

Credit Scores and Your Mortgage

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Build your life on solid solutions.



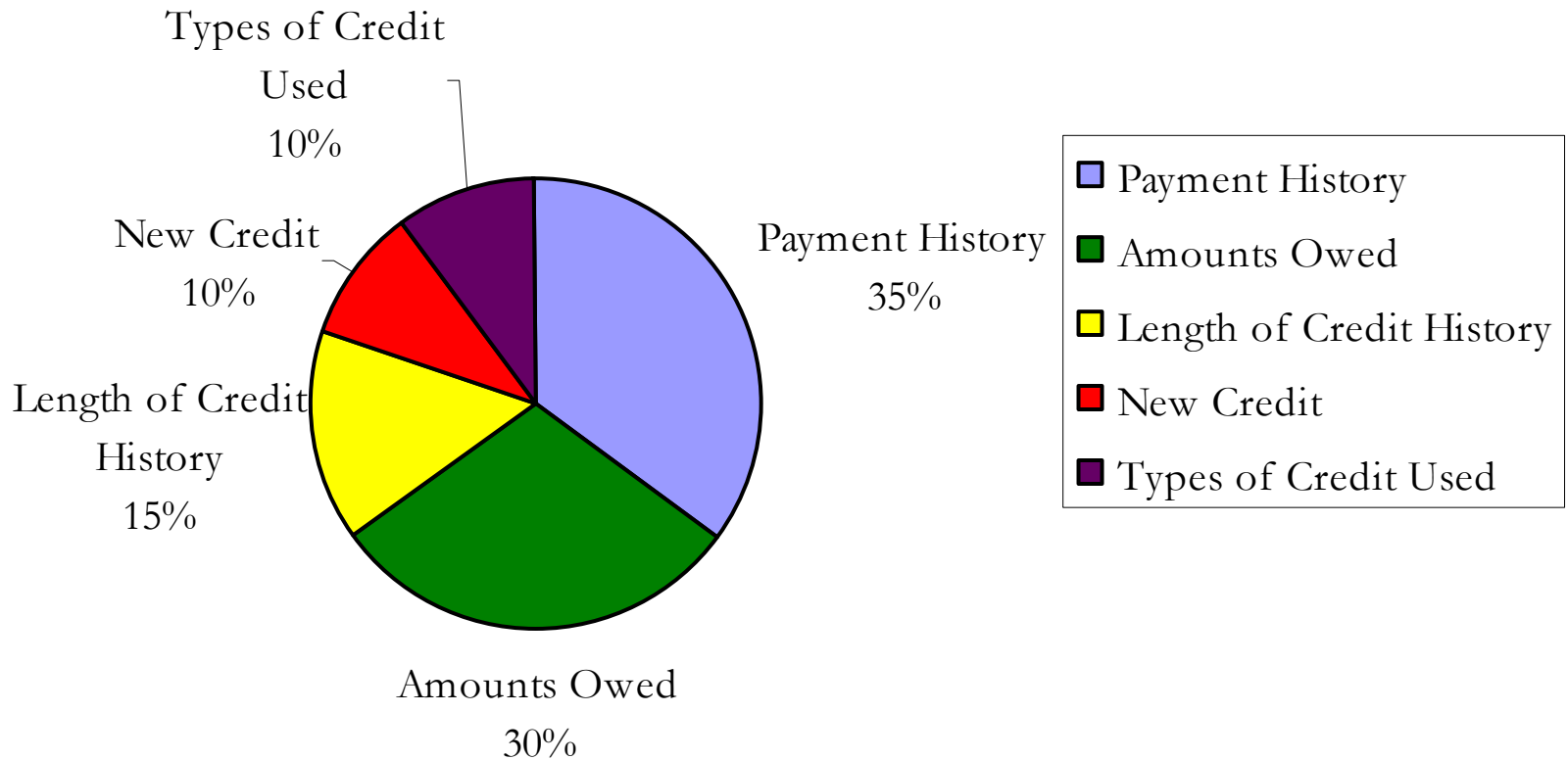
FAMILY

Foundations

Stronger families, stronger communities.

- ❖ What's in your Credit Score
- ❖ How to prepare your Credit for purchasing a home
- ❖ Resources for improving your Credit
- ❖ Identity Theft

What's in your Credit Score



- ❖ Account Payment Information
- ❖ Adverse Public Records
- ❖ Severity of Delinquency
- ❖ Amount Past Due
- ❖ Number of Past Due Items
- ❖ Number of Accounts Paid as Agreed

Amounts Owed

- ❖ Amounts owing on Accounts
- ❖ Number of Accounts with Balances
- ❖ Proportion of Credit Lines Used
- ❖ Proportion of Installment Loan
Amounts Still Owing

- ❖ Length of Credit History
- ❖ New Credit
- ❖ Types of Credit Used

How to Prepare

- ❖ Review your Credit Report
- ❖ Pay your bills
- ❖ Pay your bills on time
- ❖ Pay all your bills on time

10 Biggest Credit Problems

- Collections & Charge-offs
- Repossessions
- Bankruptcy & Foreclosure
- Judgments & Liens
- No Established Credit
- Credit Report Errors
- Late/Slow Payments
- Child Support
- Student Loans
- Separation & Divorce

Improving Your Credit Score

- ❖ Dispute inaccurate items
- ❖ When it's negative and true
 - Settle balances
 - Wait it out
- ❖ Adding Accounts to your File

- ❖ Avoid Scams!!!
 - Ads promising Debt Relief may really be Bankruptcy
 - Advance-Fee Scams
 - Credit Repair Scams
- ❖ See a certified Credit Counselor

- ❖ Monitor your financial information!!!!
- ❖ If you're a victim
 - o Place a fraud alert
 - o Close tampered accounts
 - o File a police report
 - o File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission