

The Land Registry Monthly Press Release CB(1) 1525/08-09(01)
Figures on Agreements for Sale and Purchase
and Statistical Tables on Instruments
Received for Registration in April 2009

The total number of sale and purchase agreements for all types of building units received for registration in the Land Registry in April 2009 was 11,148. This was 38.3% higher than in March 2009 and 1.9% compared with April 2008. Using a 12-month moving average, the figure for April 2009 represented 0.2% higher than in March 2009 but 43.9% lower than April 2008. The total consideration of these agreements in the month was \$40.3 billion, 41% higher than in March 2009 and 20.3% compared with the amount for April 2008.

Among the 11,148 sale and purchase agreements, 9,856 were sale and purchase agreements for residential units. This was 38.8% higher than in March 2009 and 8.9% compared with April 2008. The total consideration of these agreements in the month was \$31.6 billion, 24.1% higher than in March 2009 and 14.6% compared with the amount for April 2008. Sales of residential units refer to the sale and purchase agreements with payment of stamp duty. These statistics do not include sales of units under the Home Ownership Scheme, the Private Sector Participation Scheme and the Tenants Purchase Scheme except those after payment of premium.

The figures are contained in the monthly statistics released today by the Land Registry on deeds relating to property transactions received for registration in the Land Registry in April 2009.

Relevant statistics for March 2009 and April 2008 are provided for comparison. Figures on sale and purchase agreements received for the past 12 months, the year-on-year rate of change and breakdown figures on residential sales are also released.

As deeds may not be lodged with the Land Registry until up to 30 days after the transaction, these statistics generally relate to land transactions in the previous month.

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Consolidated Monthly Statistics in respect of deeds received
for registration in the Land Registry

Table 1

Month : April 2009

Item	Nature of Deeds	Number of Deeds received for registration			Consideration (nearest \$ million)		
		Urban	New Territories	Total	Urban	New Territories	Total
1.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Building Units	6,220 (6,829)	4,928 (5,206)	11,148 (12,035)	28,031	12,284	40,315
2.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land	12	154	166	277	847	1,124
	Sub-total (1) + (2)	6,232	5,082	11,314	28,308	13,131	41,439
3.	Assignments of Building Units	3,964 (4,376)	3,410 (3,773)	7,374 (8,149)	15,559	8,706	24,265
4.	Assignments of Land	6	383	389	589	430	1,019
	Sub-total (3) + (4)	3,970	3,793	7,763	16,148	9,136	25,284
5.	Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	0	6	6			
6.	Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	2,715	2,579	5,294			
	Sub-total (5) + (6)	2,715	2,585	5,300			
7.	Receipts/Discharges/Releases	3,505	3,874	7,379			
8.	Leases/Tenancy Agreements	300	148	448			
9.	Exclusion Orders	0	0	0			
10.	Others	7,087	4,628	11,715			
	Total	23,809	20,110	43,919			

Note : Figures in brackets denote the number of units involved.

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Comparison of Monthly Statistics

