

# **Case Study: Loan Repayment Analysis**

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**Identifying the Challenge**

# 29%

**of high-risk loans,**  
*resulting in*

# R\$ 5.5m

**of accumulated loan debt,**  
*causing lenders to incur financial loss and increased administrative burdens.*

# 58%

**of customers with high-risk repayment behavior,**  
*causing damage to their credit score and additional fees and interest.*

*Based on 3,046 users who generated 6,588 loans*

# Key Concept: High-Risk Loans and Candidates

## Loans Resulting in Repayment

... are assessed based on their **default rate**.

**High-risk loans are considered those with a default rate that is an outlier compared to the category they belong to.**

*The categories are defined based on the principal amount.*

*Outliers =  $Q3 + 1.5 \times IQR$*

## Loans Resulting in Debt

... are considered **high-risk loans**.

A user's risk is defined by linking their **purchasing and loan repayment behavior** with the **characteristics and quality of the loan**.

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## **Users' Purchasing Habits**

# Identifying our users' purchasing habits

*Based on RFM modeling*

8%

## Champions

*Extremely* active with *moderate to high* monetary value.

Prefer to use *both* credit and debit cards.

Opt for installment plans that span an *avg. of 3 installments*.

*Low* transaction rejection rate (avg. 10%).

3%

## Big Spenders

Active customers with *high* monetary value.

*Slight* preference for online purchases.

Opt *frequently* for installment plans, typically spanning an *avg. of 6 installments*.

*High* transaction rejection rate (avg. 30%).

35%

## Promising

Active customers with *low to moderate* monetary value.

Opt *periodically* for installment plans, typically spanning an *avg. of 3 installments*.

6%

## Recent

Customers who entered our base *recently* with *low to moderate* monetary value.

Opt *frequently* for installment plans, typically spanning an *avg. of 5 installments*.

*Moderate* transaction rejection rate (avg. 21%).

48%

## Inactive

Customers with *extremely low* activity.

Opt *frequently* for installment plans, typically spanning an *avg. of 5 installments*.

*Moderate* transaction rejection rate (avg. 20%).

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## **Users' Repayment Behavior**



# Identifying our users' loan portfolio

## Champions

## Big Spenders

## Promising

## Recent

## Inactive

Mainly large loans (90%).

***Exclusive preference for large loans (97%).***

Mainly large loans (89%).

Mainly large loans (79%).

Mainly large loans (89%).

Mostly loans with small interest and large interest rates (58% and 38% respectively).

Mostly loans with small interest and large interest rates (70% and 27% respectively).

A good mixture of loans with different interest rates (72% small, 7% medium and 21% large).

A good mixture of loans with different interest rates (55% small, 12% medium and 33% large).

**Tend to avoid loans of medium to large interest rates (only 2%).**

Prefer to breakdown the repayment into **multiple small** ones (39 of R\$265 each on average).

Prefer to breakdown the repayment into **fewer larger** ones (14 of R\$835 each on average).

Prefer to breakdown the repayment into **multiple small** ones (40 of R\$257 each on average).

Prefer to breakdown the repayment into **fewer larger** ones (14 of R\$663 each on average).

