

**Residential Mortgage Survey
Results of Survey for March 2008**

(Value in HK\$ million)

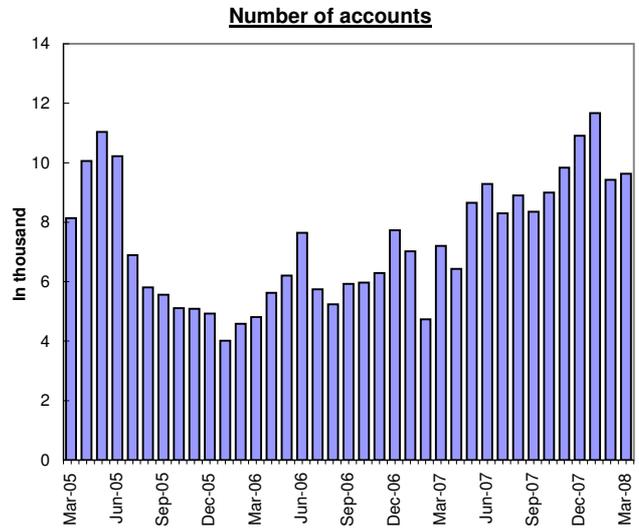
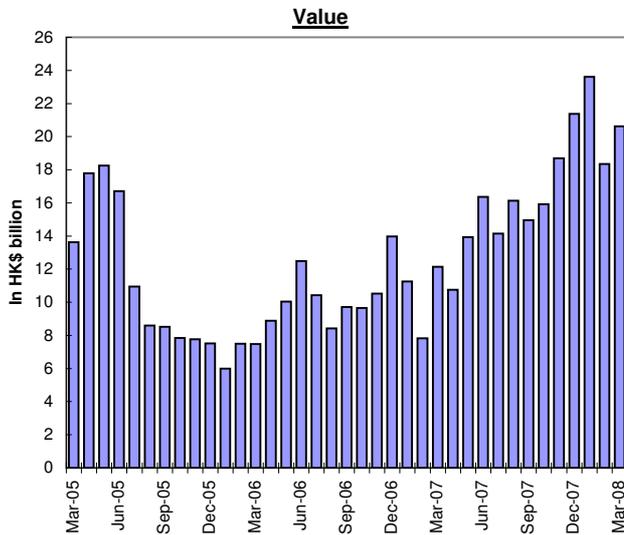
	March 2008	February 2008
23 authorized institutions		
1. <u>New loans drawn down during month</u>		
a. Value	20,616	18,356
M-o-M % change	12.3%	-22.3%
b. Number	9,634	9,422
2. <u>New loans approved during month</u>		
a. Value	24,704	23,487
M-o-M % change	5.2%	-20.2%
b. Number	11,056	11,260
c. Average size	2.23	2.09
d. Loan-to-value ratio (%)	62.7	62.8
e. Contractual life (months)	256	259
f. Loans associated with co-financing schemes		
- Value	276	294
- Number	136	170
g. Type of property transaction		
- Value		
- Primary market	2,991	1,582
- Secondary market	17,679	18,920
- Refinancing	4,034	2,985
- Number		
- Primary market	925	537
- Secondary market	8,063	9,059
- Refinancing	2,068	1,664
h. New loans approved during month but not yet drawn		
- Value	17,004	16,279
- Number	7,571	7,669
i. Number of applications (cases)	15,621	13,729
3. <u>Outstanding loans</u>		
a. Value	574,794	569,862
M-o-M % change	0.9%	0.8%
Y-o-Y % change	8.4%	7.6%
b. Loans associated with co-financing schemes		
Government-funded schemes:		
- Value	29,312	30,678
- Number	44,606	46,293
Schemes offered by the private sector:		
- Value	19,465	19,696
- Number	13,824	13,715
c. Delinquency ratio (%)		
- More than 3 months	0.09	0.10
- More than 6 months	0.04	0.04
d. Rescheduled loan ratio (%)	0.17	0.18
4. <u>Loans written off</u>		
a. Value of loans written off during month	17	12
b. Loans written off over the past 12 months		
- Value	300	364
- As % of the average outstanding loans	0.1	0.1
5. <u>Interest margin on new loans approved during month</u>		
a. More than 2.5% below BLR	90.0%	89.0%
b. More than 2.25% and up to 2.5% below BLR	1.6%	1.6%
c. More than 2% and up to 2.25% below BLR	0.6%	0.5%
d. More than 1.75% and up to 2% below BLR	1.0%	0.8%
e. More than 1.5% and up to 1.75% below BLR	0.6%	0.4%
f. More than 1.25% and up to 1.5% below BLR	0.3%	0.3%
g. More than 1% and up to 1.25% below BLR	0.1%	0.1%
h. More than 0.75% and up to 1% below BLR	0.2%	0.2%
i. More than 0.5% and up to 0.75% below BLR	0.0%	0.0%
j. More than 0.25% and up to 0.5% below BLR	0.0%	0.0%
k. More than 0% and up to 0.25% below BLR	0.0%	0.0%
l. At BLR	0.1%	0.1%
m. Above BLR	0.1%	0.1%
n. Fixed rate	0.0%	0.0%
o. Others	5.4%	6.9%

