



YOUR CREDIT REPORT



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AGENDA

TODAY, WE WILL FOCUS ON THESE BIG QUESTIONS . . .

1. What is a credit report and FICO score?
2. How does my credit report and FICO score affect my finances?
3. How can I maintain or improve my credit score?

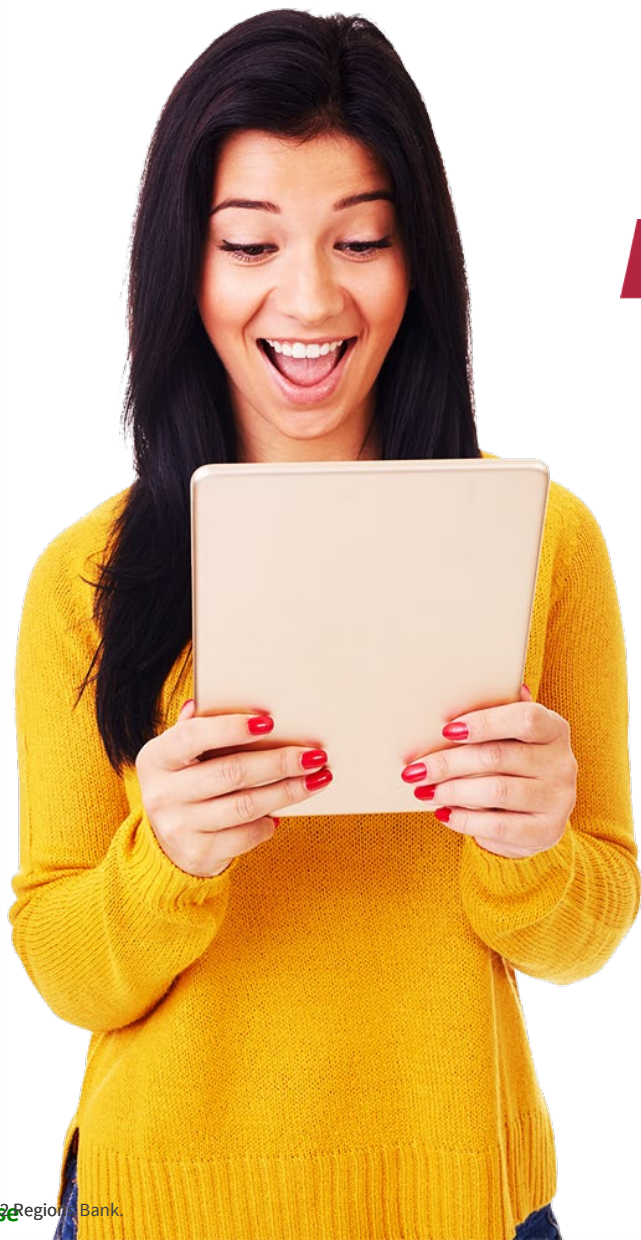
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YOURSELF



CREDIT REPORTING AGENCIES



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WHAT IS IN A **CREDIT REPORT?**

CREDIT REPORT USES

- To obtain loans and other credit
- To get certain kinds of jobs
- For housing (rental applications and mortgages)
- To obtain insurance



HOW MUCH OF A CREDIT RISK ARE YOU?



From FDIC's Money Smart program

WHAT MAY DETERMINE YOUR CREDIT SCORE?

