

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

Table 1 : Number of domestic households (excluding foreign domestic helpers) and median monthly household income of domestic households (excluding income of foreign domestic helpers) by household size (excluding foreign domestic helpers), 1998-2004 & Q2 2005

Household size	1998			1999					2000				
	Median monthly household income	Number of households	% over the total no. of households of the same year	Median monthly household income		Number of households		% over the total no. of households of the same year	Median monthly household income		Number of households		% over the total no. of households of the same year
	(HK\$)	No.('000)		(HK\$)	Year-on-year change	No.('000)	Year-on-year change		(HK\$)	Year-on-year change	No.('000)	Year-on-year change	
1	7,600	276.9	14.12%	7,000	-600	275.6	-1.3	13.79%	6,700	-300	279.2	3.6	13.71%
2	15,000	397.5	20.27%	15,000	0	406.5	9.0	20.34%	15,000	0	426.8	20.3	20.95%
3	19,000	430.5	21.95%	18,200	-800	457.0	26.5	22.86%	19,000	800	471.3	14.3	23.14%
4	20,000	502.2	25.60%	20,000	0	512.8	10.6	25.65%	20,000	0	523.0	10.2	25.68%
5	22,000	237.8	12.12%	20,700	-1,300	232.9	-4.9	11.65%	21,200	500	229.7	-3.2	11.28%
6 and above	26,700	116.6	5.94%	25,000	-1,700	114.2	-2.4	5.71%	24,500	-500	107.1	-7.1	5.26%
Total	18,000	1961.5	100.00%	17,400	-600	1998.9	37.4	100.01%	18,000	600	2037.0	38.1	100.00%

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Household size	2001					2002					2003				
	Median monthly household income		Number of households		% over the total no. of households of the same year	Median monthly household income		Number of households		% over the total no. of households of the same year	Median monthly household income		Number of households		% over the total no. of households of the same year
	(HK\$)	Year-on-year change	No.('000)	Year-on-year change		(HK\$)	Year-on-year change	No.('000)	Year-on-year change		(HK\$)	Year-on-year change	No.('000)	Year-on-year change	
1	7,000	300	280.6	1.4	13.50%	6,000	-1,000	306.0	25.4	14.34%	6,000	0	315.1	9.1	14.54%
2	14,800	-200	448.3	21.5	21.57%	13,600	-1,200	477.8	29.5	22.40%	12,600	-1,000	496.1	18.3	22.89%
3	19,000	0	489.7	18.4	23.56%	18,000	-1,000	505.0	15.3	23.67%	16,800	-1,200	523.5	18.5	24.15%
4	20,000	0	536.6	13.6	25.82%	20,000	0	542.6	6.0	25.43%	19,000	-1,000	540.6	-2.0	24.94%
5	22,000	800	222.0	-7.7	10.68%	20,500	-1,500	212.8	-9.2	9.97%	19,900	-600	206.0	-6.8	9.50%
6 and above	25,100	600	101.2	-5.9	4.87%	23,300	-1,800	89.3	-11.9	4.19%	22,300	-1,000	86.3	-3.0	3.98%
Total	18,000	0	2078.4	41.4	100.00%	16,400	-1,600	2133.5	55.1	100.00%	15,400	-1,000	2167.5	34.0	100.00%

