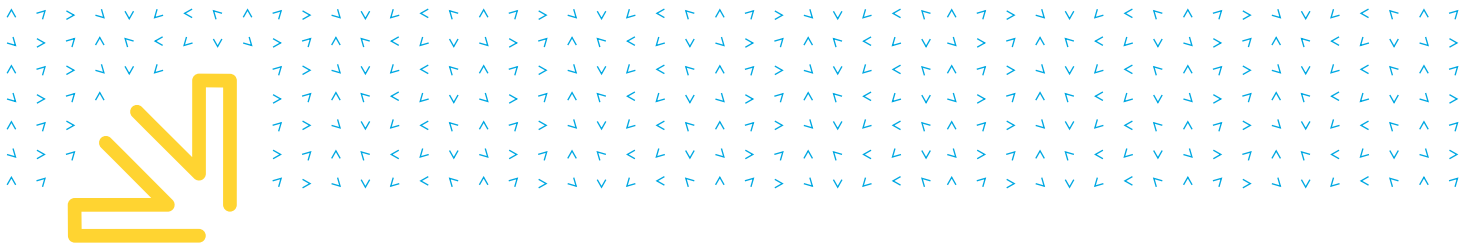


API Centre update Open banking

March 2026





March Update

March has been an exciting month, and open banking results showed that we have truly broken through the summer lull.

More than 135,000 unique customers made nearly 240,000 open banking payments last month – both new records, with month-on-month increases of 15.3% and 18.7% respectively. Total value of payments also rose from February to reach our second highest monthly total so far.

Congratulations to Worldline for their [accreditation](#) in March under the Customer and Product Data Act 2025. Worldline are one of our pioneers of open payments in Aotearoa New Zealand, having first launched Online EFTPOS in 2016. Worldline is now the sixth accredited party in the CDR regime.

Open banking was also a major talking point at [FinTechNZ's Hui Taumata 2026](#), held in Wellington in March. There was broad support for regulated open banking, including from the Commerce Commission Te Komihana Tauhokohoko, who called again for collaboration between regulators and industry, and a general vibe that "it's here now, let's make it a success".

We're supporters of a collaborative, regulated open banking ecosystem, and we're proud of the API Standards Users who led the way early through industry-led open banking and can now share in the benefits of a regime that keeps getting stronger.

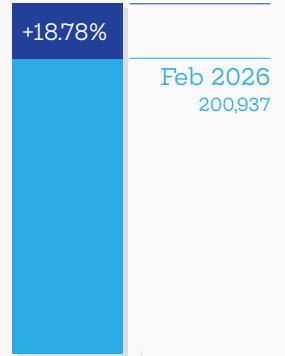
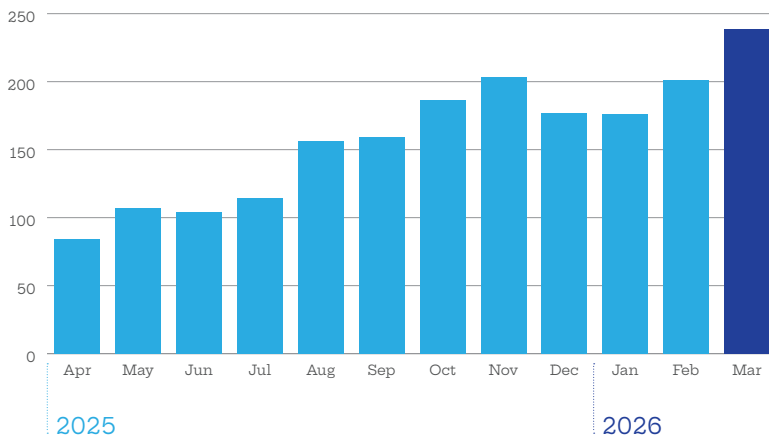


