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# Market Needs

**VantageScore is the direct result of industry demands for:**

- **More risk model options**
- **Model that performs consistently at all three credit reporting companies**
- **Highly predictive model developed on credit bureau data**
- **Coordinated approach for model releases and updates**

**To meet these needs, TransUnion, Equifax and Experian worked together to develop VantageScore**

**Worked with a professional consulting company for oversight, coordination and documentation**

VantageScore is the only scoring model to be jointly developed by the three credit reporting companies (CRCs). And TransUnion is the key to getting the most from VantageScore.



Our dedicated team works closely with you to determine your ideal testing and implementation strategy to ensure that you enjoy all the benefits:

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Highly consistent

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Highly predictive

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Easy implementation and use

# Highly Consistent



By combining unique data design  
and patent-pending credit  
characteristic leveling,  
VantageScore delivers:

**More consistency in your credit decisions  
when applying the same attributes to  
different sets of data**

**Simplified credit decisioning with a single  
policy that can be used across credit  
reporting companies**

# Data Design

**Development sample encompasses the needs of credit issuers and results in a model that reflects the comprehensive nature of CRC data**

**Each CRC randomly sourced the same 5 million files to create a merged list of approximately 15 million depersonalized credit files**

**One randomly selected trade from each depersonalized consumer file was used to forecast credit performance over a 24-month period**

**Each CRC contributed its respective data at the same point in time to reduce variability and allow for true tri-bureau characteristics leveling**

**Resulting sample selection includes the following credit populations**

- **Credit files from all markets (national sample)**
- **All types of accounts (installment, real estate, revolving, finance, etc.)**
- **All types of consumers (thin file, thick file, clean, dirty, previous bankruptcy, etc.)**

# Sampling Methodology

## Equalization of Bureau Contribution

- Files sourced from the three bureaus were randomly sampled down to represent 1/3 of the starting sample

<b>EQ</b> <b>33%</b>	<b>EX</b> <b>33%</b>	<b>TU</b> <b>33%</b>
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## Development/Validation Samples

- Sample was split 50/50 between development and validation

<b>Development</b> <b>50%</b>	<b>Hold-out</b> <b>50%</b>
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## Weighting of Good/Bad/Indeterminate

- All bads within the 50% development sample were kept, while goods were sampled down to a 3 good to 1 bad ratio

<b>Bads</b> <b>25%</b>	<b>Goods</b> <b>75%</b>
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# Performance

**Performance was categorized based on the worst performance of a randomly chosen trade**

**Performance window for VantageScore is June 2003 to June 2005**

**Selected trade was classified into one of three categories**

- **Bad – 90+ days past due, including internal collection, charge off, repossession, foreclosure and bankruptcy (trade and public record)**
- **Good – current or 30 days past due**
- **Indeterminate – 60 days past due**

**Indeterminate trades were not included in the development sample**

Using a randomly chosen trade for performance more closely reflects the true likelihood of a consumer's bad performance by implicitly taking into account the proportion of bad accounts on the consumer's file at performance.



# Highly Predictive



# Characteristic Leveling Overview

## **Inconsistent characteristics inherent across CRCs**

### **Characteristic leveling:**

- **Yields consistent and equitable definitions across CRCs when same data present**
- **Only attainable with the combined understanding of all CRC nuances**

### **Philosophical leveling:**

- **Modify specs to incorporate logical concepts that align with all three CRCs**