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Household size	2004					Q2 2005							
	Median monthly household income		Number of households		% over the total no. of households of the same year	Median monthly household income			Number of households			% over the total no. of households of the same year	Compared with 1998(%)
	(HK\$)	Year-on-year change	No.('000)	Year-on-year change		(HK\$)	Year-on-year change	Compared with 1998	No.('000)	Year-on-year change	Compared with 1998('000)		
1	6,000	0	323.8	8.7	14.52%	6,000	0	-1,600	346.1	22.3	69.2	15.19%	1.08%
2	12,400	-200	528.2	32.1	23.69%	13,000	600	-2,000	540.0	11.8	142.5	23.70%	3.44%
3	17,100	300	549.5	26.0	24.64%	17,000	-100	-2,000	557.7	8.2	127.2	24.48%	2.53%
4	19,000	0	546.7	6.1	24.52%	19,600	600	-400	553.3	6.6	51.1	24.29%	-1.32%
5	20,000	100	203.6	-2.4	9.13%	20,700	700	-1,300	202.7	-0.9	-35.1	8.90%	-3.23%
6 and above	22,300	0	77.9	-8.4	3.49%	22,200	-100	-4,500	78.2	0.3	-38.4	3.43%	-2.51%
Total	15,500	100	2229.7	62.2	100.00%	15,600	100	-2,400	2278.1	48.4	316.6	100.00%	

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Observations of Table 1

**Point 1 :** While the median monthly household income in most categories of households recorded a slight increase in the second quarter of 2005 as compared to 2004, it is still below the 1998 level (e.g. the median monthly household income for a 4-person household has decreased from \$20,000 in 1998 to \$19,600 in the second quarter of 2005).

**Point 2 :** The median monthly household incomes for all household sizes were at their lowest between 2003 and 2004.

**Point 3 :** Despite the steady increase in population from 1998 to 2005, the size of household is reducing, i.e. 56.34% of households (1,104,900) in 1998 has a household size of 1-3 persons whereas the percentage in the second quarter of 2005 is 63.37% (1,443,800).

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Table 2 : Number of employed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by age and sex, 1998-2004 & Q2 2005

	1998				1999				
	Sex		Both sexes	% of a particular age group against all employed persons	Sex		Both sexes	Year-on-year change	% of a particular age group against all employed persons
	Male	Female			Male	Female			
	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Year-on-year change	% of a particular age group against all employed persons
('000)	('000)	('000)	--	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	--	
Age									
15 - 19	37.7	32.0	69.7	2.34%	34.6	26.7	61.3	-8.4	2.07%
20 - 29	383.7	350.8	734.5	24.68%	366.7	343.3	709.9	-24.6	23.99%
30 - 39	578.1	372.4	950.5	31.93%	552.4	379.2	931.7	-18.8	31.49%
40 - 49	510.3	254.8	765.1	25.70%	514.8	272.7	787.6	22.5	26.62%
50 - 59	246.9	92.4	339.3	11.40%	253.1	102.6	355.7	16.4	12.02%
60 - 64	63.4	13.4	76.8	2.58%	58.4	13.0	71.4	-5.4	2.41%
65 and above	34.3	6.4	40.7	1.37%	34.5	6.9	41.4	0.7	1.40%
Total	1854.4	1122.3	2976.6	100.00%	1814.6	1144.4	2959.0	-17.6	100.00%

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Table 2 : Number of employed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by age and sex, 1998-2004 & Q2 2005

	2000					2001				
	Sex		Both sexes	Year-on-year change	% of a particular age group against all employed persons	Sex		Both sexes	Year-on-year change	% of a particular age group against all employed persons
	Male	Female				Male	Female			
	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons			Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons		
('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	--	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	--	
Age										
15 - 19	32.2	25.5	57.7	-3.6	1.90%	29.3	24.3	53.6	-4.1	1.75%
20 - 29	373.1	347.8	720.9	11.0	23.70%	359.1	328.9	688.0	-32.9	22.45%
30 - 39	544.6	390.0	934.6	2.9	30.73%	524.4	401.9	926.3	-8.3	30.22%
40 - 49	535.9	290.9	826.8	39.2	27.18%	548.2	317.5	865.7	38.9	28.24%
50 - 59	273.4	115.8	389.2	33.5	12.80%	290.2	129.3	419.6	30.4	13.69%
60 - 64	57.5	13.2	70.7	-0.7	2.32%	59.1	11.6	70.7	0.0	2.31%
65 and above	35.4	6.3	41.7	0.3	1.37%	34.0	7.3	41.4	-0.3	1.35%
Total	1852.2	1189.5	3041.7	82.7	100.00%	1844.3	1220.9	3065.2	23.5	100.00%

