



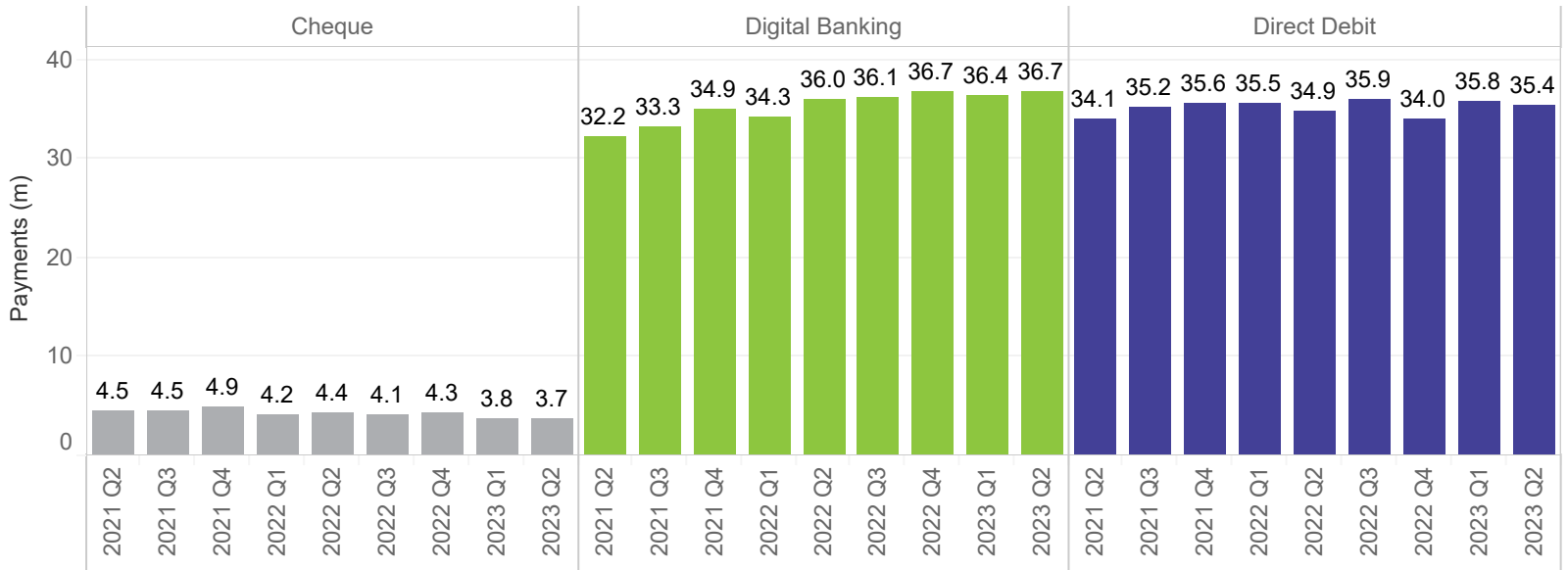
BPFI Payments Monitor



Summary Report

Q2 2023

Quarterly Non-card Payment Volumes



Source: BPFI

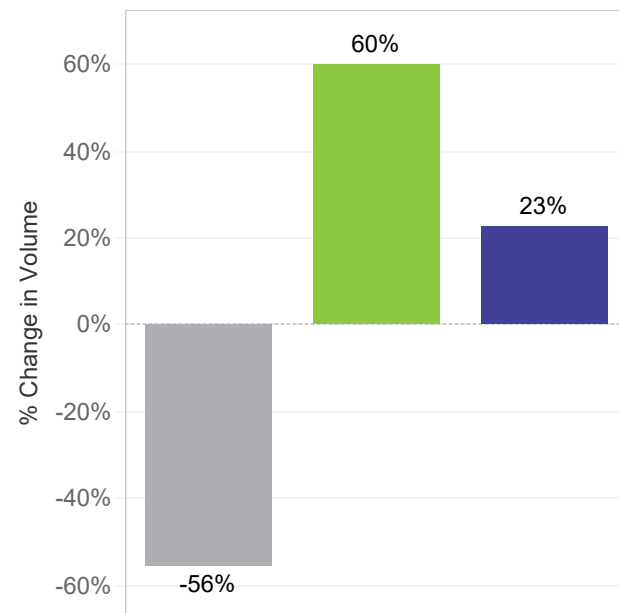
Online/mobile or digital banking payments continued to grow in H1 2023 as the use of cheques continued to fall.

