

Payments in Poland, 2020



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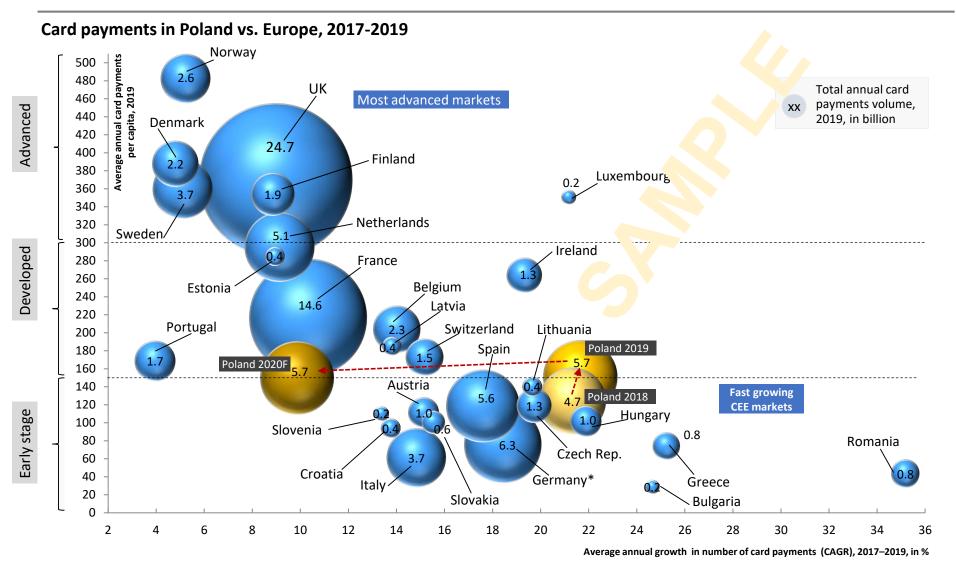
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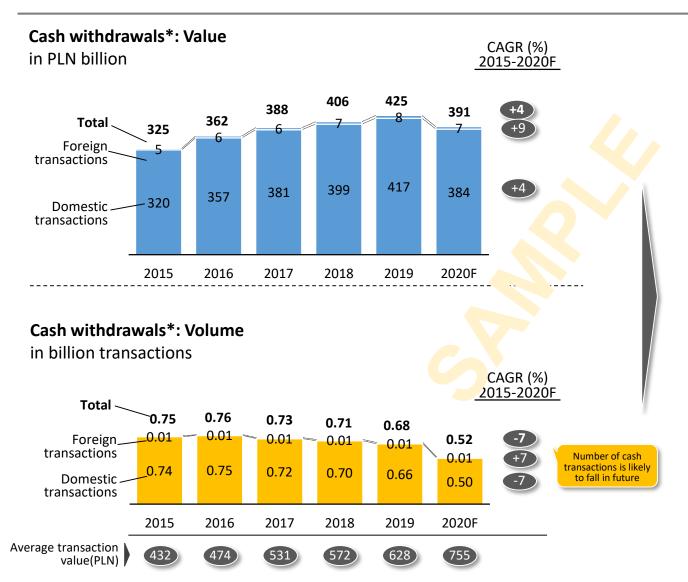


Card payments have been growing very fast in Poland in recent years



^{*} Local payment scheme existing and using alternative solutions e.g. direct debit Source: ECB, SNB, NB, Eurostat, NBP, Inteliace Research

In 2020, both the value and volume of cash withdrawals are expected to contract



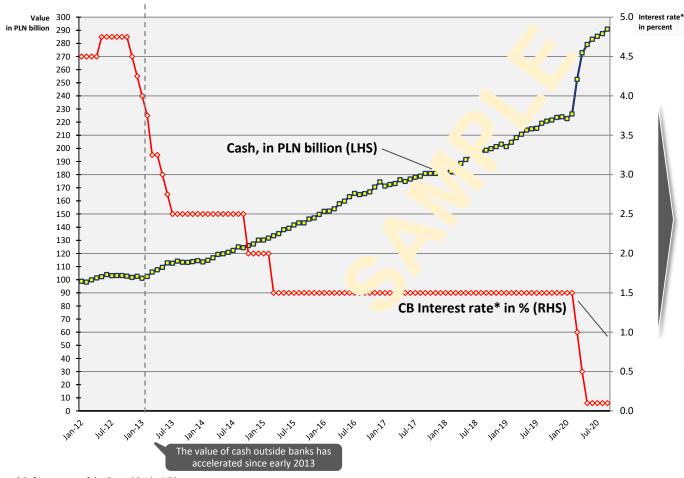
- The value of cash withdrawals has been increasing until 2019, when it has peaked at PLN 425 billion
- By contrast, the volume of cash withdrawals has been in a downward trend already since 2017
- A significant growth in an average value of a single cash withdrawal could be observed since 2015

^{*} Card withdrawals with cards issued in Poland. Domestic and foreign transactions included Source: NBP, Inteliace Research

The volume of cash outside banks surged again in early 2020 to almost PLN 300 billion (EUR 67 billion)

Outstanding cash outside banks and interest rate, 2012-Sep. 2020

Cash in PLN billion (LHS), CB Interest rate* in % (RHS)



- The volume of cash in circulation has been growing steadily since 2013
- The major driver of cash hoarding are interest rates at record lows which reduce the propensity of individuals to keep deposits at banks
- In early 2020, cash holdings surged to almost PLN 300m driven by COVID-19 and interest rates at nearly 0%

^{*} Reference rate of the Central Bank - NBP Source: NBP, Inteliace Research

Notes on methodology

FX rates:

- As a general rule all "end of year" balances like: assets, deposits, loans and similar volumes have been converted from the local currency into Euro using **end of year** exchange rate
- All results achieved during a period of time like: profits, revenues, new sales etc. have been converted from the local currency into Euro using average exchange rate
- Exchange rates used in the report:

EUR/PLN	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	20H1
End of period	4.184	4.366	4.260	4.262	4.293	4.414
Average	4.262	4.426	4.170	4.300	4.252	4.466

Estimates and Forecasts:

Source: NBP

- In some cases, recent or verified data was not available. Therefore, necessary short-term estimations have been done to fill the gaps. Estimates are always indicated with the letter "E"
- When preparing forecasts "F" we have built models using latest observed trends, available forecasts of main economic indicators, seasonal changes observed in the past and other specific factors considered important.

Multiple sources:

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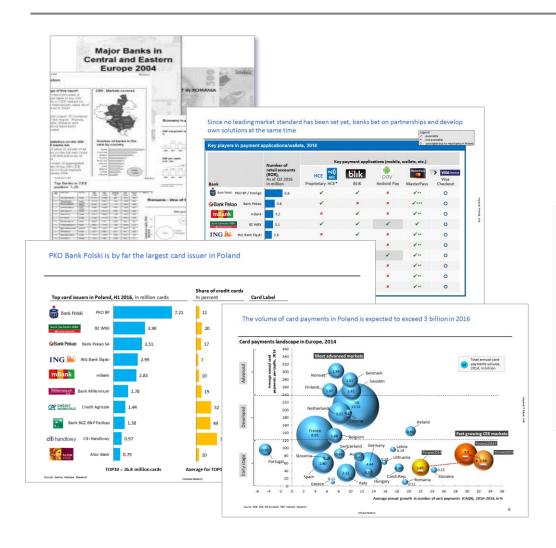
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