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An Overview of Card Usage Patterns within and Outside Bangladesh (October, 2025)

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Executive Summary

This report summarizes transactional trends across credit, debit, and prepaid cards for domestic and outward usage, categorized by spending purposes (e.g., retail, transportation, transfer, cash withdrawals). Key findings aim to inform strategic decisions for card issuers, merchants, or policymakers.

The analysis of card usage patterns reveals distinct trends in both domestic and international transactions. Significant growth found both in issuance (127%) of cards (debit, credit and prepaid cards) and the total transaction volume (153%) through these cards over the last five-year period.

From October, 2024 to October, 2025, domestic credit card usage in Bangladesh significantly increased by 21.11%. Cross-border transactions using credit card showed minor fluctuations but increased significantly by 7.08% in October, 2025 compared to that of October, 2024. Spending by foreign nationals in Bangladesh showed a notable increase by 54.69% from October, 2024 to October, 2025. In October, 2025, nearly half of all domestic credit card transactions were made at department stores, highlighting strong consumer preferences for retail shopping.

In October, 2025, credit, debit, and prepaid card transactions abroad displayed distinct spending patterns in terms of both value and category distribution. Credit card transactions totaled BDT 5,342 million across 8,28,835 transactions, with department stores (31.36%) and retail outlet services (17.64%) together accounting for nearly half of the total. Debit card transactions amounted to BDT 3,611 million from 8,03,878 transactions, of which department stores (18.63%), cash withdrawal (15.87%), and government services (14.41%) jointly represented nearly 50% of the total. Meanwhile, prepaid card transactions stood at BDT 599 million across 1,65,825 transactions, with government services (25.66%), business services (20.46%), department stores (15.18%) contributing more than half of the total spending.

The combined outflow amount across all three card types reaches nearly BDT 9.55 billion (USD 79 million) in October, 2025 and by this time period the inflow amount through cards from outside of Bangladesh is BDT 1.99 billion (USD 16.50 million). This data indicates that in October, 2025, Bangladeshi cardholders conducted approximately 4.79 times transactions abroad compared to that of the foreign nationals did within Bangladesh.

It is noteworthy to mention that up to October, 2025 total limit sanctioned by 48 scheduled banks and 01 (one) NBFC of disbursable loan through credit cards in the Bangladesh economy is BDT 388.76 billion whereas total outstanding (claims on credit card users) is BDT 126.56 billion.

Notably, Bangladeshi nationals primarily used their credit cards in the USA (14%), debit cards most in Saudi Arabia (11%) and prepaid cards most in Saudi Arabia (20%), while USA cardholders accounted for the highest spending (23%) among foreign nationals within Bangladesh. The VISA card emerged as the most popular choice for domestic, outward and inward transactions in October, 2025.

1. Introduction

Nowadays, cards are one of the most popular means of transaction worldwide. Most countries use cards as plastic money. A considerable segment of Bangladesh's population enjoys the facilities and advantages offered by cards, though many people express reluctance to use the card despite having qualifications due to fear and lack of knowledge about it.

In this context, Bangladesh Bank launched an initiative to introduce plastic money (various types of cards) with the goal of establishing a cashless banking system powered by information technology on a global scale in 2012. Furthermore, to provide a legal foundation for the payment and settlement system and to protect the consumers' interest, the enactment of the payment and settlement system Act, 2024 has come into effect on 4 September, 2024. To support this effort, the Payment Systems Department has developed essential guidelines, including a legal framework. As a result, the number of card users, as well as the volume and variety of card-based transactions, has been steadily rising across the country.

This analytical review holds substantial value for key stakeholders of cards, including banks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), for the following strategic purposes:

- **Data-Driven Decision-Making:** By leveraging monthly insights into domestic and international card transaction volumes, financial institutions can formulate informed, evidence-based business strategies.
- **Market Trend Analysis:** The findings enable stakeholders to discern critical market trends and identify growth opportunities within Bangladesh's rapidly evolving card industry.
- **Competitive Benchmarking:** Institutions can evaluate competitive dynamics within the sector, allowing them to refine market positioning and operational strategies.
- **Marketing Strategy Evaluation:** The review provides insights into prevailing marketing tactics for different card categories, aiding stakeholders in optimizing promotional campaigns and customer engagement efforts.

Beyond financial institutions, the analysis serves as a vital resource for policymakers crafting regulatory frameworks, researchers investigating financial behavior patterns, and industry observers tracking economic shifts. By consolidating transactional and behavioral data, this review supports informed decision-making, fosters innovation in financial services, and contributes to the sustainable growth of Bangladesh's digital economy.

This review encompasses several key areas: the growth in the number of issued cards and transaction volumes from 2020 to 2025; a detailed analysis of spending patterns, sector and country-wise usage of cards within Bangladesh in October, 2025, covering domestic, outward, and inward transactions; and an overview of overall transaction trends in card usage over the past year. Additionally, the review discusses the broader implications of increased card usage on financial inclusion, digital economic development, transaction security, and consumer awareness. It concludes by summarizing the progress of Bangladesh's transition toward a cashless society and the positive prospects for sustained growth in card usage.

2. Issued cards and transaction statistics

According to a five-year statistical review conducted by the E-Banking and E-Commerce Statistics Unit of the Statistics Department, the number of debit, credit, and prepaid cards issued up to November, 2020 stood at 2,09,69,416, 16,15,051 and 6,87,718 respectively. By October, 2025, these numbers had increased to 4,06,45,345, 28,35,184 and 93,37,857 respectively, reflecting a total growth of 127% across all three card types. Additionally, the transaction volume through these cards rose from Tk 1,89,247 million in November, 2020 to Tk 4,78,577 million by October, 2025, marking a 153% growth over five years (Annex table-03). This surge highlights the significant demand for card-based transactions among both consumers and merchants.

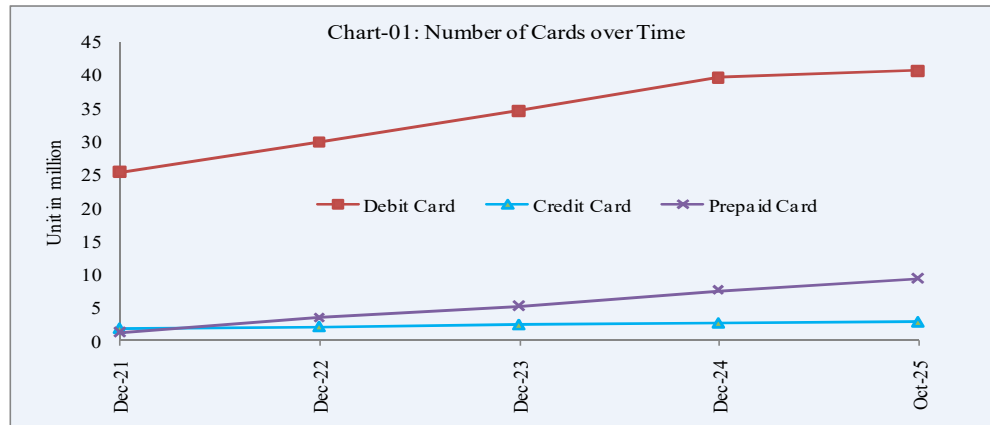


Chart-1 depicts the overall trend of number of cards from December, 2021 to October, 2025.

From December, 2021 to October, 2025, debit and credit cards in Bangladesh grew steadily by 61% and 55% respectively, while prepaid cards surged by 709%, emerging as the fastest-growing segment and reflecting rising demand for flexible digital payment solutions (Annex-table-04).