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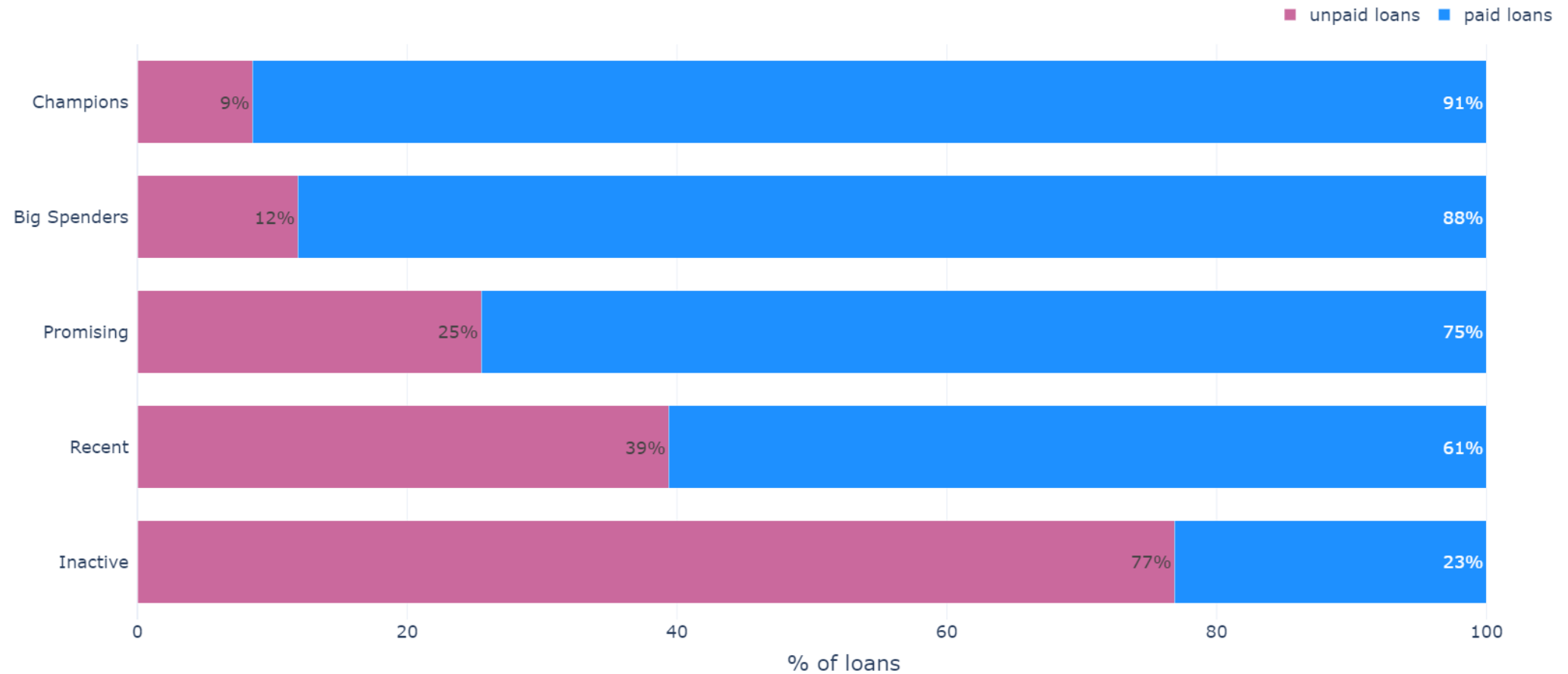
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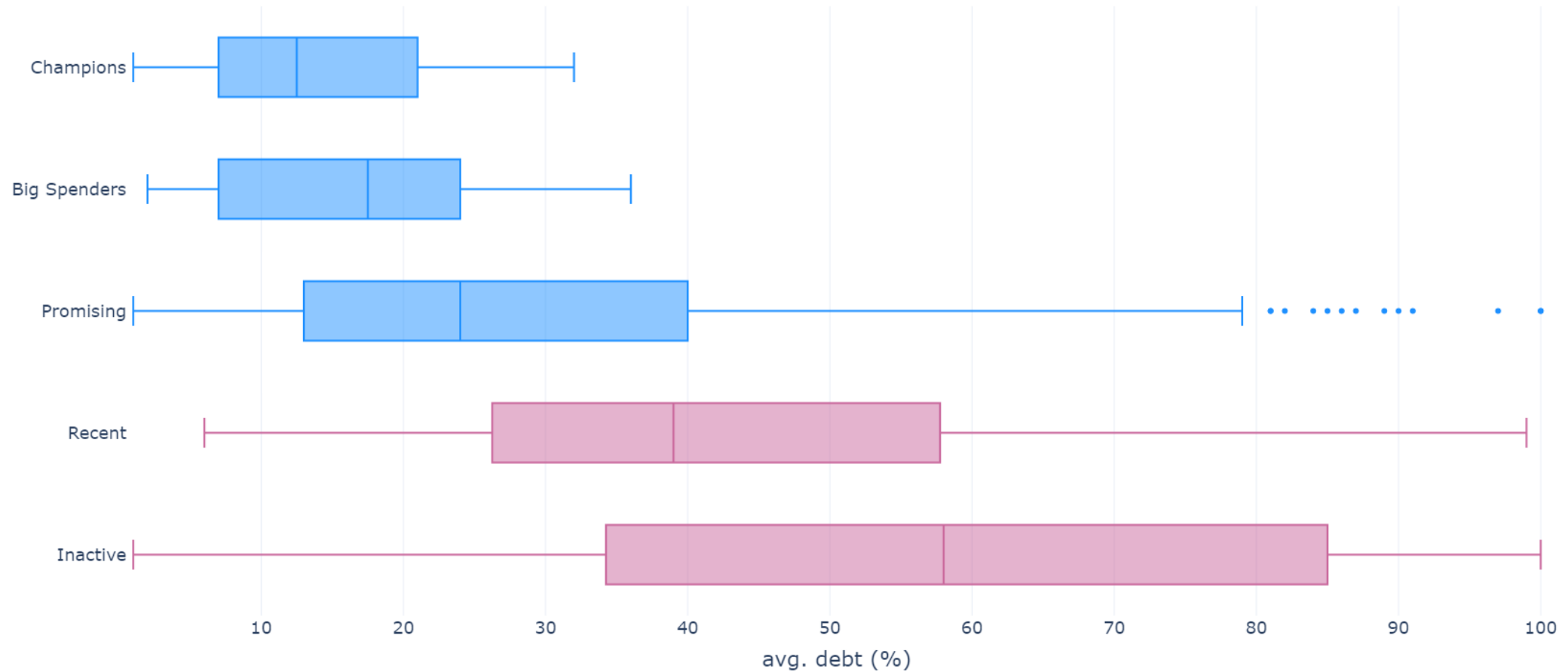
*Amount: **small:** less than R\$ 3k, **medium:** R\$ 3k – 5k, **large:** more than R\$ 5k*

