

FINSIGHTS

Mastering Your Money with the Credit
as Debit Strategy



THE MODERN FINANCIAL DILEMMA

\$1.2T

TOTAL U.S. CREDIT CARD DEBT (2025)

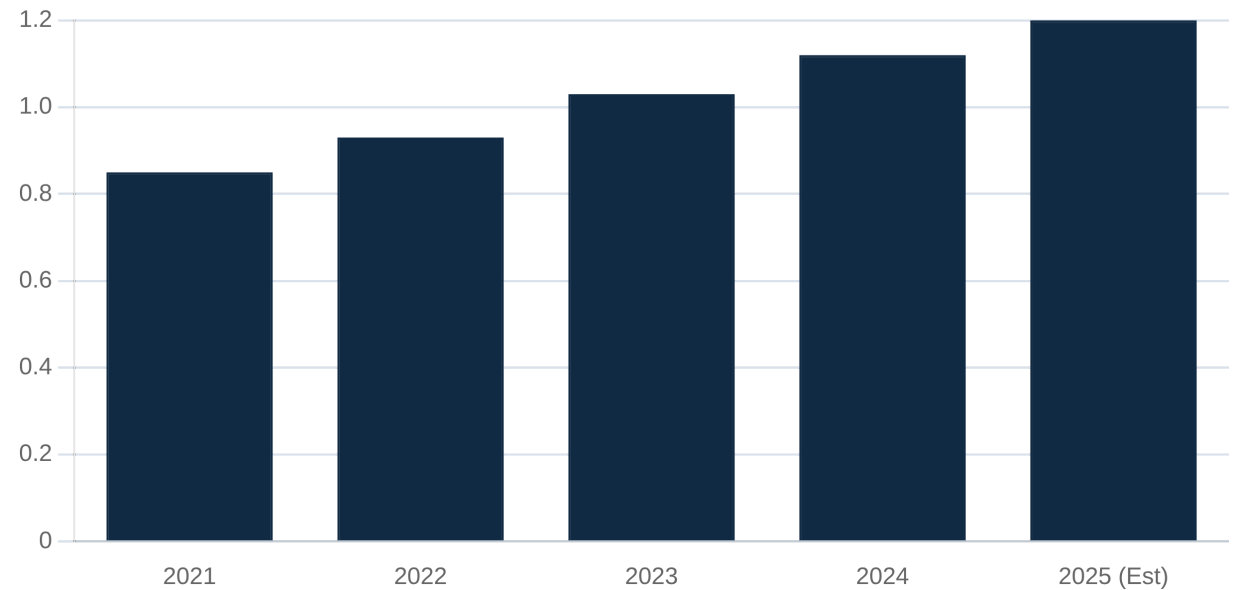
21.3%

AVERAGE CREDIT CARD APR (2025)

\$6,360

AVG. DEBT PER BORROWER (2024)

U.S. CREDIT CARD DEBT GROWTH



THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SPENDING

THE DECOUPLING EFFECT

Credit cards **separate the pleasure** of consumption from the pain of payment.

MIT Sloan research shows credit cards activate brain reward centers, acting as a **"step on the gas"** for spending.

SALIENCE OF COST

Physical cash has a **high negative valence**—it hurts to part with it.

Digital transactions reduce this "pain," leading to **diminished awareness** of real cash positions.

THE "PAIN OF PAYING" SCALE



THE "CREDIT AS DEBIT" STRATEGY

"Use credit like your debit card. Spend only what you **already have** and stay aware of your real cash."

This simple shift makes you feel the "cost" of every purchase immediately, helping you enjoy credit card perks without the risk of debt.



CREDIT CARD
Earn Points & Stay
Safe



DEBIT CARD
Money Leaves
Your Bank Now

THE RESULT: NO DEBT, NO INTEREST

THE THREE PILLARS OF CONTROL

01

PLAN YOUR SPENDING

Only use your card for things you already planned to buy, like groceries or bills. No surprise shopping.



02

PAY OFTEN

Don't wait for the bill. Pay your card as soon as you buy something. This keeps your bank balance real.



03

SAVE YOUR REWARDS

Move your cash-back or points into a savings account immediately. Watch your "free money" grow.



SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

01

PICK YOUR CARD

Choose one card that gives you the best rewards for your daily shopping.

02

SET YOUR SCHEDULE

Decide when you'll pay: every day, every week, or after every big purchase.

03

AUTOMATE YOUR SAVINGS

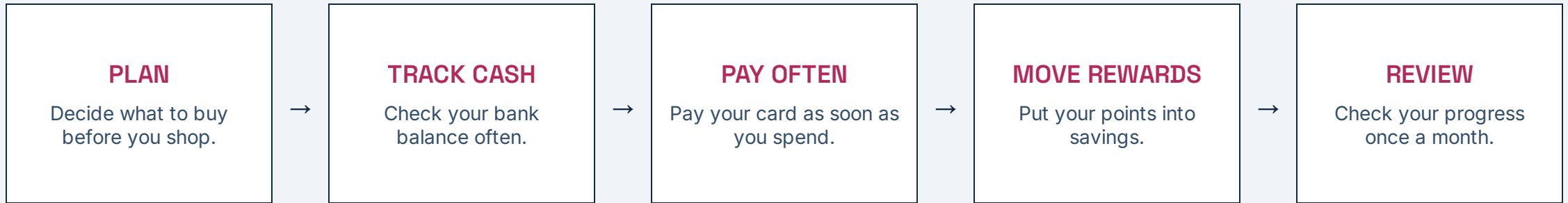
Set your rewards to go straight into your savings account so you don't spend them.

04

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Pick one day a month to check your progress and see how much you've saved.

THE FINSIGHTS SYSTEM FLOW



A CONTINUOUS CYCLE OF FINANCIAL CONTROL

STAYING ON TRACK

COMMON MISTAKES

"I deserve this!"

→ Wait 24 hours before buying.

"I'll fix it later."

→ Make a payment right now.

"This month is a mess."

→ Don't quit. Just restart today.

THE 24-HOUR RESET

- 1 Stop all spending for 24 hours.
- 2 Pay whatever you can immediately.
- 3 Find out what triggered the spend.
- 4 Pick one rule and start again.

MONTHLY HEALTH CHECK

CARD BALANCE

Is your card paid off? It should be \$0 or very close to it.



REWARDS SAVED

Did you move your points/cash to savings? Check the total.



INTEREST PAID

Did you pay any fees? Aim for \$0 in interest every month.



IMPULSE BUYS

Did you buy things you didn't plan? How can you avoid it next time?



ONE WIN

What went well this month? Celebrate your progress.



NEXT GOAL

Pick one small thing to do better next month.



WHAT PROGRESS LOOKS LIKE



LESS STRESS

No more worrying about credit card bills you can't pay.



MORE CONTROL

You decide where every dollar goes before you spend it.



VISIBLE SAVINGS

Watch your rewards account grow every single month.

“Financial freedom isn’t about how much you make, it’s about **how much you keep.**”

YOUR SAVINGS GROWTH:

+100% Control

IS THIS RIGHT FOR YOU?



WHO SHOULD PAUSE

- 01** If you already have credit card debt you can't pay off right now. Focus on paying that first.
- 02** If you find yourself buying extra things just to get more points or rewards.
- 03** If you don't have a basic budget or emergency savings yet. Build your foundation first.

NEXT STEPS & RESOURCES

GET IN TOUCH

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Ready to take control? Start your 24-hour reset today and watch your savings grow.

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