10.4	12.4	0.9	0.8	1.3	1.1	1.3
	40 - 49	8.9	11.2	12.8	14.6	12.6	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.3
	50 - 59	12.4	18.0	14.5	19.3	16.2	1.4	2.1	1.7	2.3	1.9
	≥60	6.4	9.2	10.3	11.6	9.4	1.2	1.7	1.9	2.1	1.7
	Overall	42.7	52.6	60.0	64.8	60.1	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.6

[*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)				
		2025				2026
Year						
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Industry of main employment					
Male	Manufacturing	0.8	0.6	0.6	[*7]	[*7]
	Construction	13.5	16.9	16.5	16.9	16.4
	Import/export trade and wholesale	[*7]	0.7	1.2	1.6	1.3
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	2.9	2.9	4.9	4.8	3.9
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	4.6	6.7	6.7	7.8	5.5
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	3.0	2.9	3.1	5.3	4.0
	Public administration, social and personal services	5.4	4.5	6.2	6.6	5.4
	Other industries	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall	30.8	35.4	39.3	43.7	37.0
Female	Manufacturing	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Construction	1.0	1.7	[*7]	1.1	1.0
	Import/export trade and wholesale	[*7]	0.7	0.6	0.9	1.1
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	4.4	5.6	6.9	6.5	6.6
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	[*7]	0.5	0.9	0.9	1.6
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	2.2	3.9	3.8	3.3	4.6
	Public administration, social and personal services	3.9	4.7	7.6	7.8	8.1
	Other industries	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall	11.9	17.2	20.7	21.2	23.1
Both sexes	Manufacturing	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.7
	Construction	14.5	18.6	17.0	18.0	17.4
	Import/export trade and wholesale	[*7]	1.3	1.8	2.5	2.3
	Retail, accommodation and food services (1)	7.2	8.5	11.8	11.3	10.5
	Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications	5.0	7.2	7.7	8.6	7.0
	Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services	5.2	6.7	6.9	8.6	8.5
	Public administration, social and personal services	9.4	9.2	13.9	14.4	13.4
	Other industries	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall	42.7	52.6	60.0	64.8	60.1

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)				
		2025				2026
Year						
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Occupation of main employment					
Male	Managers, professionals and associate professionals	6.7	5.7	6.2	7.8	7.4
	Clerical support workers	0.7	0.5	0.9	1.5	0.7
	Services and sales workers	3.5	3.3	6.1	6.3	4.8
	Craft and related trades workers	8.7	11.2	9.5	10.9	11.8
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	1.7	4.0	4.7	4.4	2.8
	Elementary occupations	9.5	10.5	11.7	12.7	9.3
	Other occupations	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall	30.8	35.4	39.3	43.7	37.0
Female	Managers, professionals and associate professionals	2.5	4.1	5.1	6.4	5.3
	Clerical support workers	1.0	1.0	2.8	2.0	2.9
	Services and sales workers	5.8	7.8	9.6	8.8	11.3
	Craft and related trades workers	[*7]	0.9	0.8	[*7]	[*7]
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Elementary occupations	2.4	3.3	2.4	3.8	3.3
	Other occupations	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall	11.9	17.2	20.7	21.2	23.1
Both sexes	Managers, professionals and associate professionals	9.3	9.9	11.3	14.2	12.7
	Clerical support workers	1.7	1.5	3.7	3.5	3.6
	Services and sales workers	9.3	11.2	15.7	15.1	16.2
	Craft and related trades workers	8.9	12.1	10.2	10.9	11.8
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	1.7	4.0	4.7	4.4	3.1
	Elementary occupations	11.8	13.8	14.1	16.5	12.6
	Other occupations	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
	Overall	42.7	52.6	60.0	64.8	60.1

