



UNDERSTANDING

YOUR CREDIT
REPORT & SCORE



Empowering people to lead financially healthy lives.

GREENPATH SERVICES



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CREDIT REPORT
REVIEW



DEBT
MANAGEMENT

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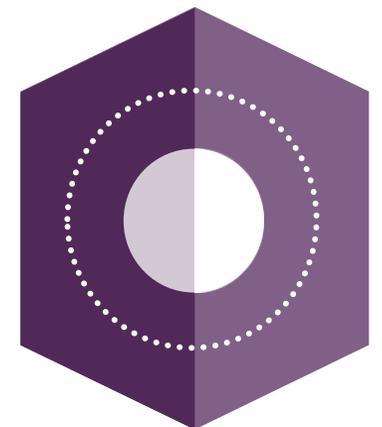
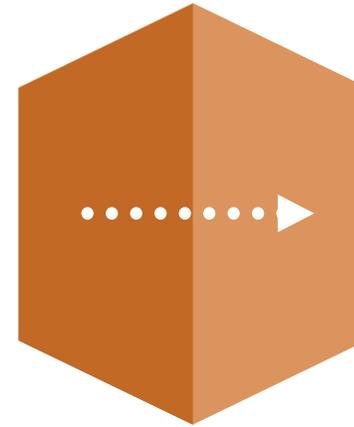
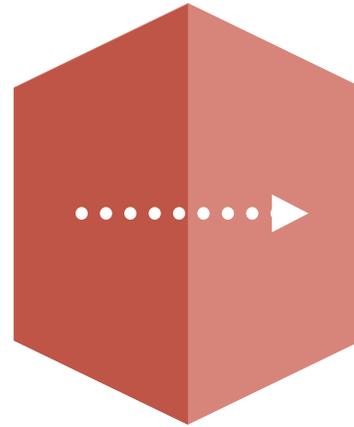
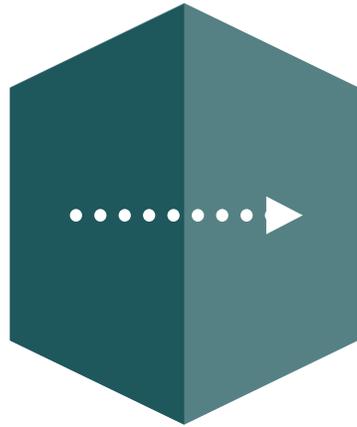
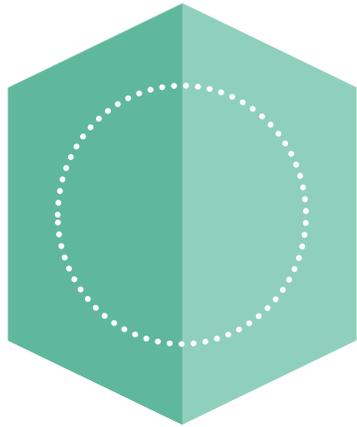
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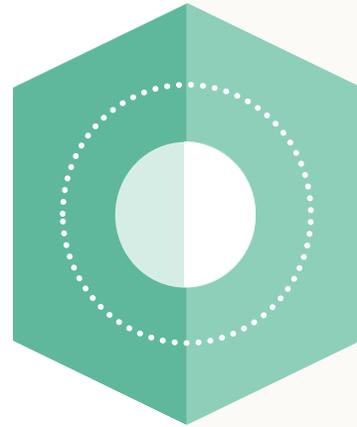
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GOOD CREDIT

Land Your
Dream Job



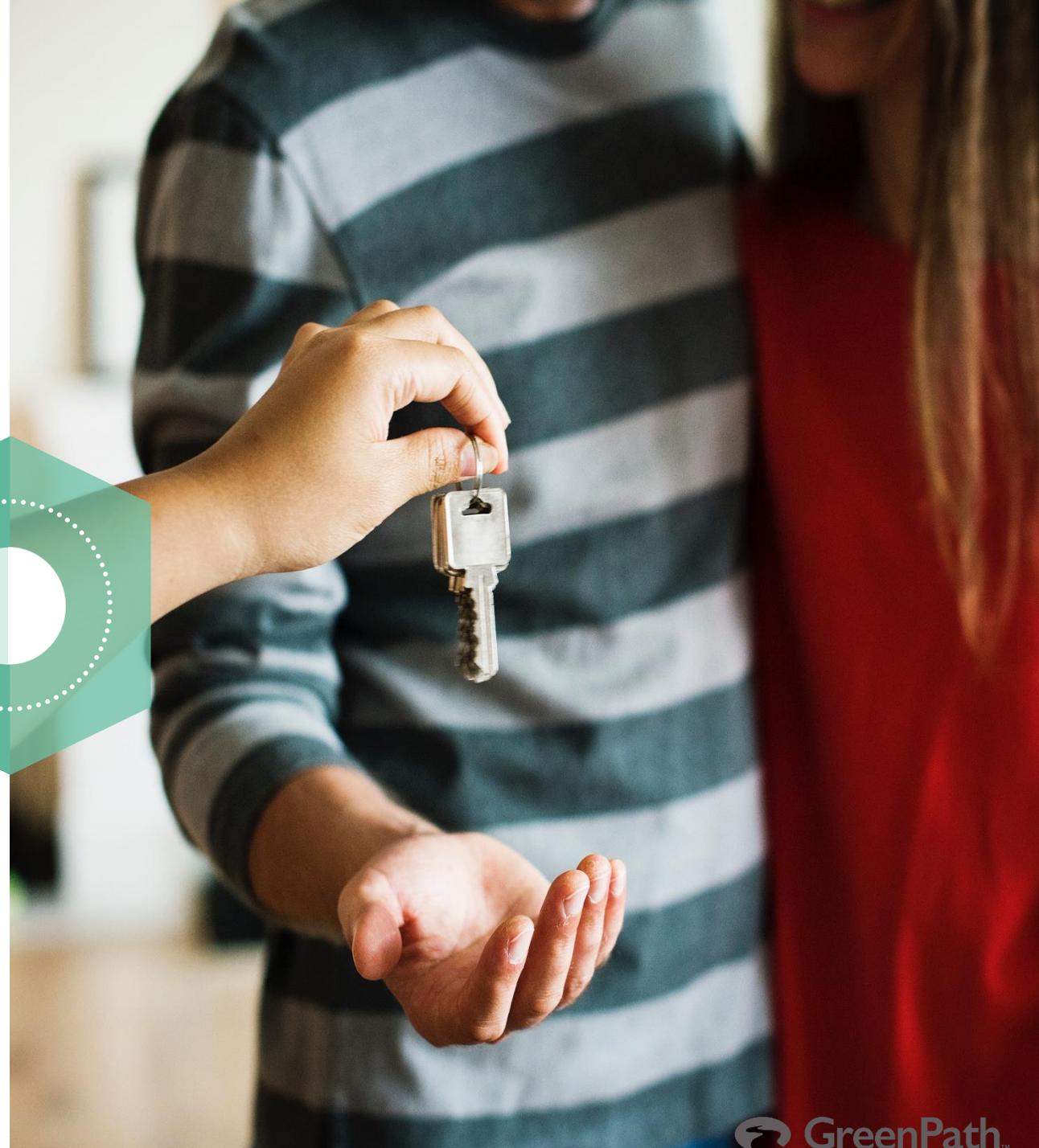


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Getting a
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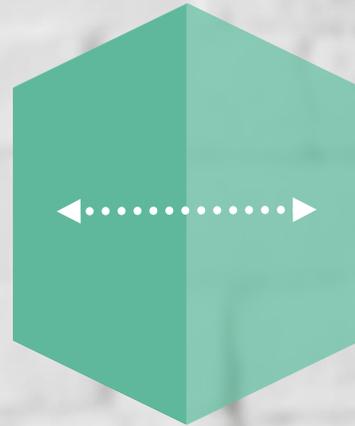
GOOD CREDIT

