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Summary of key payment statistics for Q1 2010

Plastic cards

Number of debit cards in issue (end-2009) **79.3 mn** Number of credit & charge cards in issue (end-2009) **64.4 mn**

Plastic card transactions

Number of	Q1 2010	Annual rate of growth	Total value of	Q1 2010	Annual rate of growth
Debit card purchases	1.6 bn	8.8%	Debit card purchases	£68.7 bn	7.8%
Credit & charge card purchases	0.5 bn	2.3%	Credit & charge card purchases	£31.8 bn	0.7%
All plastic card purchases	2.1 bn	7.1%	All plastic card purchases	£100.5 bn	5.4%
Number of	Annual figures (2009)	Annual rate of growth	Total value of	Annual figures (2009)	Annual rate of growth
Debit card purchases	5.9 bn	8.7%	Debit card purchases	£263.5 bn	7.5%
Credit & charge card purchases	2.0 bn	1.5%	Credit & charge card purchases	£125.4 bn	-0.7%
All plastic card purchases	7.9 bn	6.8%	All plastic card purchases	£388.9 bn	4.7%

Cash and cheque transactions

Number of	Q1 2010	Annual rate of growth	Total value of	Q1 2010	Annual rate of growth
Cash machine withdrawals	694 mn	1.3%	Cash machine withdrawals	£44.9 bn	0.5%
Inter-bank cheques cleared	201 mn	-12.4%	Inter-bank cheques cleared	£196 bn	-18.3%
Number of	Annual figures (2009)	Annual rate of growth	Total value of	Annual figures (2009)	Annual rate of growth
¹ Cash payments	21,392 mn	-5.20%	¹ Cash payments	£266.0 bn	-0.4%
Cash machine withdrawals	2,916 mn	1.4%	Cash machine withdrawals	£192.8 bn	0.3%
¹ Cheque transactions	1,282 mn	n/a	¹ Cheque transactions	£1,255 bn	n/a
² Inter-bank cheques cleared	876 mn	-13.1%	² Inter-bank cheques cleared	£871 bn	-19.1%

¹ Quarterly data for cash and cheque transactions are not available. ² This figure does not include inter-branch items.

Automated payments

Number of	Q1 2010	Annual rate of growth	Total value of	Q1 2010	Annual rate of growth
³ Faster Payments	95.3 mn	8.0%	³ Faster Payments	£35.7 bn	10.8%
CHAPS payments	7.6 mn	-5.8%	CHAPS payments	£14,868 bn	-15.0%
Bacs payments	1.4 bn	0.1%	Bacs payments	£970 bn	-1.3%
Number of	Annual figures (2009)	Annual rate of growth	Total value of	Annual figures (2009)	Annual rate of growth
³ Faster Payments	294.8 mn	-	³ Faster Payments	£106.2 bn	-
CHAPS payments	31.9 mn	-7.7%	CHAPS payments	£64,617 bn	-12.2%
Bacs payments	5.6 bn	-0.3%	Bacs payments	£3,861 bn	-2.2%

³ The Faster Payments Service was launched on 27 May 2008. The per cent growth for Q1 2010 relates to a three month period.

A Spending in the UK on debit and credit cards

Spending on plastic cards began to grow more strongly from the beginning of 2010 with the annual rate of growth picking up to 5.4% from a low of 3.3% in October 2009. The number of transactions has been growing at a faster rate reflecting a continued migration to plastic cards of low value purchases. By end-March 2010 the number of plastic card purchases was growing at 7.1%, from a low point of 5.9% in September 2009.

In the first quarter of 2010 the average monthly spend on debit cards was £22.4 billion and on credit cards was £10.5 billion.

