

**The Land Registry Monthly Press Release CB(1) 1805/08-09(01)**  
**Figures on Agreements for Sale and Purchase**  
**and Statistical Tables on Instruments**  
**Received for Registration in May 2009**

The total number of sale and purchase agreements for all types of building units received for registration in the Land Registry in May 2009 was 13,067. This was 17.2% higher than in April 2009 and 28.9% higher compared with May 2008. Using a 12-month moving average, the figure for May 2009 represented an increase of 3.3% over April 2009 but was 41% lower than May 2008. The total consideration of agreements in May 2009 was \$44 billion, 9.1% higher than in April 2009 and 29.5% higher than the amount for May 2008.

Among the 13,067 sale and purchase agreements, 11,788 were for residential units. This was 19.6% higher than in April 2009 and 42.3% above May 2008. The total consideration for these agreements was \$39.4 billion, 24.8% higher than in April 2009 and up 49.9% compared with the amount for May 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 May 2009.

Relevant statistics for April 2009 and May 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 : May 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	6,535 ( 7,241 )	6,532 ( 6,828 )	13,067 ( 14,069 )	30,460	13,540	44,000
2.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land	12	166	178	783	572	1,355
	Sub-total (1) + (2)	6,547	6,698	13,245	31,243	14,112	45,355
3.	Assignments of Building Units	5,015 ( 5,611 )	3,972 ( 4,196 )	8,987 ( 9,807 )	17,810	7,571	25,381
4.	Assignments of Land	4	420	424	75	668	743
	Sub-total (3) + (4)	5,019	4,392	9,411	17,885	8,239	26,124
5.	Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	1	17	18			
6.	Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	3,611	3,174	6,785			
	Sub-total (5) + (6)	3,612	3,191	6,803			
7.	Receipts/Discharges/Releases	3,773	4,047	7,820			
8.	Leases/Tenancy Agreements	225	133	358			
9.	Exclusion Orders	0	0	0			
10.	Others	5,733	3,899	9,632			
	Total	24,909	22,360	47,269			

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

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**Comparison of Monthly Statistics**