Renting or
Buying Your
Own Place



\$250,000 30-Year Fixed Rate Mortgage

Diego	
Credit Score	660
Interest Rate	5.25%
Monthly Payment	\$1,381
Total Paid over 30 Years	\$496,984



Angela	
Credit Score	750
Interest Rate	4.63%
Monthly Payment	\$1,285
Total Paid over 30 Years	\$462,726

Good Credit Saved Angela \$34,258!

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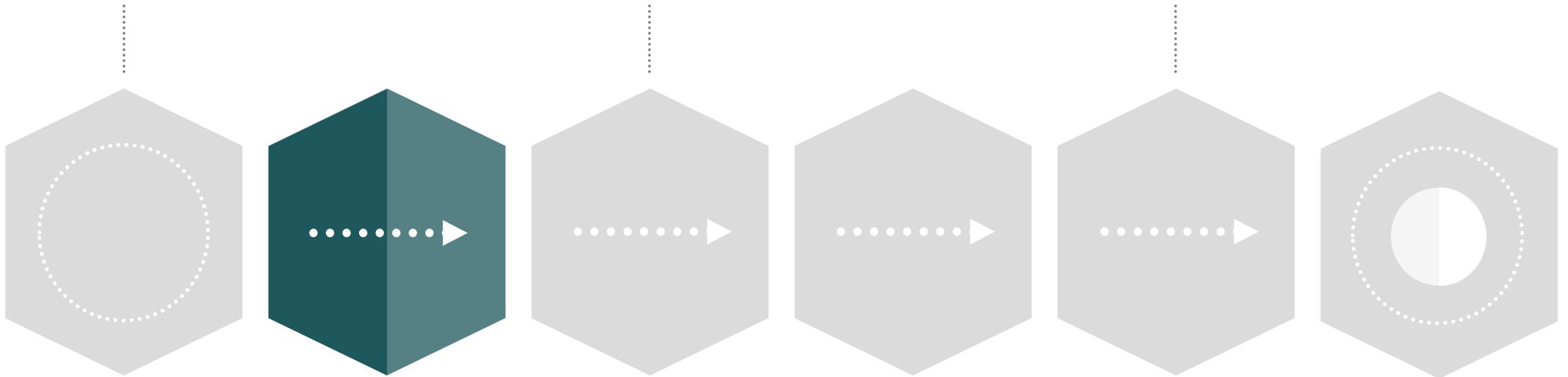
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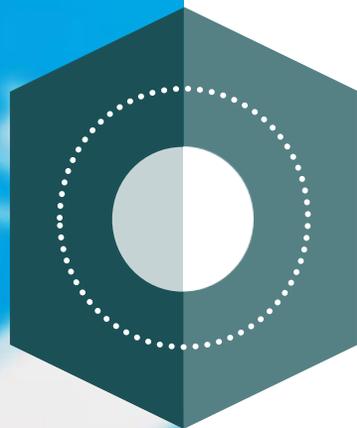
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WHAT'S ON YOUR CREDIT REPORT?



IDENTIFYING
INFORMATION

OPEN
ACCOUNTS

CLOSED
ACCOUNTS

COLLECTION
RECORDS

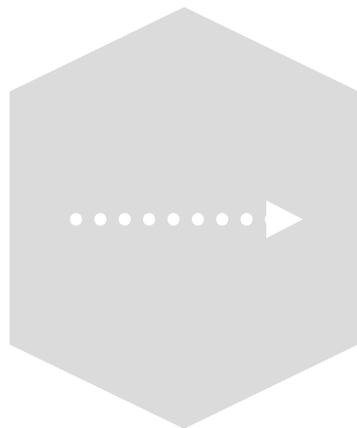
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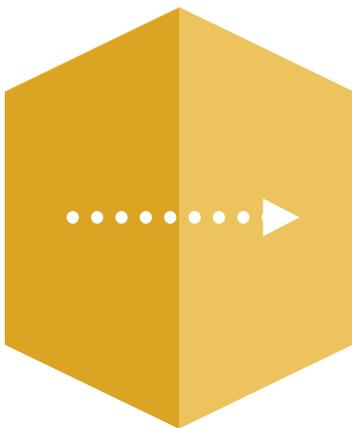
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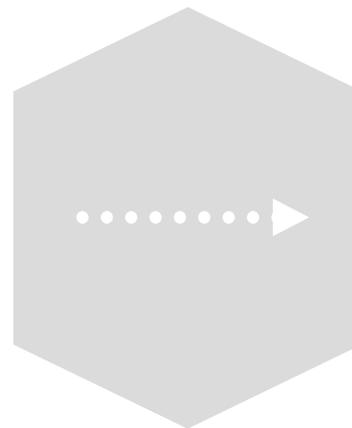
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CREDIT REPORT

