



PayNearby Women Financial Index (PWFI)

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PWFI highlights a detailed analysis on 'financial consumption by women at retail stores'



**A report based on survey done across 5000+
PayNearby retail stores**

(supported by transactional data in FY 2022-23)

A growing tribe of women retailers dispensing frictionless financial services in their communities



In 2022-23,

10,000+

women entrepreneurs

in UP, Bihar and Rajasthan



Served more than

₹900 Crores

of financial services
in their areas

78% of women

cited cash withdrawal as the primary reason for visiting a retail service centre

What are the top services women consume at financial retail centres?



78%

Cash withdrawal



29%

Bill payment



19%

Recharges



8%

Travel



8%

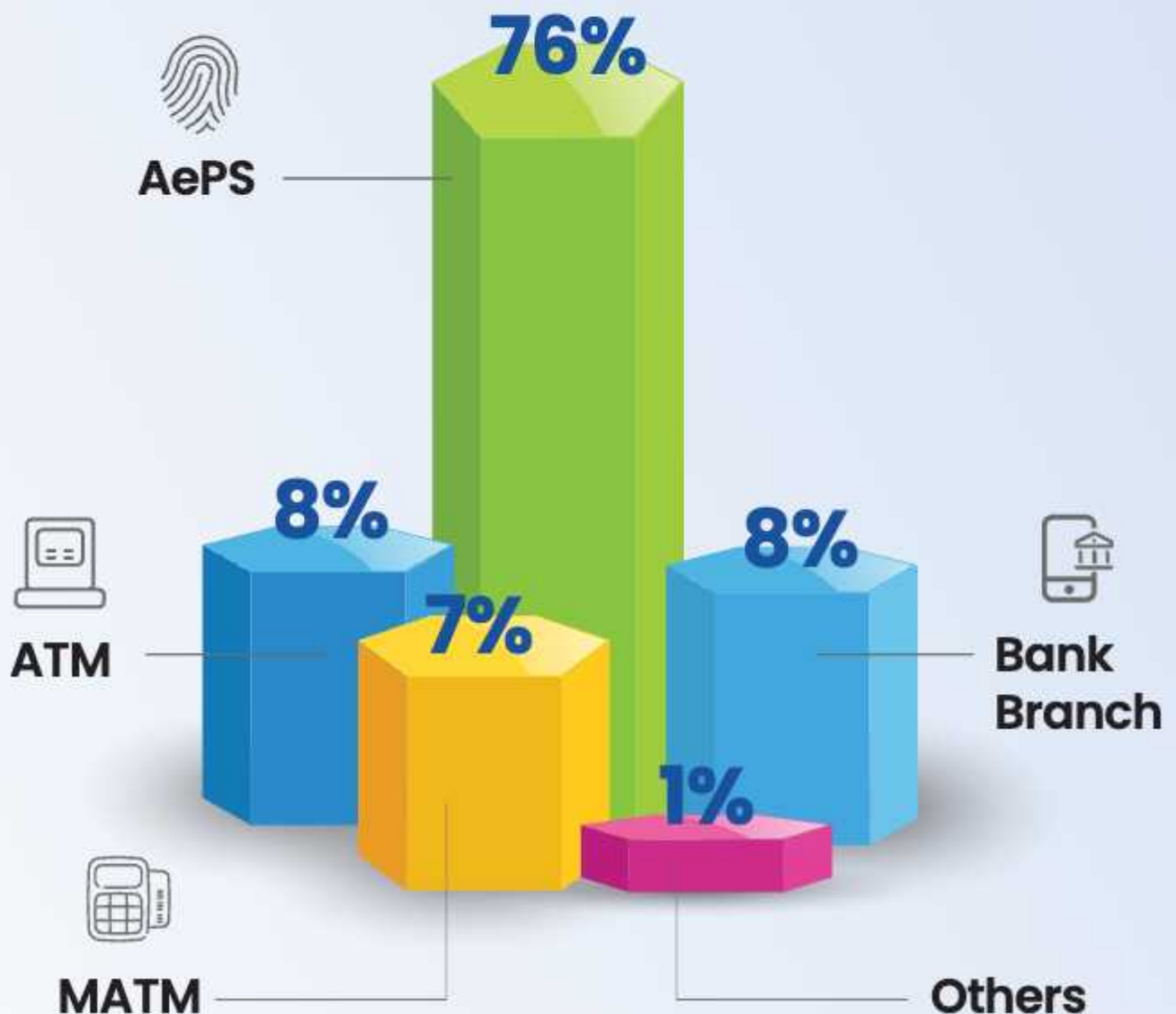
Others

In metro cities, **14%** of the women cited money transfer as a reason for going to financial retail centres