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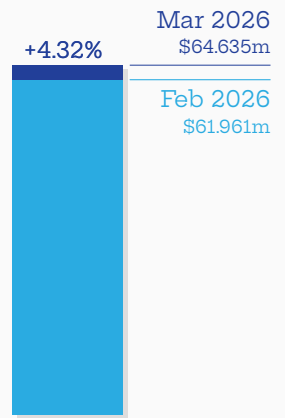
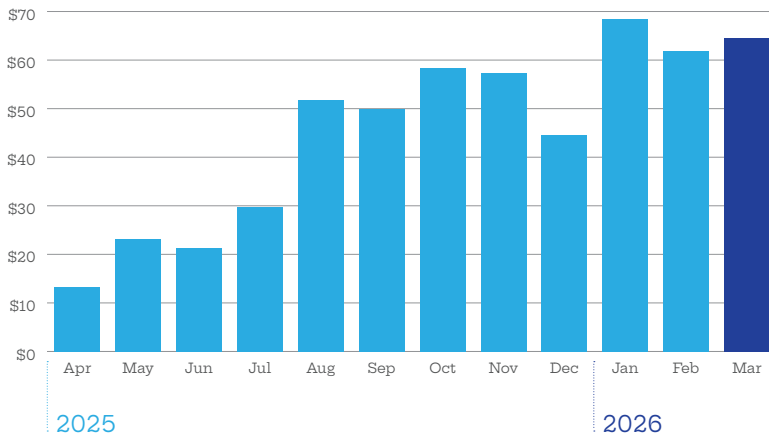


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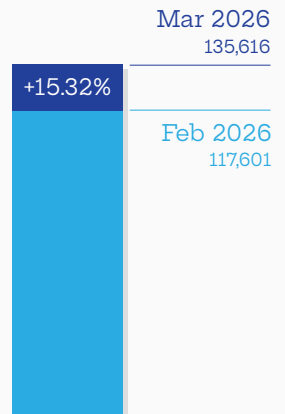
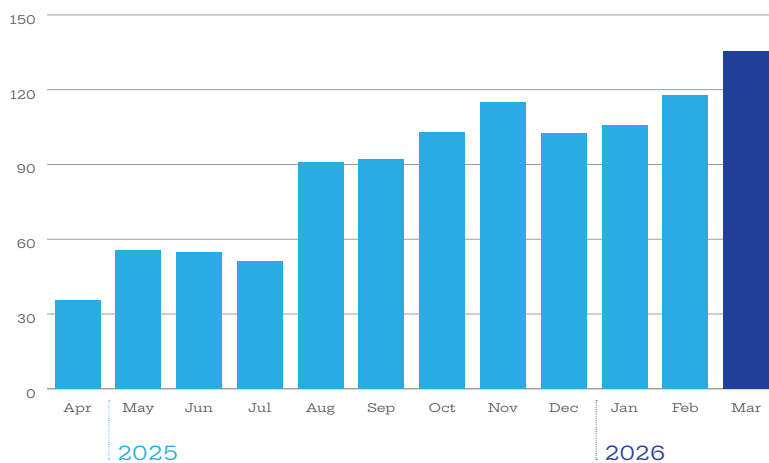
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Total value of payments (*NZ\$ millions*)



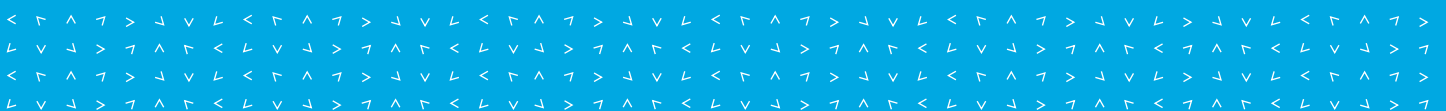
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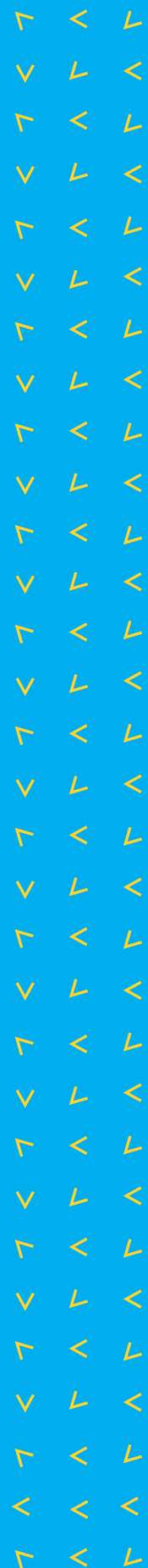
Customer engagement (*thousands*)



> Customer engagement is the number of unique customers per bank who authorised at least one payment consent during the reporting period.

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