

Statistics of Payment Cards Issued in Hong Kong for Fourth Quarter 2019⁽¹⁾

	Q4 18	Q3 19	Q4 19	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	19,460	19,686	19,708	+0.1%	+1.3%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)	196,619	214,189	213,730	-0.2%	+8.7%
of which Retail sales	194,152	211,916	211,291	-0.3%	+8.8%
of which Hong Kong spending	165,879	178,951	177,521	-0.8%	+7.0%
Overseas spending	28,274	32,965	33,771	+2.4%	+19.4%
Cash advances	2,466	2,273	2,439	+7.3%	-1.1%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)	196,925	188,737	191,367	+1.4%	-2.8%
of which Retail sales	184,164	176,261	178,634	+1.3%	-3.0%
of which Hong Kong spending	154,301	142,760	144,240	+1.0%	-6.5%
Overseas spending	29,864	33,501	34,393	+2.7%	+15.2%
Cash advances	12,761	12,476	12,733	+2.1%	-0.2%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000) ⁽²⁾	39,413	37,880	46,277	+22.2%	+17.4%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	86,258	81,830	84,689	+3.5%	-1.8%

Notes:

1. Please refer to Notes to Press Release for explanations of the statistics. The figures may not add up due to rounding.

2. Figures for Q4 2018 and Q3 2019 have been adjusted from those released in March 2019 and December 2019 respectively to reflect reclassification of certain debit card transactions as retail sales/bill payments.