annualcreditreport.com

Central Source LLC

P.O. Box 105283

Atlanta, GA 30348-5283

Phone: 877-322-8228

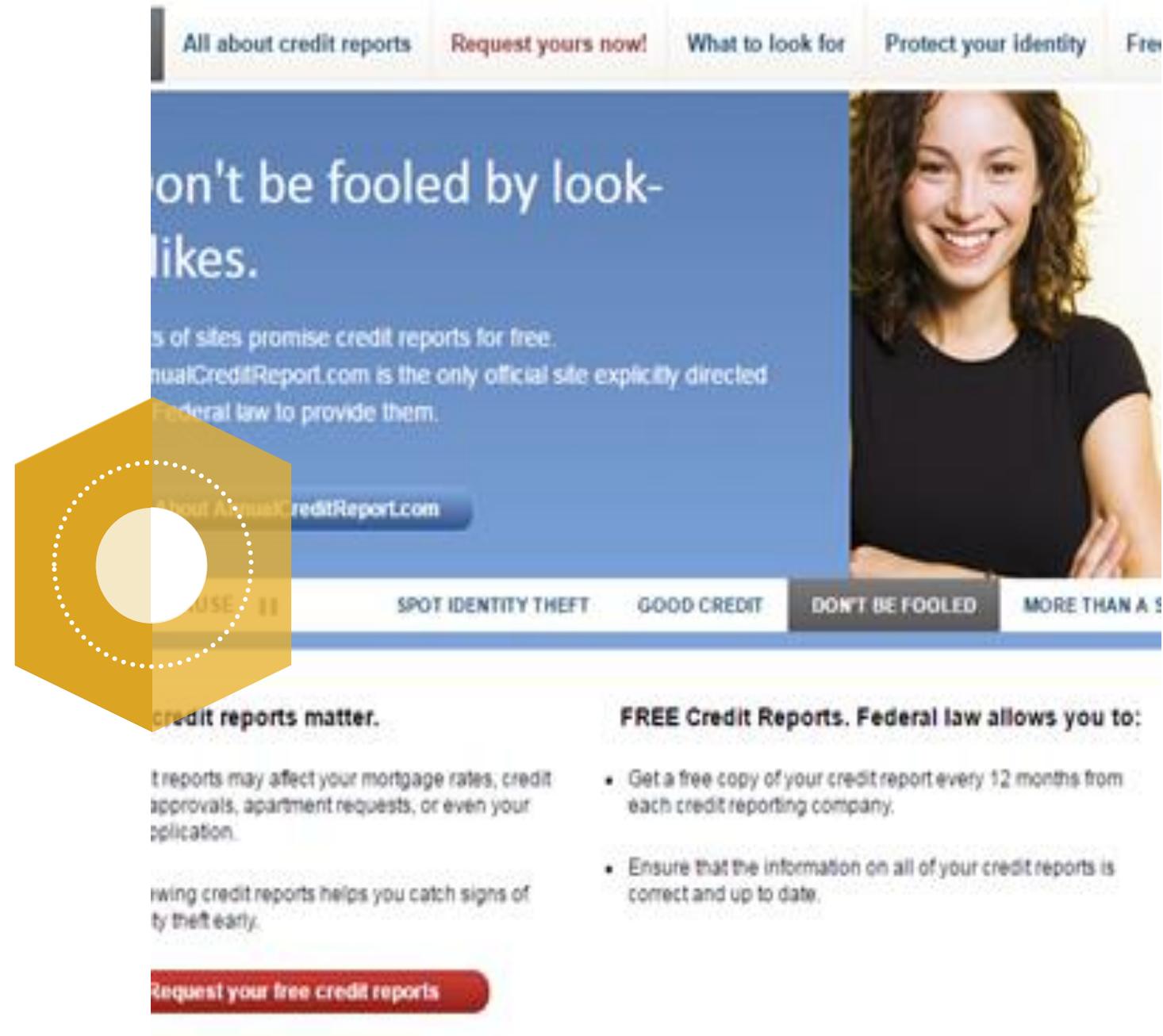
You can receive your credit report

ONLINE or by **MAIL**

CREDIT REPORT

Only the **REPORTS** are free.

Obtaining scores will cost about \$6-\$8 per credit bureau.



All about credit reports | Request yours now! | What to look for | Protect your identity | Free

Don't be fooled by look-alikes.

Some sites promise credit reports for free. AnnualCreditReport.com is the only official site explicitly directed by Federal law to provide them.

Request your free credit reports

ABOUT ANNUALCREDITREPORT.COM | SPOT IDENTITY THEFT | GOOD CREDIT | **DON'T BE FOOLED** | MORE THAN A SCORE

credit reports matter.

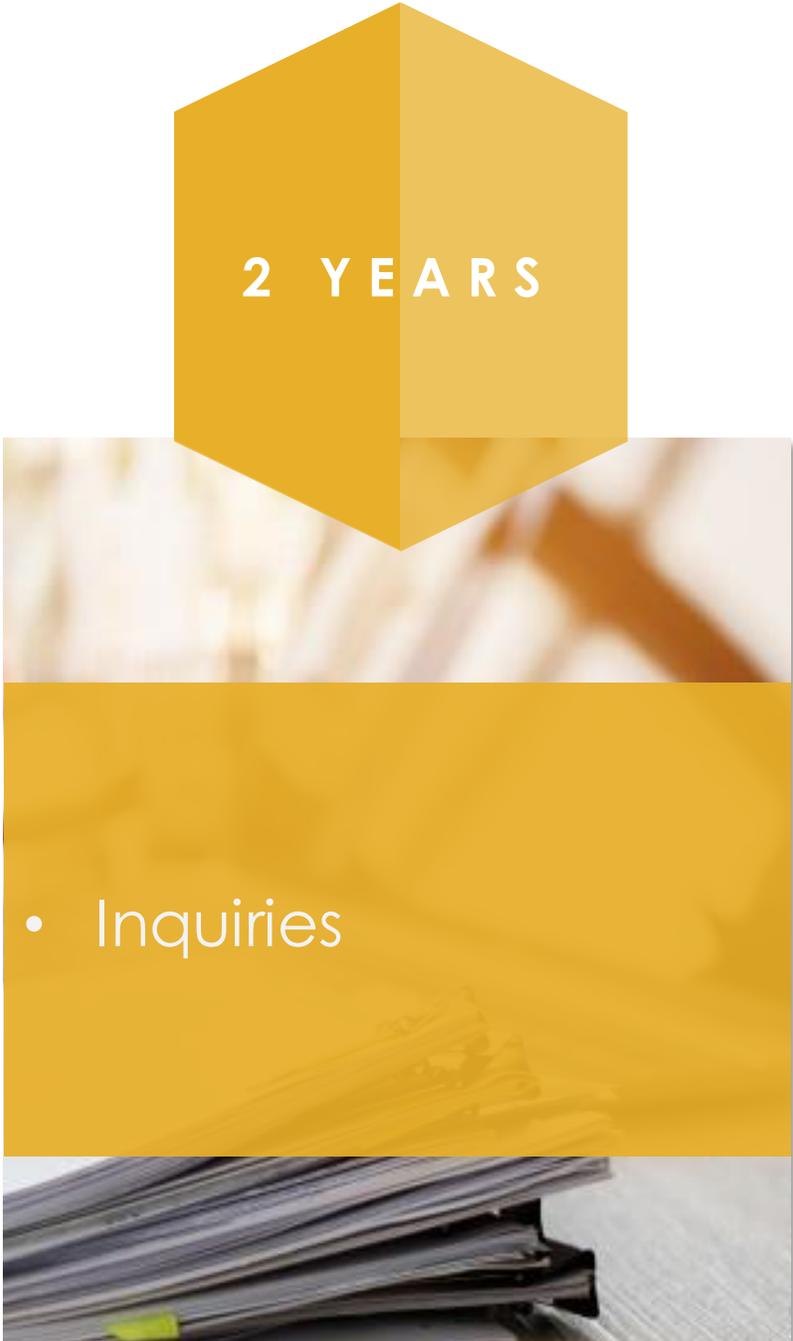
credit reports may affect your mortgage rates, credit approvals, apartment requests, or even your application.

Reviewing credit reports helps you catch signs of identity theft early.

FREE Credit Reports. Federal law allows you to:

- Get a free copy of your credit report every 12 months from each credit reporting company.
- Ensure that the information on all of your credit reports is correct and up to date.