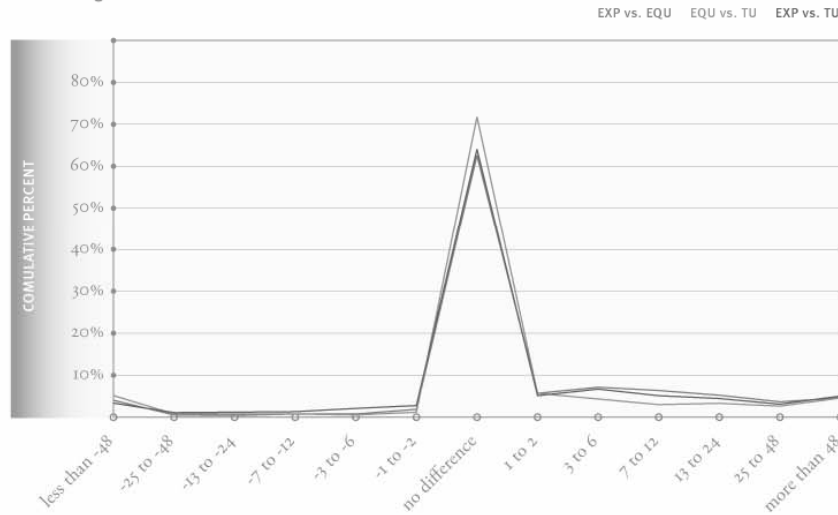
### **Numerical leveling:**

- **Modify specs to make filters and characteristics from each CRC as close as possible**