Seasonally adjusted		Debit cards			Credit cards			All plastic cards		
		Number of purchases	Value	Average purchase value	Number of purchases	Value	Average purchase value	Number of purchases	Value	
		000	£ mn	£	000	£ mn	£	000	£ mn	
2004		3,701,983	149,128	40.28	1,988,646	121,164	60.93	5,690,629	270,292	
2005		4,090,826	169,522	41.44	2,002,588	121,631	60.74	6,093,413	291,153	
2006		4,493,866	195,453	43.49	1,947,930	119,944	61.57	6,441,796	315,396	
2007		4,969,988	223,971	45.06	1,958,366	123,783	63.21	6,928,354	347,754	
2008	Q1	1,331,898	59,631	44.77	498,360	31,753	63.72	1,830,258	91,385	
	Q2	1,352,048	60,840	45.00	492,021	31,766	64.56	1,844,069	92,606	
	Q3	1,391,426	61,805	44.42	492,981	31,810	64.53	1,884,408	93,615	
	Q4	1,392,270	62,986	45.24	488,769	30,862	63.14	1,881,040	93,848	
2009	Q1	1,436,105	63,581	44.27	491,993	30,907	62.82	1,928,098	94,489	
	Apr	487,783	21,173	43.41	166,959	10,472	62.72	654,742	31,645	
	May	474,619	20,868	43.97	160,874	10,075	62.63	635,493	30,943	
	Jun	509,292	22,166	43.52	171,168	10,669	62.33	680,460	32,835	
	Jul	491,373	21,486	43.73	168,047	10,488	62.41	659,420	31,974	
	Aug	479,528	21,149	44.10	160,433	10,030	62.52	639,961	31,179	
	Sep	539,420	23,496	43.56	176,747	11,103	62.82	716,166	34,598	
	Oct	487,232	21,927	45.00	165,475	10,361	62.61	652,706	32,288	
	Nov	523,861	24,255	46.30	170,545	10,548	61.85	694,405	34,803	
	Dec	513,238	23,454	45.70	169,871	10,709	63.04	683,109	34,163	
	2010	Jan	491,506	21,110	42.95	160,447	9,940	61.95	651,953	31,050
		Feb	518,961	23,027	44.37	165,142	10,679	64.67	684,103	33,706
Mar		543,407	24,530	45.14	174,621	11,199	64.13	718,028	35,729	

Chart A1

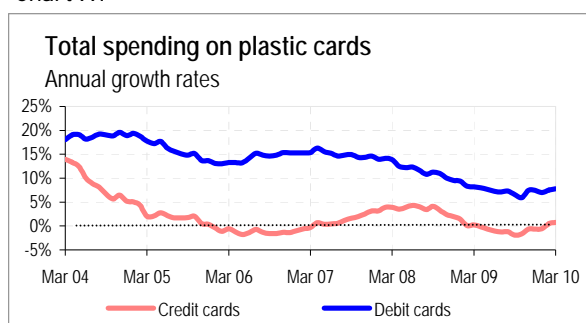


Chart A2

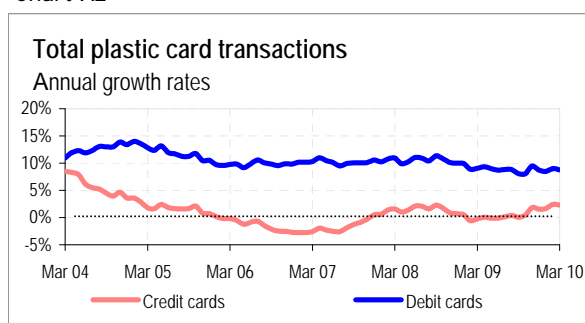
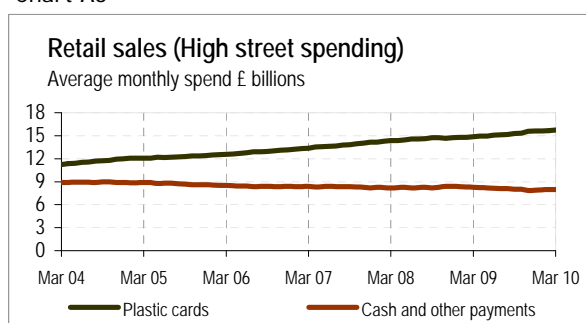


Chart A3



Notes

Section A shows spending in the UK on plastic cards as reported to The UK Cards Association by the banks that process card purchases on behalf of UK merchants, retailers and other service providers. The data include a small proportion of spending using non-UK-issued cards, e.g. by tourists, but exclude spending abroad on UK-issued cards. Cash withdrawals from ATMs are not included.

Seasonal adjustment is the process of estimating and removing seasonal effects from a time series in order to more accurately compare consecutive months.

B Credit card lending and repayments

Gross lending on credit cards amounted to £31.5 billion in Q1 2010, the highest amount since Q4 2008. Repayments amounted to £30.8 billion, the highest value since Q1 2008. Repayments in Q1 2010 accounted for 98.0% of gross lending, resulting in a figure of 98.2% for the annual ratio of repayments to gross lending (see Chart B1).