Digital banking transfer (credit transfers initiated via personal online or mobile banking) volumes grew by 4% year on year in H1 2023 to 73.1 million, the highest semi-annual volume since that data series began in 2016.

Cheque volumes continued to decline, down 12.1% year on year to 7.5 million in H1 2023. These are the lowest volumes since at least 2008.

Cheque usage has fallen by more than half in the past five years, with cheque volumes down by 56% between H1 2018 and H1 2023. By contrast, digital banking volumes jumped by 60% over the same period, while direct debit payments increased by 23%.

H1 2018 vs H1 2023



Source: BPFI

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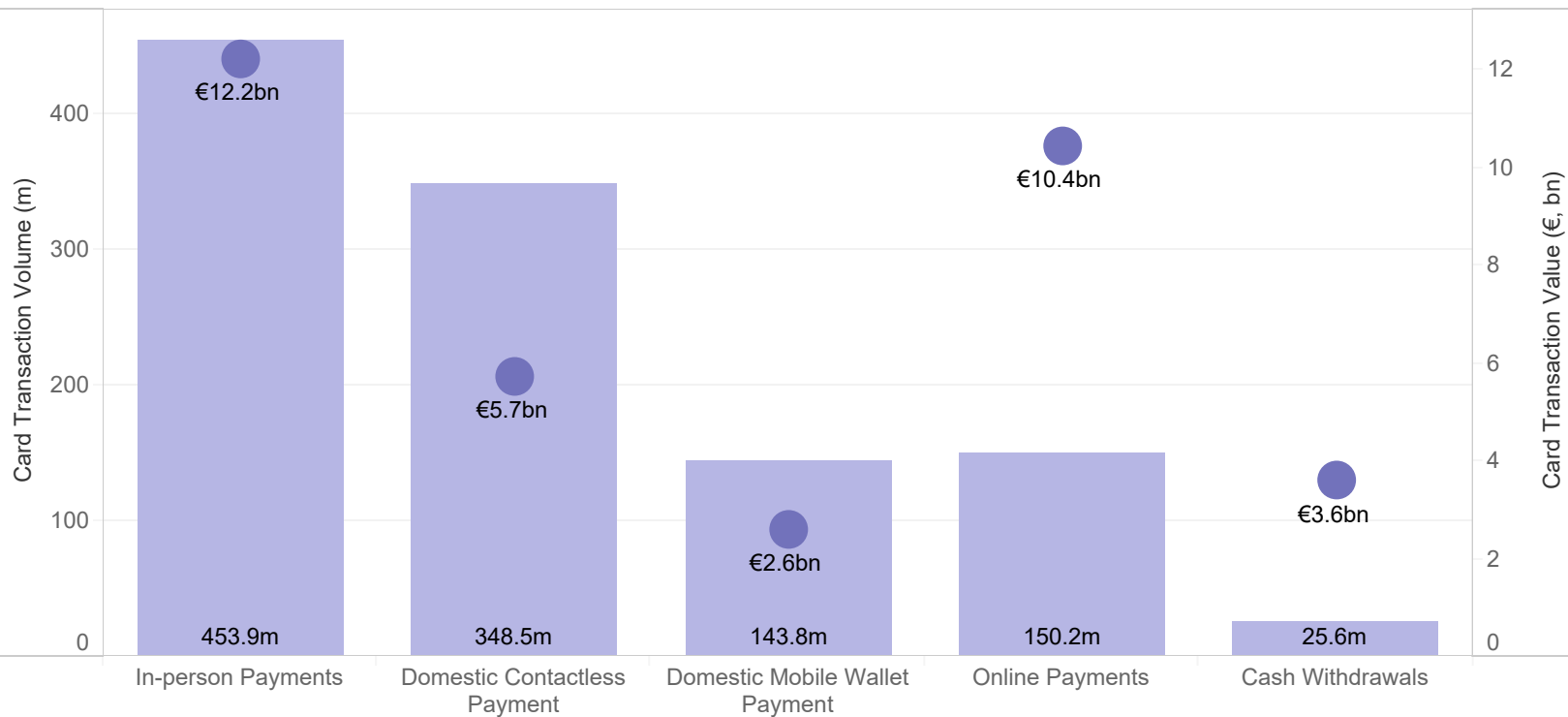
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Payment Cards - Overview