**Table 2**

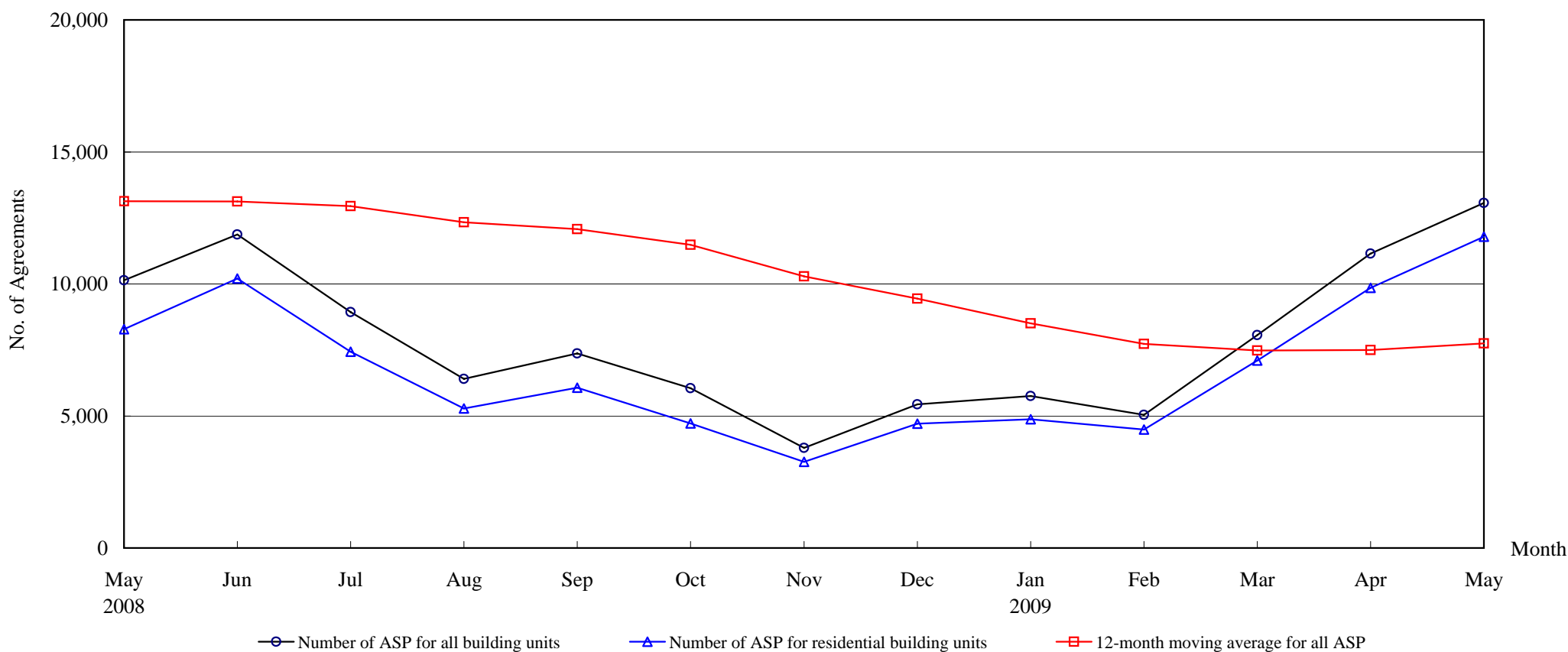
Month : May 2009

Item	2009 May	2009 April	2008 May	May 2009							
				Increase (+) or Decrease (-) as compared with							
				April 2009		May 2008					
No. or	Consideration	Percentage	No. or	Consideration	Percentage	No. or	Consideration				
1. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Building Units											
(a) No.	13,067	11,148	10,138	+	1,919	+	17.2	+	2,929	+	28.9
(b) Consideration	44,000	40,315	33,972	+	3,685	+	9.1	+	10,028	+	29.5
2. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land											
(a) No.	178	166	191	+	12	+	7.2	-	13	-	6.8
(b) Consideration	1,355	1,124	1,599	+	231	+	20.6	-	244	-	15.3
Sub-total of (1) + (2)											
(a) No.	13,245	11,314	10,329	+	1,931	+	17.1	+	2,916	+	28.2
(b) Consideration	45,355	41,439	35,571	+	3,916	+	9.5	+	9,784	+	27.5
3. Assignments of Building Units											
(a) No.	8,987	7,374	15,252	+	1,613	+	21.9	-	6,265	-	41.1
(b) Consideration	25,381	24,265	50,564	+	1,116	+	4.6	-	25,183	-	49.8
4. Assignments of Land											
(a) No.	424	389	570	+	35	+	9.0	-	146	-	25.6
(b) Consideration	743	1,019	3,220	-	276	-	27.1	-	2,477	-	76.9
Sub-total of (3) + (4)											
(a) No.	9,411	7,763	15,822	+	1,648	+	21.2	-	6,411	-	40.5
(b) Consideration	26,124	25,284	53,784	+	840	+	3.3	-	27,660	-	51.4
5. No. of Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	18	6	4	+	12	+	200.0	+	14	+	350.0
6. No. of Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	6,785	5,294	13,595	+	1,491	+	28.2	-	6,810	-	50.1
Sub-total of (5) + (6)	6,803	5,300	13,599	+	1,503	+	28.4	-	6,796	-	50.0
7. No. of Receipts/Discharges/Releases	7,820	7,379	13,713	+	441	+	6.0	-	5,893	-	43.0