Outstanding balances declined to £60.4 billion at the end of March 2010, mostly reflecting revisions by the ONS to the Credit Grantors Survey that decreased the amount of credit card lending in January 2010 by £2.0 billion.

Seasonally adjusted		Gross lending	Repayments		Outstanding balances	Average credit card APR	
			£ mn	£ mn			%
					Source Bank of England	Source Bank of England	
					£ mn	%	
2004		132,483	122,596	92.5%	64,823	15.4	
2005		131,434	125,308	95.3%	68,780	16.0	
2006		124,611	121,969	97.9%	67,769	16.3	
2007	Q1	30,654	30,166	98.4%	67,036	15.8	
	Q2	30,840	30,597	99.2%	66,308	15.5	
	Q3	31,010	30,120	97.1%	66,316	15.1	
	Q4	32,660	31,687	97.0%	66,444	15.2	
2008	Q1	33,258	32,114	96.6%	66,554	14.8	
	Q2	33,069	31,922	96.5%	66,755	15.5	
	Q3	32,738	31,287	95.6%	66,025	15.6	
	Q4	32,019	31,540	98.5%	65,874	15.6	
2009	Q1	30,351	29,524	97.3%	65,693	15.8	
	Apr	10,364	10,056	97.0%	65,661	15.7	
	May	9,738	9,626	98.8%	65,367	15.9	
	Jun	10,506	10,282	97.9%	65,063	15.9	
	Jul	10,194	10,183	99.9%	64,216	15.9	
	Aug	9,899	9,611	97.1%	64,178	15.9	
	Sep	10,181	10,032	98.5%	63,923	15.9	
	Oct	9,534	9,372	98.3%	63,786	15.9	
	Nov	10,175	9,858	96.9%	63,708	15.9	
	Dec	10,300	10,301	100.0%	63,587	16.3	
	2010	Jan	9,659	9,718	100.6%	61,518	16.4
		Feb	10,627	10,229	96.3%	61,462	16.5
Mar		11,164	10,874	97.4%	60,382	16.5	

Chart B1

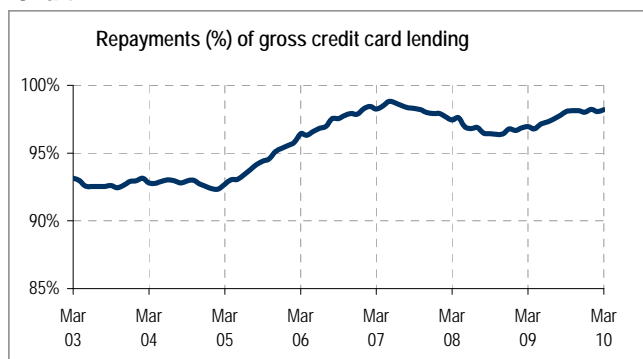


Chart B1 shows the rolling 12-month average of repayments

Section B shows data relating to UK households' credit and charge card use. Gross lending equates to new spending on credit and charge cards, including interest and other charges, whilst outstanding balances is the total amount still owed at the end of the period. These data are provided by members of The UK Cards Association which accounted for 98.7% of all UK credit card lending over the 12 months to December 2009.

Outstanding balances are reported to the Bank of England by all UK credit card issuers. The figures shown here up to end-2009 include estimated amounts that have been securitised, ie, transferred by UK credit card issuers to non-resident associated companies. These estimates are based on the published footnotes to the Bank of England's data series LPMVZRJ. From January 2010 these securitisations are included within the data published by the Bank.

The average interest rate (Bank of England data series IUMCCTL) is expressed in terms of Annual Percentage Rate of Charge (APR) and applies to credit card purchases rather than other transaction types. The series is weighted according to each credit card issuer's monthly gross credit card lending.

C Cash machines



An additional 486 ATMs were deployed during Q1 2010, bringing the total number to 62,678 - the increases were predominantly in the retail sectors and reflected an increase in the deployment of free-to-use machines. By end-March 2010 there were 40,608 free-to-use machines, almost two-thirds of the total number, and these machines accounted for 97% of all cash withdrawals.

