



CreditCards.com: Weekly Credit Card Rate Report

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Austin, Texas – Interest rates on new credit card offers stayed at record highs this week, according to the CreditCards.com Weekly Credit Card Rate Report.

The average is composed of 100 of the most popular credit cards in the country, including cards from dozens of leading U.S. issuers and representing every card category. Introductory (teaser) rates are not included in the calculation.

Rates for card categories tracked by CreditCards.com are listed below:

Credit Card Averages

	Avg. APR	Last week	6 months ago
National Average	14.94%	14.94%	14.66%
Low Interest	10.73%	10.73%	11.18%
Balance Transfer	12.73%	12.73%	12.80%
Business	12.91%	12.91%	12.91%
Student	13.77%	13.77%	13.42%
Cash Back	14.34%	14.34%	13.45%
Airline	14.31%	14.31%	14.39%
Reward	14.57%	14.57%	14.33%
Instant Approval	15.99%	15.99%	15.99%
Bad Credit	24.96%	24.96%	23.95%

Source: CreditCards.com

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The average annual percentage rate (APR) on new card offers remained at 14.94 percent for the second straight week. That's the highest since we began tracking rates in 2007. The previous record was 14.91 percent, set in July.

Sporting goods store Cabela's changed the top end of the APR offered for Cabela's Club Visa from 18.18 percent to 18.21 percent. However, we only use the low end of ranges in our calculations, so the move did not affect the national average.

Cabela's chief financial officer Kevin Werts said the change was due to an increase in Libor, the British equivalent of the U.S. federal funds rate. When Libor moves, the Cabela's card's APR -- and APRs of all cards tied to Libor -- moves by the same amount.

The CreditCards.com credit card rate survey is conducted weekly, using offer data from the leading U.S. card issuers' websites. Introductory offer periods and regular interest rates will vary with applicants' credit quality and issuer risk-based pricing policies.

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