

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

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Austin, Texas – Interest rates on new credit card offers held steady for the second straight 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	14.97%	14.97%	14.91%
Low Interest	10.40%	10.40%	10.40%
Balance Transfer	12.62%	12.62%	12.60%
<u>Business</u>	13.13%	13.13%	13.13%
<u>Student</u>	13.02%	13.02%	13.77%
Cash Back	14.43%	14.43%	14.45%
<u>Airline</u>	14.63%	14.63%	14.54%
Reward	14.81%	14.81%	14.73%
Instant Approval	15.49%	15.49%	15.49%
Bad Credit	23.64%	23.64%	23.41%

Source: <u>CreditCards.com</u> Updated: 08-08-2012

The national average annual percentage rate (APR) on new card offers remained at 14.97 percent Wednesday.

None of the cards that CreditCards.com tracks featured offer changes this week. That includes changes to promotional balance transfer offers and short-term promotional APRs.

The lack of change is nothing new, however. Back-to-back weeks in which card offers did not change have become the norm this year. For example, this week marks the 20th time this year that average interest rates haven't budged.

In the rare instances that average rates have increased or declined, the changes have been nominal. The last time average rates changed by close to a full percentage point from one week to the next was in January 2010.

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.

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