

# **Credit and Debit Card Interchange Fees in Various Countries**

## **August 2014 Update**

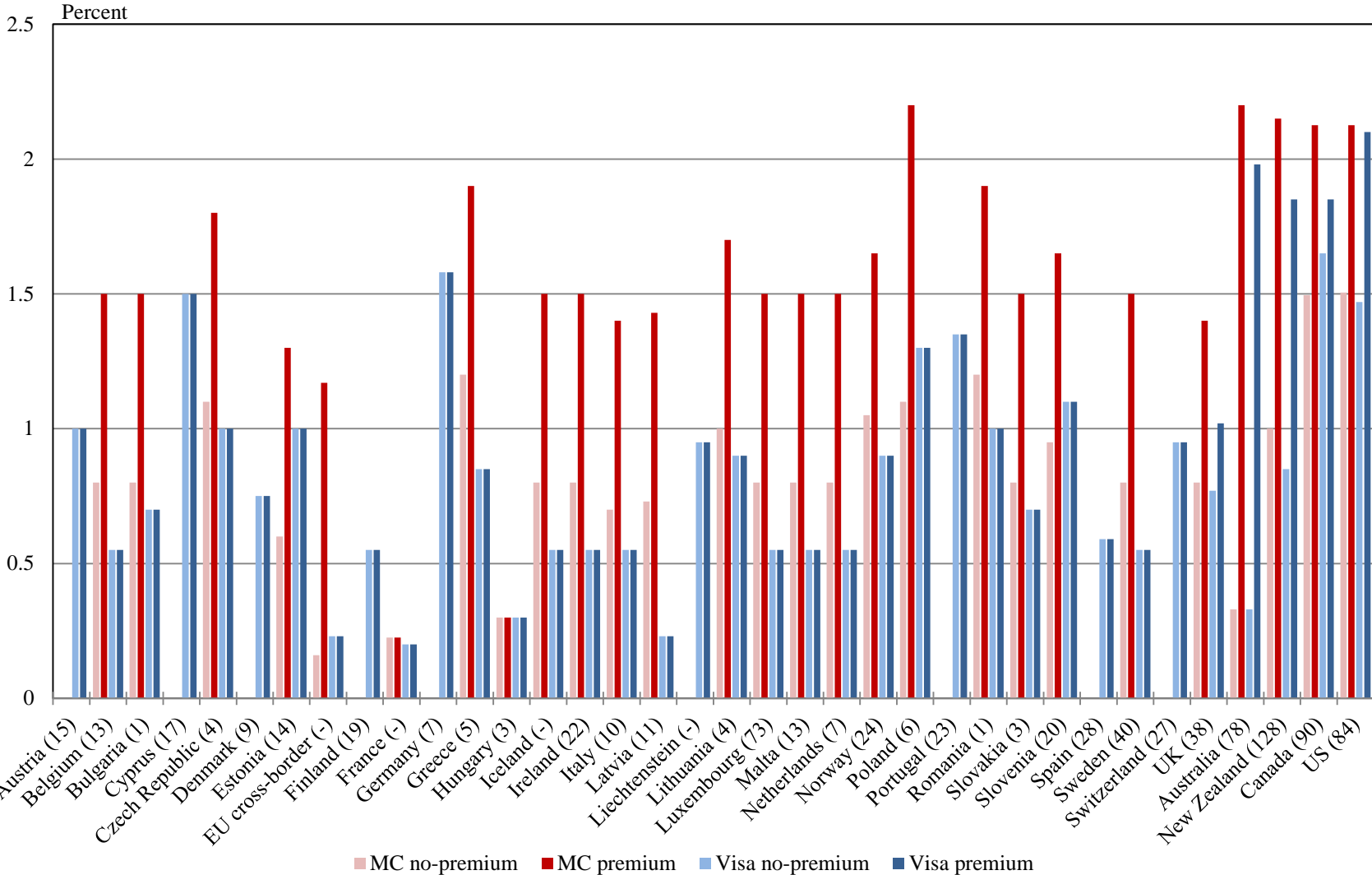
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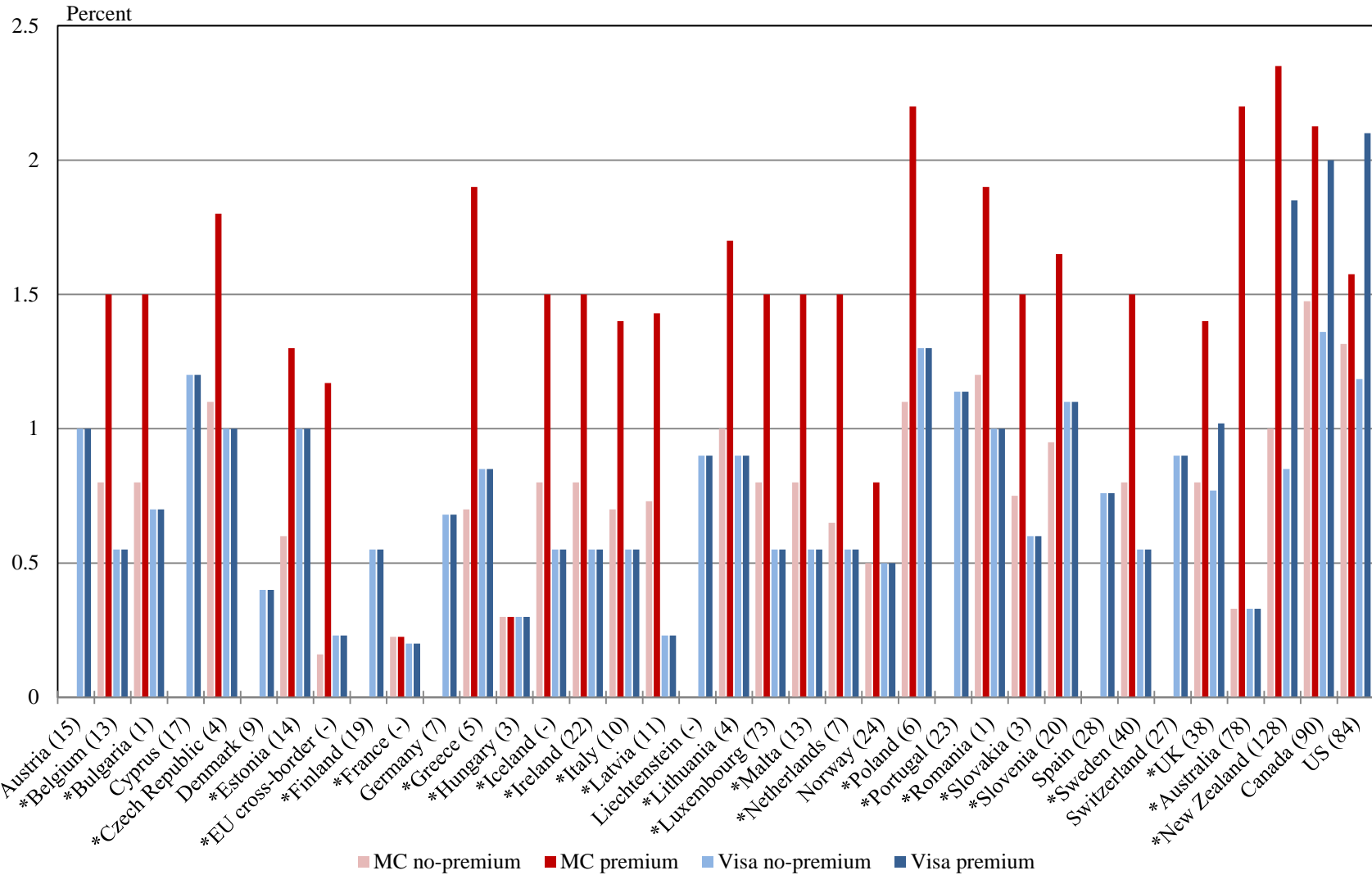
<sup>†</sup> Fumiko Hayashi, Senior Economist, Emily Cuddy, Research Associate, and Joshua Hanson, Research Associate, compiled this update. The original charts appeared in Hayashi, Fumiko, 2010. "Payment Card Interchange Fees and Merchant Service Charges – An International Comparison," *Lydian Payments Journal*, 1(3): 6-22.