[*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)				
		2025				2026
Year						
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Age group					
Male	15 - 19	138.1	130.6	130.8	136.6	140.3
	20 - 24	74.8	74.9	71.3	76.8	79.2
	25 - 29	22.2	25.1	24.6	23.0	25.8
	30 - 34	14.5	14.1	13.9	14.2	16.3
	35 - 39	11.4	10.5	11.0	11.3	12.3
	40 - 44	12.2	13.2	12.0	12.7	13.1
	45 - 49	15.7	15.9	16.8	16.0	16.0
	50 - 54	27.3	27.5	27.9	24.8	25.1
	55 - 59	45.1	46.3	46.7	44.9	45.2
	≥60	767.8	778.7	771.1	780.5	781.5
	Overall	1 129.2	1 136.7	1 126.0	1 140.8	1 154.8
Female	15 - 19	126.8	123.6	124.0	128.5	131.2
	20 - 24	76.3	73.5	71.5	77.3	79.7
	25 - 29	31.2	30.0	26.8	25.9	28.8
	30 - 34	48.5	46.9	43.5	41.7	41.2
	35 - 39	68.8	71.1	65.2	63.8	63.2
	40 - 44	81.8	81.8	82.3	80.4	81.4
	45 - 49	81.4	83.6	82.0	81.3	85.6
	50 - 54	98.1	92.9	96.1	97.8	95.7
	55 - 59	121.0	122.2	121.0	119.7	119.2
	≥60	1 029.1	1 034.8	1 037.5	1 047.0	1 050.2
	Overall	1 763.0	1 760.3	1 749.8	1 763.4	1 776.1
Both sexes	15 - 19	264.9	254.2	254.8	265.1	271.6
	20 - 24	151.2	148.4	142.8	154.1	158.9
	25 - 29	53.4	55.1	51.4	48.9	54.5
	30 - 34	63.0	61.0	57.5	55.9	57.5
	35 - 39	80.2	81.6	76.2	75.1	75.5
	40 - 44	94.1	95.0	94.3	93.0	94.5
	45 - 49	97.2	99.4	98.9	97.2	101.6
	50 - 54	125.4	120.4	123.9	122.6	120.8
	55 - 59	166.0	168.4	167.6	164.6	164.4
	≥60	1 796.9	1 813.5	1 808.6	1 827.5	1 831.7
	Overall	2 892.2	2 897.0	2 875.8	2 904.2	2 930.9

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				2026
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Sex	Reason for being economically inactive					
Male	Engagement in household duties	41.2	41.9	38.9	35.5	37.8
	Retirement/Old age	737.6	758.1	751.3	764.1	764.3
	Attending educational institutions	221.9	214.2	208.1	220.4	228.6
	Permanent sick/Disablement	57.0	58.9	53.0	49.0	54.8
	Other reasons	71.4	63.5	74.5	71.7	69.4
	Overall	1 129.2	1 136.7	1 126.0	1 140.8	1 154.8
Female	Engagement in household duties	526.0	525.6	513.9	503.6	495.0
	Retirement/Old age	900.5	904.9	921.2	936.2	934.0
	Attending educational institutions	211.9	208.8	198.5	218.3	221.0
	Permanent sick/Disablement	52.9	52.5	50.8	45.9	46.1
	Other reasons	71.8	68.5	65.5	59.4	80.0
	Overall	1 763.0	1 760.3	1 749.8	1 763.4	1 776.1
Both sexes	Engagement in household duties	567.2	567.5	552.8	539.1	532.7
	Retirement/Old age	1 638.1	1 663.0	1 672.5	1 700.3	1 698.2
	Attending educational institutions	433.8	423.0	406.6	438.8	449.5
	Permanent sick/Disablement	109.9	111.5	103.8	94.9	101.0
	Other reasons	143.2	132.0	140.0	131.1	149.4
	Overall	2 892.2	2 897.0	2 875.8	2 904.2	2 930.9

Domestic households

Table 7.26 : Domestic households by household size

		Domestic households				
		No. ('000)				
Year		2025				2026
Quarter		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Household size						
1		596.2	603.2	616.1	602.3	611.9
2		883.7	881.8	879.2	892.8	902.8
3		649.6	640.0	641.9	643.8	635.4
4		416.2	421.4	424.4	408.1	398.8
5 and over		230.8	228.8	226.3	228.0	231.8
5		165.5	163.7	158.5	162.5	169.0
6 and over		65.3	65.1	67.7	65.5	62.7
Overall		2 776.5	2 775.3	2 787.9	2 774.9	2 780.7

