

Business Summary Report: Predictive Insights for Collections Strategy

1. Summary of Predictive Insights

Our predictive modeling analysis identified key indicators and customer segments with elevated delinquency risk:

- Missed Payments: Customers with 2+ missed payments are at significantly higher risk.
- Debt-to-Income (DTI) Ratio > 0.5 : Indicates financial overextension.
- Credit Utilization $> 80\%$: Strong correlation with likelihood of default.

High-Risk Customer Segments:

- Low-income customers with high DTI and 2+ missed payments.
- Young borrowers with short credit histories and high utilization rates.
- Customers with multiple recent hard credit inquiries and high card balances.

Key Insights Summary Table

Key Insight	Customer Segment	Influencing Variables	Potential Impact
High utilization increases risk of default by 80%	Low-income customers with high DTI	Credit utilization, missed payments	Targeted interventions can reduce default and improve collections
Missed payments + high DTI triple default risk	Young borrowers with short credit histories	Payment history, DTI, utilization	Early intervention can support collections strategy

2. Recommendation Framework

Restated Insight:

High credit utilization significantly increases customer delinquency risk.

Proposed Recommendation:

Specific: Identify and engage customers exceeding 80% credit usage.

Measurable: Reduce delinquency rate in this group by 15% within 6 months.

Actionable: Use existing credit usage data and customer channels (email/SMS/app) to trigger interventions.

Relevant: Directly addresses a high-impact predictor of default.

Time-bound: Launch Q4 2025; assess impact by Q2 2026.

Justification and Business Rationale:

Reducing delinquency aligns with strategic goals by minimizing loss exposure, improving risk-adjusted profitability, and promoting customer financial well-being. Targeting utilization is data-driven, scalable, and can enhance responsible lending practices.

3. Ethical and Responsible AI Considerations

- Fairness Risks: The model may disproportionately impact low-income or minority groups if indirect bias (e.g., via ZIP code or education) exists. We addressed this by reviewing feature influence and excluding proxy variables.
- Transparency: Model explanations are simplified into behavior-based insights (e.g., "customers with high DTI and missed payments are more likely to default") to enhance understanding across stakeholders.
- Responsible Recommendations: Interventions (like early alerts or financial counseling) are supportive, not punitive—aligning with responsible lending.
- Ethical Principles Applied: Transparency, accountability in model performance tracking, and respect for customer data privacy were core to our approach.