Table 2

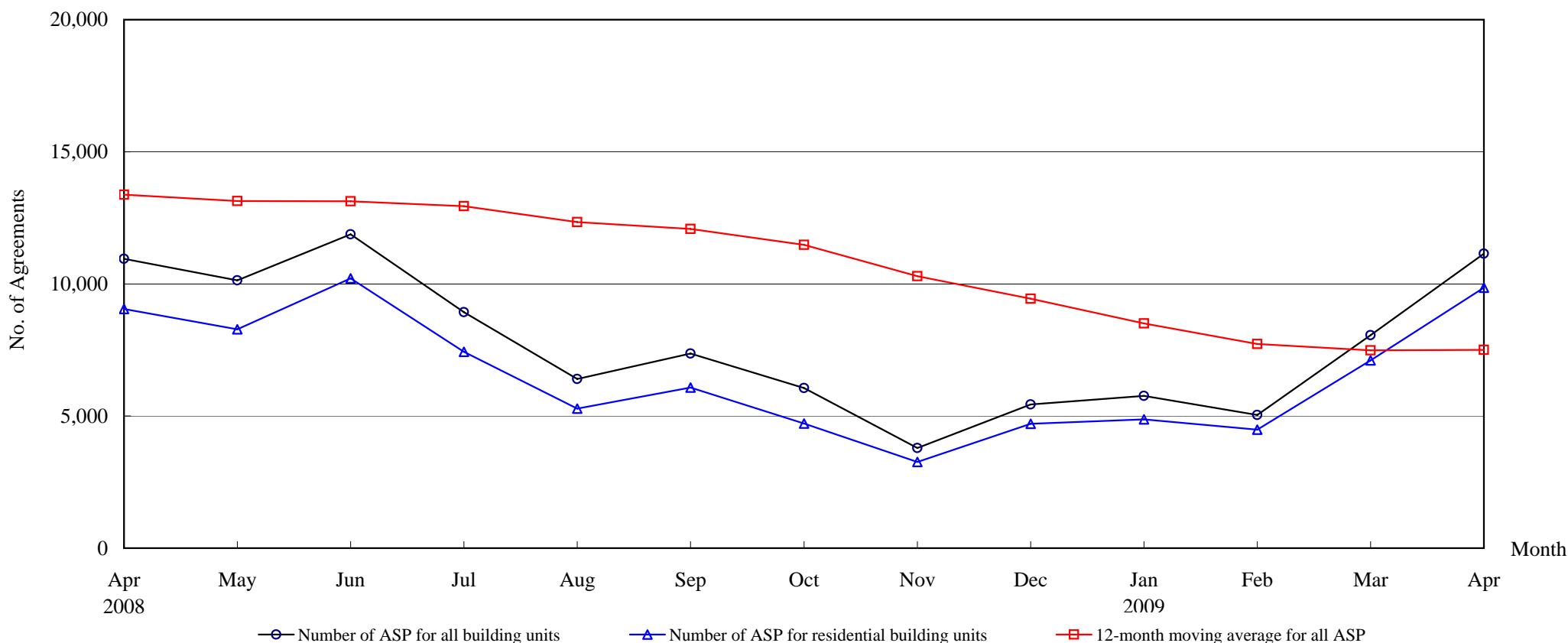
Month : April 2009

Item	2009 April	2009 March	2008 April	April 2009					
				Increase (+) or Decrease (-) as compared with					
				March 2009		April 2008			
No. or	Consideration	Percentage	No. or	Consideration	Percentage	No. or	Consideration	Percentage	
1. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Building Units									
(a) No.	11,148	8,062	10,945	+	3,086	+ 38.3	+	203	+ 1.9
(b) Consideration	40,315	28,594	33,509	+	11,721	+ 41.0	+	6,806	+ 20.3
2. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land									
(a) No.	166	112	205	+	54	+ 48.2	-	39	- 19.0
(b) Consideration	1,124	701	3,809	+	423	+ 60.3	-	2,685	- 70.5
Sub-total of (1) + (2)									
(a) No.	11,314	8,174	11,150	+	3,140	+ 38.4	+	164	+ 1.5
(b) Consideration	41,439	29,295	37,318	+	12,144	+ 41.5	+	4,121	+ 11.0
3. Assignments of Building Units									
(a) No.	7,374	7,378	16,198	-	4	- 0.1	-	8,824	- 54.5
(b) Consideration	24,265	21,060	59,216	+	3,205	+ 15.2	-	34,951	- 59.0
4. Assignments of Land									
(a) No.	389	411	564	-	22	- 5.4	-	175	- 31.0
(b) Consideration	1,019	1,733	3,541	-	714	- 41.2	-	2,522	- 71.2
Sub-total of (3) + (4)									
(a) No.	7,763	7,789	16,762	-	26	- 0.3	-	8,999	- 53.7
(b) Consideration	25,284	22,793	62,757	+	2,491	+ 10.9	-	37,473	- 59.7
5. No. of Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	6	15	15	-	9	- 60.0	-	9	- 60.0
6. No. of Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	5,294	5,425	14,305	-	131	- 2.4	-	9,011	- 63.0
Sub-total of (5) + (6)	5,300	5,440	14,320	-	140	- 2.6	-	9,020	- 63.0
7. No. of Receipts/Discharges/Releases	7,379	8,135	17,063	-	756	- 9.3	-	9,684	- 56.8