*Interest Rate: **small:** less than 40%, **medium:** 40% - 100% , **large:** greater than 100%*

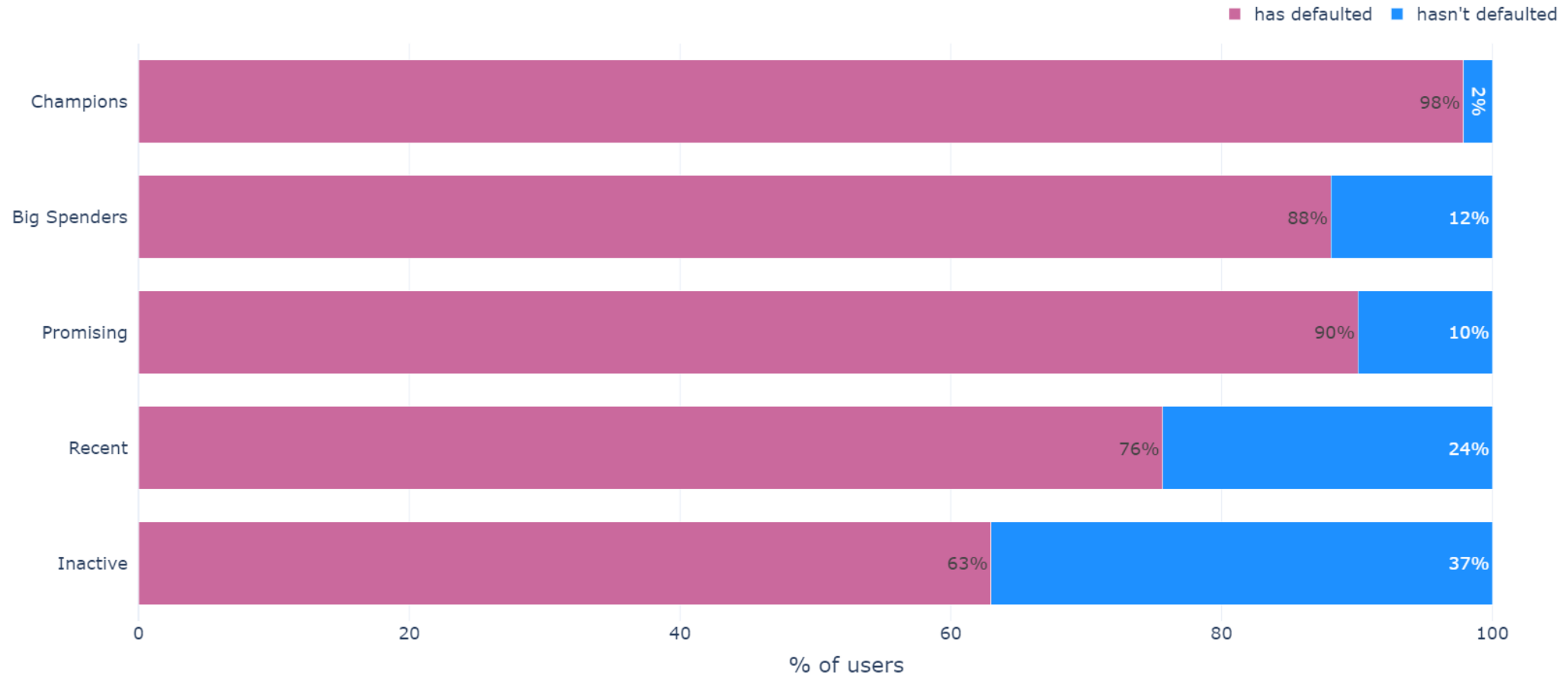
# Recent and Inactive users are more prone incurring loan debt ...



