



CREDIT SCORE BREAKDOWN

What Is a Credit Report?

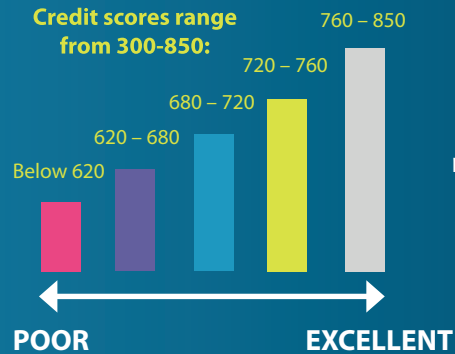
A credit report is a list of your borrowing history as reported to the credit bureaus. Lenders use this to determine how much credit you've used and whether you're seeking new credit.

This Contains:

- Types of credit
- Length of credit history
- Bill payment history
- Address history
- Employment history
- Recent credit inquiries
- Bankruptcy
- Judgements, collections or liens

What Is a Credit Score?

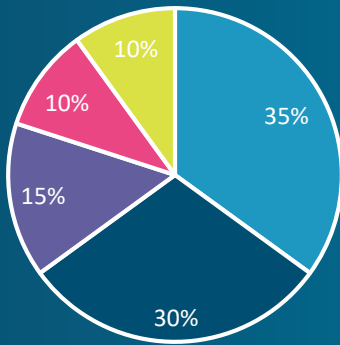
A credit score is a three digit number used by lenders to determine a person's creditworthiness.



They aren't just used by credit unions or banks! Insurance companies, mobile phone companies and government departments use similar scoring models.

How Is Your Credit Score Calculated?

- Payment History
- Types of Credit Used
- Length of Credit History
- Amounts Owed
- New Credit



Who Are the Credit Bureaus?

Three credit bureaus maintain credit reports and scores:

Equifax Beacon Score
Experian Empirica Score
Transunion FICO

When you apply for a new line of credit, the lender will request a copy of your credit report from one or more of these bureaus.

Not all of them possess the same information because not all lenders report to all three major bureaus.

What Are the Benefits of Improving My Score?

Lower interest rate
Reduced or no deposit requirement by utility companies
Lower insurance premiums

Better employment opportunities
Easier approval for residential mortgages

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How Can I Learn More About My Credit?

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