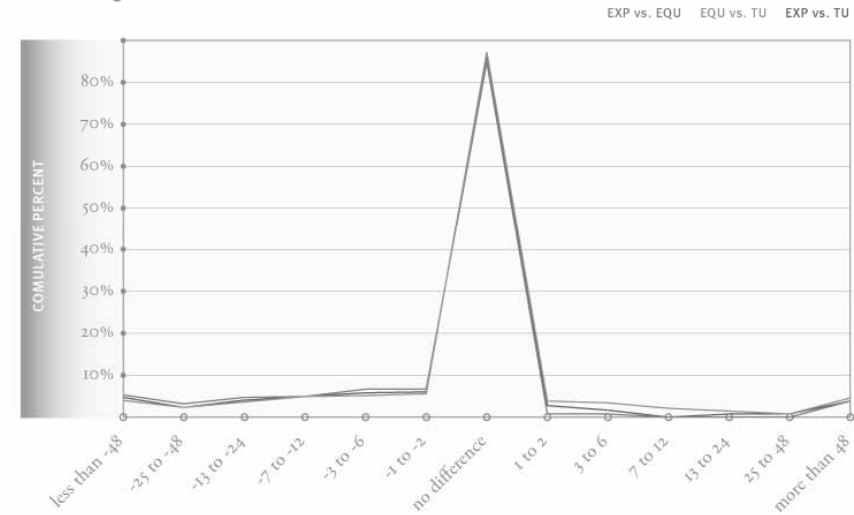
# Characteristic Leveling Process

Months since most recent derogatory item on trade

Pre Leveling



Post Leveling



Differences between CRCs reduced from 35% to 23%

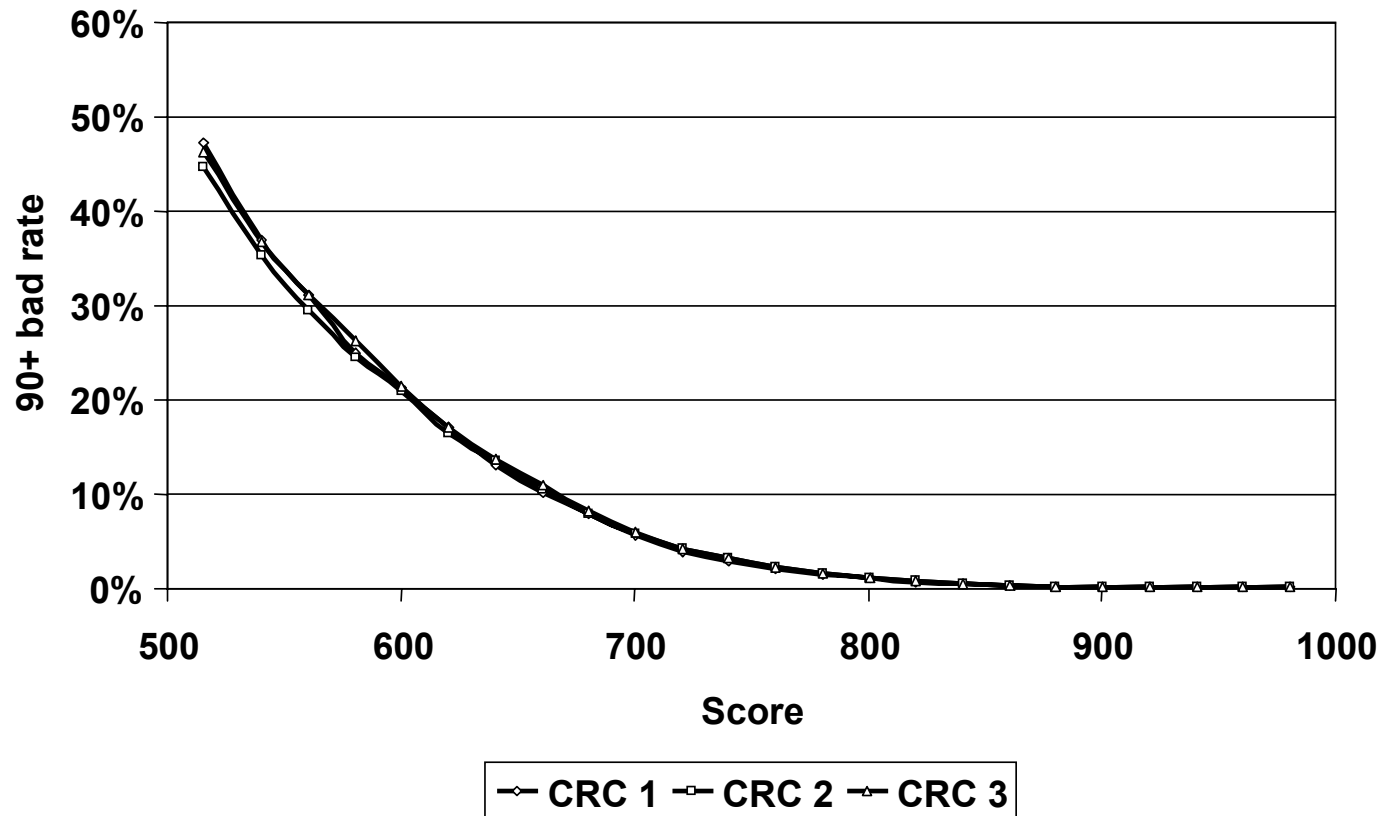
Extreme differences (more than 48 months) reduced by 2%

Cross-bureau biases were removed

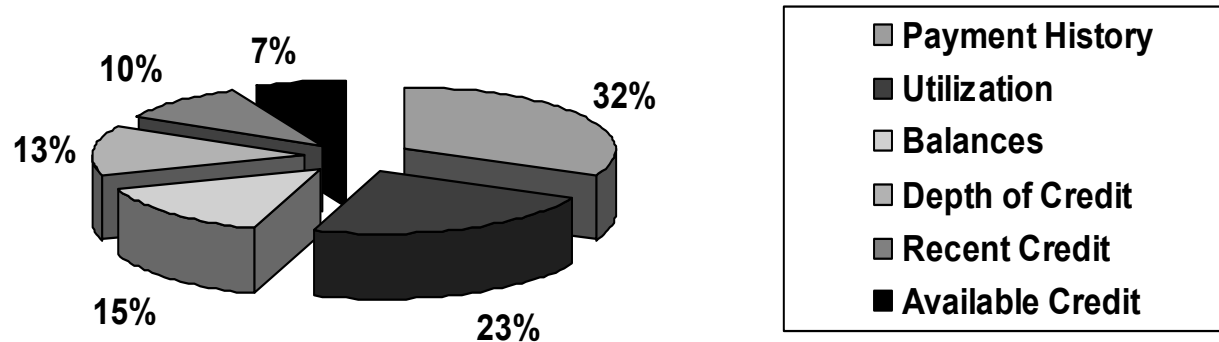
- Pre-leveling differences varied as much as 10%
- Post-leveling differences vary by no more than 1%

