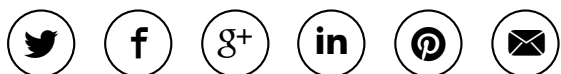


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U.S. Merchants Paid \$88.39 Billion in Card Fees in 2016 The Nilson Report Merchant Fees Report

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Credit, debit, and prepaid card processing fees for U.S. merchants are outlined in this report.

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Credit, debit, and prepaid general purpose and private label cards issued in the United States generated \$5.936 trillion in payments for goods and services in 2016. Processing fees, which include interchange, paid by U.S. merchants to handle all card payments, were \$88.39 billion, according to [The Nilson Report](#), the leading card and mobile payment trade publication.

“When you add up all of the spending and divide by the fees merchants pay, the average is \$1.49 for every \$100 in card sales,” commented David Robertson, Publisher of The Nilson Report.

Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover, and private label (store, gasoline, medical, etc.) credit cards accounted for a combined \$3.347 trillion in purchase volume. This amounted to 56.38% of all card spending including debit and prepaid. Credit cards accounted for \$69.79 billion in processing fees, equal to 78.96% of total processing fees paid by merchants.

Visa, Mastercard, and PIN-based EFT system debit card payments generated \$2.589 trillion in 2016 and accounted for 43.62% of all spending for goods and services including credit cards. Debit cards generated \$18.60 billion or 21.04% of the total processing fees paid.

U.S. Merchant Card Fees 2016			
Type	Fees (bil.)	Purchase Vol. (bil.)	Weighted Average
V/MC credit	\$47.53	\$2,242.02	2.12%
American Express	\$16.41	\$695.44	2.36%
V/MC debit	\$15.21	\$2,083.65	0.73%
PIN debit	\$3.39	\$505.73	0.67%
Private label credit	\$3.37	\$287.86	1.17%
Discover	\$2.48	\$121.47	2.04%
Total	\$88.39	\$5,936.17	1.49%

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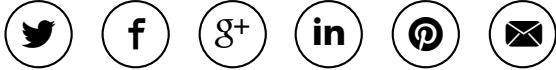
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The weighted average of processing fees paid as a percentage of purchase volume from all credit, debit, and prepaid general purpose and private label cards was 1.49% in 2016.

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