Card Transaction Overview



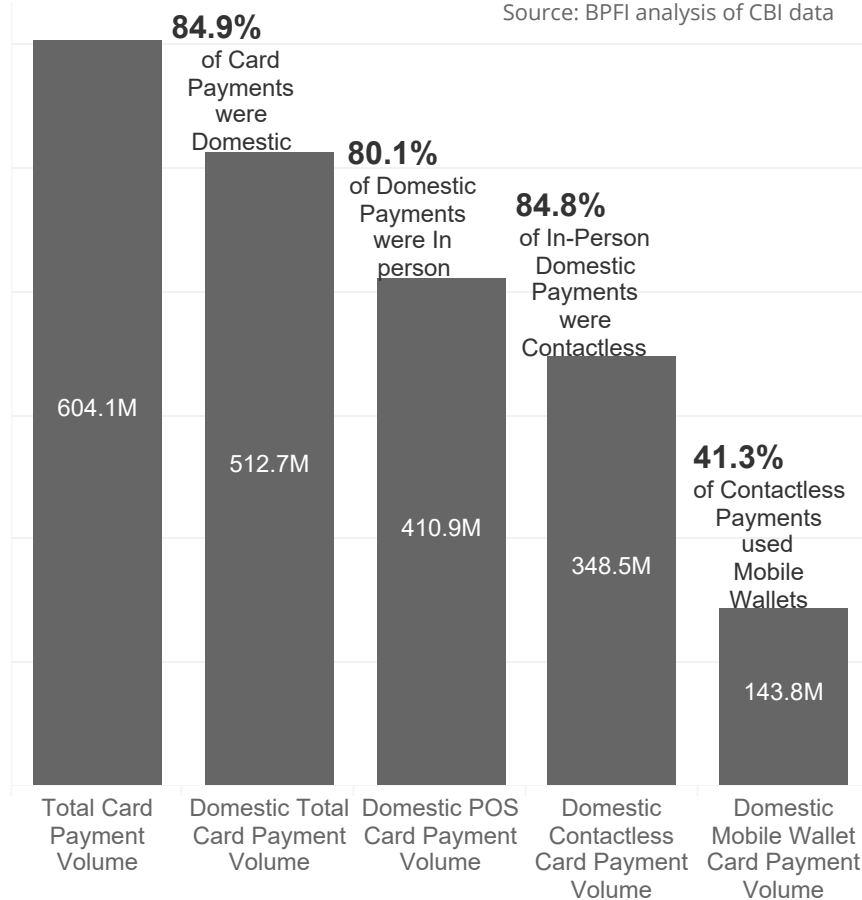
Source: BPFI analysis of CBI data

There were more than 604 million payments on Irish-issued credit and debit cards valued at almost €22.7 billion in Q2 2023, according to Central Bank of Ireland data.

Almost 85% of card payments were made within Ireland and four-fifths of those were made in person. While in-person payments outnumbered online payments by about three to one, the average online payment was much higher. The value of in-person payments was €12.2 billion compared with €10.4 billion online.

Contactless payments accounted for almost 85% of all domestic, in-person payments (this data is not available for payments abroad but the proportions are likely to be similar), while about 41% of contactless payments were made with mobile wallets instead of physical cards.

Source: Central Bank of Ireland. Please note that all card transaction data, including contactless, is based on Central Bank of Ireland data. Previous BPFI contactless payments data is not consistent with this and is therefore not used here to avoid confusion.