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Table 2 : Number of employed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by age and sex, 1998-2004 & Q2 2005

	2002					2003				
	Sex		Both sexes	Year-on-year change	% of a particular age group against all employed persons	Sex		Both sexes	Year-on-year change	% of a particular age group against all employed persons
	Male	Female				Male	Female			
	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons			Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons		
('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	--	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	--	
Age										
15 - 19	26.6	23.7	50.3	-3.3	1.65%	26.1	22.1	48.2	-2.1	1.60%
20 - 29	339.8	309.6	649.4	-38.6	21.34%	331.5	291.7	623.3	-26.1	20.63%
30 - 39	500.1	407.1	907.2	-19.1	29.81%	477.3	398.7	875.9	-31.3	28.99%
40 - 49	547.9	338.7	886.6	20.9	29.13%	552.8	358.3	911.0	24.4	30.15%
50 - 59	294.5	144.6	439.1	19.5	14.43%	305.2	152.9	458.1	19.0	15.16%
60 - 64	55.1	14.6	69.7	-1.0	2.29%	50.0	13.9	63.9	-5.8	2.11%
65 and above	33.1	7.9	41.0	-0.4	1.35%	33.7	7.7	41.4	0.4	1.37%
Total	1797.2	1246.2	3043.3	-21.9	100.00%	1776.7	1245.2	3021.9	-21.4	100.00%

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Table 2 : Number of employed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by age and sex, 1998-2004 & Q2 2005

	2004					Q2 2005						
	Sex		Both sexes	Year-on-year change	% of a particular age group against all employed persons	Sex		Both sexes	Year-on-year change	Compared with 1998	% of a particular age group against all employed persons	Compared with 1998 (%)
	Male	Female				Male	Female					
	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	
('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	--	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	--	--	
Age												
15 - 19	27.0	23.8	50.7	2.5	1.63%	25.0	20.6	45.6	-5.1	-24.1	1.44%	-0.90%
20 - 29	339.3	296.1	635.4	12.1	20.39%	334.4	294.3	628.7	-6.7	-105.8	19.86%	-4.81%
30 - 39	473.2	404.9	878.1	2.2	28.18%	466.8	414.8	881.6	3.5	-68.9	27.85%	-4.08%
40 - 49	571.1	381.9	953.0	42.0	30.58%	578.3	399.9	978.2	25.2	213.1	30.91%	5.20%
50 - 59	323.9	170.7	494.6	36.5	15.87%	344.4	178.5	522.9	28.3	183.6	16.52%	5.12%
60 - 64	49.2	12.7	62.0	-1.9	1.99%	51.3	14.1	65.4	3.4	-11.4	2.07%	-0.51%
65 and above	34.8	7.8	42.6	1.2	1.37%	34.6	7.9	42.5	-0.1	1.8	1.34%	-0.02%
Total	1818.4	1297.9	3116.3	94.4	100.00%	1834.8	1330.2	3165.0	48.7	188.4	100.00%	

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Observations of Table 2

- Point 4 :** There is a continual decrease in the percentages of employed persons in the younger age groups (15-19, 20-29, 30-39) from 1998 to the second quarter of 2005.
- Point 5 :** The percentages of employed persons of the age groups 20-29 and 30-39 in the second quarter of 2005 are 19.86% (24.68% in 1998) and 27.85% (31.93% in 1998) respectively.
- Point 6 :** The percentages of employed persons in the age groups 40-49 and 50-59 are on rise since 1998, i.e. 30.91% and 16.52% respectively as compared to 25.7% and 11.4% in 1998. The phenomenon may be partly caused by the ageing of population rather than increased employment of middle-age persons.