In response to this growing demand, it has been decided to collect, compile and analyze data related to various card transactions, including inward and outward transfers, withdrawals as well as other activities and present this information in comprehensive reports. In this context, the Big Data Analytics and Data Science (BDADS) Unit of this department started publishing reports on credit card usage patterns, both within and outside Bangladesh from the year 2023. Presently, from April, 2025 this unit is publishing a wide report on usage of cards in domestic (Only credit card) and international transactions which are available in the Bangladesh Bank website. These reports provide valuable insights into the evolving trends and behaviors associated with card usage.

Among the 62 scheduled banks and 35 non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) operating in Bangladesh, 56 scheduled banks and 01(one) NBFC provide card services. Out of these 57 banks/NBFCs, 49 (48 banks, 1 NBFC) offer card services including credit cards, dual currency debit cards as well as foreign currency prepaid cards services (Annex-table-01 and 02). To comprehensively capture all credit card transactions along with foreign exchange transactions involving dual currency debit and prepaid cards, the BDADS unit is collecting extensive data from these 48 scheduled banks and 01 (one) NBFC. This initiative aims to establish a robust and comprehensive database that records the substantial volume of transactions, characterized as Big Data due to their diversity, high velocity, and variability.

Analysis of credit card transaction data for October, 2025 reveals a significant increase by 2.25% in domestic transactions, increasing to Taka 34,714 million from Taka 33,950 million in September, 2025 (Annex-table-05). Similarly, international transactions conducted outside the country amounted to Taka 5,242 million in October, 2025 (Annex-table-07), reflecting a significant increase of 7.08% compared to Taka 4,942 million in September, 2025. Concurrently, transactions involving cards issued by foreign entities but utilized within Bangladesh experienced an increase of 13.53% to Taka 1,997 million in October, 2025 from Taka 1,759 million in September, 2025 (Annex-table-10). It is noteworthy to mention that total limit sanctioned of disbursable loan through credit cards in the Bangladesh economy stood at BDT 388.76 billion whereas total outstanding (claims on credit card users) stood at BDT 126.56 billion at the end of October, 2025.

3. Domestic credit card usage

In October, 2025, overall domestic credit card transactions stood at Taka 34,714 million whereas in September, 2025 it was Taka 33,950 million. Transactions at department stores increased to Taka 15,712 million in October from Taka 15,501 million in September, 2025. Similarly, transactions in retail outlet services, paying utility bills, cash withdrawal, drug and pharmacies, fund transfer, business services, government services and professional services also increased compared to that of the previous month (Annex-table-05). Only clothing stores and transportation decreased compared to that of the previous month. The analysis indicates an upward trend in consumer spending across various transaction categories from September, 2025 to October, 2025.

Chart-2 highlights the spending patterns across different sectors in October, 2025, showing that nearly half of domestic credit card transactions occurred at department stores (Annex-table-05). The reasons behind this may be inflation driving essential purchase, promotional bank offers, and the convenience of department stores for daily needs and possibly better acceptance of cards in these establishments. Credit cards were also used in other sectors, including Retail Outlet Services, Paying Utility Bills, Cash Withdrawal, and Drug & Pharmacies during this period.

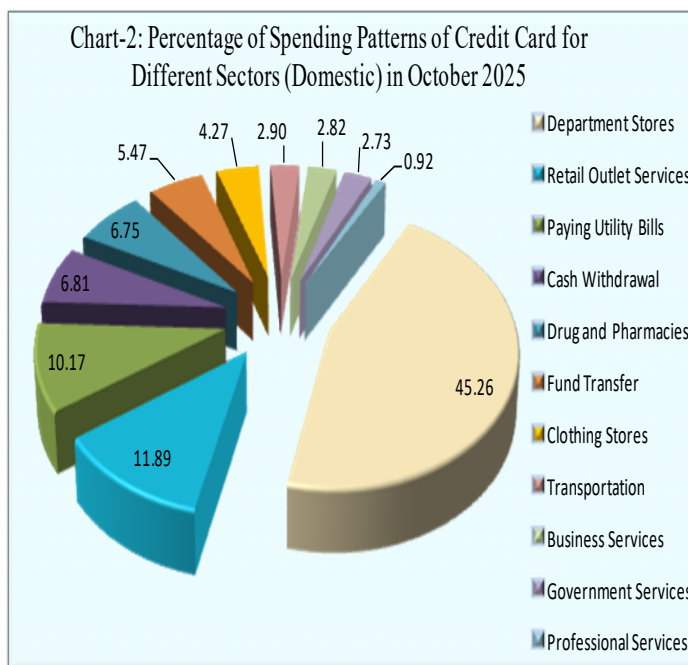
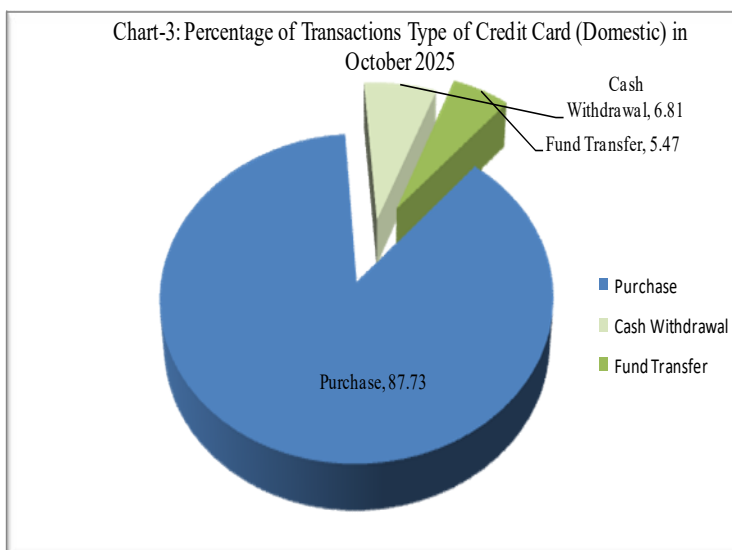


Chart-3 shows that domestic credit card transactions amounted to Tk. 34,714 million in total, of which Tk. 30,453 million (87.73%) were used for purchases, Tk. 2,363 million (6.81%) for cash withdrawals, and Tk. 1,897 million (5.47%) for fund transfers.



4. Outward credit card usage

In October, 2025, overall outward credit card transactions stood at Taka 5,342 million whereas in September, 2025 it was Taka 4,942 million. Credit cardholders involved in cross-border transactions primarily used their cards at department stores abroad, making up 31.36% of transactions. Other significant categories were retail outlet services (17.64%), transportation (12.61%), drug and pharmacies (10.52%), clothing (6.98%), business services (6.94%), and various other sectors (13.96%) (Annex-table-07).

