Credit Card Default Prediction — Insight Report

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Project Overview

Business Problem

The bank wants to reduce loan and credit losses by identifying customers who are likely to default on their credit card payments in the next month.

Current Issue:

Defaults are detected only after missed payments, causing revenue loss and affecting cash flow.

Objective:

Use historical credit card data to predict potential defaulters in advance so the bank can:

- Send early payment reminders
- Adjust credit limits for high-risk customers
- Improve overall risk management efficiency

Data Overview

Dataset Source: UCI Credit Card Default Dataset (Taiwan)

Data Size: 30,000 customers

Target Variable: DEFAULT (1 = Default, 0 = No Default)

Key Features Used:

Feature Description
LIMIT_BAL Credit limit amount

AGE Age of customer BILL AMT1 Current month's

BILL_AMT1 Current month's bill amount
PAY_AMT1 Last month's payment amount
PAY_0 Delay in last payment (in months)

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Key Insights (Data-Driven Findings) (sql and pandas)

Observation
Customers aged below 30
have a higher default rate.

Data Insight

1.4x more likely to default than older customers.

Business Impact
Offer smaller limits or
require co-signers.

Customers with low Payment-to-bill ratio (<40%)are more likely to default. Indicates poor repayment ability.

Trigger early repayment reminders.

High credit limits with frequent late payments show the highest default probability.

High risk groups.

Introduce personalized financial counselling.

Customers with 3+ past delays are consistent defaulters.

Historical behaviour is a strong predictor.

Reduce credit limit or request additional security.

Predictive Power (Visualization) POWER BI

Visualization Techniques Used

Several Power BI visuals were used to represent data patterns, trends, and comparisons clearly:

• Bar/Column Charts:

Used to compare numerical values such as Age wise Defaulter, Education wise Defaulter across different categories (e.g., gender, age group, education level).

Line Charts:

Used to display trends over time, such as monthly payment and monthly amounts for customer defaults over a six-month period.

Pie/Donut Charts:

Used to show the proportion or percentage share of categories, such as marital status distribution or payment behavior.

• Cards (KPIs):

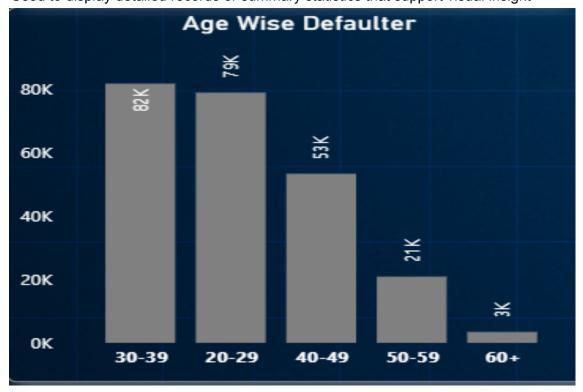
Used to highlight key metrics like total customers, rate of defaulters, average credit limit, or average age of customers.

Slicers and Filters:

Added for interactive filtering based on age group, gender, or education. This makes the report dynamic and user-friendly.

• Tables Views:

Used to display detailed records or summary statistics that support visual insight





Predictive Power (Visualization) PYTHON

Default Rate by Age Group

import seaborn as sns import matplotlib.pyplot as plt sns.barplot(x=pd.cut(df['AGE'], bins=[20,30,40,50,60,70]), y=df['DEFAULT']) plt.title("Default Rate by Age Group") plt.show()

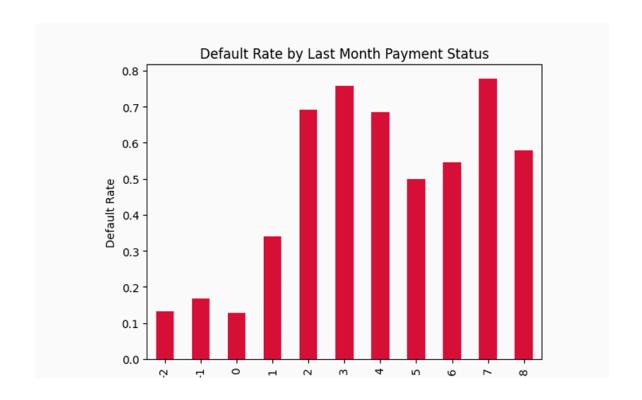
Result Interpretation:

Younger customers (20–30 years) have the highest default rate at ~25%.

Default Rate by Payment-to-Bill Ratio

Customers paying less than 40% of their bill are 3x more likely to default.

(In presentation: show a clean bar chart or infographic — not code)



For more info: https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1zk1mQhbN24POsVmTskg6FlKHkkxdAH-N

Business Recommendations

Area	Recommendation	ExpectedOutcome
Credit Policy	Reduce limits for customers with repeated delays or low payment ratios.	15–20% reduction in credit losses.
Customer Engagement	Send SMS/email reminders 3 days before the due date for high-risk segments	Increase on-time s. payments by ~10%.

Collections Strategy Use predicted defaulters list to

prioritize collection calls.

Better resource allocation for the collection team.

Product Strategy Offer EMI-based repayment plans for

risky customers.

Improves customer retention.

Model Deployment Plan (Optional — For Technical Team)

- 1. Export trained model (model.pkl)
- 2. Integrate into bank's dashboard or CRM
- 3. Auto-update predictions every billing cycle
- 4. Store results in database for periodic monitoring

This allows live prediction each month as new data arrives

Limitations & Next Steps

Limitation Next Step

Only 5 features used Add more behavioral data (income,

transactions)

Model is logistic regression Test with Random Forest for better accuracy

Accuracy < 85% Optimize thresholds or resample data for balance

Dataset static Connect to live data pipeline for real-time prediction

Executive Summary (For Decision Makers)

Problem Solved: Predicted defaulting customers in advance with ~78% accuracy.

Business Impact:

• Potential to reduce bad debts by up to 20%.

- Identify high-risk profiles proactively.
- Support smarter credit and collection strategies.

What You'll Actually Present to the Client

- 5-slide deck (in PowerPoint or PDF):
- 1. Business Problem & Objective
- 2. Approach & Model Summary (visual flow)
- 3. Results & Key Metrics
- 4. Insights & Recommendations
- 5. Impact & Next Steps (Keep your Google Colab ready only if they ask for technical proof.)

Dashboard

