

## Land Registry releases statistics for April

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The Land Registry today (May 3) released its statistics for April 2019.

## Land registration

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- \* The number of sale and purchase agreements for all building units received for registration in April was 9,911 (+54.2 per cent compared with March 2019 and +13.4 per cent compared with April 2018)
- \* The 12-month moving average for April was 6,357 (1.5 per cent above the 12-month moving average for March 2019 and 11.5 per cent below that for April 2018)
- \* The total consideration for sale and purchase agreements in April was \$86.9 billion (+64.5 per cent compared with March 2019 and +11.6 per cent compared with April 2018)
- \* Among the sale and purchase agreements, 7,822 were for residential units (+49.5 per cent compared with March 2019 and +17.7 per cent compared with April 2018)
- \* The total consideration for sale and purchase agreements in respect of residential units was \$70.1 billion (+52.8 per cent compared with March 2019 and +13.4 per cent compared with April 2018)

Statistics on sales of residential units do not include sale and purchase agreements relating to sales of units under the Home Ownership Scheme, the Private Sector Participation Scheme and the Tenants Purchase Scheme unless the premium of the unit concerned has been paid after the sale restriction period.

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 have also been 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.

## Land search

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- \* The number of searches of land registers made by the public in April was 444,632 (-4.6 per cent compared with March 2019 and +0.1 per cent compared with April 2018)

The statistics cover searches made at the counter, through the self-service terminals and via the Integrated Registration Information System Online Services.

**Table 1**

**THE LAND REGISTRY**  
**Consolidated Monthly Statistics in respect of deeds received**  
**for registration in the Land Registry**

Month : April 2019

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	4,972 ( 5,858 )	4,939 ( 5,394 )	9,911 ( 11,252 )	51,234	35,657	86,891
2.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land	10	207	217	3,105	1,608	4,713
	Sub-total (1) + (2)	4,982	5,146	10,128	54,339	37,265	91,604
3.	Assignments of Building Units	2,906 ( 3,637 )	2,572 ( 3,128 )	5,478 ( 6,765 )	28,297	17,055	45,352
4.	Assignments of Land	3	280	283	406	1,163	1,569
	Sub-total (3) + (4)	2,909	2,852	5,761	28,703	18,218	46,921
5.	Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	0	3	3			
6.	Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	3,238	3,262	6,500			
	Sub-total (5) + (6)	3,238	3,265	6,503			
7.	Receipts/Discharges/Releases	2,875	3,365	6,240			
8.	Leases/Tenancy Agreements	229	103	332			
9.	Exclusion Orders	0	0	0			
10.	Others	3,944	3,703	7,647			
	Total	18,177	18,434	36,611			

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

**Table 2**

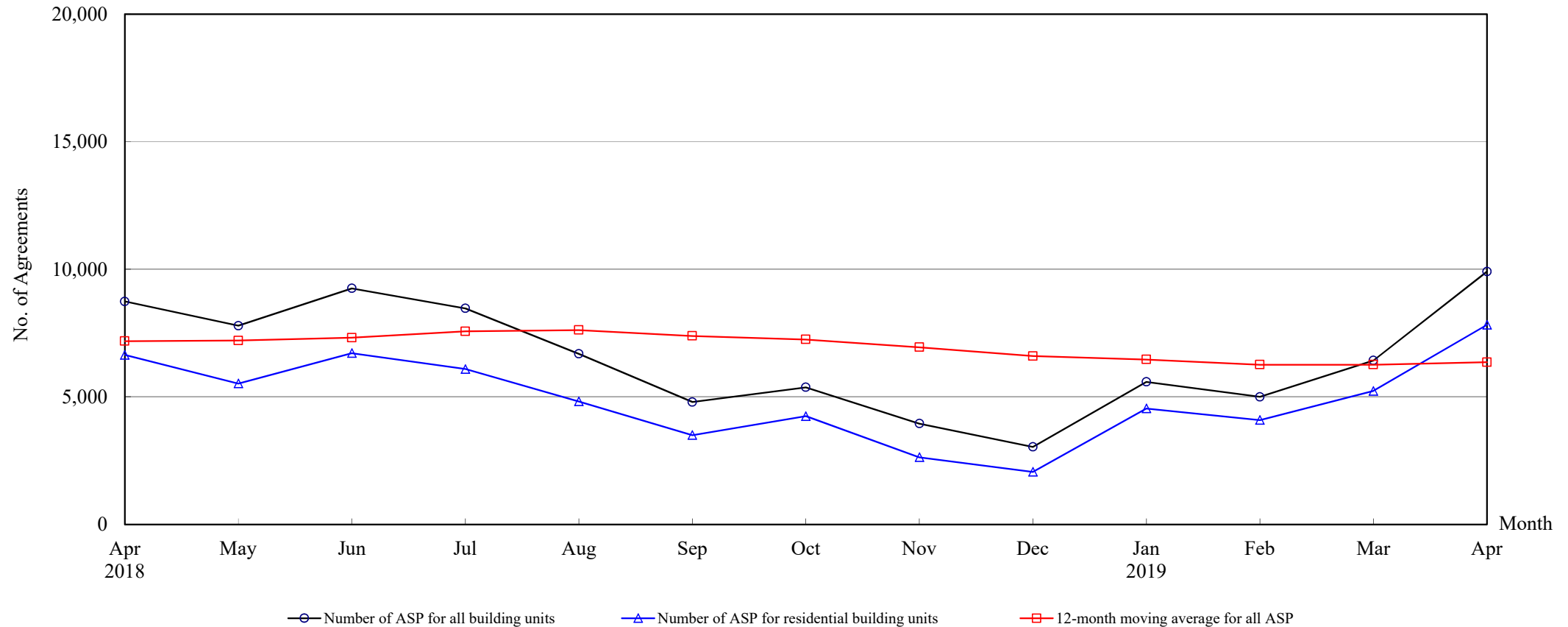
**THE LAND REGISTRY**  
**Comparison of Monthly Statistics**

