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This report examines Irish consumers' use of credit products – and credit cards, in particular – and their attitudes towards debt, borrowing and credit.



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