Request your free credit reports



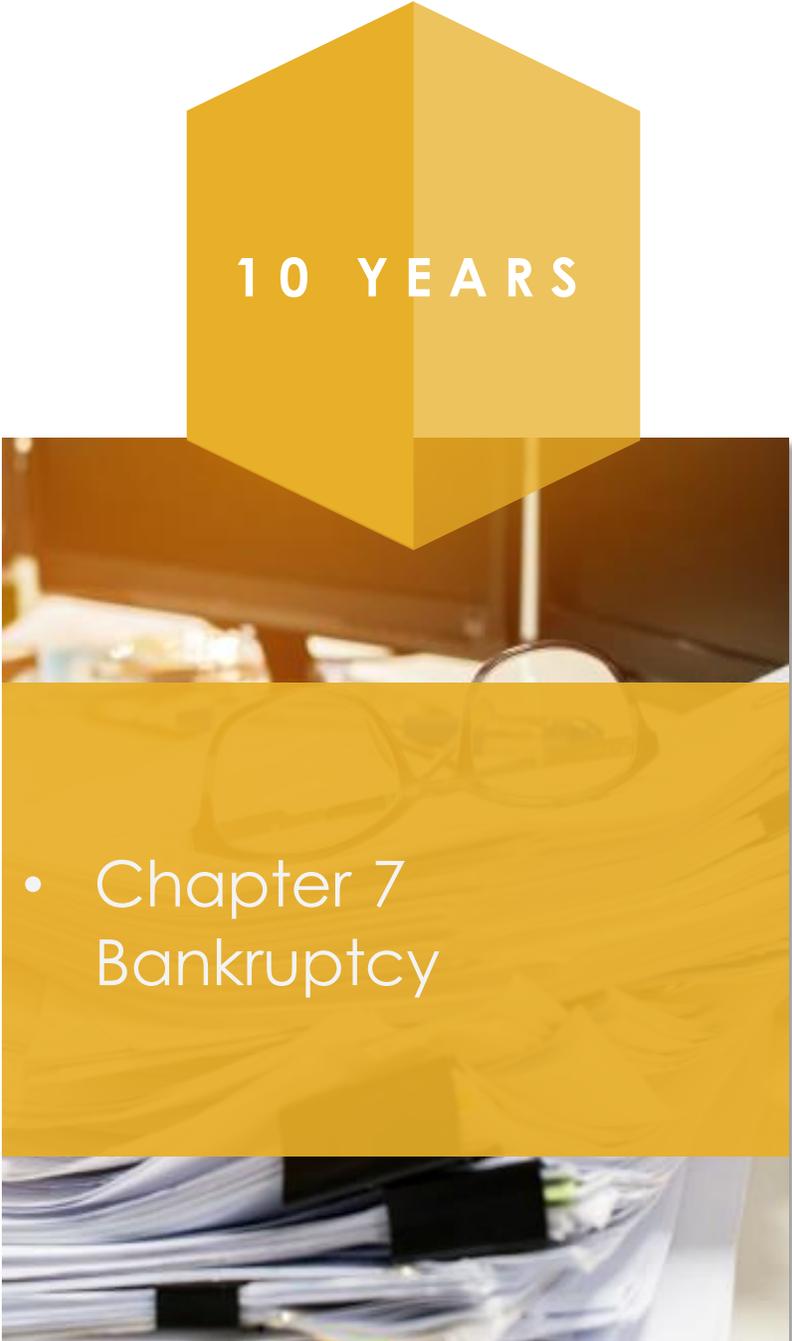
2 YEARS

- Inquiries



7 YEARS

- Late Payments
- Collection accounts
- Foreclosures
- Chapter 13 Bankruptcy



10 YEARS

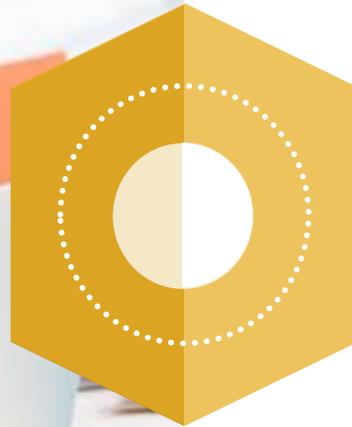
- Chapter 7
Bankruptcy



GOOD NEWS!

Positive credit activity stays on your report **indefinitely!**

Example: on-time payments for credit cards & mortgages





Send copies, keep records, document the claim.

File a dispute online, phone or by mail.

Didn't like the outcome?
File a complaint with
Consumer Financial Protection
Bureau (CFPB)

855-411-2372

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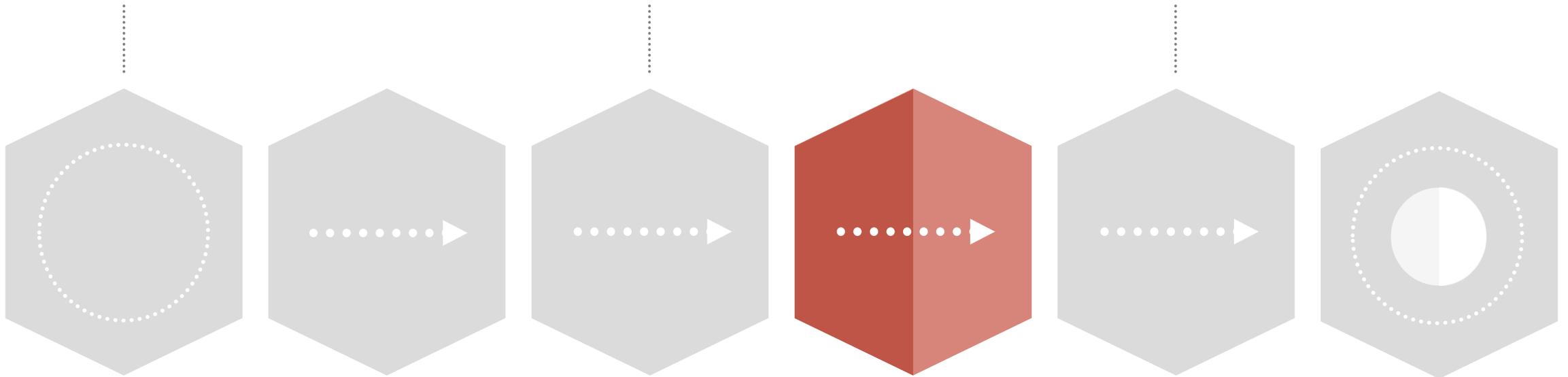
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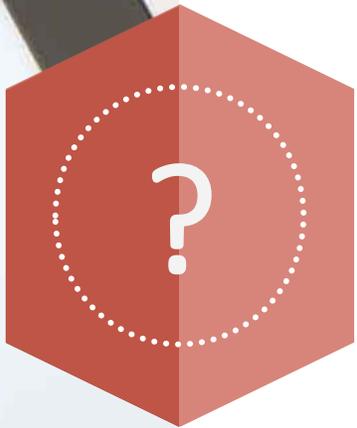
CREDIT SCORES

- The 3 digit number reflects your **credit risk** and likelihood of **repayment**.
- **FICO** is the most widely used scoring model.

