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A core function of the Bank of Canada is to design, produce and distribute bank notes. Over the past few decades, there has been a major shift away from paper-based payment instruments, such as bank notes and cheques, toward electronic means of payment, including debit cards, credit cards and innovations such as e-money.

To understand better how developments in retail payments might affect the demand for bank notes, Bank research is studying the use of cash and other means of payment, mainly through consumer payment surveys. See the list below for the most recent research papers on this topic.

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