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Banking Statistics

		Asse	Assets and liabilities of all Als			Customer deposits of all Als		
As at end of	Number of authorized institutions (AIs)	Total assets (liabilities)	Total external claims	Total external liabilities	Hong Kong dollar ^{1, 3}	Foreign currencies ^{2, 3}	Total	
1997	361	8,397,182	4,652,473	4,626,728	1,551,555	1,158,728	2,710,282	
1998	333	7,254,475	3,882,071	3,465,156	1,699,726	1,300,302	3,000,027	
1999	285	6,784,377	3,697,310	2,889,782	1,773,169	1,477,448	3,250,617	
2000	263	6,661,006	3,511,949	2,488,127	1,851,177	1,676,670	3,527,847	
2001	250	6,153,957	3,159,512	2,061,418	1,854,651	1,551,852	3,406,502	
2002	224	5,999,078	3,075,646	1,908,475	1,824,911	1,492,631	3,317,542	
2003	215	6,490,721	3,417,926	2,072,929	1,930,790	1,636,227	3,567,018	
2004	208	7,137,816	3,949,504	2,398,474	2,017,911	1,848,145	3,866,056	
2005	199	7,246,969	3,974,240	2,369,829	2,131,579	1,936,322	4,067,901	
2006	202	8,306,112	4,831,125	2,742,780	2,568,424	2,197,121	4,765,545	
2005 Jun	203	7,019,330	3,694,449	2,241,584	2,017,544	1,837,973	3,855,517	
Sep	202	7,092,244	3,720,143	2,229,467	2,080,347	1,845,628	3,925,974	
Dec	199	7,246,969	3,974,240	2,369,829	2,131,579	1,936,322	4,067,901	
2006 Mar	199	7,407,567	4,068,198	2,344,109	2,248,321	1,959,835	4,208,156	
Jun	198	7,667,655	4,225,329	2,446,774	2,300,179	2,029,667	4,329,846	
Sep	203	8,094,234	4,527,055	2,639,567	2,441,962	2,108,527	4,550,489	
Dec	202	8,306,112	4,831,125	2,742,780	2,568,424	2,197,121	4,765,545	
2007 Mar	198	8,729,174	4,840,271	2,708,927	2,736,438	2,236,227	4,972,665	

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		Loans and adv	vances of all Als	Asset quality of Als			
As at end of	Loans for use in Hong Kong⁴	Loans for use outside Hong Kong⁵	Total	Of which: residential mortgage lending ⁶	Classified loans (gross) ⁷	Delinquency ratio of residential mortgage lending ⁸	Charge-off ratio of credit card receivables ⁹
1997	2,230,228	1,891,442	4,121,670	425,469	2.09	_	2.15
1998	2,109,589	1,194,837	3,304,427	459,338	7.70	0.84	3.14
1999	1,933,391	879,519	2,812,910	478,244	10.14	1.13	4.92
2000	1,965,289	496,161	2,461,450	521,701	7.26	1.32	3.88
2001	1,878,679	306,306	2,184,986	528,518	6.53	1.22	5.46
2002	1,833,744	242,582	2,076,325	533,730	5.04	1.06	13.25
2003	1,808,639	226,439	2,035,079	522,237	3.94	0.86	10.02
2004	1,922,504	233,199	2,155,704	527,868	2.25	0.38	4.73
2005	2,071,958	240,029	2,311,987	533,069	1.37	0.19	2.81
2006	2,126,239	341,589	2,467,828	529,358	1.11	0.20	2.91
2005 Jun	2,030,851	225,820	2,256,671	543,319	1.74	0.22	3.27
Sep	2,031,243	237,873	2,269,115	538,566	1.49	0.18	2.95
Dec	2,071,958	240,029	2,311,987	533,069	1.37	0.19	2.72
2006 Mar	2,065,833	261,947	2,327,780	528,536	1.32	0.19	2.89
Jun	2,124,071	293,419	2,417,490	527,292	1.29	0.20	3.28
Sep	2,155,690	342,440	2,498,130	526,076	1.19	0.20	3.30
Dec	2,126,239	341,589	2,467,828	529,358	1.11	0.20	3.13
2007 Mar	2,288,215	383,277	2,671,492	530,401	1.00	0.17	3.17

1. Adjusted to include foreign currency swap deposits.

2. Adjusted to exclude foreign currency swap deposits.

 There is a break in data series due to the inclusion of short-term Exchange Fund placements of less than one month since 1997.

4. Include loans for trade financing.

5. Include loans where the place of use is not known.

 Based on the monthly survey of residential mortgage lending. There is a break in data series at December 2000 due to an increase in the number of surveyed institutions.

7. As a percentage of total loans of retail banks.

8. As a percentage of total residential mortgage loans of surveyed institutions.

9. As a percentage of total credit card receivables of surveyed institutions. Figures are annual and annualised quarterly data respectively.

- Not applicable.