Credit and Debit Card Interchange Fees in Various Countries

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2014 Credit IF Rates: Retail (Face-to-Face)

( ) Per capita credit, credit / delayed debit, or delayed debit card transactions per year.
2014 Credit IF Rates: Grocery

( ) Per capita credit, credit / delayed debit, or delayed debit card transactions per year. * No grocery specific rate set by either or both networks. Retail rates applies.
2014 Credit IF Rates: Gas

( ) Per capita credit, credit / delayed debit, or delayed debit card transactions per year. * No gas specific rate set by either or both networks. Retail rates applies.
2014 Credit IF Rates: E-merchant

( ) Per capita credit, credit / delayed debit, or delayed debit card transactions per year.
2014 Debit IF for US$40-Equivalent Transaction:
Retail (Face-to-Face)

(*) Per capita debit or debit / delayed debit transactions per year. *The domestic debit card scheme has zero interchange fees.
† MC, Visa, and Domestic fees shown are interchange fees received by exempted issuers.
Notes:

The 2013 average exchange rates are used to convert debit card interchange fees.
As for MasterCard interchange fees, Maestro fees are used for European countries and MasterCard signature debit fees are used for Australia and the U.S.
As for the U.S. domestic interchange fee, the average PIN debit interchange fee for exempt issuers reported by the Federal Reserve Board is used.

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