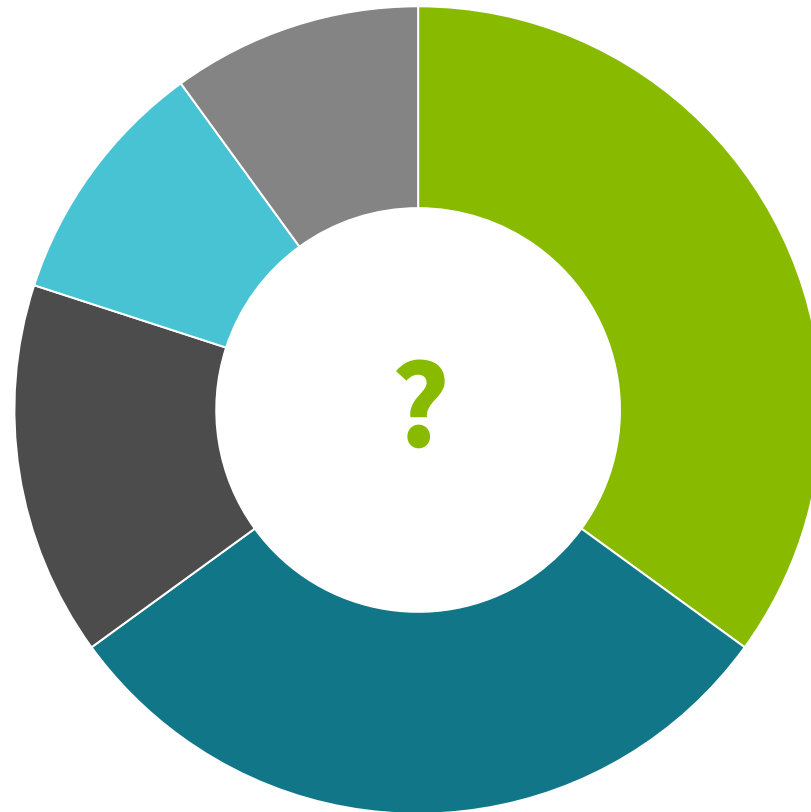
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Outstanding Debt