# Overall Performance of New Accounts

## Interval Bad Rate by CRC

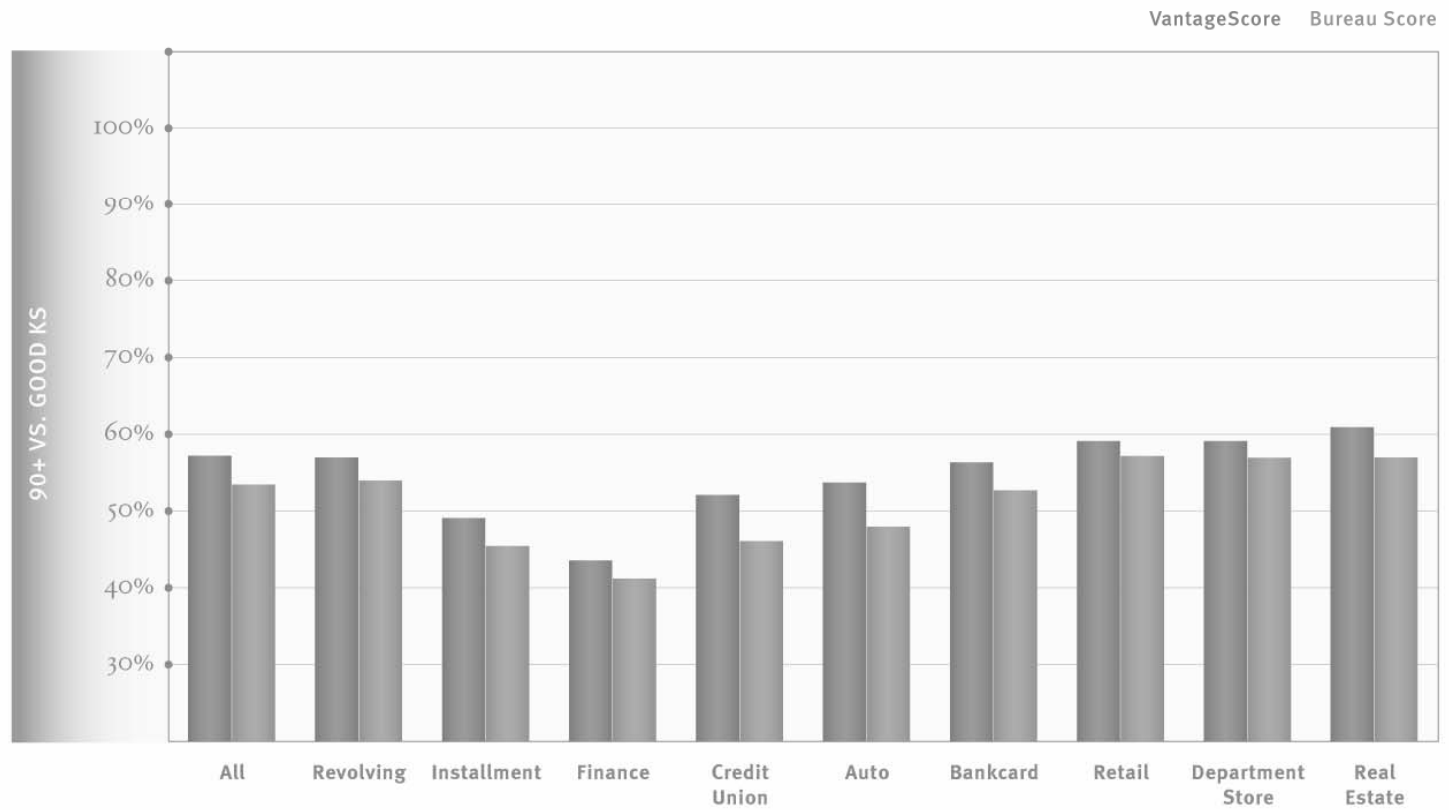


# Characteristic Contribution



<b>Payment History</b>	<b>Repayment behavior (satisfactory, delinquency, derogatory)</b>
<b>Utilization</b>	<b>Percentage of credit amount used/owed on accounts</b>
<b>Balances</b>	<b>Amount of recently reported balances (current and delinquent)</b>
<b>Depth of Credit</b>	<b>Length of credit history and types of credit</b>
<b>Recent Credit</b>	<b>Number of recently opened credit accounts and credit inquiries</b>
<b>Available Credit</b>	<b>Amount of credit available</b>