76% prefer

Aadhaar-based biometric withdrawal (AePS) to access cash from their accounts

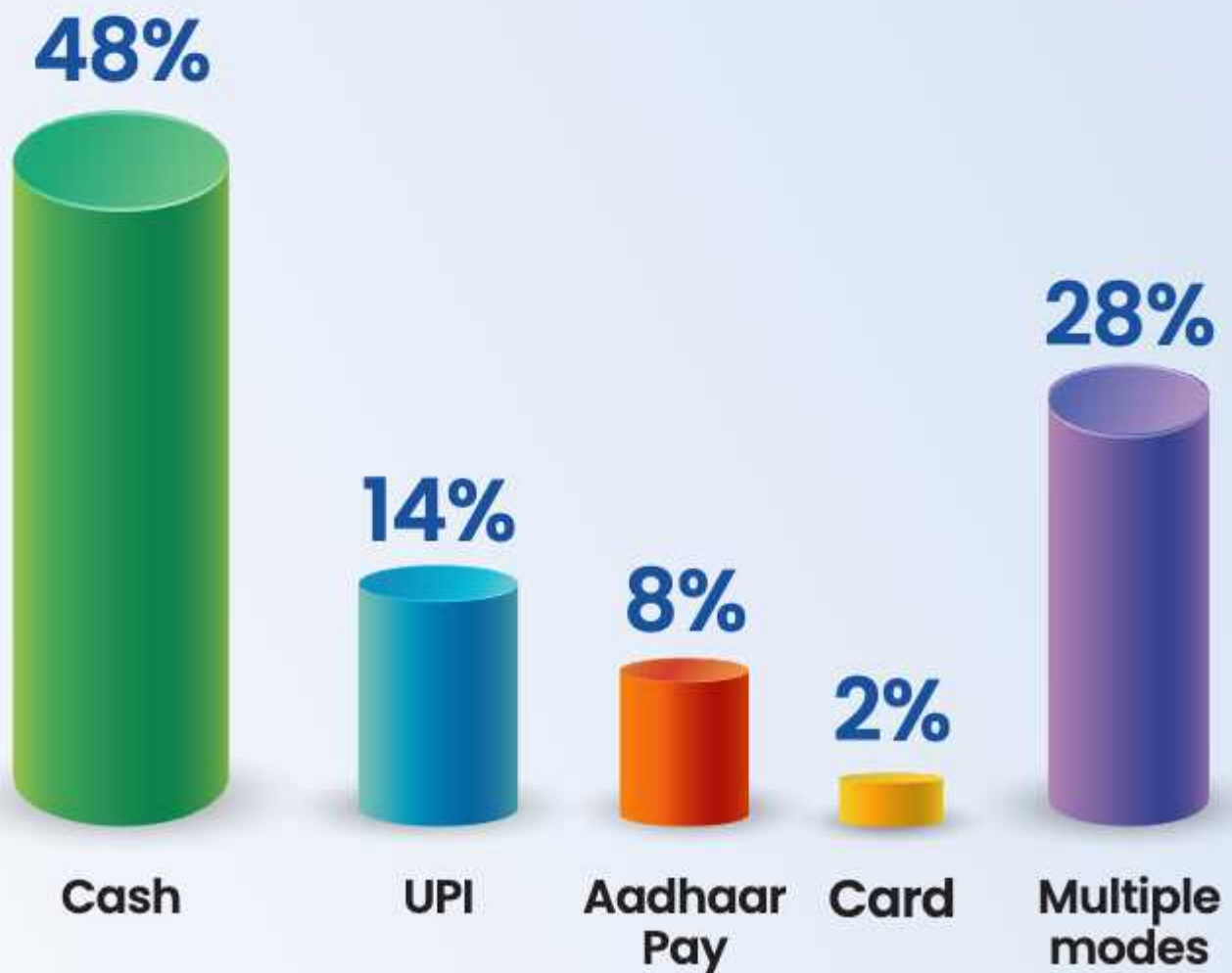
What is the preferred mode of cash withdrawal for women consumers?



48% women

mentioned cash as their preferred mode of payment

What is the preferred mode of payment for women consumers?



UPI proliferation was the highest in the age group of **20-30 years**



*Respondents were given the option to choose one or multiple services

₹1000-₹2500

was the most preferred range of withdrawal

How much cash do women consumers withdraw every transaction?