Usage of ATMs in Q1 2010 reflected a typical reduction from the seasonal high of the preceding quarter coinciding with Christmas spending. Overall both volumes and values of withdrawals are trending upwards only very slowly with volumes showing an annual rate of growth of 1.3% and values 0.5%.

		Number of cash machines at period end	Cash withdrawals					Number of withdrawals where a fee is charged to the cardholder %
			Volume		Value		Average value £	
			mn	Increase	£ mn	Increase		
				%		%		
2004		54,412	2,528	6.5%	161,269	11.9%	64	4.5%
2005		58,286	2,699	6.8%	172,023	6.7%	64	4.5%
2006		60,468	2,752	2.0%	179,808	4.5%	65	4.3%
2007	Q1	61,301	674	2.6%	42,698	5.2%	63	4.1%
	Q2	61,749	715	2.9%	46,364	4.9%	65	4.2%
	Q3	61,350	720	3.6%	47,528	4.7%	66	4.0%
	Q4	63,476	727	3.1%	49,783	3.7%	68	3.7%
2008	Q1	62,416	682	2.6%	44,631	3.9%	65	3.6%
	Q2	64,459	735	2.4%	48,489	4.2%	66	3.6%
	Q3	64,547	734	1.7%	49,503	4.1%	67	3.6%
	Q4	63,916	725	1.4%	49,564	3.1%	68	3.4%
2009	Q1	63,293	689	1.3%	44,648	2.1%	65	3.2%
	Q2	63,678	740	0.8%	48,414	0.9%	65	3.4%
	Q3	63,400	738	0.5%	49,143	-0.3%	67	3.3%
	Q4	62,192	748	1.4%	50,596	0.3%	68	3.0%
2010	Q1	62,678	694	1.3%	44,937	0.5%	65	3.1%

Chart C1

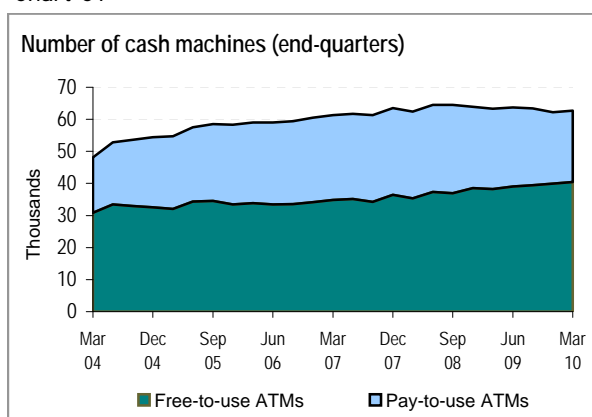
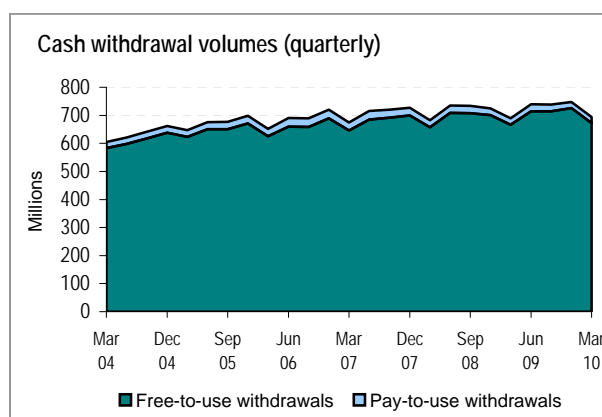


Chart C2



Section C shows key statistics on UK cash machines, indicating the total number of machines installed at the end of each period, the total number and value of withdrawals processed during the period, and shows the average value of a withdrawal (rounded). Data from other cash machine deployers are provided by LINK.

