



How Much Does Your Cash Cost You?

Paid a fee to use a bank ATM recently? You're not alone. Americans shell out \$4.2 billion to use "foreign" ATMs — machines not owned by their financial institution.

A Bankrate.com survey showed that the average fee for using a foreign ATM rose to \$2.91 last year. That's based on average fees of \$1.54 charged by the bank that owns the ATM, and \$1.37 from the customer's own bank.

Even with just one foreign ATM transaction a week, a bank customer will pay more than \$151 per year in fees.

A major reason for high ATM fees is that competition has forced banks to offer free checking. However, they quickly found ATM fees to be a profitable new source of revenue.

In fact, revenue from fees has increased 44% this decade, boosting banks' profits by more than 67%, according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

No wonder banks promote their free checking accounts so much. They're collecting billions in fees from them.

Who Actually Has the Most Free ATMs Nationwide?

It's not a bank. Members of credit unions participating in the CO-OP Network ATM system can use more than 28,000 free ATMs in all 50 states, including 5,500 in 7-Eleven Stores.

How You Can Avoid ATM Fees If you're a credit union member:

- **Use A CO-OP Network ATM**

There's a link to a locator service at SchoolsFCU.org.



- **Go To A 7-Eleven Store**

7-Eleven Stores are easy to find and always open. Plus, they're usually well lit and heavily trafficked, making them safe places to get cash at night.



- **Cash Back On Purchases**

Get cash back at many businesses when you pay with a debit card. Be sure to choose "ATM" or "Debit" instead of "Credit."

If you're a bank customer:

- **Join Schools Federal Credit Union**

Go to SchoolsFCU.org for information, or call or visit your nearest branch.

- **South Bay Branch And Corporate Office**

- 2200 W. Artesia Blvd.
Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220

- **Los Angeles**

- 701 W. Cesar Chavez Ave., Suite 204
Los Angeles, CA 90012

- **CSU Dominguez Hills**

- Loker Student Union
1000 E. Victoria St.
Carson, CA 90747

- Open a Schools FCU Interest-Earning Free Checking account.
- Not eligible for membership? Let CU Matchup, a free service of the California Credit Union League, find one for you. Go to www.joinacu.org or call 800/ 472-1702.

The Benefits Of Credit Union Cooperation

How can credit unions have more free ATMs than banks? Cooperation.

Bank of America actually owns more ATMs than any credit union —18,700 across the country. However, they don't have cooperative agreements with their competitors. A Bank of America customer pays a fee to use a Wells Fargo, Citibank or Chase ATM.

Meanwhile, credit unions cooperate instead of compete. They all have the same goal of providing the greatest value to their members. That's why you can make free withdrawals at any CO-OP ATM from San Diego, California to Bangor, Maine.



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- **24-Hour Call Center**

- Speak to a credit union representative anytime: 866/ 459-2356

- **TouchTone Teller**

- Conduct and verify transactions without a computer: 866/ 282-0729

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- Including 5,500 in 7-Eleven stores



Not A Member Of Schools FCU Yet?

Schools FCU is a different kind of financial institution.

We provide you with personalized service that banks can't match. We also get to know who you are so we can better understand your financial needs. You'll also pay less for loans and earn more on savings.

We have served employees of the Los Angeles Unified School District and other education-related groups since 1939. If you're associated with any of these groups, you're eligible for the benefits of membership:

- **Employees of:**

- Los Angeles Unified School District
- Los Angeles Community College District
- California State University Dominguez Hills
- Westmark School
- Torrance Unified School District
- KLCS, Channel 58
- American College of Medical Technology
- Lynwood Unified School District

- **Employees and registered students at:**

- California State University Dominguez Hills
- East Los Angeles College
- Los Angeles City College
- Los Angeles Harbor College
- Los Angeles Mission College
- Los Angeles Pierce College
- Los Angeles Southwest College
- Los Angeles Trade-Technical College
- Los Angeles Valley College
- West LA College

- **Organizations:**

- Parent Counsel, Boys & Girls Club of East LA

- **Family members:**

- Spouses and children
- Sisters, brothers and parents
- Nieces, nephews and cousins
- Uncles, aunts and grandparents

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- Find the nearest at SchoolsFCU.org or 888/ CU-SWIRL

