

# Debit Cards in France

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Revival of MICE/business tourism boosts the use of charge cards  
Merchant acceptance also contributes to the progression of charge cards  
CB maintains its overall place thanks to co-branding, while Amex becomes stronger

#### PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Good omens for the short term: ongoing structural growth, the Olympic Games, and the continuous success of local tourism  
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Credit faces serious challenges in France, thus also affecting credit cards

Consumers switch from FMCGs to second-hand and refurbished – although services continue to perform

Banks and credit institutions struggle in the economic climate

##### PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Ongoing price-sensitivity and an aversion to credit means a gloomy outlook in the short term

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Digital payments go from strength to strength

CB maintains overall dominance due to co-branding, while competitors continue to take advantage of regulatory changes

##### PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Ongoing digitisation will support debit cards' growth, but competition from other options remains on the horizon  
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Players in pre-paid cards benefit from ongoing digitisation

##### PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Cannibalisation from more modern options and concerns around BNPL impact store cards  
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### PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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