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Table 3 : Number of employed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by occupation, 1998-2004 & Q2 2005

Occupation	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Year-on-year change	Number of employed persons	Year-on-year change	Number of employed persons	Year-on-year change	Number of employed persons	Year-on-year change	
	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	
Managers and administrators	248.2	242.6	-5.6	233.3	-9.3	273.0	39.7	296.0	23.0	
Professionals	165.3	168.5	3.2	182.7	14.2	194.6	11.9	194.3	-0.3	
Associate professionals	490.1	525.2	35.1	549.8	24.6	569.4	19.6	570.8	1.4	
Clerks	578.1	568.0	-10.1	588.0	20.0	559.3	-28.7	539.1	-20.2	
Service workers and shop sales workers	443.5	440.4	-3.1	461.4	21.0	474.6	13.2	473.5	-1.1	
Craft and related workers	347.5	327.8	-19.7	332.7	4.9	310.0	-22.7	291.0	-19.0	
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	270.4	259.4	-11.0	263.2	3.8	251.7	-11.5	240.3	-11.4	
Elementary occupations	424.5	418.8	-5.7	421.7	2.9	425.9	4.2	428.8	2.9	
Others	9.1	8.4	-0.7	8.9	0.5	6.7	-2.2	9.4	2.7	
Total	2976.6	2959.0	-17.6	3041.7	82.7	3065.2	23.5	3043.3	-21.9	

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Table 3 : Number of employed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by occupation, 1998-2004 & Q2 2005

Occupation	2003		2004		Q2 2005		
	Number of employed persons	Year-on-year change	Number of employed persons	Year-on-year change	Number of employed persons	Year-on-year change	Compared with 1998
	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)
Managers and administrators	270.7	-25.3	280.1	9.4	302.5	22.4	54.3
Professionals	201.3	7.0	209.6	8.3	220.9	11.3	55.6
Associate professionals	584.3	13.5	610.2	25.9	625.6	15.4	135.5
Clerks	529.3	-9.8	546.2	16.9	551.4	5.2	-26.7
Service workers and shop sales workers	486.6	13.1	516.3	29.7	532.2	15.9	88.7
Craft and related workers	275.0	-16.0	272.8	-2.2	271.3	-1.5	-76.2
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	237.8	-2.5	238.9	1.1	226.7	-12.2	-43.7
Elementary occupations	429.5	0.7	433.9	4.4	427.1	-6.8	2.6
Others	7.4	-2.0	8.4	1.0	7.3	-1.1	-1.8
Total	3021.9	-21.4	3116.3	94.4	3165.0	48.7	188.4

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Observations of Table 3

**Point 7 :** There is an increase in employed persons in the managerial, professional and service/sales occupations from 1998 to the second quarter of 2005.

**Point 8 :** The numbers of employed persons in lower-skilled occupations such as clerical, craft, and machine operation jobs have reduced significantly from 1998 to the second quarter of 2005. The percentages of reduction in these categories of occupations are 26.7%, 76.2% and 43.7% respectively.

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Table 4 : Number of employed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by monthly employment earnings, 1998-2004 & Q2 2005

	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003	
	Number of employed persons	Number of employed persons	Year-on-year change	Number of employed persons	Year-on-year change	Number of employed persons	Year-on-year change	Number of employed persons	Year-on-year change	Number of employed persons	Year-on-year change	
	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	
Monthly employment earnings (HK\$)												
< 5,000	179.8	221.2	41.4	214.5	-6.7	237.9	23.4	300.5	62.6	356.1	55.6	
5,000 - 9,999	1011.6	986.2	-25.4	987.3	1.1	971.0	-16.3	1012.2	41.2	1044.0	31.8	
10,000 - 19,999	1123.5	1080.7	-42.8	1120.9	40.2	1105.8	-15.1	1009.0	-96.8	928.5	-80.5	
20,000 and over	661.8	671.0	9.2	718.9	47.9	750.5	31.6	721.7	-28.8	693.3	-28.4	
Total	2976.6	2959.0	-17.6	3041.7	82.7	3065.2	23.5	3043.3	-21.9	3021.9	-21.4	