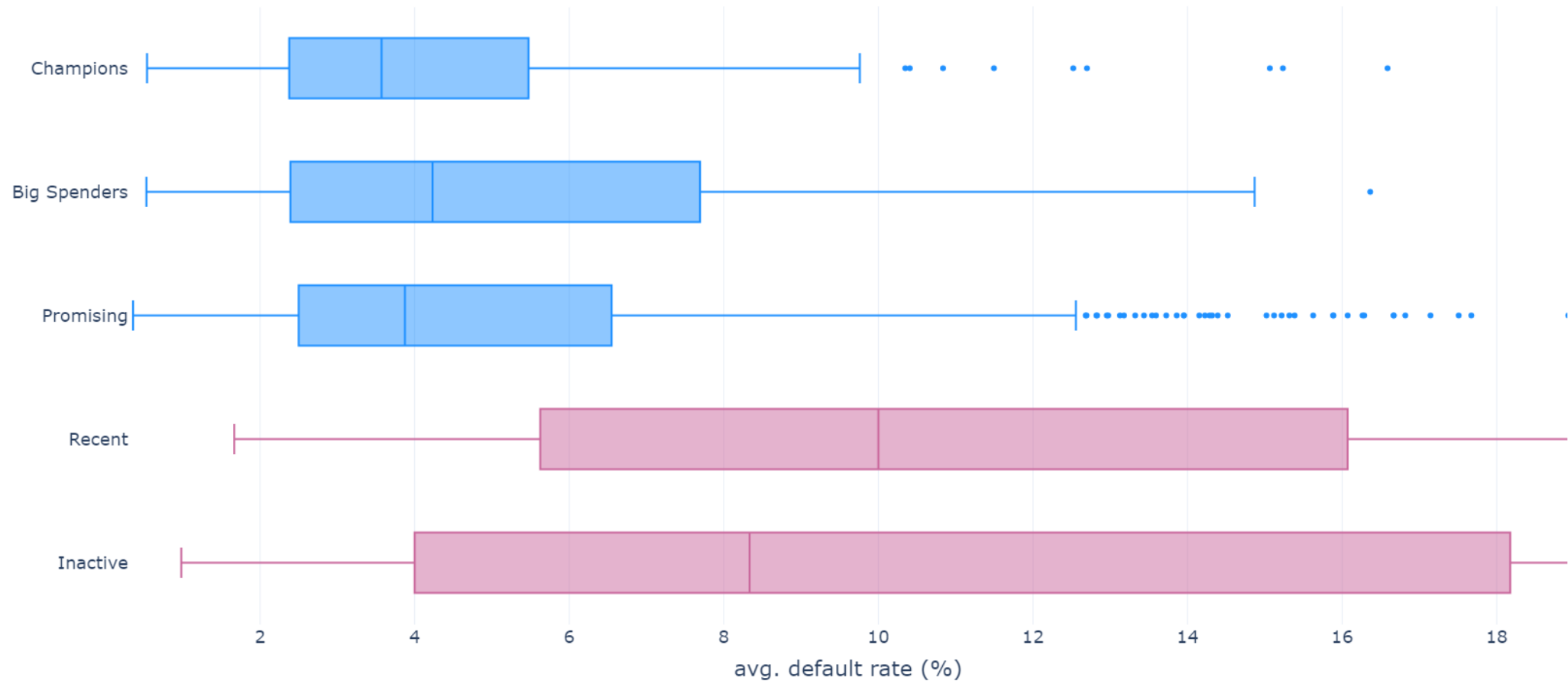
... and can potentially owe **more than 50%** of the loan amount