LOWER RISK

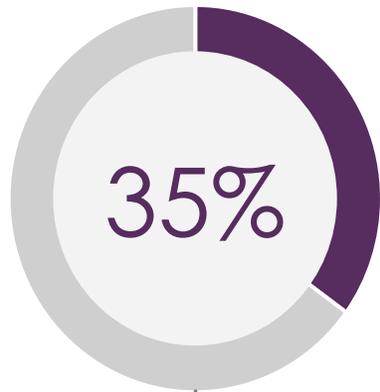
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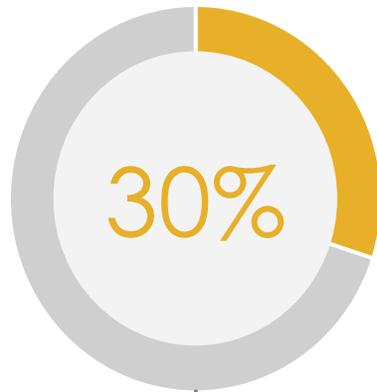


What are the factors that impact a credit score?

CREDIT SCORE BREAKDOWN



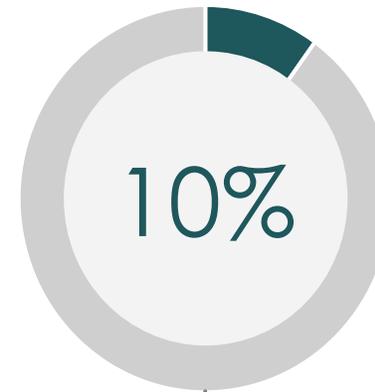
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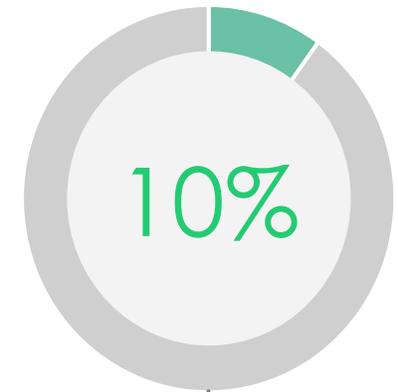
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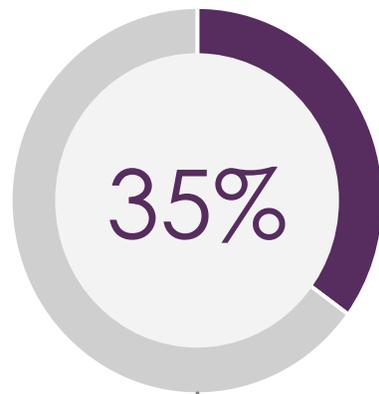


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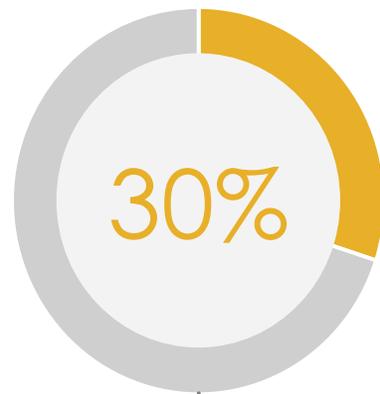


New Credit

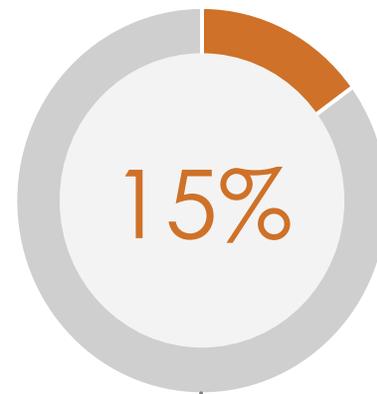
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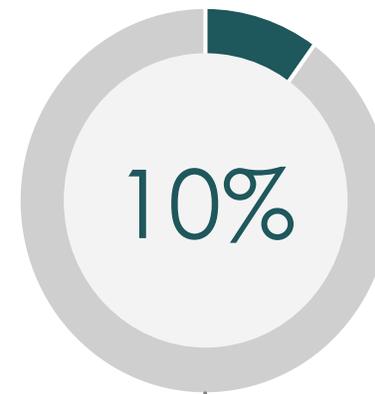
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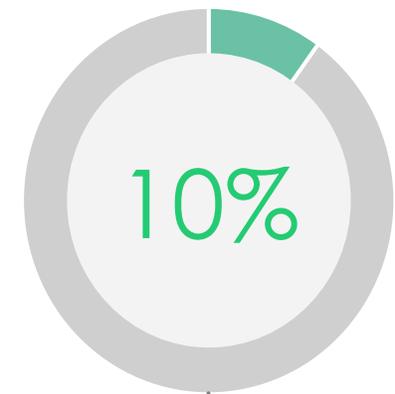
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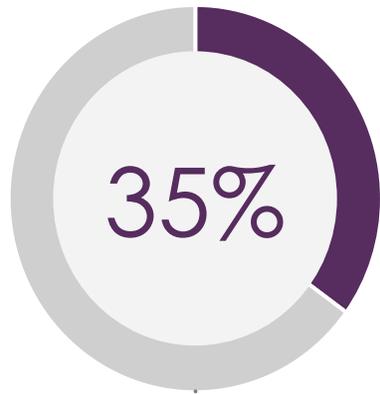
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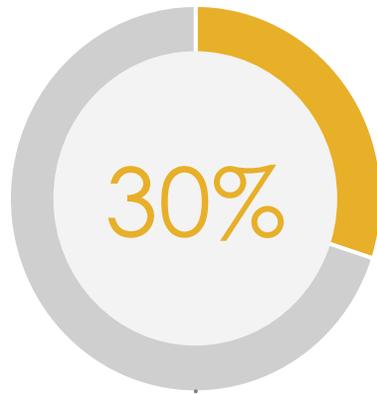
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The largest impact on your credit score is your payment history, or how well you pay back your debts over time. This includes delinquencies and public record.

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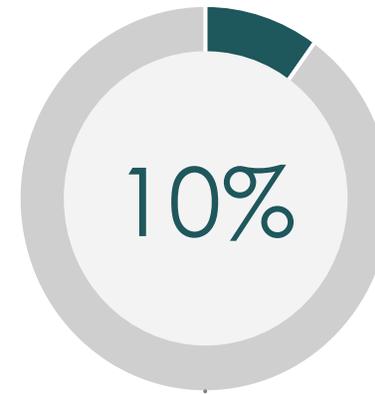
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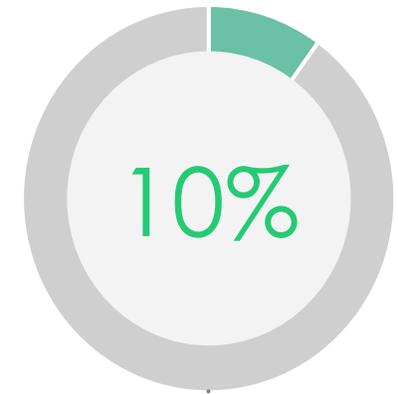
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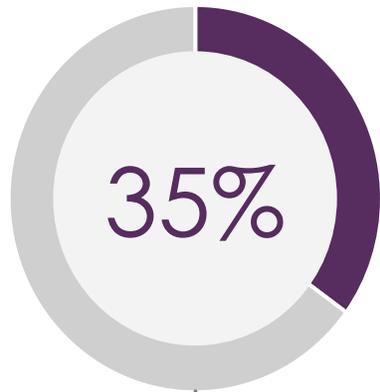
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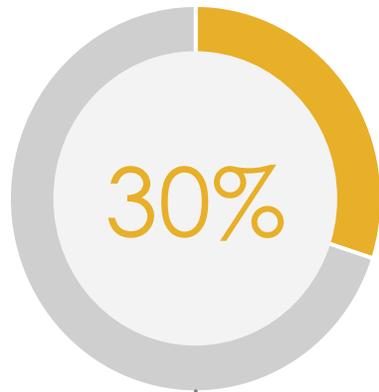
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This is the amount of credit you are using versus what is available to you. Rule of thumb is to target using only 30% of available credit.