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Table 4 : Number of employed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by monthly employment earnings, 1998-2004 & Q2

	2004		Q2 2005			
	Number of employed persons	Year-on-year change	Number of employed persons	Year-on-year change	Compared with 1998	Compared with 1998 (%)
	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	
Monthly employment earnings (HK\$)						
< 5,000	374.7	18.6	352.9	-21.8	173.1	196.27%
5,000 - 9,999	1108.6	64.6	1136.1	27.5	124.5	112.31%
10,000 - 19,999	934.3	5.8	991.7	57.4	-131.8	88.27%
20,000 and over	698.8	5.5	684.2	-14.6	22.4	103.38%
Total	3116.3	94.4	3165.0	48.7	188.4	

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Observations of Table 4

**Point 9** : Over 11% of the employed population (352,900) earns an income below \$5,000 in the 2nd quarter of 2005.

**Point 10** : The number of persons with a monthly income below \$5,000 in the 2nd quarter of 2005 has almost doubled that in 1998 (i.e. an increase of 196%).

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Table 5 : Median monthly employment earnings (excluding foreign domestic helpers) of employed persons  
(excluding foreign domestic helpers) by occupation, 1998-2004 & Q2 2005

Occupation	1998	1999		2000		2001		2002	
	(HK\$)	(HK\$)	Year-on-year change (HK\$)	(HK\$)	Year-on-year change (HK\$)	(HK\$)	Year-on-year change (HK\$)	(HK\$)	Year-on-year change (HK\$)
Managers and administrators	30,000	29,200	-800	30,000	800	30,000	0	30,000	0
Professionals	30,000	30,000	0	30,000	0	30,000	0	30,000	0
Associate professionals	16,000	15,000	-1,000	16,000	1,000	16,000	0	15,000	-1,000
Clerks	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0	10,000	0	10,000	0
Service workers and shop sales	9,200	9,000	-200	9,000	0	9,000	0	8,000	-1,000
Craft and related workers	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0	10,000	0	10,000	0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	10,000	9,800	-200	10,000	200	10,000	0	9,000	-1,000
<b>Elementary occupations</b>	7,000	7,000	0	6,800	-200	6,500	-300	6,000	-500
Others	6,000	7,000	1,000	6,000	-1,000	6,000	0	6,000	0
Overall	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0	11,000	1,000	10,000	-1,000

(Note : Figures are rounded to the nearest hundred.)

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Table 5 : Median monthly employment earnings (excluding foreign domestic helpers) of employed  
(excluding foreign domestic helpers) by occupation, 1998-2004 & Q2 2005

Occupation	2003		2004		Q2 2005		
	(HK\$)	Year-on-year change (HK\$)	(HK\$)	Year-on-year change (HK\$)	(HK\$)	Year-on-year change (HK\$)	Compared with 1998 (HK\$)
Managers and administrators	30,000	0	29,000	-1,000	26,000	-3,000	-4,000
Professionals	30,000	0	30,000	0	30,000	0	0
Associate professionals	15,000	0	15,000	0	15,000	0	-1,000
Clerks	9,500	-500	9,000	-500	9,000	0	-1,000
Service workers and shop sales	8,000	0	7,800	-200	8,000	200	-1,200
Craft and related workers	9,000	-1,000	9,000	0	9,500	500	-500
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	8,800	-200	9,000	200	9,000	0	-1,000
<b>Elementary occupations</b>	6,000	0	6,000	0	<b>6,000</b>	0	-1,000
Others	4,500	-1,500	5,000	500	6,300	1,300	300
Overall	10,000	0	10,000	0	10,000	0	0

(Note : Figures are rounded to the nearest hundred.)

Observations of Table 5

**Point 11 :** There is a decrease in the median monthly income for most of the occupations from 1998 to the second quarter of 2005. The greatest percentage reduction is in the elementary occupations (-14.3%) and manager and administrator category (-13.3%).