6%

>₹4999

12%

₹2500-₹4999

45%

₹1000-₹2499

32%

₹500-₹999

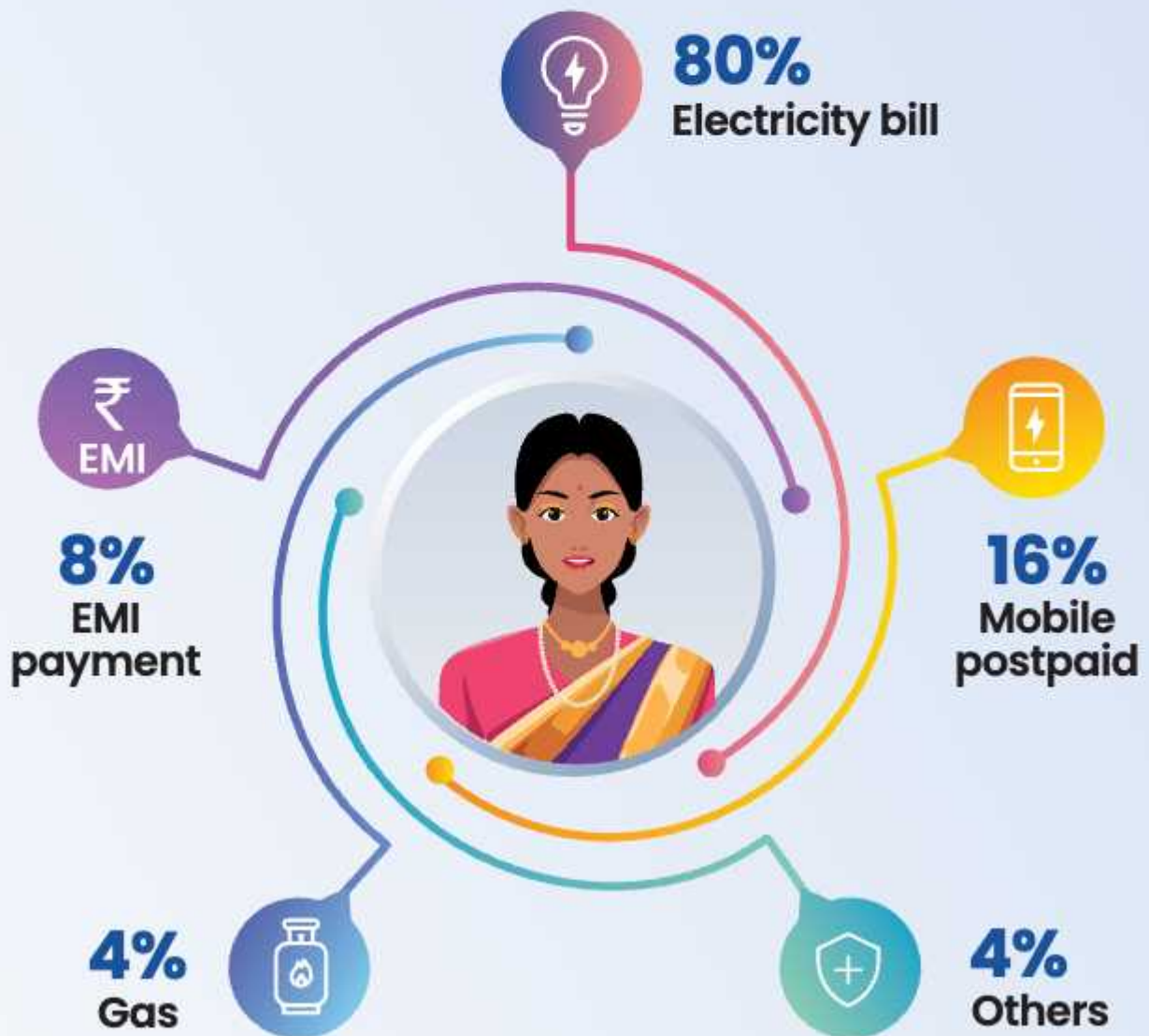
5%

<₹499

Electricity bill

payment was the most popular utility payment service used by women consumers

What bills do women pay at retail centres?



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₹500-₹1000

was the most common range of
EMI payments

What is the monthly EMI deposited by
women consumers?



Mobile recharge

was the top recharge service used by women consumers

What are the recharge services that women consume at financial centres?



86%

Mobile prepaid



8%

Data



8%

DTH



6%

Others

*Respondents were given the option to choose one or multiple services

Booking

Railway tickets

was the most popular travel ticketing category

Top travel services consumed by women at retail centres



92%

Railway tickets



11%

Bus booking



3%

Hotel



1%

Flight



4%

Others

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Financial Identification (PAN issuance)

is an emerging popular service category
among women consumers

What are the emerging non-banking digital
services preferred by women consumers?



PAN issuance

23%



Online shopping

23%



Online entertainment

16%

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Child education

was the most popular reason
why women wanted to save

What are the top reasons for saving
among women consumers?



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Increase awareness for
Insurance products,
but consumption continues to be low

Are women consumers aware of insurance?



Do women consumers avail insurance?



Life insurance

is the most popular policy type,
in the cohort aware of insurance

What are the types of insurance policies
popular among women?



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74% women

operated their bank accounts themselves

Who operates a woman's bank account?



Self: **74%**

Husband: **20%**

Others: **6%**

₹500-₹750

was the most popular monthly saving range by women consumers

How much do women save in a month?



Most digitally adept women – Age group of **18–30 years**

Digital awareness among age brackets:

18–30
Years
Highest



31–40
Years
High



>55+
Years
Very low



41–55
Years
Low

High proliferation of **Smartphones** in the digitally aware women cohort

What percentage of women own
a smartphone?



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Call & messaging

were the top services women consumed on their smartphones

Top services consumed by women on their phones



*Respondents were given the option to choose one or multiple services

WhatsApp

was the most popular app
in the digitally aware cohort



39%

WhatsApp



33%

YouTube

हिन्दी
उड़थानेपाली
गुंरती
मराठी
कॉकणी

24%

Regional Channels



28%

Social Media



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