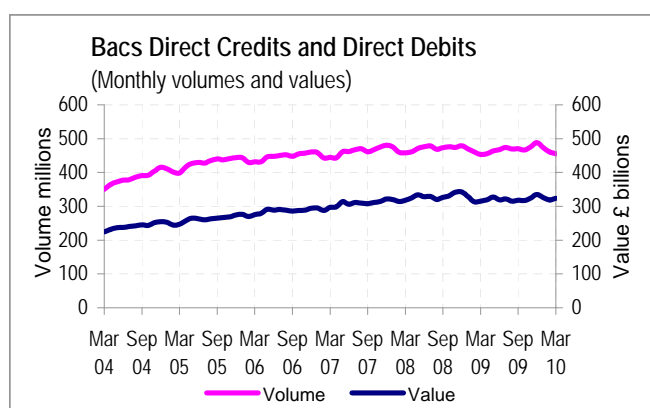
D Bacs Direct Credits and Direct Debits



The volume of Bacs payments in 2010 Q1 (1.4 billion) increased very slightly (by 0.6%) compared with 2009 Q1. The total value of payments rose a little more strongly, increasing from £945 billion in 2009 Q1 to £970 billion in 2010 Q1. On an annual basis however there remains a small downward trend in use with volumes declining by 0.1% and values by 1.3%.

The volume of Direct Debits continued to increase with 757 million processed in 2010 Q1 compared with 747 million in 2009 Q1. Direct Debit values are also higher when comparing the two quarters with 2010 Q1 total value amounting to £218 billion compared with £212 billion a year earlier.

	Total				of which			Direct Debits			
	Volume		Value		Bacs Direct Credits	Standing orders	Bacs Direct Credits 2	Volume	Value		
	000s	% growth 1	£ mn	% growth 1	000s	000s	£ mn	000s	£ mn		
2004	4,602,570	13%	2,883,452	12%	1,710,757	301,879	2,133,071	2,589,934	750,381		
2005	5,134,250	12%	3,150,207	9%	2,093,983	318,022	2,353,168	2,722,245	797,039		
2006	5,361,749	4%	3,429,333	9%	2,171,743	332,245	2,584,501	2,857,761	844,832		
2007	5,544,109	3%	3,695,906	8%	2,233,288	347,347	2,812,314	2,963,474	883,592		
2008	Q1	1,375,123	3%	953,473	7%	556,223	89,195	731,743	729,705	221,730	
	Q2	1,426,726	3%	985,362	8%	565,610	88,173	749,153	772,944	236,209	
	Q3	1,418,502	3%	978,673	7%	552,744	83,066	739,762	782,691	238,911	
	Q4	1,435,400	2%	1,028,813	7%	580,473	63,409	790,307	791,518	238,506	
2009	Q1	1,358,709	1%	944,601	5%	556,156	55,567	733,096	746,986	211,505	
	Apr	477,321	0%	319,500	3%	195,309	17,400	245,965	264,612	73,535	
	May	454,336	-1%	314,375	2%	176,169	17,110	242,437	261,057	71,937	
	Jun	471,292	0%	322,819	2%	188,236	16,715	250,519	266,341	72,300	
	Jul	496,255	-1%	328,129	1%	202,422	16,934	250,063	276,899	78,066	
	Aug	439,808	0%	293,371	1%	178,096	14,608	224,225	247,104	69,147	
	Sep	476,015	-1%	333,013	0%	186,396	16,816	254,499	272,803	78,514	
	Oct	484,748	-1%	325,474	-1%	196,107	15,400	248,041	273,242	77,433	
	Nov	467,111	0%	315,133	-2%	197,311	13,981	241,792	255,819	73,341	
	Dec	513,323	0%	364,258	-2%	213,804	15,229	284,328	284,290	79,931	
	2010	Jan	437,762	-1%	296,174	-2%	180,749	13,876	227,522	243,137	68,653
		Feb	430,288	0%	296,812	-2%	176,087	13,050	229,264	241,152	67,549
Mar		498,244	0%	376,959	-1%	209,685	16,004	295,296	272,555	81,663	



Notes

1 Per cent growth figures relate to 12 month periods.

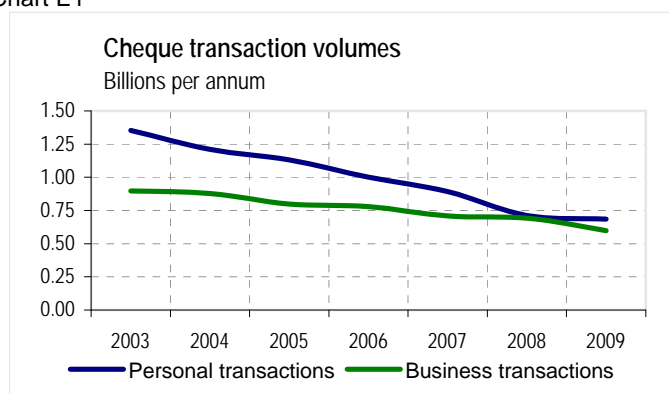
2 Data are not available for standing order values; these are included within Bacs Direct Credit values.

