

Statistics of Payment Cards Issued in Hong Kong for Fourth Quarter 2018

	Q4 17	Q3 18	Q4 18	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	18,876	19,324	19,460	+0.7%	+3.1%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)	165,693	185,609	196,619	+5.9%	+18.7%
of which Retail sales	163,257	183,218	194,152	+6.0%	+18.9%
of which Hong Kong spending	136,389	154,797	165,879*	+7.2%*	+21.6%*
Overseas spending	26,868	28,422	28,274*	-0.5%*	+5.2%*
Cash advances	2,436	2,391	2,466	+3.2%	+1.3%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)	182,577	179,055	196,925	+10.0%	+7.9%
of which Retail sales	170,760	166,693	184,164	+10.5%	+7.9%
of which Hong Kong spending	142,119	136,673	154,301*	+12.9%*	+8.6%*
Overseas spending	28,640	30,020	29,864*	-0.5%*	+4.3%*
Cash advances	11,817	12,362	12,761	+3.2%	+8.0%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	35,230	33,501	35,803	+6.9%	+1.6%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	81,191	79,382	86,258	+8.7%	+6.2%

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 2017 have been adjusted from those released in March 2018 due to data update subsequently.

*Certain figures published on 22 March 2019 required amendments. Please refer to the correct figures as currently displayed.