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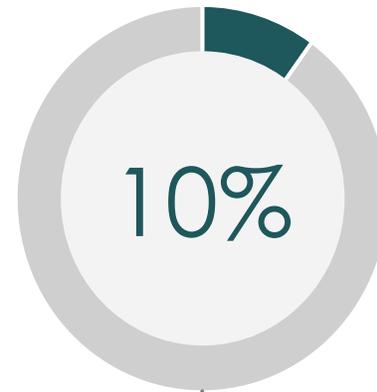
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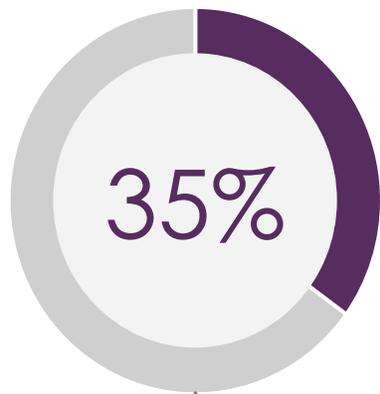
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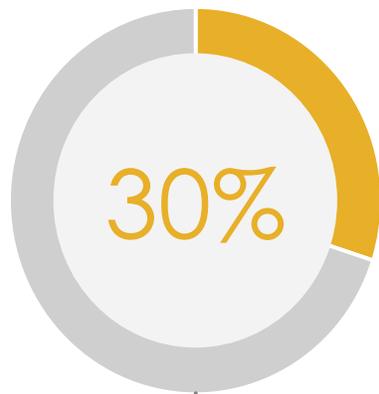
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The longer you have established a good credit history, the more trust you have built up.

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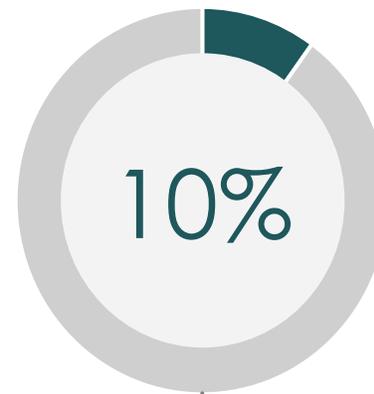
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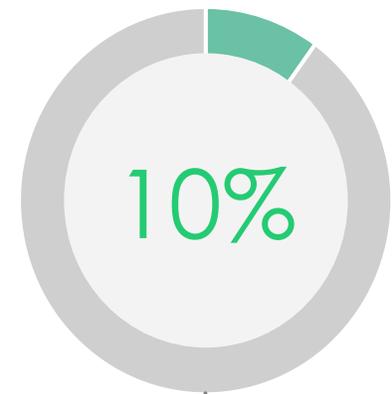
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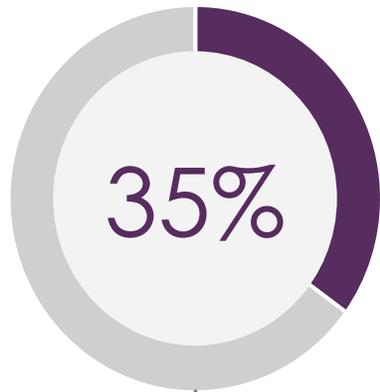
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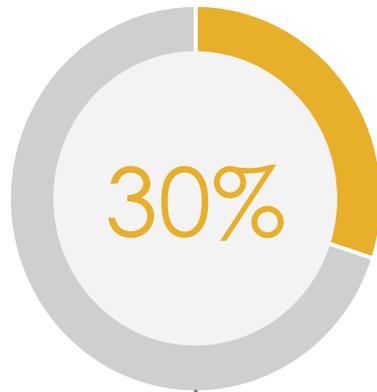
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Your score is impacted based on the types of credit you have, such as revolving lines of credit or fixed installment loans.

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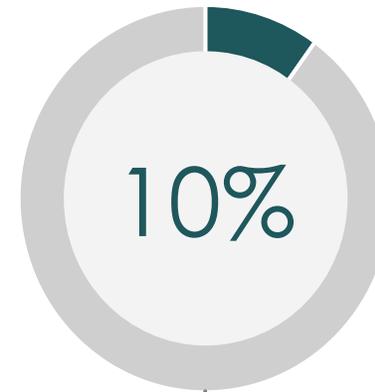
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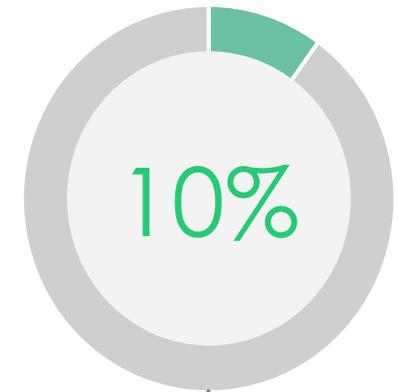
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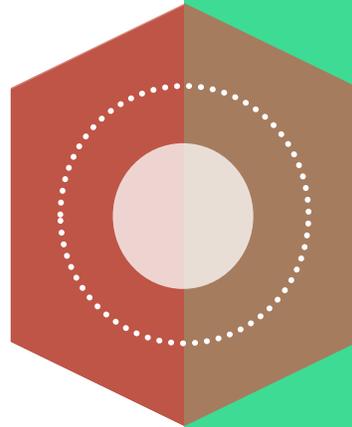
New Credit

If someone is applying for too much new credit that can indicate that they don't have a plan for how to pay their debt back and they are living off their credit. This can be a red flag.