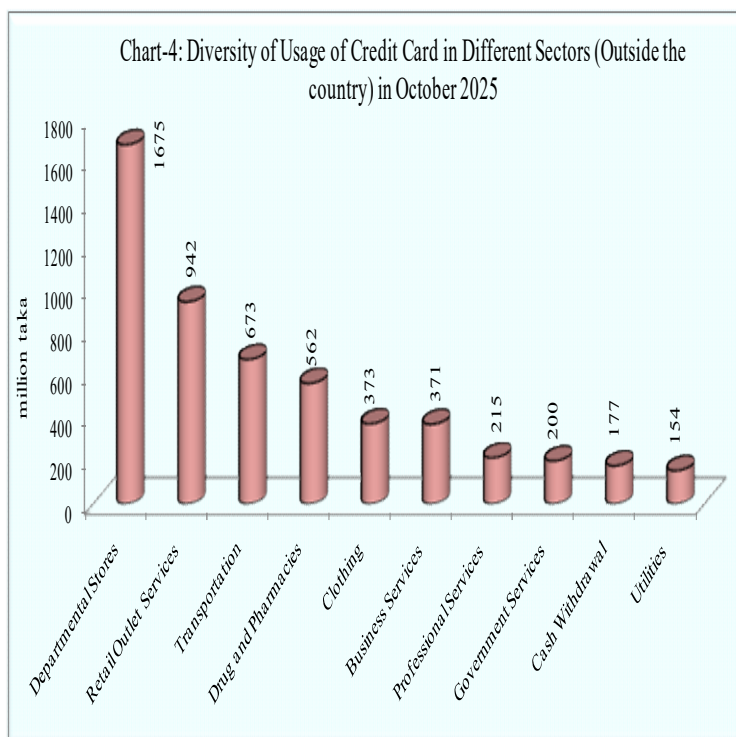
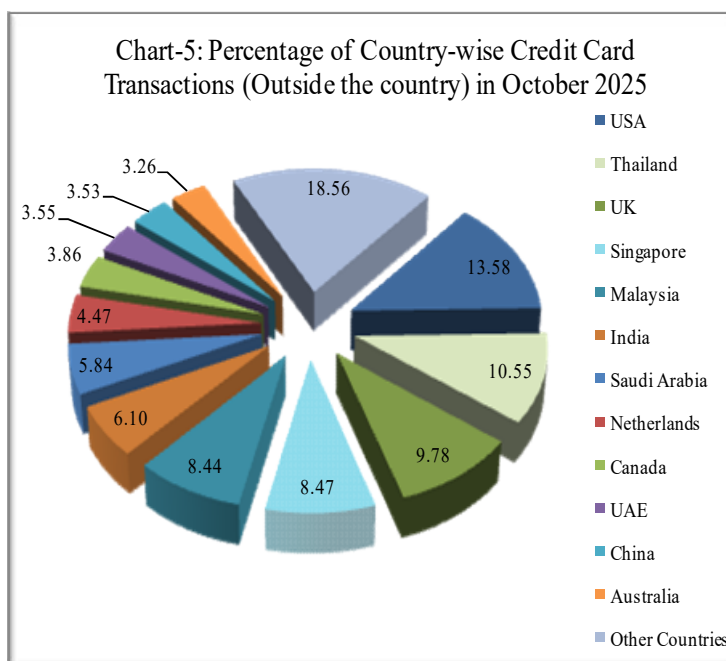


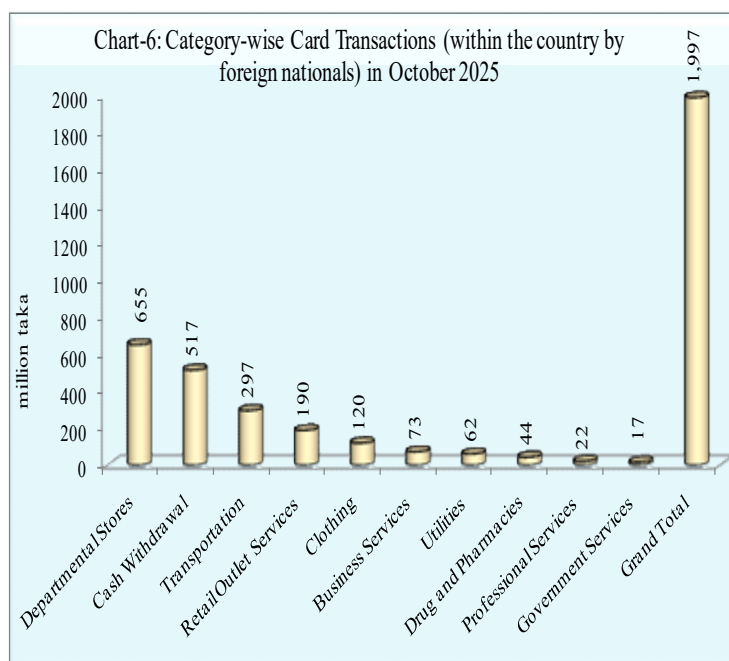
Chart-4 demonstrate the varied use of credit cards across different sectors outside the country in October, 2025.

A country-wise breakdown of cross-border transactions reveals that the majority of credit card transactions took place in the USA, accounting for 13.58%. The remaining transactions were spread across other countries: Thailand (10.55%), UK (9.78%), Singapore (8.47%), Malaysia (8.44%), India (6.10%), Saudi Arabia (5.84%), Netherlands (4.47%), Canada (3.86%), UAE (3.55%), China (3.53%), Australia (3.26%), and other countries (18.56%) (Annex-table-09).

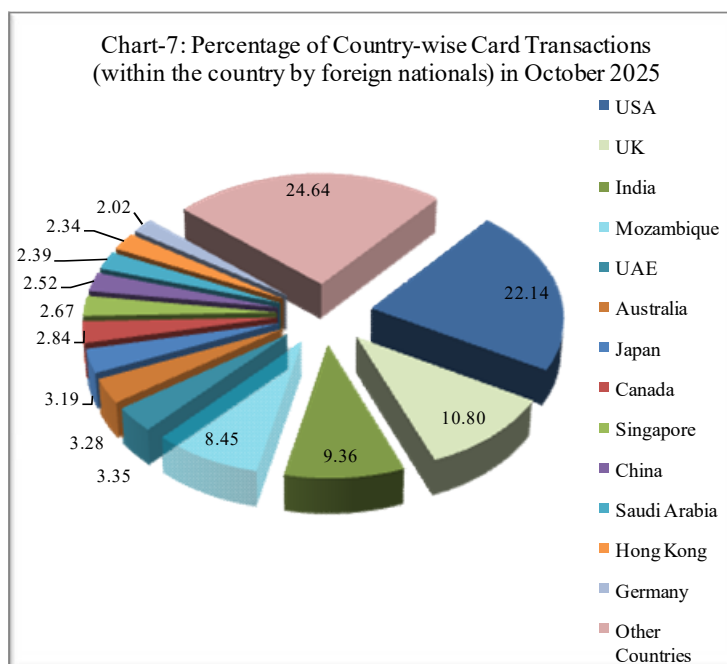


5. Inward card usage

In October, 2025, overall inward card transactions stood at Taka 1,997 million whereas in September, 2025 it was Taka 1,759 million. Cards issued by foreign countries but used within Bangladesh were primarily utilized at department stores, accounting for 32.78% of all transactions during this period. Cash withdrawals made up 25.88%, transportation 14.89%. The remaining sectors collectively contributed 26.45% of the total transaction volume (Annex-table-10).

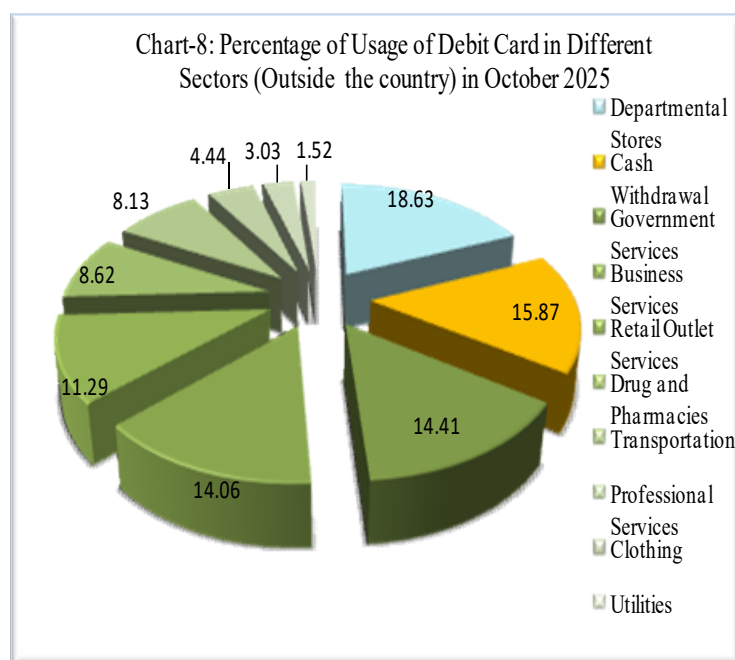


During October, 2025, the majority of transactions by foreign nationals were carried out by individuals holding credit cards issued by the USA, representing 22.14% of the total. Other significant contributions came from UK (10.80%), India (9.36%), Mozambique (8.45%), UAE (3.35%), Australia (3.28%), Japan (3.19%), Canada (2.84%), Singapore (2.67%), China (2.52%), Saudi Arabia (2.39%), Hong Kong (2.34%), Germany (2.02%), and various other countries (24.64%) (Annex-table-12).

