



# Financial Cards and Payments in Taiwan

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Taiwan accelerates cashless future, alongside surge in financial card usage

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Government-led digitalisation boosts card adoption, with open loop pre-paid cards remaining especially prominent

Everyday convenience and smart infrastructure drive usage

Young consumers drive growth, assisted by ongoing rollout of open banking

### WHAT'S NEXT?

Digitalisation and changing consumer habits will drive card adoption

Continued innovation from digital-first players, with focus on personalisation

E-commerce and government initiatives will fuel growth

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Charge card transactions poised for robust growth, driven by government-led push towards cashless economy

Charge cards will continue to play niche and specialised role

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Credit card transactions surge amid e-commerce boom, rebound in overseas travel and contactless adoption

##### WHAT'S NEXT?

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Modest growth in debit card transactions, driven by digital integration

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Fraud prevention and enhanced security features will boost debit card confidence

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Pre-paid cards gain ground, driven by open loop flexibility

Open loop transactions continue to rise

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TWQR integration will accelerate pre-paid card usage

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