

Statistics of Payment Cards Issued in Hong Kong for First Quarter 2021⁽¹⁾

	Q1 20	Q4 20	Q1 21	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	19,609	19,369	19,318	-0.3%	-1.5%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000) ⁽²⁾	204,355	222,241	220,228	-0.9%	+7.8%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	202,359	220,241	218,351	-0.9%	+7.9%
of which Hong Kong spending	171,897	193,625	192,437	-0.6%	+11.9%
Overseas spending	30,462	26,617	25,914	-2.6%	-14.9%
Cash advances	1,996	1,999	1,877	-6.1%	-6.0%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn) ⁽²⁾	172,006	169,360	174,030	+2.8%	+1.2%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	160,129	159,365	164,359	+3.1%	+2.6%
of which Hong Kong spending	133,061	140,781	145,432	+3.3%	+9.3%
Overseas spending	27,068	18,583	18,926	+1.8%	-30.1%
Cash advances	11,877	9,995	9,672	-3.2%	-18.6%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	37,812	38,886	39,636	+1.9%	+4.8%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	85,423	78,252	78,511	+0.3%	-8.1%

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 Q1 2020 have been adjusted from those released in June 2020 due to subsequent data update.