**Point 12 :** According to Census and Statistics Department, elementary occupations include street vendors; domestic helpers and cleaners; messengers; private security guards; watchmen; freight handlers; lift operators; construction labourers; hand packers; agricultural and fishery labourers.

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Table 6 : Number of underemployed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by age and sex, 1998-2004 & Q2 2005

	1998				1999				
	Sex		Both sexes	% of a particular age group against all employed persons	Sex		Both sexes	Year-on-year change	% of a particular age group against all employed persons
	Male	Female			Male	Female			
	Number of underemployed persons	Number of underemployed persons	Number of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	Year-on-year change	% of a particular age group against all employed persons	
	('000)	('000)	('000)	--	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	--
Age									
15 - 19	1.5	1.1	2.6	3.18%	3.0	1.7	4.7	2.1	4.85%
20 - 29	10.4	2.6	13.0	15.89%	13.5	4.0	17.5	4.5	18.06%
30 - 39	17.3	4.2	21.4	26.16%	17.4	5.2	22.6	1.2	23.32%
40 - 49	21.1	6.6	27.6	33.74%	24.1	9.9	33.9	6.3	34.98%
50 - 59	10.3	3.3	13.6	16.63%	10.4	4.1	14.4	0.8	14.86%
60 - 64	2.1	0.6	2.6	3.18%	1.9	0.6	2.5	-0.1	2.58%
65 and above	0.8	*	1.0	1.22%	1.0	*	1.3	0.3	1.34%
Total	63.3	18.5	81.8	100.00%	71.3	25.6	96.9	15.1	100.00%

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Table 6 : Number of underemployed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by age and sex, 1998-2004 & Q2 2005 (cont'd)

	2000					2001				
	Sex		Both sexes	Year-on-year change	% of a particular age group against all employed persons	Sex		Both sexes	Year-on-year change	% of a particular age group against all employed persons
	Male	Female				Male	Female			
	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	
('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	--	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	--	
Age										
15 - 19	2.2	1.6	3.7	-1.0	3.96%	2.0	1.4	3.4	-0.3	3.98%
20 - 29	11.0	3.6	14.5	-3.0	15.51%	9.7	3.1	12.8	-1.7	14.97%
30 - 39	15.2	4.6	19.8	-2.8	21.18%	14.2	4.7	19.0	-0.8	22.22%
40 - 49	24.3	10.4	34.7	0.8	37.11%	22.0	10.0	32.1	-2.6	37.54%
50 - 59	11.8	4.7	16.5	2.1	17.65%	10.7	4.7	15.3	-1.2	17.89%
60 - 64	2.1	0.7	2.8	0.3	2.99%	1.8	*	2.3	-0.5	2.69%
65 and above	0.9	0.5	1.4	0.1	1.50%	*	*	0.7	-0.7	0.82%
Total	67.5	26.1	93.5	-3.4	100.00%	60.9	24.5	85.5	-8.0	100.00%

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Table 6 : Number of underemployed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by age and sex, 1998-2004 & Q2 2005 (cont'd)

	2002					2003				
	Sex		Both sexes	Year-on-year change	% of a particular age group against all employed persons	Sex		Both sexes	Year-on-year change	% of a particular age group against all employed persons
	Male	Female				Male	Female			
	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	
('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	--	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	--	
Age										
15 - 19	2.0	1.6	3.6	0.2	3.42%	2.7	1.8	4.6	1.0	3.73%
20 - 29	11.8	4.0	15.8	3.0	15.02%	13.7	6.5	20.2	4.4	16.38%
30 - 39	16.2	5.2	21.5	2.5	20.44%	17.5	8.4	25.9	4.4	21.01%
40 - 49	26.6	13.6	40.2	8.1	38.21%	29.4	15.9	45.4	5.2	36.82%
50 - 59	13.5	7.0	20.5	5.2	19.49%	14.8	8.9	23.7	3.2	19.22%
60 - 64	1.8	0.6	2.4	0.1	2.28%	1.8	0.8	2.5	0.1	2.03%
65 and above	1.0	*	1.2	0.5	1.14%	0.8	*	1.1	-0.1	0.89%
Total	72.9	32.3	105.2	19.7	100.00%	80.8	42.5	123.3	18.1	100.00%