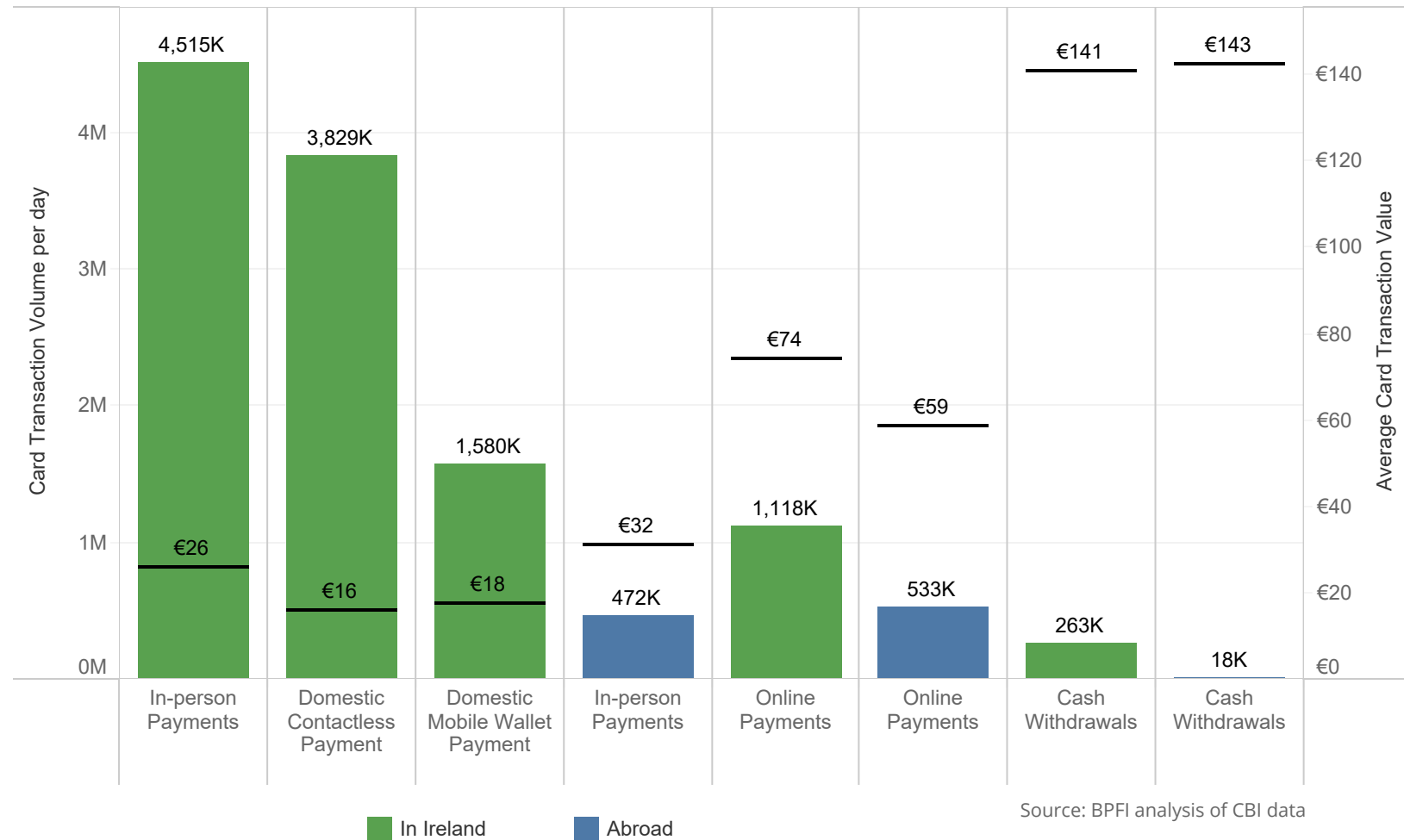




Payment Cards - Daily Use and Averages

Q2 2023

Daily Volumes and Average Transaction Values



There were more than 6.6 million payments per day on Irish-issued credit and debit cards valued at almost €249 million in Q2 2023, according to Central Bank of Ireland data.

Some 4.5 million card payments per day were made in person, in Ireland with daily spending reaching almost €120 million. There were about 3.8 million contactless payments per day, of which almost 1.6 million were made using mobile wallets. Daily contactless spend totalled about €63 million, of which almost €29 million involved mobile wallets.

The average contactless payment was €16.46, compared with €26.46, for all in-person payments in Ireland and €74.47 for online payments in Ireland. The average mobile wallet payment was slightly higher than the average contactless payment at €18.14.

There were fewer than 0.3 million cash withdrawals per day (including cash withdrawals at ATMs and cashback in stores), compared with 3.8 million contactless payments, though the average cash withdrawal was about eight times larger at about €141.

