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Abstracts

According to Stratistics MRC, the Global Mobile Wallets & Contactless Payments Market is accounted for $16.31 billion in 2026 and is expected to reach $104.69 billion by 2034 growing at a CAGR of 26.3% during the forecast period. Mobile wallets and contactless payments refer to digital payment solutions that enable users to store payment credentials on smartphones or wearable devices and conduct transactions without physical cash or cards. These systems use technologies such as Near Field Communication (NFC), QR codes, and tokenization to facilitate secure and seamless payments at retail stores, online platforms, and peer-to-peer transfers. They enhance convenience, speed, and security while supporting financial inclusion and reducing dependency on traditional banking infrastructure in both developed and emerging economies.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Growing preference for cashless transactions globally

Consumers increasingly value speed, convenience, and security in everyday financial activities. Mobile wallets and tap-to-pay solutions eliminate reliance on physical cash or

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cards, streamlining the payment process. Businesses benefit from enhanced customer engagement and faster transaction cycles. Governments are actively promoting cashless ecosystems to improve transparency and broaden financial inclusion. Younger generations, particularly millennials and Gen Z, are fueling adoption with their digital-first lifestyles. As cashless preferences spread globally, mobile wallets and contactless payments are set to expand rapidly.

Restraint:

Limited acceptance in rural and remote areas

Infrastructure gaps and lower smartphone penetration hinder adoption in underserved communities. Merchants in these areas often lack awareness or resources to implement digital payment systems. Companies face difficulties in scaling solutions across diverse geographies. Governments are working to improve connectivity and financial literacy, but progress is uneven. Without stronger rural penetration, overall market reach will remain constrained. Addressing these adoption barriers is essential for long-term sustainability.

Opportunity:

Expansion in emerging markets with fintech adoption

Mobile-first payment solutions are helping extend financial services to unbanked populations. Businesses benefit from new revenue streams and larger customer bases in these regions. Governments are supporting digital finance initiatives to strengthen economic ecosystems. Collaborations between fintech firms and local merchants are accelerating innovation and adoption. As emerging economies expand, mobile wallets and contactless payments are expected to capture substantial growth.

Threat:

Rising cyberattacks targeting digital payment systems

Fraudsters and hackers are targeting digital payment systems with growing sophistication. Businesses face mounting challenges in ensuring secure authentication and encryption. Regulators are tightening compliance requirements to mitigate risks, yet vulnerabilities persist. Public concerns about data breaches may slow adoption in certain regions. Smaller providers often struggle to maintain robust cybersecurity compared to established players. Without stronger safeguards, rising cyber threats could undermine market confidence.

Covid-19 Impact:

The COVID-19 pandemic had a dual impact on the mobile wallets and contactless payments market. On one hand, demand for contactless transactions surged as consumers avoided cash and physical cards. Businesses accelerated adoption of mobile wallets to maintain continuity during lockdowns. On the other hand, economic disruptions slowed uptake in some regions. The crisis underscored the importance of resilient, technology-driven financial ecosystems. Governments promoted digital payments as part of recovery and inclusion strategies. Overall, the pandemic created short-term hurdles but reinforced long-term momentum for mobile wallets and contactless payments.

The mobile wallets segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The mobile wallets segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period as consumers increasingly embrace mobile-first solutions for convenience and accessibility. Mobile wallets offer quick account setup, instant transactions, and intuitive interfaces. Younger demographics drive adoption due to their preference for mobile-first financial services. Businesses prioritize mobile wallets to expand reach and strengthen engagement. Governments support mobile-based solutions to advance financial inclusion. Ongoing innovation in app design and security further boosts adoption.

The retailers & merchants segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the retailers & merchants segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate due to rising demand for integrated, contactless payment solutions in retail environments. Merchants are adopting mobile wallets to enhance customer convenience and increase sales. Businesses benefit from higher transaction volumes and improved customer loyalty. Governments are supporting merchant-focused digital initiatives to strengthen financial ecosystems. Partnerships between fintech firms and retailers are driving innovation in payment solutions. Real-time settlement and reduced cash handling improve efficiency for merchants.

Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is expected to hold the largest market share owing to strong government support, widespread smartphone penetration, and high adoption among consumers and enterprises. China leads with QR-based wallets such as Alipay and WeChat Pay dominating the market. India has seen exponential growth in mobile wallets through platforms like Paytm and PhonePe. Regional startups are introducing innovative mobile-first solutions. Governments prioritize digital payments to strengthen financial inclusion. Businesses benefit from expanding consumer demand for contactless transactions.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR propelled by rapid digitalization, expanding middle-class populations, and rising fintech investments. Countries such as India, Indonesia, and Vietnam are rolling out large-scale mobile wallet initiatives. Regional startups are delivering innovative solutions tailored to local markets. Growing demand for contactless payments fuels adoption across industries. Government-backed programs supporting financial inclusion further strengthen growth. Enterprises in Asia Pacific are prioritizing mobile wallets to remain competitive globally. This momentum positions Asia Pacific as the fastest-growing region for mobile wallets and contactless payments.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players in Mobile Wallets & Contactless Payments Market include Apple Inc., Google LLC, Samsung Electronics, PayPal Holdings, Inc., Visa Inc., Mastercard Incorporated, American Express Company, Alipay (Ant Group), Tencent Holdings (WeChat Pay), Block, Inc. (formerly Square, Inc.), Stripe, Inc., Adyen N.V., Fiserv, Inc., Fidelity National Information Services (FIS), Worldline SA, Paytm and PhonePe.

Key Developments:

In January 2026, PhonePe Launched a unified 'Global Finance Hub' within its app, integrating insurance, wealth management, and cross-border UPI payments. This launch propelled PhonePe to become the world’s most downloaded finance app in Q1 2026, surpassing legacy global competitors.

In August 2025, Apple Launched the 'Siri-Pay' voice-authentication update, allowing

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users to execute secure, voice-activated contactless payments via AirPods and CarPlay. This product launch uses advanced acoustic biometrics to verify the user’s identity, making 'hands-free' payments at gas stations and drive-thrus a standard feature.

Types Covered:

- Mobile Wallets
- Contactless Cards
- Wearable Payments
- QR Code Payments
- NFC-Based Payments
- Other Types

Components Covered:

- Solutions
- Platforms
- Hardware
- Services
- Integration Services
- Other Components

Technologies Covered:

- Near Field Communication (NFC)

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- Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)
- Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE)
- Tokenization
- Biometric Authentication
- Other Technologies

Applications Covered:

- Transportation & Ticketing
- Hospitality & Entertainment
- Healthcare Payments
- Bill Payments & Utilities
- Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Transfers
- Other Applications

End Users Covered:

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- Retailers & Merchants
- Banks & Financial Institutions
- Government & Public Sector
- Other End Users

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  - Italy
  - Spain
  - Netherlands
  - Belgium
  - Sweden
  - Switzerland
  - Poland
  - Rest of Europe
- Asia Pacific
  - China
  - Japan

India

South Korea

Australia

Indonesia

Thailand

Malaysia

Singapore

Vietnam

Rest of Asia Pacific

South America

Brazil

Argentina

Colombia

Chile

Peru

Rest of South America

Rest of the World (RoW)

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United Arab Emirates

Qatar

Israel

Rest of Middle East

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Egypt

Morocco

Rest of Africa

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Market share assessments for the regional and country-level segments

Strategic recommendations for the new entrants

Covers Market data for the years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2030, 2032 and 2034

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