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Table 6 : Number of underemployed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by age and sex, 1998-2004 & Q2 2005 (cont'd)

Age	2004					Q2 2005						
	Sex		Both sexes	Year-on-year change	% of a particular age group against all employed persons	Sex		Both sexes	Year-on-year change	Compared with 1998	% of a particular age group against all employed persons	Compared with 1998 (%)
	Male	Female				Male	Female					
	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	No. of underemployed persons	
('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	--	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	--	--	
15 - 19	2.1	1.5	3.6	-1.0	3.08%	*	*	2.8	-0.8	0.2	2.79%	-0.39%
20 - 29	12.8	5.1	17.9	-2.3	15.34%	9.2	2.8	12.0	-5.9	-1.0	11.95%	-3.94%
30 - 39	15.5	7.0	22.5	-3.4	19.28%	11.8	5.3	17.1	-5.4	-4.3	17.03%	-9.13%
40 - 49	26.3	16.1	42.4	-3.0	36.33%	26.1	13.0	39.1	-3.3	11.5	38.94%	5.20%
50 - 59	16.1	10.5	26.5	2.8	22.71%	18.1	7.7	25.8	-0.7	12.2	25.70%	9.07%
60 - 64	1.9	0.7	2.6	0.1	2.23%	2.1	*	2.8	0.2	0.2	2.79%	-0.39%
65 and above	0.9	*	1.2	0.1	1.03%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	75.6	41.1	116.7	-6.6	100.00%	69.7	30.7	100.4	-16.3	18.6	100.00%	

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Observations of Table 6

**Point 13 :** There is an increase in the number and percentage of underemployed persons in the age groups of 40-49 (+5.2%) and 50-59 (+9%) in the second quarter of 2005 as compared to 1998. These age groups represent 64.64% of the under-employed population.

**Point 14 :** The numbers of under-employed persons in the age groups of 40-49 and 50-59 are 39,100 and 25,800 respectively, as compared to 27,600 and 13,600 respectively in 1998.

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Table 7 : Number of underemployed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers)  
by occupation, 1998-2004 & Q2 2005

Occupation	1998	1999		2000	
	Number of underemployed persons	Number of underemployed persons	Year-on-year change	Number of underemployed persons	Year-on-year change
	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)
Managers and administrators	*	*	*	*	*
Professionals	0.5	*	*	0.6	*
Associate professionals	1.8	3.3	1.5	2.9	-0.4
Clerks	2.7	4.7	2.0	4.9	0.2
Service workers and shop sales	7.5	10.7	3.2	9.9	-0.8
<b>Craft and related workers</b>	33.5	38.0	4.5	36.9	-1.1
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	11.9	12.6	0.7	9.6	-3.0
<b>Elementary occupations</b>	23.7	27.0	3.3	28.4	1.4
Others	*	*	*	*	*
Total	81.8	96.9	15.1	93.5	-3.4

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Table 7 : Number of underemployed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by occupation, 1998-2004 & Q2 2005

Occupation	2001		2002		2003	
	Number of underemployed persons	Year-on-year change	Number of underemployed persons	Year-on-year change	Number of underemployed persons	Year-on-year change
	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)
Managers and administrators	*	*	*	*	*	*
Professionals	*	*	0.5	*	1.1	0.6
Associate professionals	3.0	0.1	4.8	1.8	7.4	2.6
Clerks	4.3	-0.6	6.3	2.0	7.6	1.3
Service workers and shop sales	8.7	-1.2	13.0	4.3	19.4	6.4
<b>Craft and related workers</b>	31.9	-5.0	38.2	6.3	38.2	0.0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	9.0	-0.6	9.6	0.6	13.7	4.1
<b>Elementary occupations</b>	27.8	-0.6	32.1	4.3	35.2	3.1
Others	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Total</b>	85.5	-8.0	105.2	19.7	123.3	18.1

