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Where Is My Credit Score Going?

How Did My Score End Up Like That?

A credit score is based off of many different things. There are big things, like filing bankruptcy or defaulting on a loan which will drastically lower your credit. There are also a lot of small things that can either positively or negatively affect your score.

Negative Examples:

- Late or missed payments
- Using more than 80% of your available credit
- Bankruptcy
- Liens or foreclosures
- Periods of unemployment
- Too many requests for new credit

There are a lot of things that can positively affect your credit score. These things are not always the easiest, but they are what you want to set your goals towards.

Positive Examples:

- Paying your bills on time
- Having a steady employment history
- Never using more than 25% of your available credit

What are the Main Factors that Affect My Credit?

The main factors that affect your credit are as follows:

- Your payment history
- Your outstanding debt
- The number of inquiries made on your account

These factors are important for a number of reasons. When you go apply for a loan, that lender needs to be sure that you will pay them back. This is done by looking at your payment history along with what kind of debt you have. Another thing to keep in mind is that the more inquiries that are made, the more it looks like you are seeking money due to financial struggle.