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



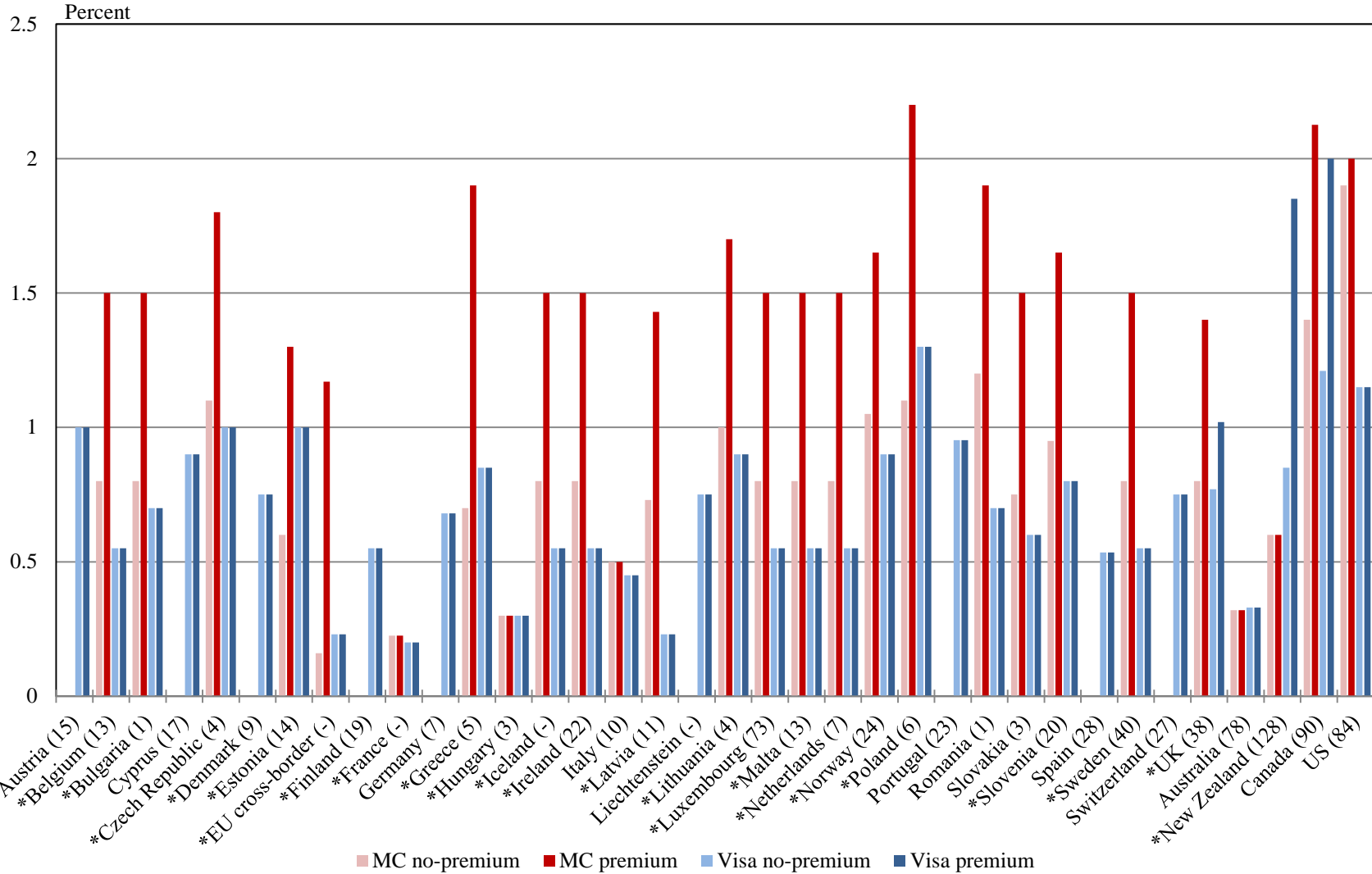
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## 2014 Credit IF Rates: Grocery



