YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE

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ABOUT ORION



To raise our members' ability to manage their financial future through high quality, low cost, principled products & services.



To be the leading source for financial independence in the communities we serve.





CREDIT

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CREDIT & IMPROVING YOUR CREDIT SCORE



WHO CARES ABOUT YOUR CREDIT HISTORY?

- Home & Auto Loan Lenders
- Credit Card Companies
- Landlords for Rental Properties
- Insurance Companies
- Potential Employers



HOW DOES CREDIT WORK?

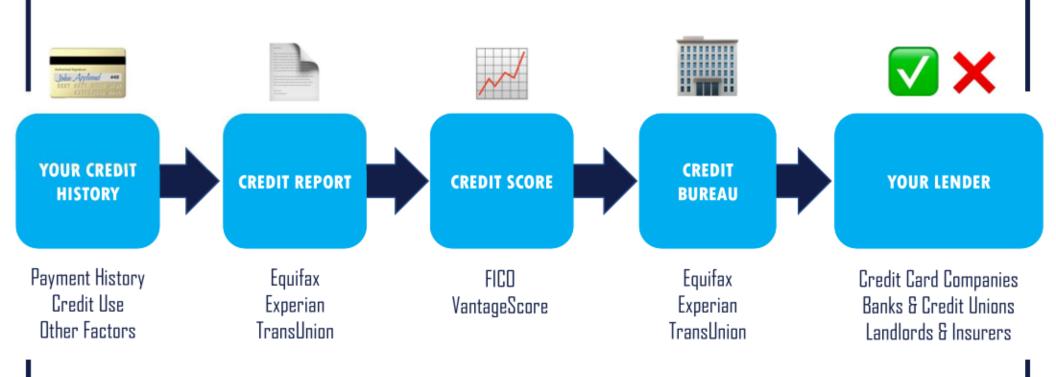
Credit is the ability to borrow money.

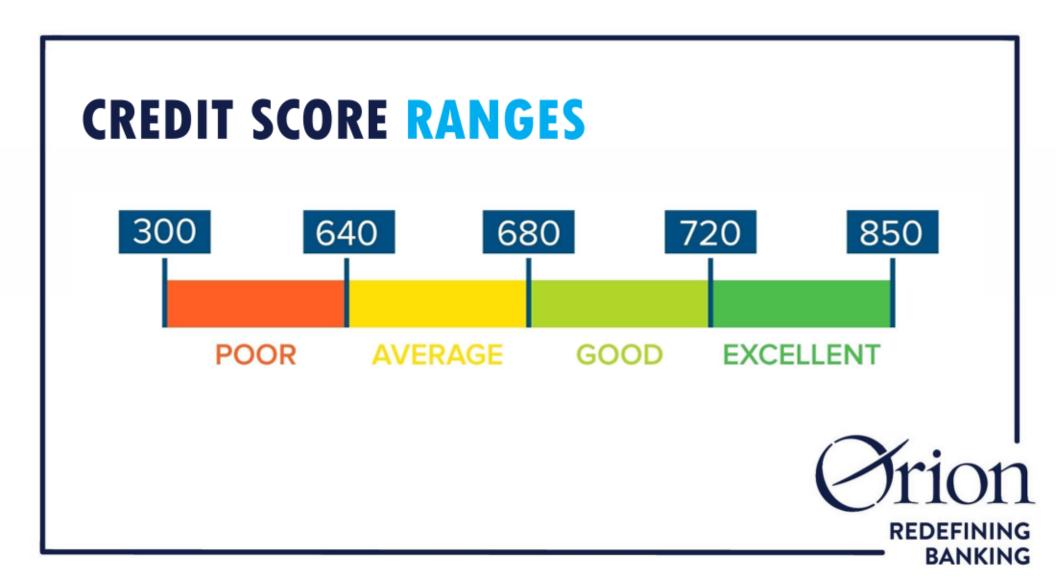
Your credit report reflects how you managed your financial responsibilities over a certain period of time. Your credit score is that history reflected in a number.

