

CreditCards.com Weekly Credit Card Rate Report: Credit card interest rates rise to 15.06 percent

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Austin, Texas –Average rates on new credit card offers inched higher this week, according to the CreditCards.com Weekly Credit Card Rate Report.

The average is comprised 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	15.06%	15.05%	14.98%
Low Interest	10.46%	10.46%	10.37%
Balance Transfer	12.55%	12.55%	12.48%
Business	12.98%	12.98%	12.98%
Student	13.27%	13.27%	13.16%
Cash Back	14.62%	14.62%	14.95%
<u>Airline</u>	14.51%	14.51%	14.63%
Reward	14.91%	14.90%	14.82%
Instant Approval	28.00%	28.00%	28.00%
Bad Credit	23.48%	23.48%	23.64%

Source: <u>CreditCards.com</u> Updated: 11-20-2013

The national average annual percentage rate (APR) rose to 15.06 Wednesday after Chase increased the APR on one of its rewards credit cards.

Chase lifted the APR on the Chase Sapphire card from 15.24 percent to 15.99 percent. The incremental change was just large enough to push the national average up by .01 percent.

This is the second time this month that the national average has risen. Average rates on new credit card offers have hovered above 15 percent for the past nine weeks.

As a result, the average APR for the year recently increased to 14.97 percent after remaining stuck at 14.95 percent for most of 2013.

The national average APR for the week is currently at its highest point in nearly two years.

The CreditCards.com credit card rate survey (permalink:

<u>http://www.creditcards.com/rate-report</u>) 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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