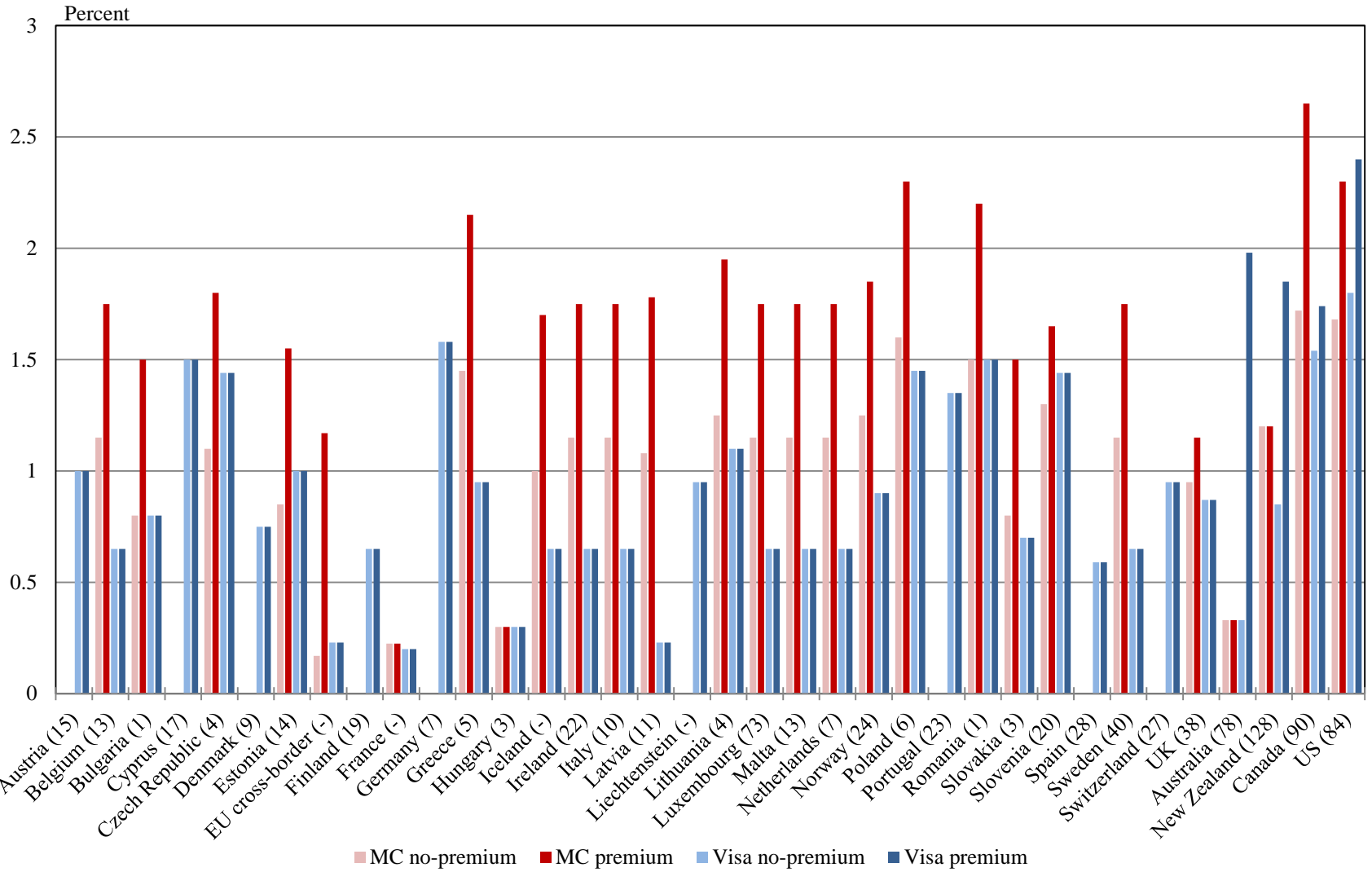
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## 2014 Credit IF Rates: Gas



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## 2014 Credit IF Rates: E-merchant



( ) Per capita credit, credit / delayed debit, or delayed debit card transactions per year.



**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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