E Cleared cheques and paper credits

Cheque and credit clearing volumes continued to decline through Q1 2010 with 217 million items processed, 26 million fewer than in Q1 2009. The aggregate value of all cleared items in Q1 2010 was £206 billion, £33 billion lower than in Q1 2009.

	Total				of which			
	Volume		Value		Cheques 1		Credits	
	000s	% growth ²	£ mn	% growth ²	000s	£ mn	000s	£ mn
2004	1,556,641	-6%	1,278,318	-3%	1,423,742	1,210,057	132,899	68,261
2005	1,449,042	-7%	1,214,100	-5%	1,325,762	1,152,256	123,280	61,844
2006	1,345,711	-7%	1,230,371	1%	1,237,401	1,171,062	108,309	59,309
2007	1,221,160	-9%	1,214,030	-1%	1,124,869	1,156,684	96,290	57,347
2008								
Q1	279,723	-10%	283,471	-3%	257,530	268,830	22,193	14,642
Q2	279,176	-10%	289,522	-4%	257,415	276,867	21,761	12,655
Q3	266,085	-11%	277,696	-6%	244,368	265,096	21,717	12,600
Q4	268,837	-10%	276,645	-7%	248,066	264,901	20,771	11,744
2009								
Q1	243,004	-11%	238,706	-9%	223,522	223,522	19,482	19,482
Apr	79,245	-12%	77,126	-12%	73,061	73,579	6,184	3,547
May	76,475	-12%	72,659	-13%	70,518	69,597	5,956	3,062
Jun	85,097	-12%	79,323	-13%	78,784	76,049	6,313	3,274
Jul	83,871	-12%	82,857	-14%	77,420	79,073	6,451	3,784
Aug	66,564	-12%	67,482	-14%	61,144	64,704	5,420	2,778
Sep	80,850	-12%	76,001	-15%	74,564	72,818	6,287	3,183
Oct	79,195	-13%	75,241	-19%	73,095	72,157	6,100	3,083
Nov	76,241	-12%	70,707	-18%	70,554	67,928	5,687	2,779
Dec	78,677	-13%	72,113	-19%	72,871	69,056	5,806	3,057
2010								
Jan	68,383	-13%	65,173	-19%	63,006	61,483	5,377	3,689
Feb	67,871	-12%	63,502	-19%	62,931	60,856	4,940	2,646
Mar	81,149	-13%	77,087	-19%	75,038	74,073	6,111	3,014

Chart E1



The data for Chart E1 are available only on an annual basis

F Same-day payments



The volume of CHAPS same-day sterling payments was 7.6 billion in Q1 2010, slightly lower than during Q1 2009. On an annual basis volumes are declining by 5.8%. The total value of these payments amounted to £14,868 billion compared with £17,490 billion during Q1 2009. Total values are declining at an annual rate of 15%.

Faster Payments volumes continued to grow with 95 million occurring during Q1 2010 amount to £35.7 billion. During the first quarter of 2010 Faster Payments handled 46 million standing order payments (52% of the total) and 49 million online and telephone banking payments (78% of the total).