# TransUnion Performance



- VantageScore's overall predictive performance has been thoroughly validated through rigorous testing

**Increased predictive strength means better risk management performance**

**Specific scorecard identifier returned with score, including a profile description of the consumer**

**Differentiates risk associated with specific credit types and depth of consumer experience**

# Segmentation Methodology

**Cutting-edge segmentation techniques were developed using the collective expertise of all three CRC's to deliver outstanding results**

**Attribute- and score-based techniques were combined:**

- **Attribute-based**
  - **Previous bankruptcy – yes or no**
  - **Thin or thick file**  
(Thin – one or two accounts; Thick – three or more)
- **Score-based**
  - **Risk segmentation score**
  - **Bankruptcy/bad profile segmentation score**

**Each scorecard was cross-validated on data provided by each CRC to provide virtually the same risk evaluation at each CRC**

**Scorecards were scaled consistently across each CRC to create a score range from 501-990 that accommodates natural A, B, C, D and F grade intervals**



# Segmentation Benefits

**Segmentation scheme incorporates business logic and empirical evaluation to enhance performance**

## **Use of segmentation scores**

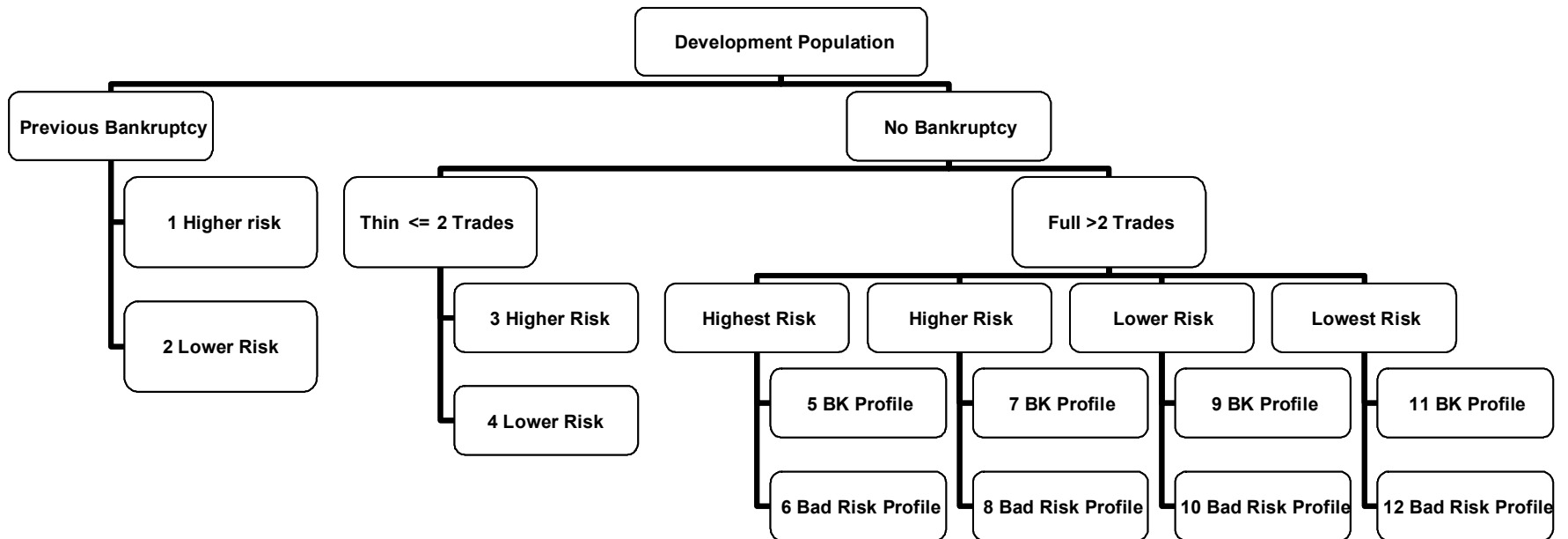
- **Reduces shifting between scorecards**
- **Results in a more stable score**
- **Improves performance across prime/near-prime/sub-prime credit markets**