Abbreviation:

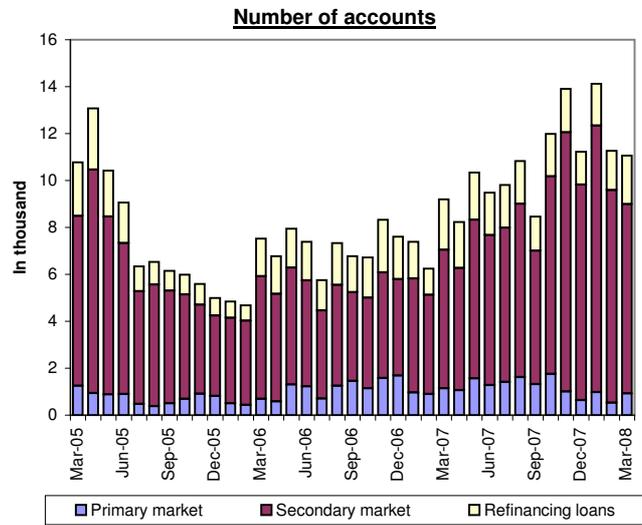
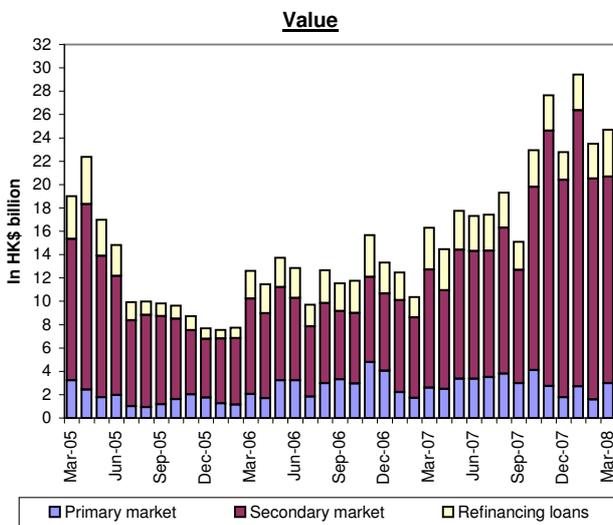
BLR refers to the best lending rate.

Residential Mortgage Loans in Hong Kong (23 authorized institutions)

New Loans Drawn Down During Month



New Loans Approved During Month



Residential Mortgage Survey

Notes to Annex

1. The Residential Mortgage Survey is a continuous monthly survey covering 23 authorized institutions in the banking industry.
2. **Residential mortgage loans** (RMLs) in this survey are loans (including refinancing loans) to private individuals for the purchase of residential properties, including uncompleted units, but other than those properties under the Home Ownership Scheme, the Private Sector Participation Scheme and the Tenants Purchase Scheme.
3. **Gross new loans made** are new mortgage loans drawn down during the surveyed month.
4. **New loans approved** are mortgage loans approved during the surveyed month. The loans can either be drawn down in the same month or in the following months. Loans that are approved but not yet drawn, which have implications for the amount of gross new loans made in the following months, are shown under the item "New loans approved during month but not yet drawn".
5. **Delinquency ratio** is measured by a ratio of total amount of overdue loans to total outstanding loans.
6. **Rescheduled loan ratio** is measured by a ratio of total amount of rescheduled loans to total outstanding loans.
7. **Co-financing schemes** refer to those schemes that involve provision of top-up finance by property developer(s) or other co-financier(s) in addition to mortgage loans advanced by authorized institutions. For loans associated with co-financing schemes, only the portion of loans advanced by reporting institutions is included in this survey.
8. **Average loan-to-value ratio and average contractual life** for new loans approved during the surveyed month are average figures weighted by the amount of new loans approved during the surveyed month by individual reporting institutions.
9. **Loans written off** over the past 12 months as a percentage of the average outstanding loans is calculated as: total value of loans written off during the past 12-month period as a percentage of the average outstanding loan value over the 12-month period [i.e. (opening + closing) ÷ 2].