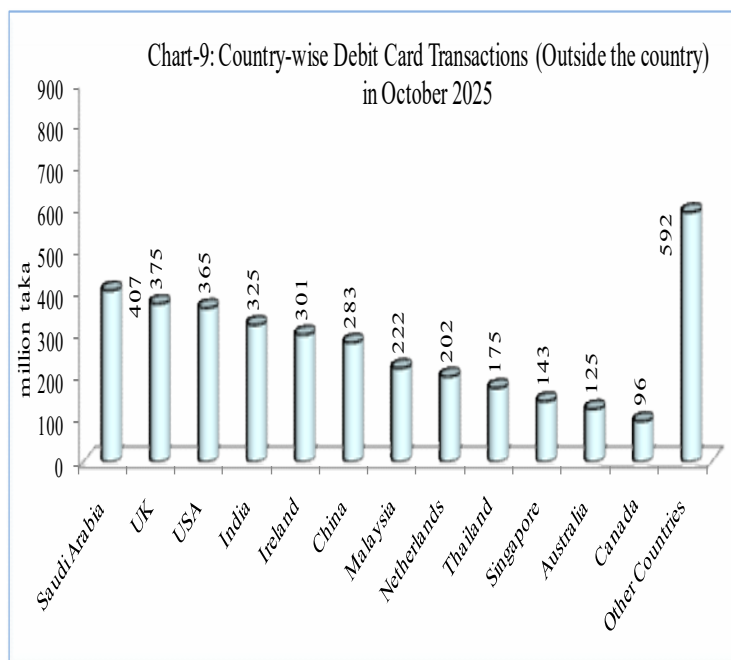


6. Outward debit card usage

In October, 2025, overall outward debit card transactions stood at Taka 3,611 million whereas in September, 2025 it was Taka 3,690 million. Debit cardholders involved in cross-border transactions primarily used their cards for department stores, making up 18.63% of transactions. Other significant categories were cash withdrawals (15.87%), government services (14.41%), business services (14.06%), retail outlet services (11.29%), drug and pharmacies (8.62%), transportation (8.13%), professional services (4.44%), clothing (3.03%), and utilities (1.52%) (Annex-table-13).

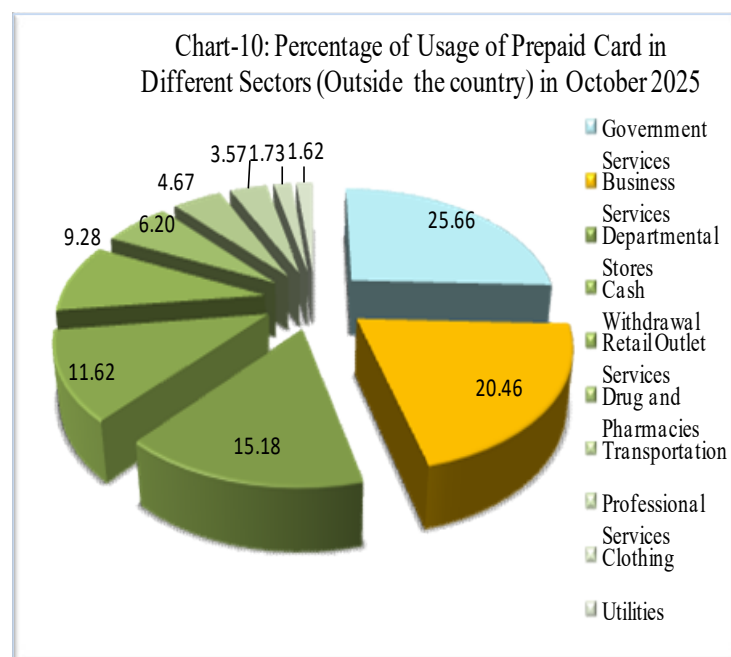


A country-wise breakdown of cross-border transactions in October, 2025 reveals that the majority of debit card transactions took place in Saudi Arabia, accounting for 11.26%. The remaining transactions were spread across other countries: UK (10.39%), USA (10.10%), India (9.00%), Ireland (8.35%), China (7.83%), Malaysia (6.15%), Netherlands (5.59%), Thailand (4.85%), Singapore (3.97%), Australia (3.46%), Canada (2.66%), and other countries (16.40%) (Annex-table-15).

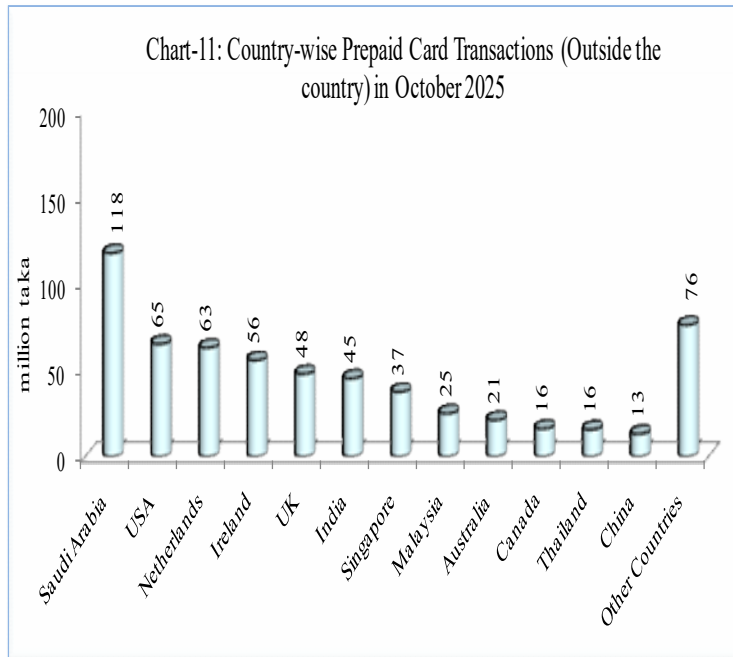


7. Outward prepaid card usage

In October, 2025, overall outward prepaid card transactions stood at Taka 599 million whereas in September, 2025 it was Taka 608 million. Prepaid cardholders involved in cross-border transactions primarily used their cards in government services, making up 25.66% of transactions. Other significant categories were business services (20.46%), departmental stores (15.18%), cash withdrawals (11.62%), retail outlet services (9.28%), drug and pharmacies (6.20%), transportation (4.67%), professional services (3.57%), clothing (1.73%), and utilities (1.62%). (Annex-table-16).