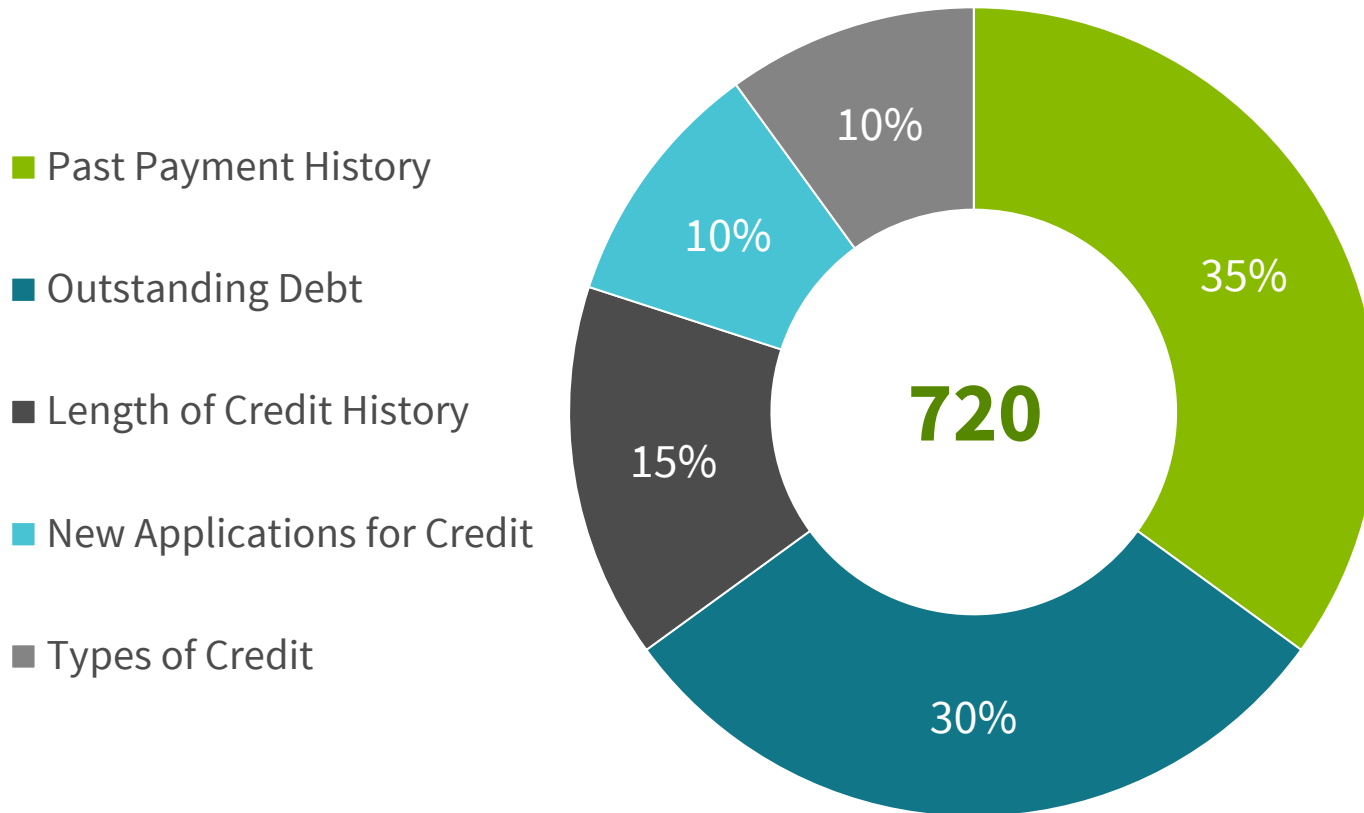
Length of Credit History

New Applications for Credit

Types of Credit



WHAT MAY DETERMINE YOUR CREDIT SCORE?



HOW TO READ A CREDIT REPORT



IDENTIFYING
INFORMATION

CREDIT
HISTORY

PUBLIC
RECORDS

INQUIRIES

EACH ENTRY ON YOUR CREDIT REPORT

- Name of creditor, account number
- Type of credit
- All account holders
- Total amount of loan, credit limit, highest balance on card
- Amount owed
- Fixed monthly, minimum payments
- Account status
- How well you have paid



PUBLIC RECORDS



- Bankruptcy records
- Tax liens
- Judgments
- Overdue child support

COLLECTIONS

Accounts referred to collection agencies for last 7 years:

- Name of agency
- Amount owed
- Contact information



INQUIRIES



HOW TO **REPAIR** MY CREDIT & **IMPROVE** MY FICO SCORE



3 IMPORTANT THINGS YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW



CHECK YOUR CREDIT
REPORT



SET UP
AUTOMATIC
PAYMENTS



REDUCE THE
AMOUNT OF DEBT
YOU OWE

PAYMENT HISTORY



**PAY YOUR
BILLS
ON TIME**



**GET
CURRENT**

**STAY
CURRENT**



**COLLECTION
ACCOUNTS
MAY REMAIN ON YOUR
CREDIT
REPORT FOR
7 YEARS**



**HAVING
TROUBLE? CONTACT
YOUR CREDITORS
OR CREDIT
COUNSELOR**

**Payment History is usually a significant factor
used in computing your credit score**

AMOUNTS OWED



KEEP
REVOLVING
CREDIT
BALANCES LOW



DON'T MOVE IT
PAY IT



DON'T
CLOSE
CREDIT CARDS



DON'T
OPEN NEW
CREDIT CARDS

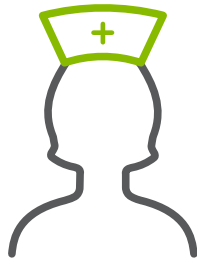
**Amounts Owed can also factor heavily
into your credit score**



HOW TO
REPAIR
MY CREDIT &
IMPROVE
MY FICO SCORE

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Negotiating Your
Medical Bill



Preventing
Bankruptcy



Managing Out-of-
Pocket Healthcare
Costs



Obtaining Debt Relief
for Medical Debt

Credit Counseling Agencies

- Interview several companies before signing a contract
- Be sure they are reputable
- Ask questions about services, fees and a repayment plan





ACTION

Plan

CONGRATULATIONS

TODAY, YOU WILL LEAVE WITH:

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Thank you.

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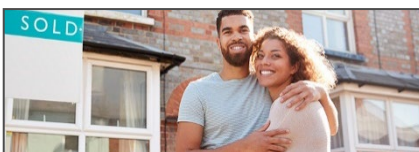
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