



Charge Cards in the US

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US credit card market sees strong growth, consolidation, and regulatory shifts in 2025

INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

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Robust growth in US credit card transactions is driven by rewards-seeking consumers

WHAT'S NEXT?

Ongoing growth in US credit card transactions will be driven by rewards and premium offerings

Capital One completes Discover acquisition, creating a major shift in US credit cards over the forecast period

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