



REPUBLIC of Albania
BANK of Albania
Payment Systems Department

Number of issued and active cards in years

Number cards by functions	Years							year 2011			
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 *	2009	2010	Q I	Q II	Q III	Q IV
Cards with a <i>cash</i> function	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	512.232	565.934	694.848	709.100	712.575	718.988	731.851
Cards with a payment function	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	497.318	565.934	694.848	709.100	712.575	718.988	731.851
<i>of which :</i>											
1- Cards with debit function	33.288	217.799	229.021	427.430	482.072	543.141	667.548	680.465	682.109	687.597	693.958
2- Cards with credit function	806	2.686	9.754	10.439	15.246	22.793	27.300	28.635	30.466	31.391	37.893
Cards with an electronic-money function					-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total number of cards	34.094	220.485	238.775	437.869	512.232	565.934	694.848	709.100	712.575	718.988	731.851
<i>of which :</i>											
1- Cards with combined function	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	497.318	565.906	694.848	709.100	712.575	718.988	731.851

* Banks reports according to "Methodology for reporting payments instruments" since August 2008

Source: BofA

(Banks reports according to "Methodology for reporting payments instruments ")

Data are not audited by the Bank of Albania

Note: The data on credit cards at the and of year 2008 the following corrections have been changed after the bank confirmed.

Number of issued and active cards by type in quarter 2011

Number cards by type	year 2011			
	Q I	Q II	Q III	Q IV
VISA card	591.565	589.237	591.092	602.944
MasterCard	82.943	87.175	93.332	100.375
Maestro card	17.825	18.770	17.334	16.871
Domestic card	11.252	12.168	12.590	7.425
American Express card	5.515	5.225	4.640	4.236
Total number of cards	709.100	712.575	718.988	731.851