Month : April 2019

Item	2019 April	2019 March	2018 April	April 2019 Increase (+) or Decrease (-) as compared with			
				March 2019		April 2018	
				No. or Consideration	Percentage	No. or Consideration	Percentage
1. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Building Units							
(a) No.	9,911	6,428	8,741	+ 3,483	+ 54.2	+ 1,170	+ 13.4
(b) Consideration	86,891	52,826	77,838	+ 34,065	+ 64.5	+ 9,053	+ 11.6
2. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land							
(a) No.	217	180	247	+ 37	+ 20.6	- 30	- 12.1
(b) Consideration	4,713	967	2,233	+ 3,746	+ 387.4	+ 2,480	+ 111.1
Sub-total of (1) + (2)							
(a) No.	10,128	6,608	8,988	+ 3,520	+ 53.3	+ 1,140	+ 12.7
(b) Consideration	91,604	53,793	80,071	+ 37,811	+ 70.3	+ 11,533	+ 14.4
3. Assignments of Building Units							
(a) No.	5,478	5,109	9,004	+ 369	+ 7.2	- 3,526	- 39.2
(b) Consideration	45,352	47,841	66,960	- 2,489	- 5.2	- 21,608	- 32.3
4. Assignments of Land							
(a) No.	283	390	417	- 107	- 27.4	- 134	- 32.1
(b) Consideration	1,569	2,068	4,787	- 499	- 24.1	- 3,218	- 67.2
Sub-total of (3) + (4)							
(a) No.	5,761	5,499	9,421	+ 262	+ 4.8	- 3,660	- 38.8
(b) Consideration	46,921	49,909	71,747	- 2,988	- 6.0	- 24,826	- 34.6
5. No. of Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	3	0	2	+ 3	N.A.	+ 1	+ 50.0
6. No. of Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	6,500	6,203	8,940	+ 297	+ 4.8	- 2,440	- 27.3
Sub-total of (5) + (6)	6,503	6,203	8,942	+ 300	+ 4.8	- 2,439	- 27.3
7. No. of Receipts/Discharges/Releases	6,240	6,287	8,382	- 47	- 0.7	- 2,142	- 25.6
8. No. of Public Search	444,632	465,994	444,342	- 21,362	- 4.6	+ 290	+ 0.1

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

**The Land Registry**  
**Chart showing the number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of**  
**building units from April 2018 to April 2019**