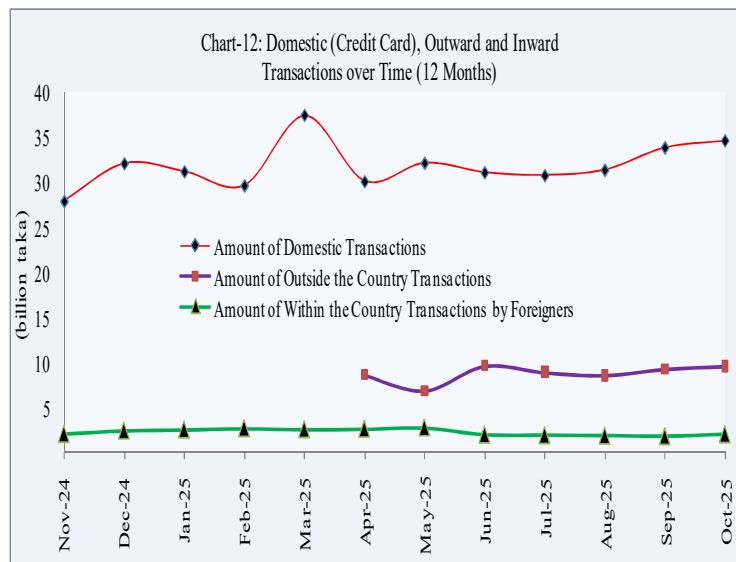


A country-wise breakdown of cross-border transactions reveals that in October, 2025 the majority of prepaid card transactions took place in Saudi Arabia accounting for 19.66%. The remaining transactions were spread across other countries: USA (10.87%), Netherlands (10.50%), Ireland (9.30%), UK (7.98%), India (7.54%), Singapore (6.25%), Malaysia (4.16%), Australia (3.53%), Canada (2.69%), Thailand (2.61%), China (2.18%), and other countries (12.72%) (Annex-table-18).



8. Domestic (Credit Card), Outward and Inward Transactions over Time (12 Months)

Chart-12 illustrates that domestic credit card transaction showed overall upward trend during November, 2024 to October, 2025, it reached its peak in March, 2025, declined in April, rose again in May, and then experienced a slight decrease from May to July but from July to October, 2025 it increased. Cross-border transaction experienced overall upward trend during this period

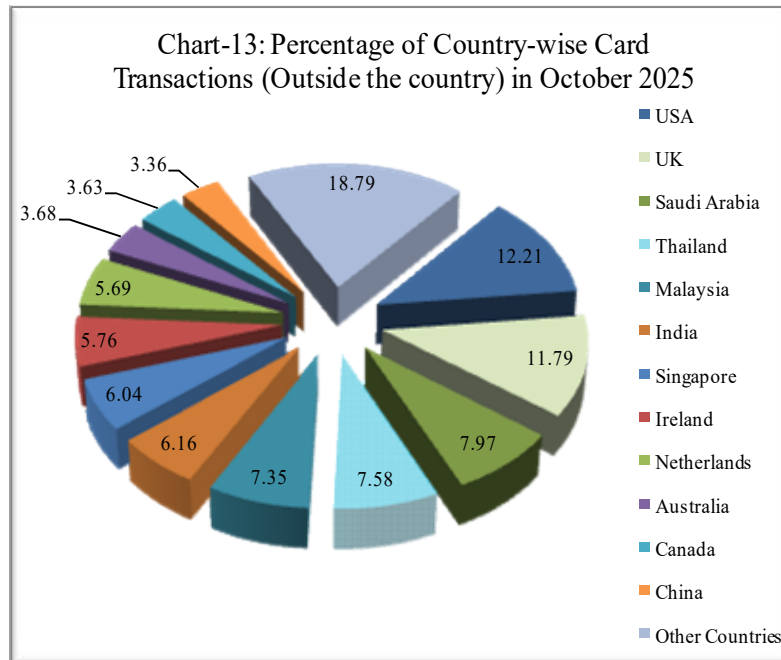


(Outside the country transactions data are available from April, 2025). Meanwhile, card spending by foreign nationals in Bangladesh gradually increased from November, 2024 to February, 2025, followed by a slight decrease in March, 2025. Spending rose again in April, 2025 and May, 2025 before recording a significant drop in June, 2025 and then a gradual decline till October, 2025.

9. Overall outflow of cards transaction trend

Overall outflow summary through cards (Credit, Debit and Prepaid Card) transaction from Bangladesh in October, 2025 shows that credit card leads in total spending, with Taka 5,342 million spent across approximately 8,28,835 transactions. Debit card follows, with 3,611 million taka spent over nearly 8,03,878 transactions. Prepaid card represents the smallest share in terms of amount and transaction count,

with 599 million taka spent through about 1,65,825 transactions. The combined outflow amount across all three card types reaches nearly 9.55 billion taka in October, 2025 (Annex-table-21). The overall outflow of cards in October, 2025 experienced a notable increase when compared to the figures recorded in September, 2025 (9.24 billion taka). This increase suggests a potential shift in card usage patterns or underlying factors influencing transaction volumes during the period under review.



A country-wise breakdown of cross-border transactions reveals that the majority of card transactions took place in the USA, accounting for 12.09%. The remaining transactions were spread across other countries: UK (9.89%), Saudi Arabia (8.76%), Thailand (7.89%), Malaysia (7.31%), India (7.29%), Singapore (6.63%), Ireland (5.35%), Netherlands (5.27%), Australia (3.35%), Canada (3.34%), China (3.10%), and other countries (19.73%) (Annex-table-19).

10. Challenges of shifting to cashless transactions

Bangladesh faces several challenges in shifting to a cashless economy. Limited digital infrastructure, especially in rural areas, and low financial literacy hinder cashless adoption. Cyber security concerns and a general lack of trust in digital platforms also discourage users. The country's strong cash-based culture and informal economy resist digital payments, while high transaction costs and limited Smartphone access further complicate the transition.

11. Implications

- **Increased Financial Inclusion:** The growth in card usage in Bangladesh suggests that more people are gaining access to formal financial services, which is a positive step towards financial inclusion.
- **Digital Economic Growth:** The rise in cashless transactions supports the growth of a digital economy, reducing reliance on physical cash and enhancing the efficiency of financial transactions.
- **Security and Fraud Prevention:** As the volume of card transactions is increasing day by day in Bangladesh, it will be crucial to continue enhancing security measures to prevent fraud and ensure the safety of digital transactions to protect the customers.
- **Consumer Education and Training:** With the increasing adoption of plastic money, there is a need for ongoing consumer education and training to ensure that users are aware of the benefits and risks associated with card usage.

12. Conclusion

The shift from cash to digital payments is accelerating, driven by rising adoption of plastic money (credit, debit, and prepaid cards). This report analyzes transactional growth, card brand dominance, and spending categories to identify opportunities for stakeholders in a rapidly evolving cashless ecosystem.

Cash transactions have been dominating Bangladesh's consumer payment ecosystem for many years but it's prevalence has shown a consistent decline in recent years. To accelerate the adoption of electronic payment methods, the government and Bangladesh Bank have implemented a series of targeted policy measures and regulatory reforms. This strategic focus on digitalization has yielded significant results, with card-based transactions experiencing exponential growth as businesses and consumers increasingly shift toward digital financial instruments.

Based on the October, 2025 data, it is evident that Bangladeshi cardholders conducted approximately 4.78 times transactions outside the country compared to that of the foreign nationals did within Bangladesh. VISA credit cards were the most popular choice for both domestic and international transactions. Notably, Bangladeshi nationals predominantly used their cards in the USA, while among foreign nationals; USA cardholders spent the most within Bangladesh. The issuance of debit, credit and prepaid cards grew by 127% and the total transaction volume through these three types of cards increased by 153% over the last five-year period. Overall, the initiative taken by Bangladesh Bank has been successful in promoting a cashless banking system, and the continued growth in card usage indicates a positive trend towards a more digitally inclusive financial ecosystem in Bangladesh. Nonetheless, it is expected that the cards usage will experience sustained growth further day by day if the development of Bangladesh continues coupled with rising living standard of the people and an increase in international transactions.

