



CreditCards.com Weekly Credit Card Rate Report: Credit card interest rates rise

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Austin, Texas –Interest rates on new credit card offers ticked upward after five straight weeks of no movement, 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	14.93%	14.91%	15.19%
Low Interest	10.40%	10.40%	10.84%
Balance Transfer	12.46%	12.43%	13.00%
Business	12.75%	12.67%	13.13%
Student	13.77%	13.77%	13.77%
Cash Back	14.24%	14.24%	14.86%
Airline	14.63%	14.63%	14.54%
Reward	14.73%	14.70%	14.86%
Instant Approval	15.49%	15.49%	15.49%
Bad Credit	23.64%	23.64%	24.96%

Source: [CreditCards.com](http://www.creditcards.com)

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The national average annual percentage rate (APR) on new card offers rose to 14.93 percent Wednesday, after five weeks where interest rates hadn't budged.

The last time interest rates remained unchanged that long was in the spring of 2011.

Three out of the nine categories CreditCards.com tracks rose. Those categories included balance transfer, rewards and business credit cards.

The CreditCards.com credit card rate survey (permalink: <http://www.creditcards.com/rate-report>)

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.

About CreditCards.com

CreditCards.com is the leading online credit card marketplace connecting consumers with multiple credit card issuers, including a majority of the 10 largest in the United States, based on credit card transaction volume. CreditCards.com, <http://www.creditcards.com>, enables consumers to search for, compare and apply for credit cards and offers credit card issuers an online channel to acquire qualified applicants.

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