Table 7.27 : Average household size by type of housing

	Average household size				
	No.				
Year	2025				2026
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Type of housing					
Public rental housing (1)	2.5	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	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Temporary housing	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.1
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)				
Year	2025				2026
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Type of housing					
Public rental housing (1)	829.0	827.1	831.9	822.4	824.2
Subsidised home ownership housing	434.5	431.1	430.6	430.5	433.4
Private permanent housing	1 491.1	1 488.2	1 498.0	1 493.3	1 492.0
Temporary housing	21.8	28.9	27.4	28.6	31.1
Overall	2 776.5	2 775.3	2 787.9	2 774.9	2 780.7

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)				
Year	2025				2026
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Tenure of accommodation					
Owner-occupiers	1 405.7	1 400.1	1 397.9	1 413.6	1 405.9
Residing in public sector housing	423.7	420.2	422.1	422.2	424.2
Residing in private sector housing	981.9	979.9	975.8	991.5	981.7
Sole tenants	1 274.9	1 285.4	1 297.8	1 273.0	1 284.6
Co-tenants	4.7	3.0	2.8	3.6	2.3
Accommodation provided by employers	40.5	37.7	43.2	41.1	39.0
Others	50.7	49.2	46.2	43.5	48.8
Overall	2 776.5	2 775.3	2 787.9	2 774.9	2 780.7

Table 7.30 : Domestic households by monthly household income

	Domestic households				
	No. ('000)				
	2025				2026
Year					
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Monthly household income (HK\$)					
< 4,000	164.2	164.7	169.8	168.5	172.1
4,000 - 5,999	146.9	117.9	150.0	144.2	139.1
6,000 - 7,999	105.2	127.1	105.8	107.6	105.4
8,000 - 9,999	162.8	151.9	160.3	164.2	168.5
10,000 - 14,999	180.0	198.3	188.2	185.3	183.6
15,000 - 19,999	209.0	206.6	211.1	204.9	206.0
20,000 - 24,999	226.8	222.0	222.7	215.9	223.9
25,000 - 29,999	171.4	180.3	180.9	177.5	162.3
30,000 - 34,999	165.6	180.3	177.2	175.4	169.8
35,000 - 39,999	140.6	149.2	147.8	149.4	141.4
40,000 - 44,999	134.1	136.1	144.3	133.5	130.9
45,000 - 49,999	111.0	107.0	111.1	116.7	108.6
50,000 - 59,999	192.5	191.0	189.3	184.5	178.8
60,000 - 79,999	244.3	234.0	232.3	246.7	248.2
80,000 - 99,999	140.3	142.3	140.9	143.7	156.9
≥ 100,000	281.6	266.5	256.2	257.0	285.3
Overall	2 776.5	2 775.3	2 787.9	2 774.9	2 780.7

Table 7.31 : Median monthly household income by household size

	Median monthly household income				
	HK\$				
	2025				2026
Year					
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Household size					
1	10,200	10,100	10,500	10,500	10,600
2	22,000	21,800	21,900	22,300	22,900
3	38,100	36,900	36,300	37,000	37,800
4	52,000	50,500	50,100	50,900	54,000
5 and over	67,700	68,000	67,500	69,700	67,000
5	67,200	68,400	67,400	66,700	65,000
6 and over	69,500	67,400	67,700	74,400	76,500
Overall	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000

Table 7.32 : Median monthly household income by type of housing

	Median monthly household income				
	HK\$				
	2025				2026
Year					
Quarter	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Type of housing					
Public rental housing ⁽¹⁾	20,500	20,400	20,200	20,100	20,000
Subsidised home ownership housing	26,800	26,900	26,900	26,900	27,900
Private permanent housing	42,000	41,500	40,800	42,000	44,000
Overall - including temporary housing	30,000	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.

8. Further Information

For the latest and more detailed statistics on labour force, employment, unemployment, underemployment and households, please refer to the [Labour Force, Employment and Unemployment](#) and the [Households](#) subject pages where you may customise the following tables to fit your needs:

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9. Explanatory Notes

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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