Annexure (Tables)

**Table-1: List of Banks and NBFC in Bangladesh Providing Card Services
(Credit, Debit, and Prepaid) – Up to End October 2025**

Bank Category	SL No.	Bank/NBFC Name	No. of Issued Debit Cards	No. of Issued Credit Cards	No. of Issued Prepaid Cards
STATE-OWNED COMMERCIAL BANK	1	AGRANI BANK LIMITED	✓	-	-
	2	BANGLADESH DEVELOPMENT BANK LTD.	-	-	-
	3	BASIC BANK LTD.	✓	✓	
	4	JANATA BANK LIMITED	✓	✓	✓
	5	RUPALI BANK LIMITED	✓	-	-
	6	SONALI BANK LIMITED	✓	✓	
SPECIALIZED BANKS	7	BANGLADESH KRISHI BANK	✓	✓	
	8	PROBASI KALLAN BANK	-	-	-
	9	RAJSHAHI KRISHI UNNAYAN BANK	-	-	-
PRIVATE COMMERCIAL BANK	10	AB BANK LTD.	✓	✓	
	11	AL-ARAFAH ISLAMI BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	12	BANGLADESH COMMERCE BANK LTD.	✓	✓	
	13	BANK ASIA LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	14	BENGAL COMMERCIAL BANK LTD	✓	✓	✓
	15	BRAC BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	16	CITIZENS BANK PLC.	✓	✓	✓
	17	COMMUNITY BANK BANGLADESH LTD	✓	✓	✓
	18	DHAKA BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	19	DUTCH-BANGLA BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	20	EASTERN BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	21	EXIM BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	22	FIRST SECURITY ISLAMI BANK LTD.	✓	✓	-
	23	ICB ISLAMIC BANK	-	-	-
	24	IFIC BANK	✓	✓	
	25	ISLAMI BANK BANGLADESH LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	26	JAMUNA BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	27	MEGHNA BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	28	MERCANTILE BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	29	MIDLAND BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	30	MODHUMOTI BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	31	MUTUAL TRUST BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	32	NATIONAL BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	33	NATIONAL CREDIT AND COMMERCE BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	34	NRB BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	35	NRB COMMERCIAL BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	36	GLOBAL ISLAMI BANK	✓	✓	
	37	ONE BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	38	PREMIER BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	39	PRIME BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	40	PUBALI BANK LTD	✓	✓	
	41	SHAHJALAL ISLAMI BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	42	SHIMANTO BANK LIMITED	✓	✓	✓
	43	SOCIAL ISLAMI BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	44	SOUTH BANGLA AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE BANK LTD.	✓	✓	
	45	SOUTHEAST BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	46	STANDARD BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	47	THE CITY BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	48	PADMA BANK	-	-	-
	49	TRUST BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	50	UNION BANK LTD.	✓	-	-
	51	UNITED COMMERCIAL BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
	52	UTTARA BANK LTD.	✓	✓	✓
FOREIGN COMMERCIAL BANKS	53	BANK AL-FALAH LTD.	✓	-	-
	54	CITI BANK NA	-	-	-
	55	COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON LTD	✓	✓	
	56	HABIB BANK LTD.	✓	-	-
	57	HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION	✓	-	-
	58	NATIONAL BANK OF PAKISTAN	-	-	-
	59	STANDARD CHARTERED BANK	✓	✓	✓
NBFC	60	STATE BANK OF INDIA	✓	-	✓
	61	WOORI BANK	✓	-	-
	62	**LANKABANGLA FINANCE PLC	-	✓	-
Total			54	47	36

Source: e-Banking and e-Commerce Statistics Unit, Statistics Department.

Note:**Lanka Bangla Finance is taken from Big Data Analytics and Data Science Unit and "-" means not issuing those type of card.

"✓" indicates that the corresponding bank provides the respective card service(s).

Bank Category	SL No.	Bank Name	No. of Issued Debit Cards	No. of Issued Credit Cards	No. of Issued Prepaid Cards
STATE-OWNED COMMERCIAL BANK	1	AGRANI BANK LIMITED	335933	-	-
	2	BANGLADESH DEVELOPMENT BANK LTD.	-	-	-
	3	BASIC BANK LTD.	19967	3564	-
	4	JANATA BANK LIMITED	141143	1702	1064
	5	RUPALI BANK LIMITED	380792	-	-
	6	SONALI BANK LIMITED	1331143	7523	-
SPECIALIZED BANKS	7	BANGLADESH KRISHI BANK	45976	313	-
	8	PROBASI KALLAN BANK	-	-	-
	9	RAJSHAHI KRISHI UNNAYAN BANK	-	-	-
PRIVATE COMMERCIAL BANK	10	AB BANK LTD.	308178	48756	0
	11	AL-ARAFAH ISLAMI BANK LTD.	550536	18791	4831
	12	BANGLADESH COMMERCE BANK LTD.	10005	2163	0
	13	BANK ASIA LTD.	875082	102548	9705
	14	BENGAL COMMERCIAL BANK LTD	29303	802	324
	15	BRAC BANK LTD.	1283707	300769	9640
	16	CITIZENS BANK PLC.	14776	2364	741
	17	COMMUNITY BANK BANGLADESH LTD	242938	30130	508
	18	DHAKA BANK LTD.	321763	41165	34561
	19	DUTCH-BANGLA BANK LTD.	14200471	203390	171391
	20	EASTERN BANK LTD.	542310	212730	289286
	21	EXIM BANK LTD.	491073	29987	13948
	22	FIRST SECURITY ISLAMI BANK LTD.	301227	603	-
	23	ICB ISLAMIC BANK	48458	-	-
	24	IFIC BANK	569911	2092	-
	25	ISLAMI BANK BANGLADESH LTD.	9880058	48674	8211495
	26	JAMUNA BANK LTD.	230653	17420	5774
	27	MEGHNA BANK LTD.	44596	42668	1355
	28	MERCANTILE BANK LTD.	266985	25210	8810
	29	MIDLAND BANK LTD.	158824	16051	63049
	30	MODHUMOTI BANK LTD.	61307	10218	852
	31	MUTUAL TRUST BANK LTD.	707395	292994	165241
	32	NATIONAL BANK LTD.	158488	16763	371
	33	NATIONAL CREDIT AND COMMERCE BANK LTD.	177055	10333	5080
	34	NRB BANK LTD.	144813	74966	202
	35	NRB COMMERCIAL BANK LTD.	210876	9811	4020
	36	GLOBAL ISLAMI BANK	65974	1175	-
	37	ONE BANK LTD.	164621	36542	4108
	38	PREMIER BANK LTD.	363679	35966	13225
	39	PRIME BANK LTD.	451786	52799	9269
	40	PUBALI BANK LTD	1217972	20753	0
	41	SHAHJALAL ISLAMI BANK LTD.	228403	14432	1598
	42	SHIMANTO BANK LIMITED	78701	14750	3476
	43	SOCIAL ISLAMI BANK LTD.	255091	25248	2946
	44	SOUTH BANGLA AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE BANK LTD.	101956	8613	0
	45	SOUTHEAST BANK LTD.	319843	160507	76211
	46	STANDARD BANK LTD.	114233	13151	747
	47	THE CITY BANK LTD.	951064	360539	21146
	48	PADMA BANK	47097	-	338
	49	TRUST BANK LTD.	574069	46782	4878
	50	UNION BANK LTD.	66557	-	-
	51	UNITED COMMERCIAL BANK LTD.	996458	204695	111359
	52	UTTARA BANK LTD.	144563	8864	1660
FOREIGN COMMERCIAL BANKS	53	BANK AL-FALAH LTD.	18222	-	-
	54	CITI BANK NA	0	-	-
	55	COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON LTD	41922	2687	-
	56	HABIB BANK LTD.	2731	-	-
	57	HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION	16382	-	-
	58	NATIONAL BANK OF PAKISTAN	0	-	-
	59	STANDARD CHARTERED BANK	326405	159764	188
	60	STATE BANK OF INDIA	7529	-	84460
NBFC	61	WOORI BANK	4345	-	-
	62	**LANKABANGLA FINANCE PLC	-	93417	-
Total			40645345	2835184	9337857

Source: e-Banking and e-Commerce Statistics Unit, Statistics Department.