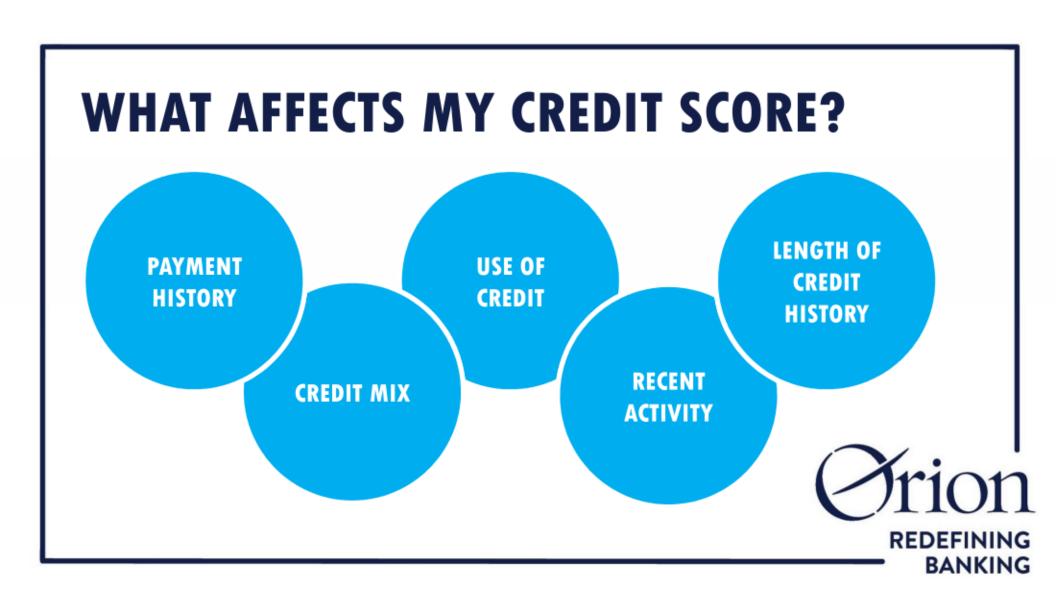
Banks and lenders use your credit score to determine whether to loan you money.



HOW LENDERS GET YOUR CREDIT SCORE







PAYMENT HISTORY

- Paying bills on time
- Missing payments
- Account sent to collections
- Filing bankruptcy

Making on-time payments is the most important factor in your credit score.





- Number of accounts active with balances owed
- How much you owe
- How much of your credit limit you're using



LENGTH OF CREDIT HISTORY

- Average age of all your credit accounts
- Age of your oldest & newest accounts





- Installment Accounts
 - Car Loan, Personal Loan, Mortgage
- Revolving Accounts
 - Credit Card, HELOC





- Recent applications
- Newly opened accounts



TERMS TO KNOW

EQUIFAX | **EXPERIAN** | **TRANSUNION**

There are three credit bureaus used by lenders to check credit scores. Lenders use different credit bureaus depending on the type of loan they provide, and your score may be slightly different at one or another.



TERMS TO KNOW

SOFT CREDIT PULL | HARD CREDIT PULL

There are ways to pull credit that can impact your credit score, such as a credit card application — this is a hard credit pull.

Other things do not impact your credit score, such as checking your own credit or receiving advertising from companies based on your score — this is a soft credit pull.



CREDIT SCORE MYTHBUSTING



Carrying a balance on my credit card boosts my credit score.

SOURCE: CNBC Select

CREDIT SCORE MYTHBUSTING



My income impacts my credit score.

SOURCE: CNBC Select

CREDIT SCORE MYTHBUSTING



Getting married will merge my credit score with my spouse.

SOURCE: CNBC Select

HOW CAN I CHECK MY CREDIT REPORT?

AnnualCreditReport.com

You always have a right to one free credit report annually from the major credit bureaus. During the pandemic, you can currently access free credit reports weekly.



HOW CAN I CHECK MY CREDIT SCORE?

Credit Card Companies Credit Bureaus

Make sure you use a reputable, free option and protect your personal information! Credit scores can vary between companies. You may see it listed as a VantageScore or FICO Score.



HOW CAN I CHECK MY CREDIT SCORE?

Creditors (including card issuers) also generally have to disclose your credit score (and related information) if they use the score and:

- deny your application,
- increase the cost of your credit, or
- offer you a higher rate than other consumers get from that creditor.

Mortgage lenders also have to disclose your score when they check your score to approve a mortgage loan.



HOW CAN I RAISE MY CREDIT SCORE?



HOW CAN I RAISE MY CREDIT SCORE? SECURED LOANS

Secured Credit Card

- No annual fee
- Secured against a savings account
- Spend up to the limit set
- Make payments on time to build credit

Secured Loans

- Loans against your savings
- Make payments on time to build credit



HOW CAN I RAISE MY CREDIT SCORE?

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

Orion Checking

- Orion Checking is Orion's standard, free checking account.
- No monthly requirements
- Also includes:
 - Free remote deposit
 - Online and mobile banking
 - Free debit card
 - No minimum balance

Checking 2.0

- Easy to qualify for
- Low minimum balance
- Low \$5 monthly service fee
- Perfect for a fresh start!



WHAT ARE LENDERS LOOKING FOR?

- Credit Score
- Debt to Income Ratio (DTI)
- Assets



