

A Falcon's Guide to Wellness: Personal Finance Management

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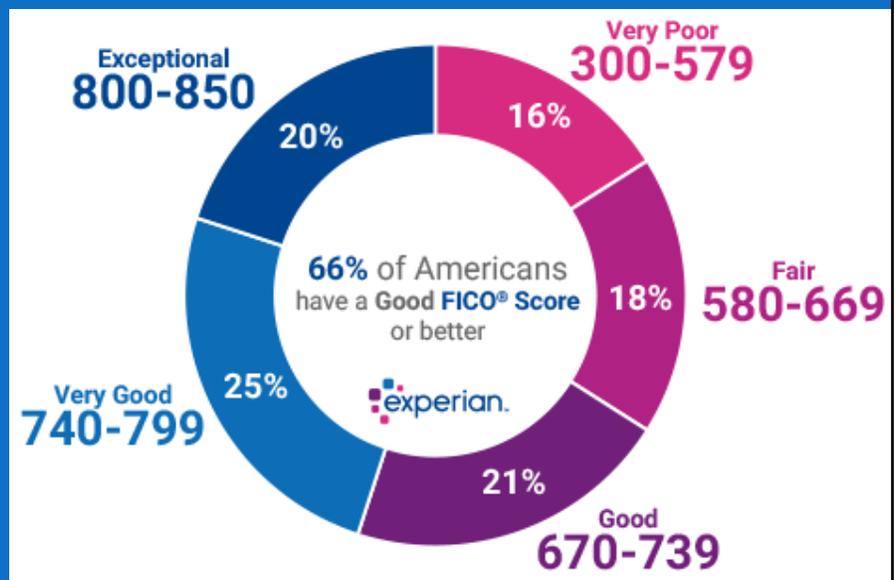


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- Payment History
- Late Payments
- Type of account
- How many
- Age of account
- Total debt
- Public records



The Good,
The Bad...



and
The Ugly

Credit Card Debt's Ugly Truth

- Example: \$5,000 in credit card debt. Minimum payment, typically between 2% and 5% of the total balance.
- 4%, would be \$200. Of that \$200, \$62 is going to interest and only \$138 is actually going toward the \$5,000 in debt.
- Here's how you can calculate this amount:
- APR typically runs between 12% and 17%. Example, the APR is 15%.
 1. Divide the APR by the days in a year: $15\% / 365 = .041\%$
 2. Multiply $.041\%$ by the average days in a month, 30 = 1.36 or $.0136\%$
 3. Then, multiply $.0136\%$ by the original balance, \$5,000 to find the total amount spent on interest per month = \$62
- If you pay minimum payments in this scenario, it would take 105 months to pay off \$5,000. That is almost nine years!
- Over that time, you would pay \$2,118 in interest, and these numbers assume that you never purchase anything else with that credit card.
- This means the original \$5,000 balance will cost you \$7,118

Take Away

- Create a budget
- Cut unnecessary costs
- Start saving now
- Keep good credit
- Use credit card wisely
- Time is our most valuable commodity

21 Day Be Better Challenge

- Start a new cost cutting or saving routine/habit