Note:**Data of LankaBangla Finance is taken from Big Data Analytics and Data Science Unit and "-" means not issuing those type of card.

Table-03: Issued Cards and Transaction Statistics

Period	Number of Issued Cards (Net)				Card Transactions Amount (in million Taka)			
	Debit	Credit	Prepaid	Total	Debit	Credit	Prepaid	Total
	a	b	c	d = a+b+c	e	f	g	h = e+f+g
November, 2020	20969416	1615051	687718	23272185	173326	14341	1580	189247
October, 2025	40645345	2835184	9337857	52818386	433134	40599	4843	478577
Growth (%)	94	76	1258	127	150	183	207	153

Source: e-Banking and e-Commerce Statistics Unit, Statistics Department.

**Data of LankaBangla Finance is taken from Big Data Analytics and Data Science Unit

Table-04: Number of Cards over Time

Year	Debit Card	Credit Card	Prepaid Card	Total
Dec-21	25285859	1833242	1154901	28274002
Dec-22	29849136	2115861	3383951	35348948
Dec-23	34569683	2398577	5120934	42089194
Dec-24	39574049	2674512	7544985	49793546
Oct-25	40645345	2835184	9337857	52818386
Growth Percentages in October 2025 over December 2021	61	55	709	87

**Table-05: Category-wise Breakdowns of Credit Card Transactions (Domestic)
in September 2025 and October 2025**

(Amount in million taka)

Merchant Categories	Sep-25			Oct-25		
	No. of Transactions	Amount	Percentage	No. of Transactions	Amount	Percentage
Department Stores	1973703	15501	45.66	2008667	15712	45.26
Retail Outlet Services	1315959	4091	12.05	1366457	4127	11.89
Paying Utility Bills	294313	3338	9.83	300753	3532	10.17
Cash Withdrawal	225503	2269	6.68	233619	2363	6.81
Drug and Pharmacies	445145	2246	6.62	449937	2343	6.75
Fund Transfer	33057	1551	4.57	34261	1897	5.47
Clothing Stores	418684	1886	5.56	299413	1484	4.27
Transportation	96097	1030	3.03	90737	1007	2.90
Business Services	131239	918	2.70	138827	978	2.82
Government Services	42847	887	2.61	46331	949	2.73
Professional Services	32015	234	0.69	35849	321	0.92
Grand Total	5008562	33950	100.00	5004851	34714	100.00

**Table-06: Card Type Breakdowns of Credit Card Transactions (Domestic)
in September 2025 and October 2025**

(Amount in million taka)

Card Type	Sep-25			Oct-25		
	No. of Transactions	Amount	Percentage	No. of Transactions	Amount	Percentage
VISA	3505210	23595	69.50	3506452	23957	69.01
Mastercard	983624	6101	17.97	974833	6109	17.60
AMEX	490775	4133	12.17	491766	4519	13.02
QcashProprietar	5238	54	0.16	4889	52	0.15
Diners	19761	41	0.12	21990	43	0.12
Unionpay	3712	21	0.06	4679	28	0.08
JCB	242	5	0.01	242	6	0.02
Grand Total	5008562	33950	100.00	5004851	34714	100.00

**Table-07: Category-wise Breakdowns of Credit Card Transactions (Outside the country)
in September 2025 and October 2025**

(Amount in million taka)

Merchant Categories	Sep-25			Oct-25		
	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage
Departmental Stores	274310	1491	30.16	300542	1675	31.36
Retail Outlet Services	159244	856	17.32	172028	942	17.64
Transportation	81196	638	12.91	91135	673	12.61
Drug and Pharmacies	28972	519	10.49	31346	562	10.52
Clothing	29880	344	6.96	33991	373	6.98
Business Services	90446	360	7.29	91803	371	6.94
Professional Services	14331	191	3.87	15428	215	4.02
Government Services	41941	248	5.03	35580	200	3.74
Cash Withdrawal	6485	157	3.19	7601	177	3.31
Utilities	47236	138	2.79	49381	154	2.89
Grand Total	774041	4942	100.00	828835	5342	100.00

**Table-08: Card Type Breakdowns of Credit Card Transactions (Outside the country)
in September 2025 and October 2025**

(Amount in million taka)

Card Type	Sep-25			Oct-25		
	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage
VISA	575655	3692	74.71	619077	4011	75.07
MASTER	121070	756	15.30	129192	809	15.14
AMEX CARD	76564	490	9.91	79845	519	9.71
UnionPay	696	3.73	0.08	650	3.72	0.07
Diners	56	0.23	0.00	71	0.18	0.00
JCB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Total	774041	4942	100.00	828835	5342	100.00

**Table-09: Country-wise Breakdowns of Credit Card Transactions (Outside the country)
in September 2025 and October 2025**

(Amount in million taka)

Countries	Sep-25			Oct-25		
	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage
USA	168979	709	14.34	172174	726	13.58
Thailand	42330	496	10.03	49520	563	10.55
UK	59021	541	10.95	61153	522	9.78
Singapore	63349	404	8.18	65638	452	8.47
Malaysia	58295	340	6.88	78190	451	8.44
India	32770	323	6.54	33564	326	6.10
Saudi Arabia	41827	245	4.95	43434	312	5.84
Netherlands	33894	253	5.12	33261	239	4.47
Canada	39423	217	4.38	37872	206	3.86
UAE	11909	139	2.82	13921	190	3.55
China	29311	157	3.17	42320	189	3.53
Australia	27916	172	3.48	28454	174	3.26
Other Countries	165017	946	19.15	169334	992	18.56
Grand Total	774041	4942	100.00	828835	5342	100.00

Table-10: Category-wise Breakdowns of Card Transactions (within the country by foreign nationals) in September 2025 and October 2025

(Amount in million taka)

Merchant Categories	Sep-25			Oct-25		
	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage
Departmental Stores	76617	543	30.90	87579	655	32.78
Cash Withdrawal	29296	468	26.59	31974	517	25.88
Transportation	10498	324	18.43	10793	297	14.89
Retail Outlet Services	45166	129	7.33	52842	190	9.51
Clothing	12352	101	5.73	14859	120	6.02
Business Services	3681	70	3.98	4049	73	3.66
Utilities	34536	50	2.82	30247	62	3.10
Drug and Pharmacies	4891	41	2.35	6087	44	2.21
Professional Services	1885	19	1.09	3056	22	1.09
Government Services	2233	14	0.79	2536	17	0.86
Grand Total	221155	1759	100.00	244022	1997	100.00

Table-11: Card Type Breakdowns of Card Transactions (within the country by foreign nationals) in September 2025 and October 2025

(Amount in million taka)

Card Type	Sep-25			Oct-25		
	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage
VISA	142682	1069	60.75	156674	1246	62.37
Mastercard	75939	664	37.77	84362	731	36.58
Unionpay	1079	9.7	0.55	1285	10.4	0.52
AMEX	1122	12.2	0.69	1372	5.3	0.27
Diners	303	3.2	0.18	291	4.2	0.21
JCB	30	.80	0.05	38	1.1	0.05
Grand Total	221155	1759	100.00	244022	1997	100.00

Table-12: Country-wise Breakdowns of Card Transactions (within the country by foreign nationals) in October 2025

