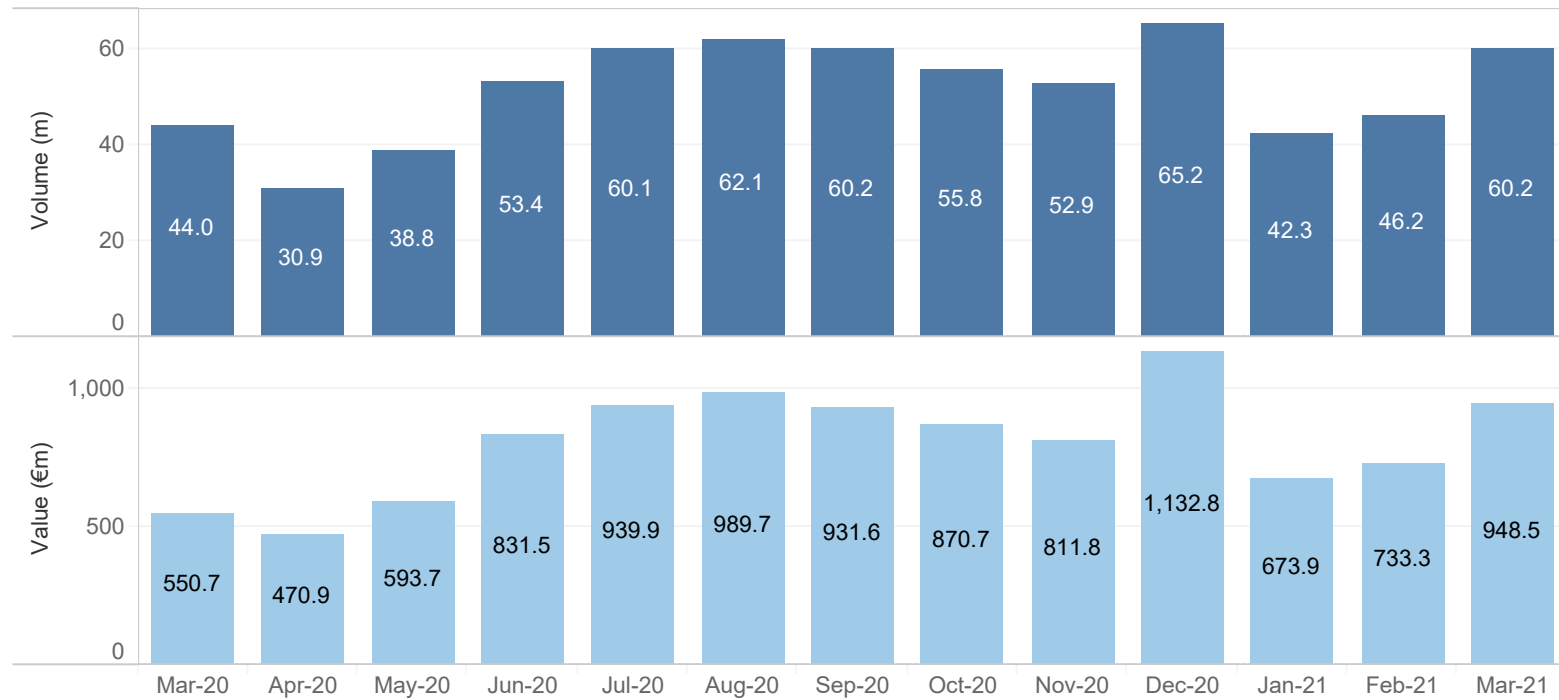




Contactless Payment Cards - Overview

March 2021

Monthly Contactless Payments



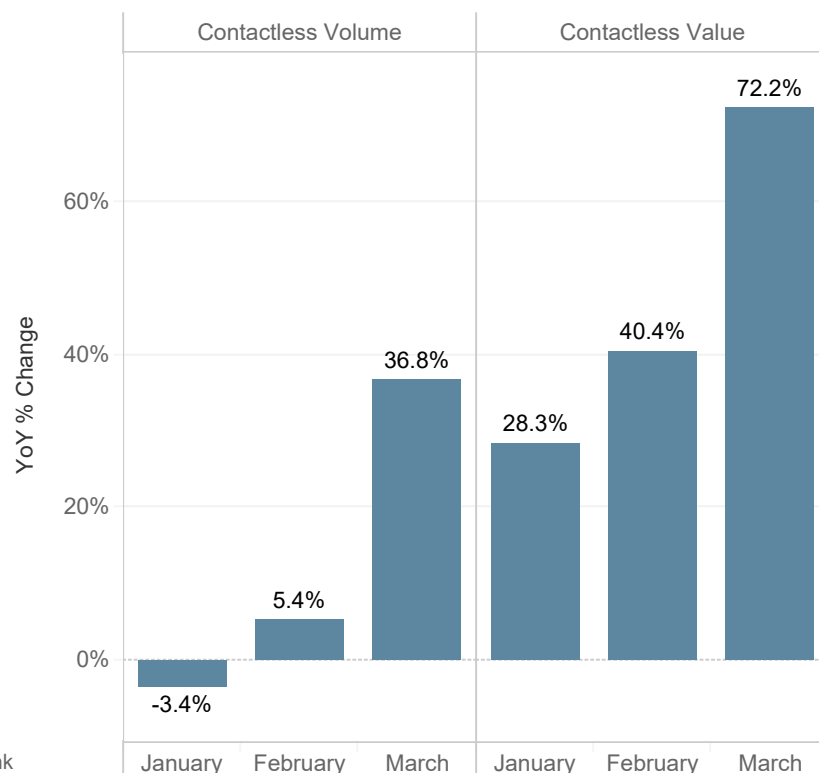
Contactless payment volumes rose by 37% year on year in March 2021 to 60.2 million. The value of contactless payments rose by 72% year on year to more than €948 million.

In quarterly terms, volumes rose by 13% year on year to 148.7 million in Q1 2021, while values rose by 47% to €2,356 million.

Daily payments activity increased to 1.9 million payments valued at €30.6 million per day in March 2021, from 1.4 million payments valued at €17.8 million a year earlier.

Payments in stores or at other physical terminals accounted for 48% of card spend in March 2021. Contactless payments accounted for 35.7% of these point-of-sale payments - the highest share since the monthly data became available in January 2020.

Contactless Payments YoY Change



Source: BPFI. Data is collected from AIB, Avantcard, Bank of Ireland, KBC Bank Ireland, permanent tsb and Ulster Bank. It includes payments by card and mobile wallet such as Apple Pay or Google Pay.