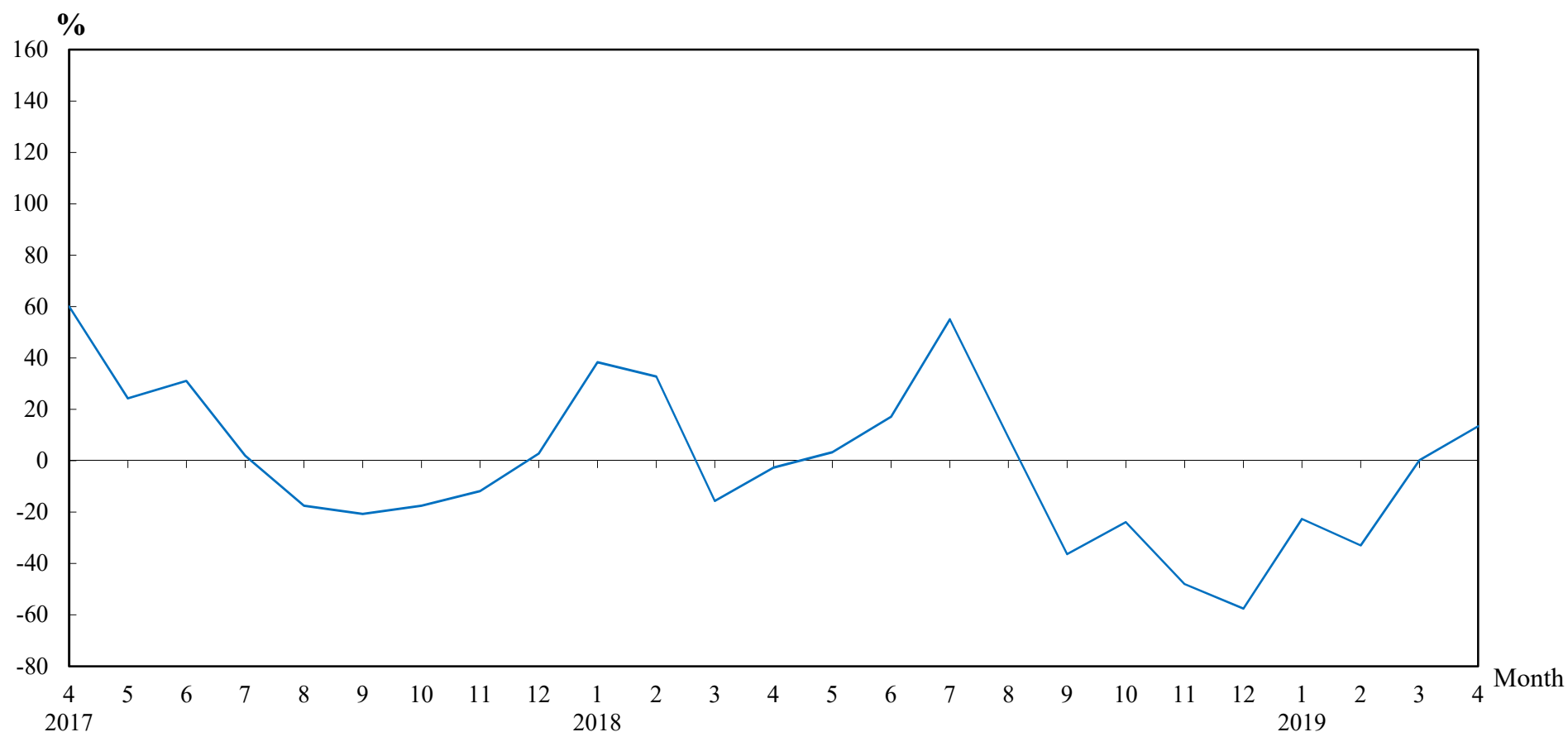
### Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of building units

Year	2018									2019			
Month	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Number of ASP for all building units	8,741	7,788	9,252	8,466	6,688	4,799	5,374	3,953	3,038	5,589	4,999	6,428	9,911
Number of ASP for residential building units <sup>(1)</sup>	6,646	5,522	6,713	6,091	4,822	3,500	4,243	2,635	2,060	4,543	4,089	5,231	7,822
12-month moving average for all ASP <sup>(2)</sup>	7,186	7,207	7,319	7,569	7,616	7,388	7,247	6,943	6,599	6,463	6,259	6,260	6,357

Note : (1) Statistics on sales of residential units do not include sales of units under the Home Ownership Scheme, the Private Sector Participation Scheme and the Tenants Purchase Scheme unless the premium of the unit concerned has been paid after the sale restriction period.

(2) 12-month moving average is calculated by dividing the sum of the figures of the previous 12 months by 12.

**The Land Registry**  
**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
2017	5,220	5,615	7,605	8,984	7,536	7,902	5,461	6,130	7,540	7,063	7,601	7,158
2018	7,223	7,456	6,415	8,741	7,788	9,252	8,466	6,688	4,799	5,374	3,953	3,038
2019	5,589	4,999	6,428	9,911								

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**Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of residential building units and total consideration  
from April 2018 to April 2019**

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)	
2018	4	15	0	91	1	166	2	1,358	20	3,679	55	1,337	20	6,646	61,825	
	5	22	0	100	2	177	3	1,243	23	2,767	50	1,213	22	5,522	52,184	
	6	27	0	68	1	202	3	1,154	17	3,528	53	1,734	26	6,713	68,023	
	7	18	0	69	1	164	3	1,026	17	3,152	52	1,662	27	6,091	65,237	
	8	32	1	81	2	120	2	875	18	2,717	56	997	21	4,822	46,765	
	9	20	1	53	2	92	3	530	15	1,859	53	946	27	3,500	37,083	
	10	26	1	54	1	114	3	692	16	2,648	62	709	17	4,243	38,571	
	11	18	1	63	2	108	4	656	25	1,313	50	477	18	2,635	26,020	
	12	31	2	47	2	90	4	571	28	916	44	405	20	2,060	24,076	
	2019	1	18	0	58	1	110	2	801	18	1,957	43	1,599	35	4,543	44,924
		2	14	0	36	1	92	2	888	22	2,433	60	626	15	4,089	36,079
		3	8	0	64	1	147	3	1,142	22	2,784	53	1,086	21	5,231	45,870
4		24	0	53	1	144	2	1,404	18	4,548	58	1,649	21	7,822	70,101	

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

**Table 6**

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

Month: April 2019

Item	District	Sale and Purchase Agreements of Building Units	
		No. of Transactions	Consideration (nearest \$million)
1.	Hong Kong	1,731	22,218
2.	Kowloon	3,241	29,016
3.	Islands	216	1,677
4.	North	221	1,107
5.	Sai Kung	1,008	9,183
6.	Shatin	583	4,567
7.	Tai Po	831	6,765
8.	Tsuen Wan	718	4,329
9.	Tuen Mun	676	4,038
10.	Yuen Long	686	3,991
	<b>Total</b>	9,911	86,891