(Amount in million taka)

Countries	No of Transactions	Transaction Amount	Percentage
USA	54321	442	22.14
UK	21762	216	10.80
India	27168	187	9.36
Mozambique	2304	169	8.45
UAE	8693	67	3.35
Australia	10269	65	3.28
Japan	5752	64	3.19
Canada	8711	57	2.84
Singapore	5400	53	2.67
China	5338	50	2.52
Saudi Arabia	14926	48	2.39
Hong Kong	10895	47	2.34
Germany	4125	40	2.02
Other Countries	64358	492	24.64
Grand Total	244022	1997	100.00

Table-13: Category-wise Breakdowns of Debit Card Transactions (Outside the country) in September 2025 and October 2025

(Amount in million taka)

Merchant Categories	Sep-25			Oct-25		
	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage
Departmental Stores	216817	645	17.47	224209	673	18.63
Cash Withdrawal	24629	573	15.53	25600	573	15.87
Government Services	104755	687	18.61	111486	520	14.41
Business Services	196531	516	13.97	200546	508	14.06
Retail Outlet Services	121103	406	10.99	125584	408	11.29
Drug and Pharmacies	16790	303	8.22	17859	311	8.62
Transportation	40222	266	7.20	48738	294	8.13
Professional Services	13575	137	3.70	14652	160	4.44
Clothing	10852	109	2.94	12089	109	3.03
Utilities	22737	51	1.37	23115	55	1.52
Grand Total	768011	3690	100.00	803878	3611	100.00

**Table-14: Card Type Breakdowns of Debit Card Transactions (Outside the country)
in September 2025 and October 2025**

(Amount in million taka)

Card Type	Sep-25			Oct-25		
	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage
VISA	641157	3118	84.49	677373	3070	85.02
Mastercard	83845	412	11.16	85455	398	11.01
AMEX	42812	159	4.31	40316	140	3.87
Unionpay	197	1.54	0.04	734	3.54	0.10
Grand Total	768011	3690	100	803878	3611	100

**Table-15: Country-wise Breakdowns of Debit Card Transactions (Outside the country)
in September 2025 and October 2025**

(Amount in million taka)

Countries	Sep-25			Oct-25		
	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage
Saudi Arabia	93410	391	10.60	102418	407	11.26
UK	39654	492	13.32	45823	375	10.39
USA	129992	357	9.67	135382	365	10.10
India	30384	325	8.82	31842	325	9.00
Ireland	118610	314	8.50	118567	301	8.35
China	98317	322	8.73	104475	283	7.83
Malaysia	35016	188	5.09	40426	222	6.15
Netherlands	52386	202	5.49	54524	202	5.59
Thailand	12443	165	4.48	13671	175	4.85
Singapore	26241	136	3.69	28120	143	3.97
Australia	12023	122	3.29	11089	125	3.46
Canada	12028	104	2.83	11323	96	2.66
Other Countries	107507	571	15.48	106218	592	16.40
Grand Total	768011	3690	100.00	803878	3611	100.00

**Table-16: Category-wise Breakdowns of Prepaid Card Transactions (Outside the country)
in September 2025 and October 2025**

(Amount in million taka)

Merchant Categories	Sep-25			Oct-25		
	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage
Government Services	47826	151	24.88	66997	154	25.66
Business Services	42633	129	21.19	42079	123	20.46
Departmental Stores	24921	84	13.75	25703	91	15.18
Cash Withdrawal	3580	83	13.72	3155	70	11.62
Retail Outlet Services	13480	51	8.34	13746	56	9.28
Drug and Pharmacies	2581	43	7.15	2570	37	6.20
Transportation	4039	25	4.06	4803	28	4.67
Professional Services	1920	22	3.54	2097	21	3.57
Clothing	1340	12	1.98	1344	10	1.73
Utilities	3302	08	1.38	3331	10	1.62
Grand Total	145622	608	100	165825	599	100

**Table-17: Card Type Breakdowns of Prepaid Card Transactions (Outside the country)
in September 2025 and October 2025**

(Amount in million taka)

Card Type	Sep-25			Oct-25		
	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage
VISA	109306	469	77.24	120342	455	75.91
Mastercard	35908	137	22.55	45069	144	23.96
AMEX	268	.71	0.12	278	.52	0.09
Unionpay	137	.55	0.09	129	.24	0.04
Diners	3	.01	0.00	7	.01	0.00
Grand Total	145622	608	100	165825	599	100

**Table-18: Country-wise Breakdowns of Prepaid Card Transactions (Outside the country)
in September 2025 and October 2025**

(Amount in million taka)

Countries	Sep-25			Oct-25		
	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage
Saudi Arabia	39914	100	16.53	58685	118	19.66
USA	20697	62	10.23	19947	65	10.87
Netherlands	20637	70	11.56	20342	63	10.50
Ireland	16521	56	9.30	16688	56	9.30
UK	6527	57	9.32	7040	48	7.98
India	5012	52	8.51	4778	45	7.54
Singapore	8087	28	4.68	9952	37	6.25
Malaysia	6177	29	4.85	6045	25	4.16
Australia	2025	17	2.77	1767	21	3.53
Canada	2447	19	3.11	2359	16	2.69
Thailand	1468	19	3.05	1406	16	2.61
China	3273	13	2.19	4043	13	2.18
Other Countries	12837	85	13.92	12773	76	12.72
Grand Total	145622	608	100.00	165825	599	100.00

**Table-19: Country-wise Breakdown of Card Transactions (Outside the country)
in September 2025 and October 2025**

(Amount in million taka)

Countries	Sep-25			Oct-25		
	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage	No of Transactions	Amount	Percentage
USA	319668	1128	12.21	327503	1155	12.09
UK	105202	1090	11.79	114016	945	9.89
Saudi Arabia	175151	736	7.97	204537	836	8.76
Thailand	56241	679	7.35	64597	754	7.89
Malaysia	99488	558	6.04	124661	698	7.31
India	68166	700	7.58	70184	696	7.29
Singapore	97677	569	6.16	103710	633	6.63
Ireland	173418	532	5.76	172117	511	5.35
Netherlands	106917	526	5.69	108127	503	5.27
Australia	41964	310	3.36	41310	320	3.35
Canada	53898	340	3.68	51554	319	3.34
China	101590	335	3.63	108518	296	3.10
Other Countries	288294	1737	18.79	307704	1885	19.73
Grand Total	1687674	9240	100.00	1798538	9552	100.00

Table-20: Domestic (Credit Card), Outward and Inward Transactions over Time (12 Months)

(Amount in million taka)

Month	Amount of Domestic Transactions	Amount of Outside the Country Transactions	Amount of Within the Country Transactions by Foreigners
Nov-24	27933		2026
Dec-24	32153		2409
Jan-25	31252		2526
Feb-25	29683		2680
Mar-25	37557		2562
Apr-25	30164	8630	2621
May-25	32205	6903	2773
Jun-25	31143	9566	1951
Jul-25	30838	8877	1887
Aug-25	31448	8576	1835
Sep-25	33950	9240	1759
Oct-25	34714	9552	1997

* Outside the Country Transactions Data are Available from April, 2025

Table-21: Outflow Summary through Cards in September 2025 and October 2025

(Amount in million)

Card Type	Sep-25			Oct-25			Growth Percentages in October over September
	No of Transactions	Amount (BDT)	Amount (USD)	No of Transactions	Amount (BDT)	Amount (USD)	
Credit Card	774041	4942	41	828835	5342	44	8.09
Debit Card	768011	3690	30	803878	3611	30	-2.14
Prepaid Card	145622	608	05	165825	599	05	-1.48
Grand Total	1687674	9240	76	1798538	9552	79	3.38

*1 USD = 121 BDT