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 May 2008 to May 2009**

**Table 3**



**Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of building units**

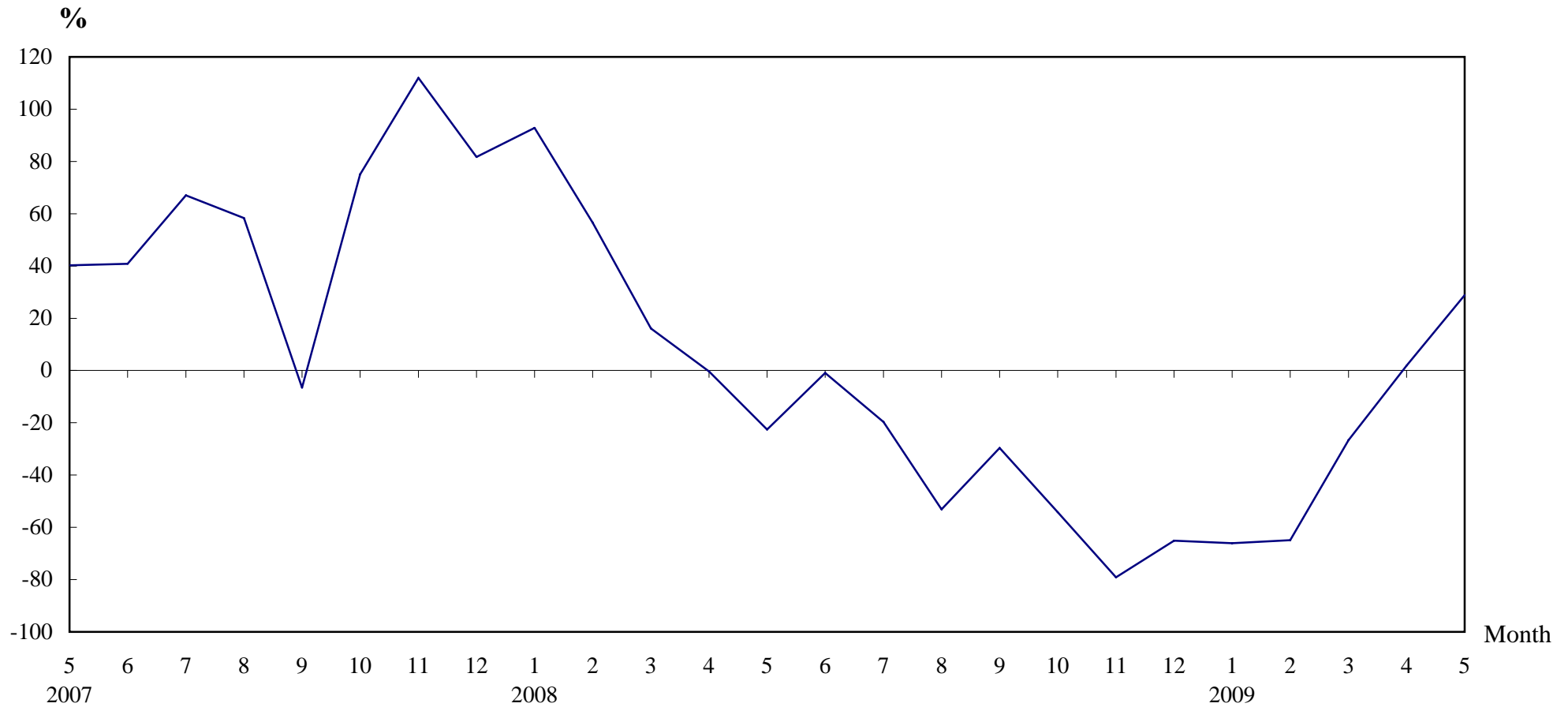
Year	2008								2009				
Month	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Number of ASP for all building units	10,138	11,876	8,930	6,402	7,369	6,054	3,786	5,437	5,759	5,043	8,062	11,148	13,067
Number of ASP for residential building units	8,281	10,205	7,433	5,284	6,075	4,719	3,264	4,706	4,875	4,487	7,102	9,856	11,788
12-month moving average for all ASP	13,134	13,125	12,943	12,338	12,079	11,481	10,288	9,442	8,506	7,728	7,483	7,500	7,744

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.

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**Table 4**

## Year-on-year Rate of Change in the Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements



### **Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of residential and non-residential building units**

Year/Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2007	8,807	9,188	9,470	10,973	13,090	11,979	11,121	13,664	10,475	13,227	18,105	15,592
2008	16,984	14,384	10,993	10,945	10,138	11,876	8,930	6,402	7,369	6,054	3,786	5,437
2009	5,759	5,043	8,062	11,148	13,067							

**Table 5****THE LAND REGISTRY****Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of residential building units and total consideration  
from May 2008 to May 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	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
5		1,085	9	4,702	40	2,378	20	1,938	16	1,099	9	586	5	11,788	39,423	

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: May 2009

Item	District	Sale and Purchase Agreements of Building Units	
		No. of Transactions	Consideration (nearest \$million)
1.	Hong Kong	2,380	13,440
2.	Kowloon	4,155	17,020
3.	Islands	240	644
4.	North	346	528
5.	Sai Kung	637	1,799
6.	Shatin	990	2,344
7.	Tai Po	421	901
8.	Tsuen Wan	1,283	2,887
9.	Tuen Mun	683	897
10.	Yuen Long	1,932	3,540
	<b>Total</b>	13,067	44,000