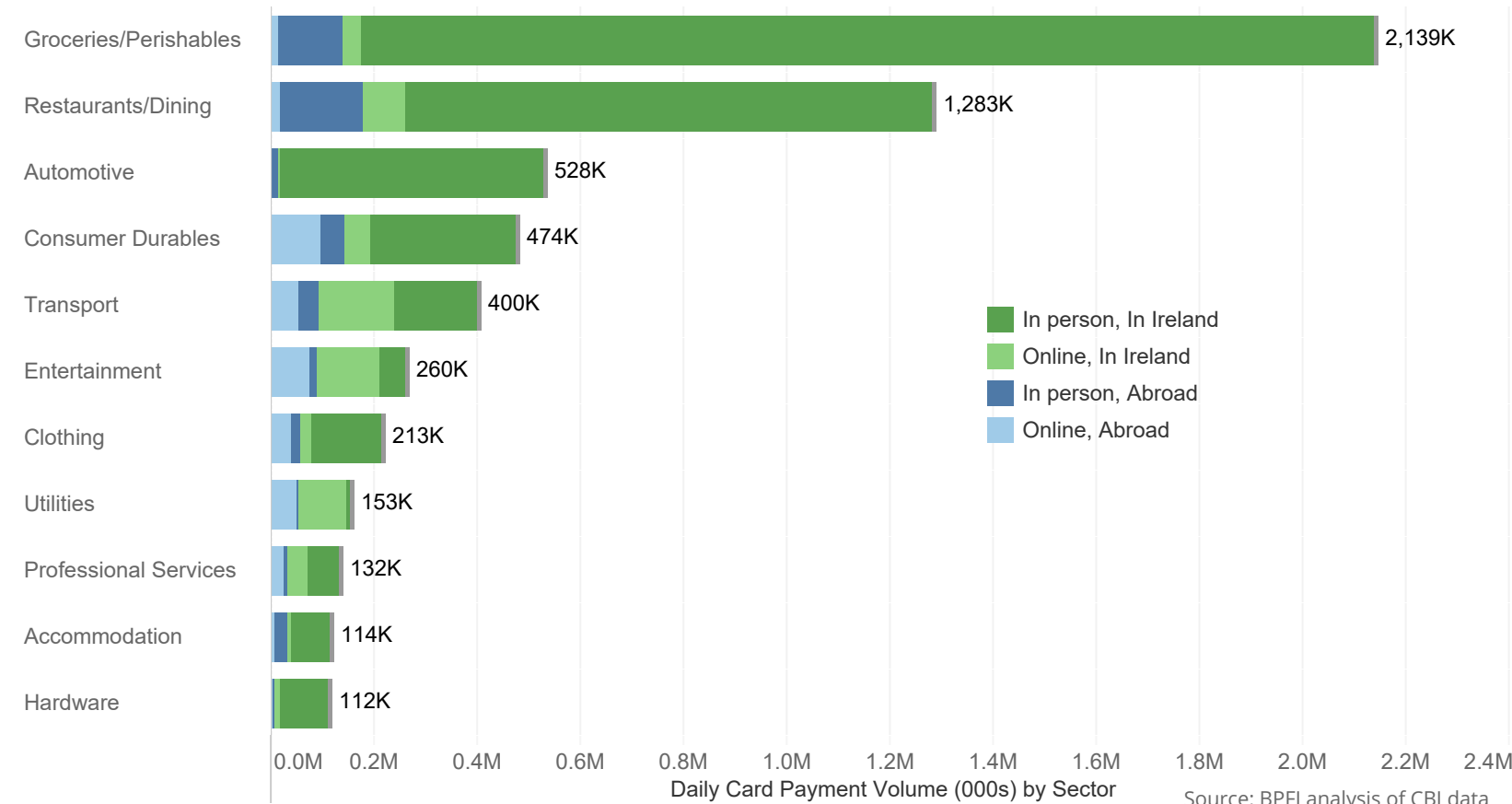
Note: Central Bank of Ireland collects data from issuers of credit and debit cards to Irish residents and specifically from reporting agents that are resident in Ireland.



Payment Cards - Payments by Sector

Q2 2023

Daily card use by sector (selected)



Groceries/perishables and restaurants/dining accounted for about 2.1 million and almost 1.3 million card payments per day in Q2 2023. Daily spend in the two sectors was €43.7 million and €16.1 million, respectively. There were more than 0.5 million payments per day valued at €13.3 million at fuel stations and other automotive retail outlets.

While most activity was in person, in Ireland, Irish cardholders also spent about €3.9 million on restaurants/dining outside Ireland. Spending abroad also accounted for large shares of card payments in the transport, entertainment and accommodation sectors. Similarly, cardholders spent almost three times as much online on transport as in person (€9.3 million compared with 3.2 million per day).

The average transaction value varied significantly by sector, channel and location, ranging from about €20 in the groceries/perishables, restaurants/dining and automotive sectors to €55 and €77 at clothing and hardware retail outlets, respectively.

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