**Inquiry attributes are not included in segmentation scores, which makes scores more stable**

**Use of a bankruptcy profiling segmentation score improves overall bad capture rates**

**Segment identifiers can be used to enhance decision making or assist in isolating populations of interest**

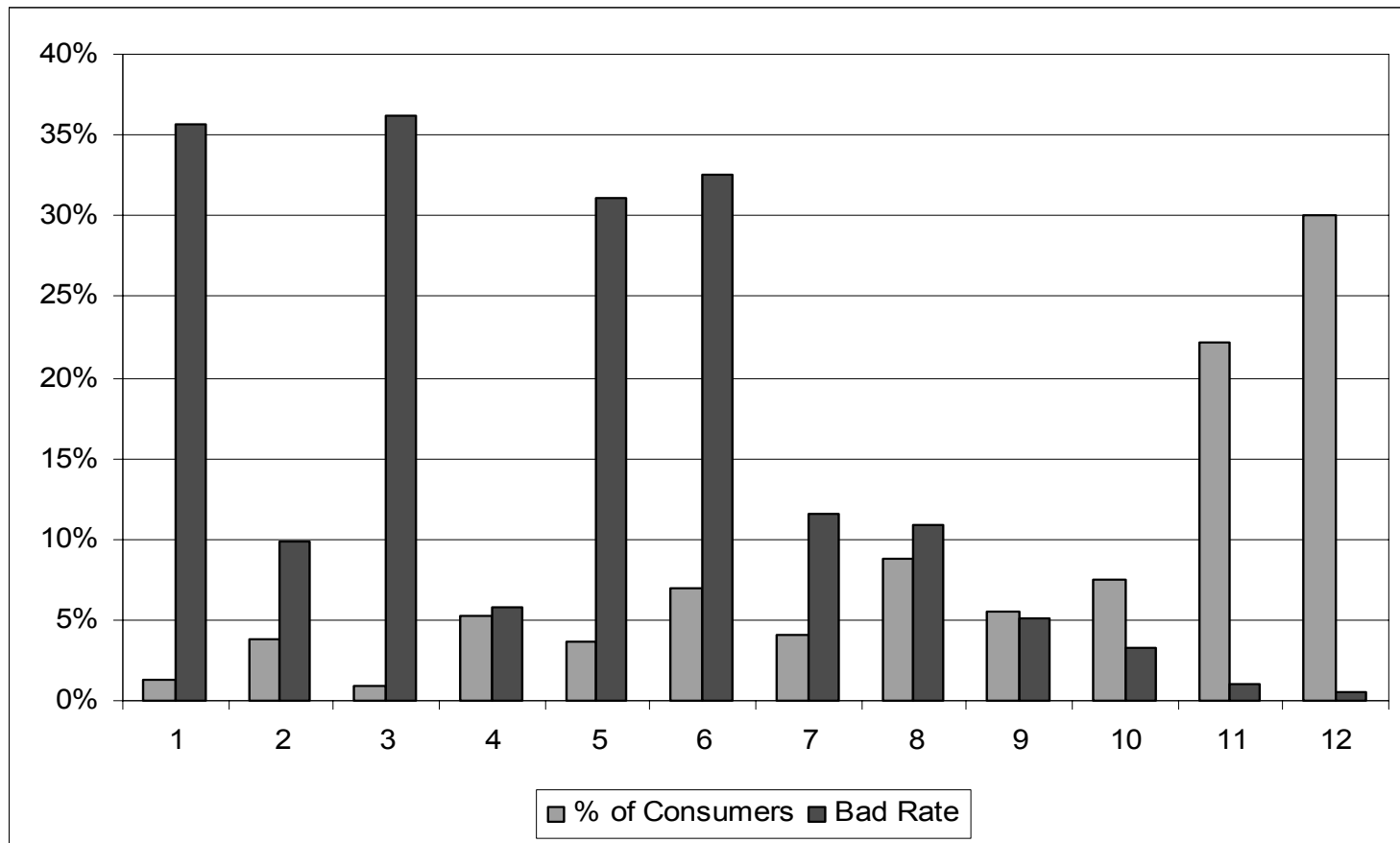
# Segmentation Schematic





# Scorecard Distribution

## VantageScore Development Sample (using 90 DPD+)



# Inquiry Deduplication

**Inquiry deduplication prevents penalizing consumers who are shopping for a home or auto loan**

## **Multiple inquiry deduplication:**

- **Auto, mortgage and non-telco utility inquiries occurring within a 14-day period are counted as a single inquiry**
- **Consumers are not penalized for shopping for more favorable rates**
- **Analysis proved 14-day period was optimal and buffer period not needed**

# Easy implementation and use



# Exclusion Codes

All three CRCs will return the following exclusion codes:

