

Private Domestic Property<sup>1</sup> - Vacancy<sup>2</sup> from 1979 to 2005

Year	Small / Medium <sup>3</sup>		Large <sup>4</sup>		Total	
	units	% of total	units	% of total	units	% of total
	<i>units</i>	<i>stock</i>	<i>units</i>	<i>stock</i>	<i>units</i>	<i>stock</i>
1979	13100	2.9	1500	3.9	14600	2.9
1980	14700	3.1	2000	5.3	16700	3.3
1981	26800	5.3	2900	7.3	29700	5.4
1982	27400	5.3	3800	9.1	31200	5.6
1983	20000	3.7	4400	9.9	24400	4.2
1984	19500	3.5	2900	6.4	22400	3.7
1985	19350	3.2	2750	5.8	22100	3.4
1986	21400	3.4	3300	6.6	24700	3.6
1987	20000	3.0	2300	4.5	22300	3.1
1988	16750	2.4	3450	6.3	20200	2.7
1989	27200	4.1	3100	5.4	30300	4.2
1990	22550	3.2	3600	6.2	26150	3.4
1991	29450	4.1	3550	5.9	33000	4.2
1992	31330	4.2	2740	4.5	34070	4.2
1993	29850	3.9	2390	3.9	32240	3.9
1994	37450	4.7	3220	5.1	40670	4.7
1995	32740	4.0	3460	5.3	36200	4.1
1996	30830	3.7	3220	4.8	34050	3.8
1997	32600	3.8	3380	4.9	35980	3.9
1998	38420	4.3	5400	7.6	43820	4.5
1999	54750	5.9	4390	6.0	59140	5.9
2000	49300	5.2	5650	7.5	54950	5.4
2001*	54770	5.6	5640	7.3	60410	5.7
2002	58390	6.4	6880	9.6	65270	6.6
2003	62980	6.7	5800	8.0	68780	6.8
2004	56400	5.9	7850	10.4	64250	6.2
2005	56000	5.7	7540	9.9	63540	6.0

## Note:

- Private Domestic units are defined as independent dwellings with separate cooking facilities and bathroom (and / or lavatory). They are sub-divided by reference to floor area.
  - Vacancy indicates that a unit was not physically occupied at the time of the survey conducted at the end of the year. Premises under decoration are classified as vacant. Some vacancies could be due to units not yet issued with the Certificate of Compliance of Consent to Assign, which therefore could not have been occupied. Vacancy figures cover the entire stock and are not confined to new developments.  
  
Vacancies in respect of all premises, with the exception of rated domestic premises completed prior to 2004, are determined by a full survey of such premises at the end of the year.  
  
For rated domestic premises completed prior to 2004, a projection vacancies is made from the result of a 3% random sample survey of such units.
  - Small/ Medium units refer to saleable area less than 100m<sup>2</sup>
  - Large units refer to saleable area 100m<sup>2</sup> and over
- \* 2001 figures are inclusive of village houses. However, 2002-2006 figures exclude village houses.

## Sources:

*Property Review 1983 - 1989 Editions*, Rating and Valuation Department, Hong Kong Government Printer.

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