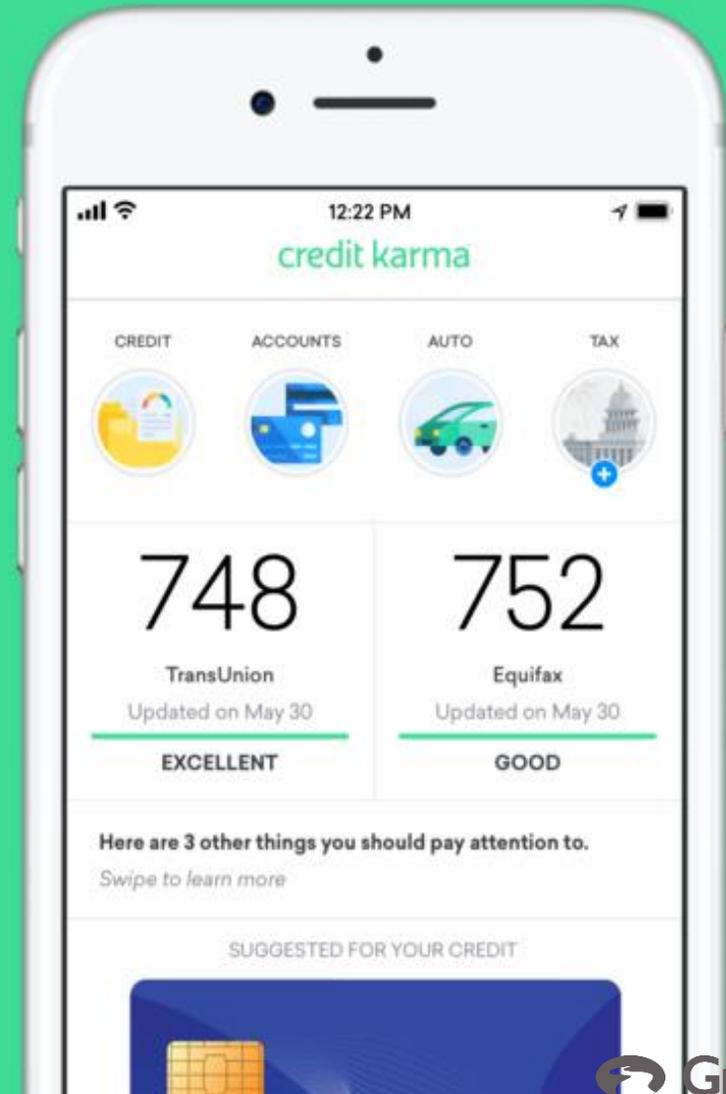
CREDIT KARMA

creditkarma.com

- Provides a variety of scores, with information from TransUnion & Equifax
- Credit score is updated weekly
- Track credit scores several months before a big ticket item, like a mortgage.

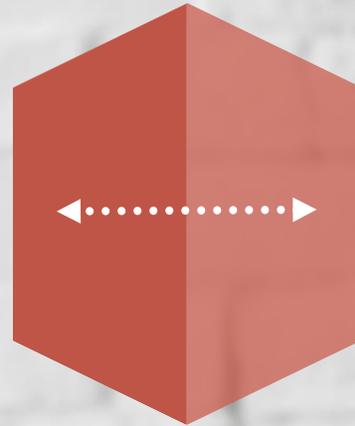


Check your credit scores
anytime, anywhere



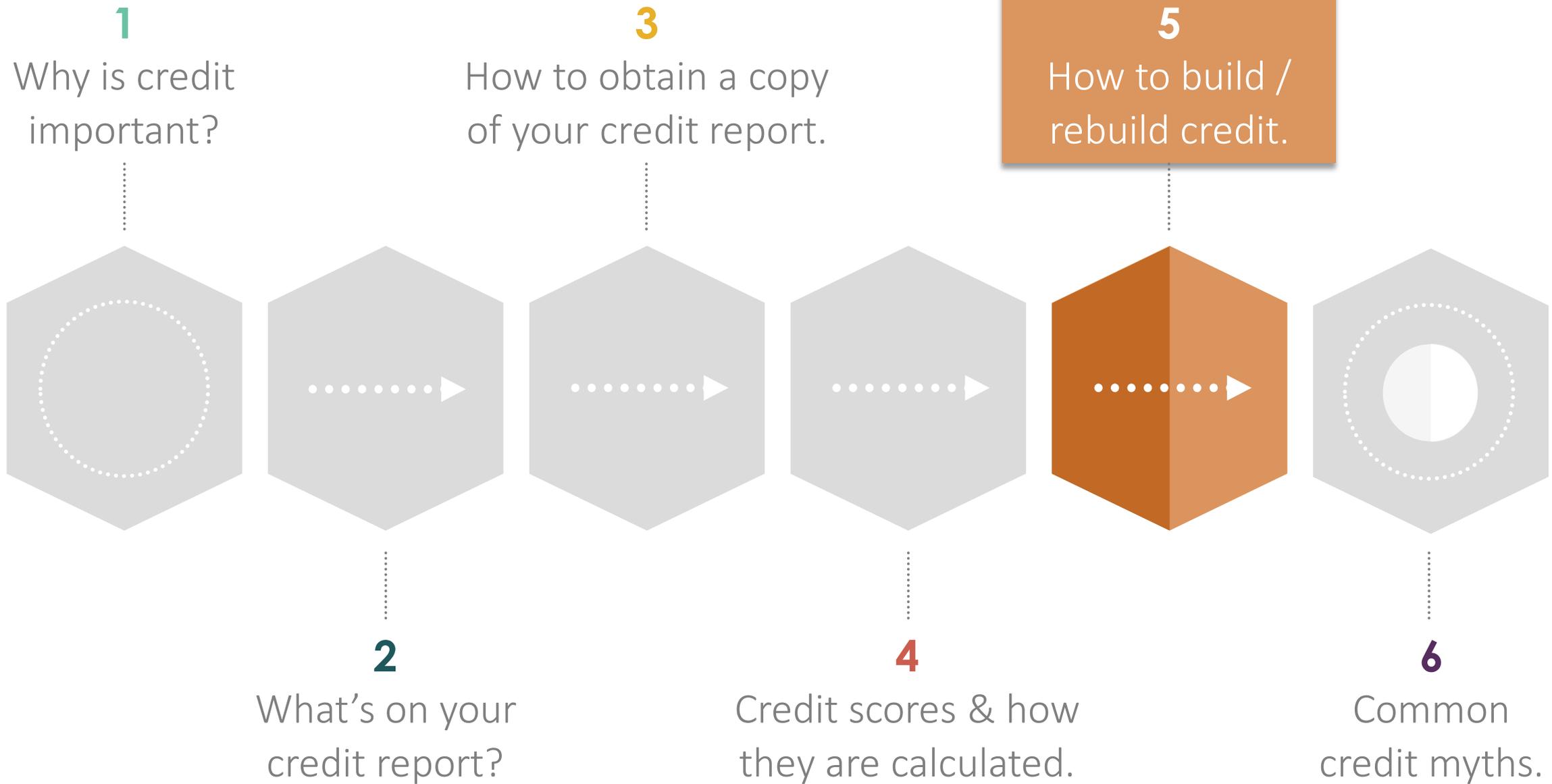
Who has the better credit score?

Diego	
Balance	\$800
Limit	\$1000
Pays	Entire Balance



Angela	
Balance	\$5,000
Limit	\$10,000
Pays	Minimum Payment

Angela has the better credit score!