Note : Consideration rounded to the nearest million Hong Kong dollars.

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Chart showing the number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of
building units from April 2008 to April 2009

Table 3



Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of building units

Year	2008										2009			
Month	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	
Number of ASP for all building units	10,945	10,138	11,876	8,930	6,402	7,369	6,054	3,786	5,437	5,759	5,043	8,062	11,148	
Number of ASP for residential building units	9,047	8,281	10,205	7,433	5,284	6,075	4,719	3,264	4,706	4,875	4,487	7,102	9,856	
12-month moving average for all ASP	13,380	13,134	13,125	12,943	12,338	12,079	11,481	10,288	9,442	8,506	7,728	7,483	7,500	

Note : Sales of residential units refer to sale and purchase agreements with payment of stamp duty. These statistics do not include sales of units under the Home Ownership Scheme, the Private Sector Participation Scheme and the Tenants Purchase Scheme except those after payment of premium.

Table 5**THE LAND REGISTRY****Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of residential building units and total consideration
from April 2008 to April 2009**

Year / Month		Range of Consideration (\$ million)												Total		
		Less than 1		1 to less than 2		2 to less than 3		3 to less than 5		5 to less than 10		10 or over				
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	Consideration (\$ million)	
2008	4	1,202	13	3,731	41	1,576	17	1,442	16	757	8	339	4	9,047	27,564	
	5	1,026	12	3,362	41	1,601	19	1,322	16	631	8	339	4	8,281	26,304	
	6	1,096	11	3,532	35	1,640	16	1,627	16	1,207	12	1,103	11	10,205	50,431	
	7	893	12	3,085	42	1,363	18	1,128	15	642	9	322	4	7,433	25,139	
	8	644	12	2,387	45	1,013	19	736	14	352	7	152	3	5,284	14,974	
	9	701	12	2,379	39	1,350	22	1,043	17	434	7	168	3	6,075	18,733	
	10	612	13	1,937	41	933	20	617	13	471	10	149	3	4,719	16,279	
	11	542	17	1,387	42	568	17	444	14	224	7	99	3	3,264	9,007	
	12	616	13	1,960	42	787	17	539	11	477	10	327	7	4,706	17,662	
	2009	1	643	13	1,928	40	995	20	748	15	303	6	258	5	4,875	16,124
		2	650	14	1,842	41	852	19	644	14	326	7	173	4	4,487	13,622
		3	954	13	2,904	41	1,227	17	1,094	15	454	6	469	7	7,102	25,448
4		1,045	11	3,605	37	1,914	19	2,154	22	720	7	418	4	9,856	31,580	

Note : Figures in percentage for individual items may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

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Monthly Statistics in respect of Sale & Purchase Agreements
of building units received for registration on regional basis

Month: April 2009

Item	District	Sale and Purchase Agreements of Building Units	
		No. of Transactions	Consideration (nearest \$million)
1.	Hong Kong	2,154	11,591
2.	Kowloon	4,066	16,440
3.	Islands	185	418
4.	North	321	502
5.	Sai Kung	779	1,572
6.	Shatin	873	4,747
7.	Tai Po	359	751
8.	Tsuen Wan	1,173	2,517
9.	Tuen Mun	584	674
10.	Yuen Long	654	1,103
	Total	11,148	40,315