Payment volumes					Payment values									
	CHAPS		Faster Payments			CHAPS		Faster Payments						
	000s	% growth ¹	000s	of which		£ mn	% growth ¹	£ mn	of which					
				Standing orders ²	Online and telephone banking payments				Standing orders ²	Online and telephone banking payments				
2004	34,862	5%				91,334,788	3%							
2005	36,756	5%				97,100,206	6%							
2006	40,686	11%				109,637,149	13%							
2007	Q1	10,594	10%			29,499,274	11%							
	Q2	10,918	9%			31,576,018	12%							
	Q3	11,151	9%			34,044,873	16%							
	Q4	10,872	7%			31,549,684	16%							
2008	Q1	9,507	5%			25,728,574	19%							
	Q2	9,158	3% ³	4,498 ⁴	440	4,058	20,170,794	17% ³	2,475 ⁴	11	2,464			
	Q3	8,655	0%	26,585	9,268	17,317	17,844,493	10%	12,261	569	11,692			
	Q4	8,477	-3%	51,705	28,048	23,658	19,273,249	6%	18,135	2,802	15,333			
2009	Q1	7,735	-4%	60,105	54%	33,691	26,413	17,489,516	4%	20,625	23%	4,760	15,865	
	Apr	2,648	-7%	21,802	16%	12,084	9,719	5,384,007	-2%	8,007	23%	2,117	5,890	
	May	2,493	-8%	22,223	18%	11,821	10,402	4,953,684	-3%	8,033	28%	2,071	5,962	
	Jun	2,736	-8%	25,316	15%	13,776	11,540	5,701,692	-4%	9,147	22%	2,507	6,641	
	Jul	2,868	-8%	25,797	16%	13,835	11,962	5,513,757	-5%	9,447	19%	2,345	7,102	
	Aug	2,434	-8%	23,593	12%	12,849	10,745	4,670,092	-4%	8,563	12%	2,178	6,385	
	Sep	2,809	-9%	27,721	11%	14,854	12,866	5,434,412	-6%	10,208	12%	2,635	7,573	
	Oct	2,846	-9%	28,178	8%	14,676	13,502	5,236,282	-10%	10,217	9%	2,468	7,749	
	Nov	2,581	-8%	29,614	14%	14,879	14,735	4,854,385	-11%	10,636	14%	2,649	7,987	
	Dec	2,776	-8%	30,438	14%	15,073	15,365	5,379,129	-12%	11,339	14%	2,934	8,406	
	2010	Jan	2,363	-7%	29,082	12%	14,752	14,329	4,796,655	-13%	10,521	12%	2,687	7,834
		Feb	2,370	-6%	28,728	3%	13,801	14,927	4,638,921	-14%	10,659	5%	2,529	8,129
Mar		2,906	-6%	37,452	8%	17,689	19,762	5,432,640	-15%	14,481	11%	3,546	10,934	

Chart F1

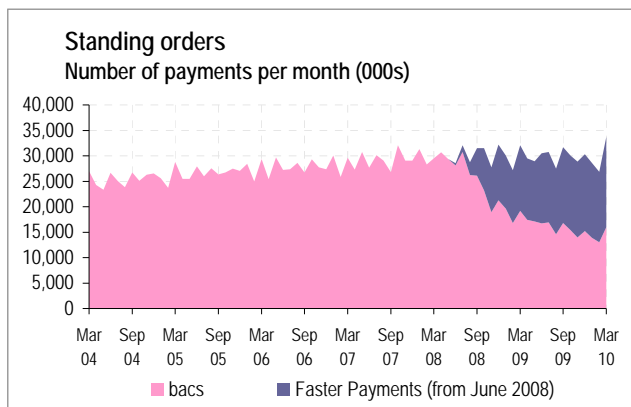
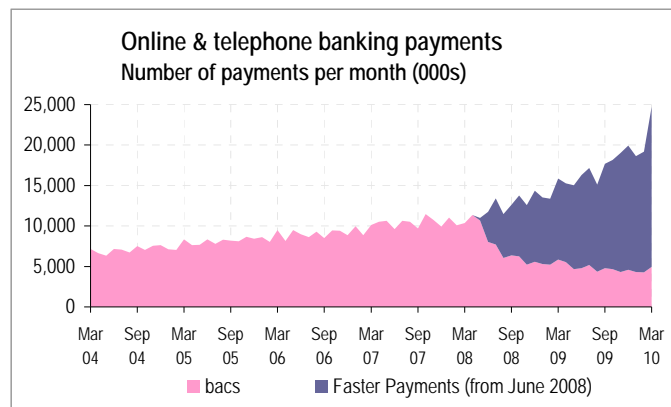


Chart F2



Notes

- 1 Per cent growth figures for CHAPS payments relate to 12 month periods. For Faster Payments, per cent growth is based on 3 month periods.
- 2 Standing orders includes a small volume and value of returned payments.
- 3 Prior to June 2008 data for CHAPS volumes and values included CHAPS Euro, which ceased operations on 16 May 2008. Details of the amounts of CHAPS Euro volumes and values may be found in earlier Statistical Releases (contact press@ukpayments.org.uk). Percentage growth figures from Q1 2008 relate only to CHAPS Sterling.
- 4 Faster Payments began operations on 27 May 2008; the CHAPS Clearing Company has responsibility for the management of the service.