<b>Exclusion</b>	<b>Exclusion Code</b>	<b>Exclusion Criteria</b>
<b>Deceased</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>File/trade indicating consumer is deceased</b>
<b>Lack of Trades</b>	<b>002</b>	<b>No non-excluded* trades on file</b>
<b>Lack of Activity</b>	<b>003</b>	<b>Non non-excluded trades reported within 24 months and no consumer-initiated inquiries within 24 months</b>

## Availability and Continuity

VantageScore is available through all TransUnion's credit reporting channels

- **Odds-to-score relationship consistent across all CRC's**
- **Uniform Adverse Action codes across all CRC's**
- **Limited exclusion criteria reduces unscorable files**
- **Coordinated releases and updates**
- **Full support and expertise of TransUnion consultants**



# Score Scale

**Straightforward score range makes it easier for your customer support professionals to understand and explain**

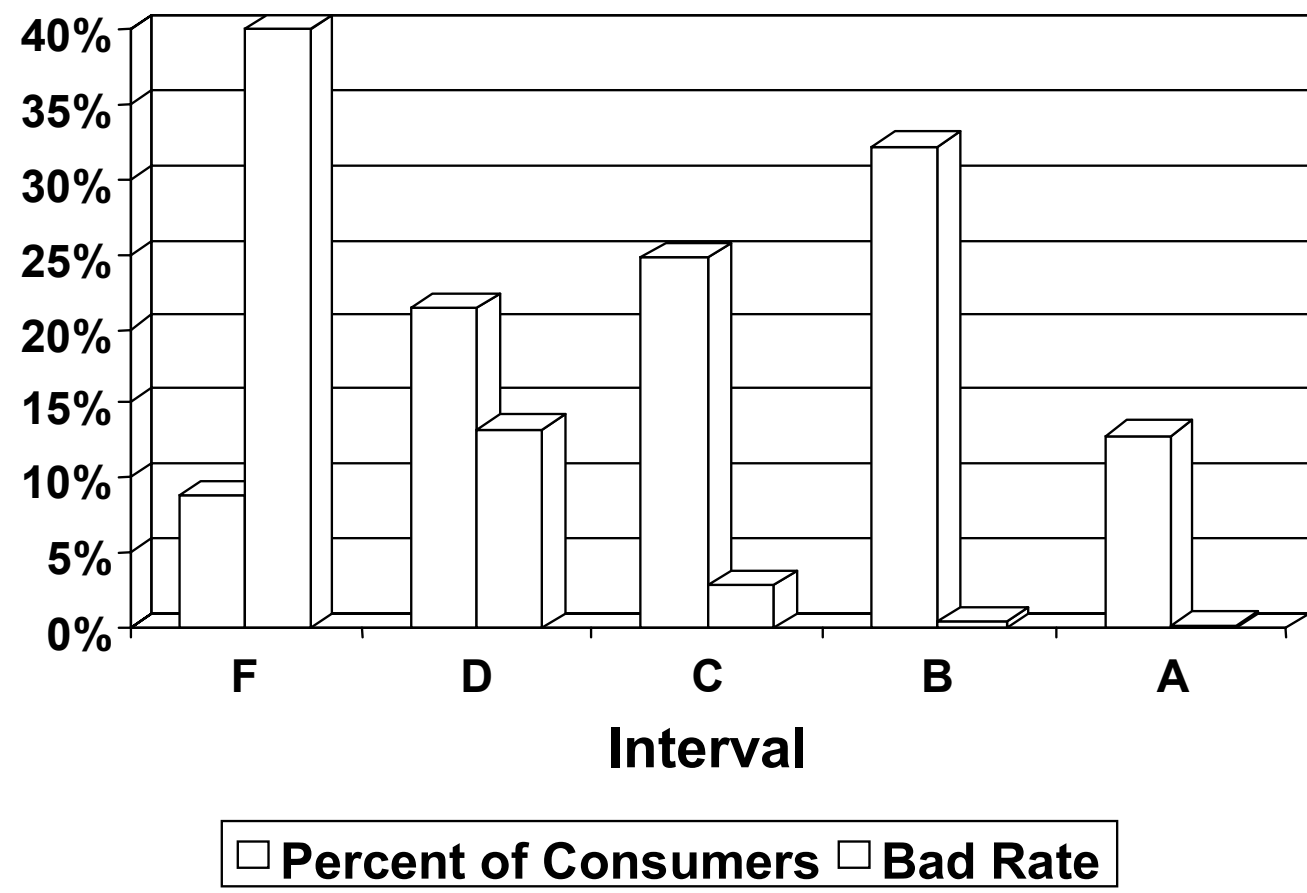
**A, B, C, D and F score grads are simple for consumers to understand the meaning of their scores**