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GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

Table 7 : Number of underemployed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by occupation, 1998-2004 & Q2 2005

Occupation	2004		Q2 2005				
	Number of underemployed persons	Year-on-year change	Number of underemployed persons	% against total no. of underemployed persons of the same year	Year-on-year change	Compared with 1998	Increase/Decrease against 1998' figures (%)
	('000)	('000)	('000)		('000)	('000)	
Managers and administrators	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Professionals	1.3	0.2	*	*	*	*	*
Associate professionals	7.1	-0.3	6.0	5.98%	-1.1	4.2	233.33%
Clerks	7.0	-0.6	4.6	4.58%	-2.4	1.9	70.37%
Service workers and shop sales	17.2	-2.2	14.2	14.14%	-3.0	6.7	89.33%
Craft and related workers	36.4	-1.8	32.9	32.77%	-3.5	-0.6	-1.79%
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	11.3	-2.4	9.7	9.66%	-1.6	-2.2	-18.49%
Elementary occupations	35.9	0.7	31.7	31.57%	-4.2	8.0	33.76%
Others	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	116.7	-6.6	100.4		-16.3	18.6	22.74%

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Observations of Table 7

- Point 15 :** There is an increase in under-employment rates in most occupations including professional, associate professionals, clerks, service workers and shop sales and elementary occupations in the second quarter of 2005 as compared to 1998.
- Point 16 :** The largest proportion of under-employed person is always in the craft and related workers and the elementary occupations from 1998 to 2005.

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Table 8 : Number of underemployed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by monthly employment earnings, 1998-2004 & Q2 2005

	1998	1999		2000		2001		2002	
	Number of underemployed persons	Number of underemployed persons	Year-on-year change	Number of underemployed persons	Year-on-year change	Number of underemployed persons	Year-on-year change	Number of underemployed persons	Year-on-year change
	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)
Monthly employment earnings (HK\$)									
< 5,000	30.6	43.5	12.9	43.2	-0.3	40.7	-2.5	57.9	17.2
5,000 - 9,999	39.8	42.5	2.7	39.1	-3.4	34.7	-4.4	38.8	4.1
10,000 - 19,999	10.9	10.4	-0.5	10.8	0.4	9.4	-1.4	8.2	-1.2
20,000 and over	*	*	*	*	*	0.6	*	*	*
Total	81.8	96.9	15.1	93.5	-3.4	85.5	-8.0	105.2	19.7

(Note : \* Figures of small magnitude are suppressed owing to large sampling error.  
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Table 8 : Number of underemployed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by monthly employment earnings, 1998-2004 & Q2 2005

	2003		2004		Q2 2005			
	Number of underemployed persons	Year-on-year change	Number of underemployed persons	Year-on-year change	Number of underemployed persons	% against total no. of underemployed persons of the same year	Year-on-year change	Compared with 1998
	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)		('000)	('000)
Monthly employment earnings (HK\$)								
< 5,000	73.1	15.2	73.3	0.2	58.2	57.97%	-15.1	27.6
5,000 - 9,999	41.5	2.7	37.3	-4.2	36.2	36.06%	-1.1	-3.6
10,000 - 19,999	7.7	-0.5	5.6	-2.1	5.2	5.18%	-0.4	-5.7
20,000 and over	1.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	123.3	18.1	116.7	-6.6	100.4	100.00%	-16.3	18.6

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Observations of Table 8

**Point 17 :** There is a significant increase of under-employed person earnings less than \$5,000 in the second quarter of 2005 as compared to 1998. The respective percentages in 1998 and 2005 are 37.4% (30,600) and 57.97% (58,200).