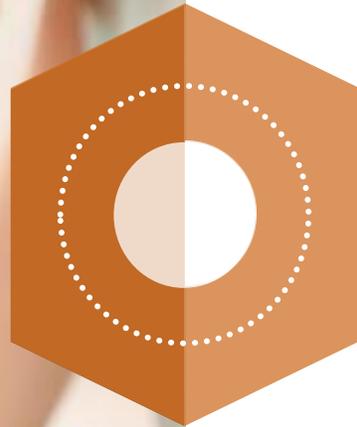




BUILDING CREDIT

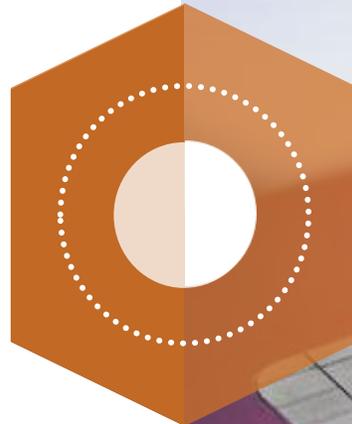
Review your goals

Financial Stability



BUILD CREDIT

- CREDIT CARDS
- SECURED CREDIT CARDS
- SECURED LOANS
- RETAIL/GAS CREDIT
- GET A CO-SIGNER
- ADDED AS AN AUTHORIZED USER





TIPS

FOR USING
CREDIT WISELY

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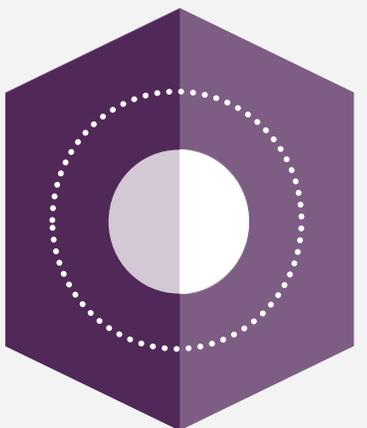
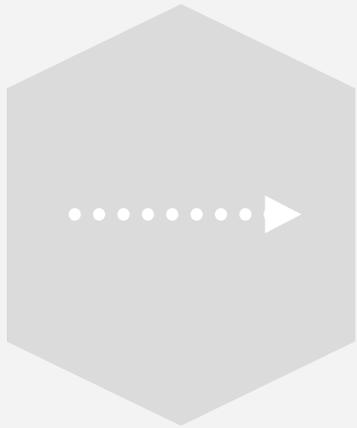
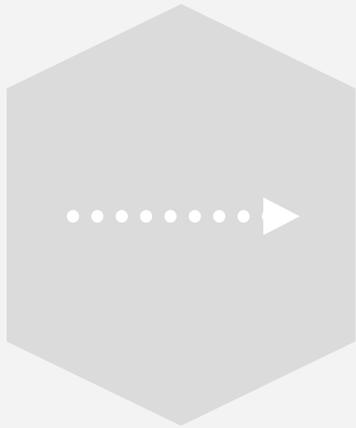
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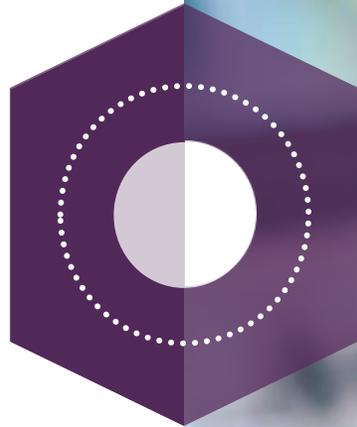
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MYTH #1

“Closing a credit card will hurt my credit score.”





NEGATIVE IMPACT

SARAH

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- 3 maxed out credit cards
- Paid off the first card; decides to close it (to remove temptation.)
- 2 cards remain maxed out

LITTLE TO NO IMPACT

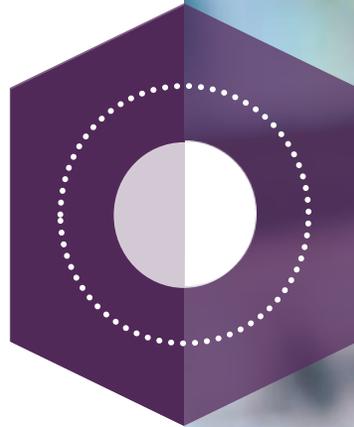
KATIE

.....

- 5 Open Accounts
- All balances are zero or close to zero
- Decides to close a newer account (to avoid the annual fee)

MYTH #2

“Checking my credit score will hurt my credit score”





WILL NOT CHANGE YOUR SCORE

Applying too often can hurt credit.
Checking is considered a 'soft inquiry'.

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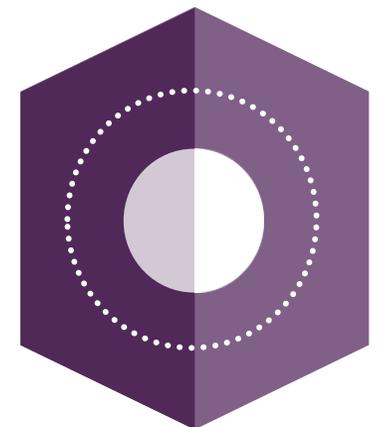
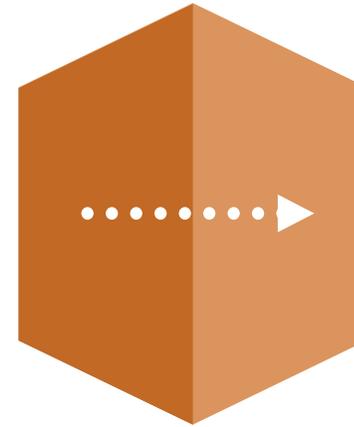
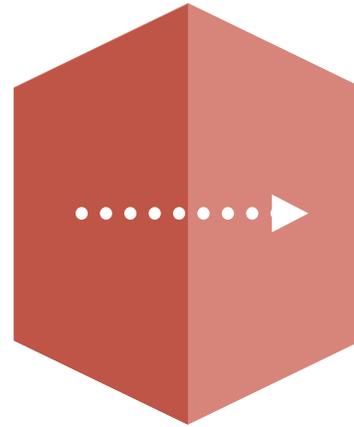
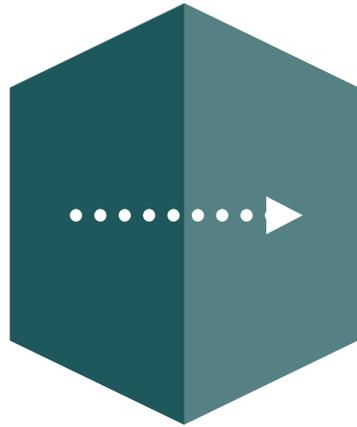
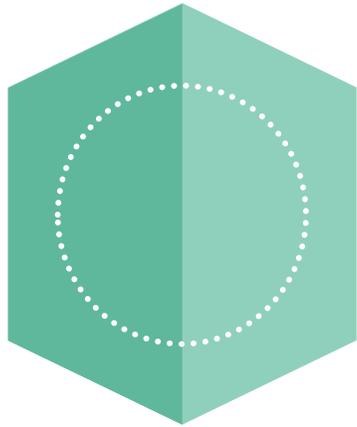
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