- **A: 901-990**
- **B: 801-900**
- **C: 701-800**
- **D: 601-700**
- **F: 501-600**

**Valid score range of 501-990**

- **The higher the score, the lower the risk**

# Score Scale Distribution



# Adverse Action Codes

**Simplify credit policy management with the same Adverse Action codes from all three CRC's**

**Simple alpha-numeric system (2-position field) enables lenders to identify quickly the type of account related to adverse action**

- **I – Installment**
- **B – Bankcard**
- **A – Auto**
- **M – Real Estate**

**Up to four codes returned plus FACTA inquiry code**

**Adverse action statements are available in Spanish**

## Score Comparison / Migration Sample

<b>Risk Grade</b>	<b>TransUnion New Account 2.0</b>	<b>Probability of Default</b>	<b>Bad Rate</b>	<b>VantageScore</b>
<b>A+ Paper</b>	<b>894 - 950</b>	<b>171.2 to 1</b>	<b>≅ 0.58%</b>	<b>811 - 990</b>
<b>A Paper</b>	<b>825 to 893</b>	<b>72.3 to 1</b>	<b>1.36%</b>	<b>771 - 810</b>
<b>B Paper</b>	<b>737 to 824</b>	<b>25 to 1</b>	<b>3.84%</b>	<b>711 - 770</b>
<b>C Paper</b>	<b>670 to 736</b>	<b>12.3 to 1</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>651 - 710</b>
<b>D Paper</b>	<b>606 - 669</b>	<b>7.3 to 1</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>631 - 650</b>
<b>E Paper</b>	<b>&lt;606</b>	<b>3.6 to 1</b>	<b>≅ 21.7%</b>	<b>&lt;631</b>

# Complete Implementation Support

**Get the complete, comprehensive support you need to take full advantage of VantageScore**

**TransUnion maintains a dedicated team to apply an in-depth understanding of your business, determine your ideal testing and implementation strategies and then help you implement the score and modify your business rules**

**Single source for data and score means that when you use TransUnion data to drive VantageScore, you can contact us for superior customer support for both the score and the data**

# Next Steps

**Put VantageScore to work for you today**

## **Validation options**

### **Retro Validation**

### **Live Testing**

- **Online**
- **Prescreen**
- **Account Review**

### **Custom Analysis**