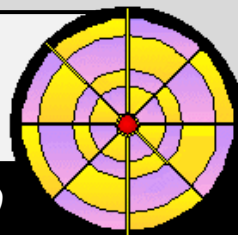


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Contactless card limit to rise to £100 in October

The spending limit on each use of a contactless card is to rise from £45 to £100 from the 15th of October, banks have revealed.

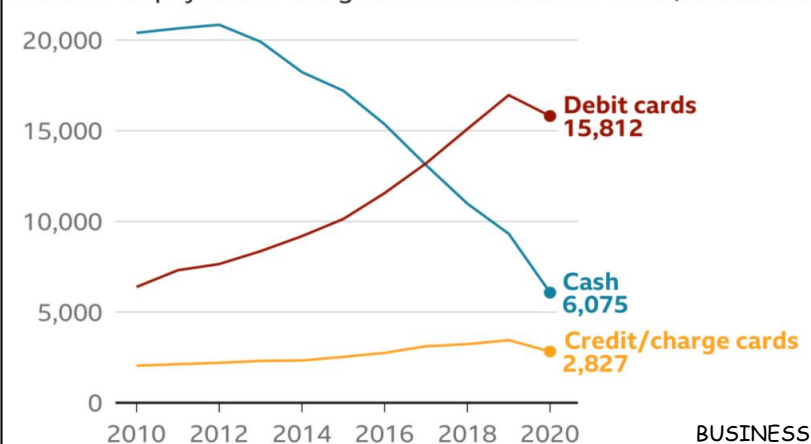
The maximum amount was increased from £30 to its current level at the start of the pandemic, and plans to raise it further were announced in the Budget.

Nearly two thirds of all debit card transactions are made via the tap and go technology but academics have warned that raising the limit could increase crime.

The graph opposite shows the way the UK pays for goods has changed from 2010 to 2020.



Number of payments using cards or cash 2010-2020, in millions



- (a) Describe the trends from 2010-2020 of debit card, cash and credit card payments in the UK.
- (b) How many more debit card payments were there than cash payments in the year 2020? Give your answer in WORDS.

Government to ban single-use plastic cutlery

The government has announced plans to ban single-use plastic cutlery, plates and polystyrene cups in England as part of what it calls a "war on plastic".

On average, each person in England uses 37 single-use plastic items of cutlery every year. If one spoon and three times as many knives than forks make up this total, how many plastic knives and forks are used by each person in the UK every year?

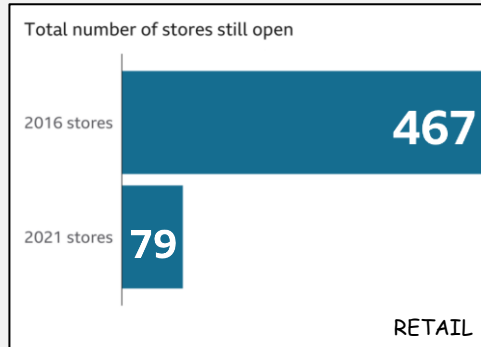


UK loses large number of department stores since BHS collapsed

The UK has lost a large number of its main department stores in the five years since the collapse of the British Home Store chain.



This graph shows the number of Debenhams, BHS, Beales, Dunnes, House of Fraser and John Lewis stores in the UK in 2016 compared to 2021.



- (a) How many of the main department stores have closed since 2016?
- (b) What percentage of the main department stores have closed since 2016? Round your answer to the nearest percent!

Man Utd 'reach agreement' to re-sign Cristiano Ronaldo

Manchester United have confirmed they have reached an agreement to re-sign Cristiano Ronaldo from Italian club Juventus.



Ronaldo scored 118 goals in his first spell at Old Trafford before leaving for Real Madrid where he scored a further 450 goals. He then scored 101 goals for Juventus.

Altogether he has scored 674 club goals with the rest coming for first club Sporting Lisbon. How many goals did he score for Sporting Lisbon?