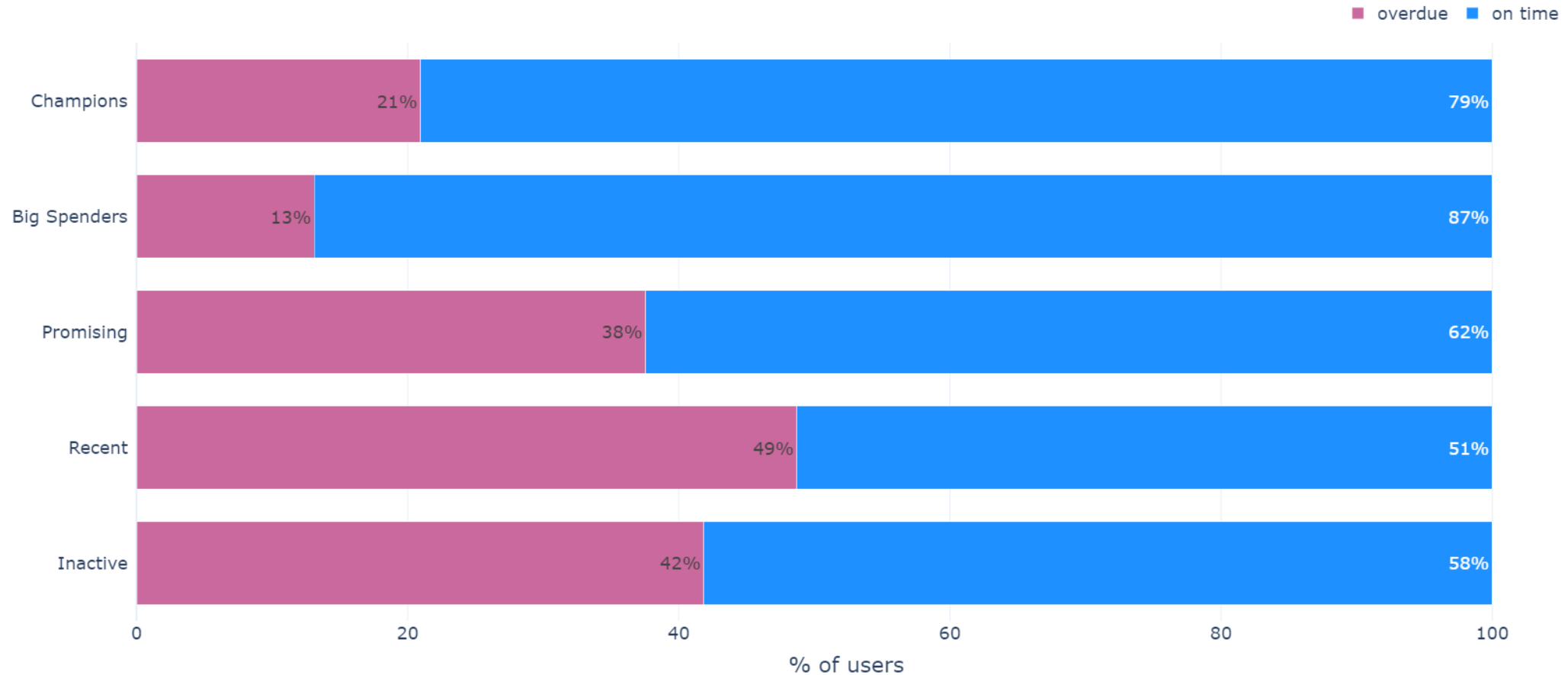
# Frequent users exhibit a higher tendency towards defaulting ...



**... however, infrequent users show greater repayment uncertainty**



## Users with low to moderate spending habits are likely to fall behind the due date



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**User Loan Eligibility**

# Infrequent users present a high-risk repayment behavior

**Champions**

**5%**

high-risk  
loans

**Big Spenders**

**12%**

high-risk  
loans

**Promising**

**15%**

high-risk  
loans

**Recent**

**32%**

high-risk  
loans

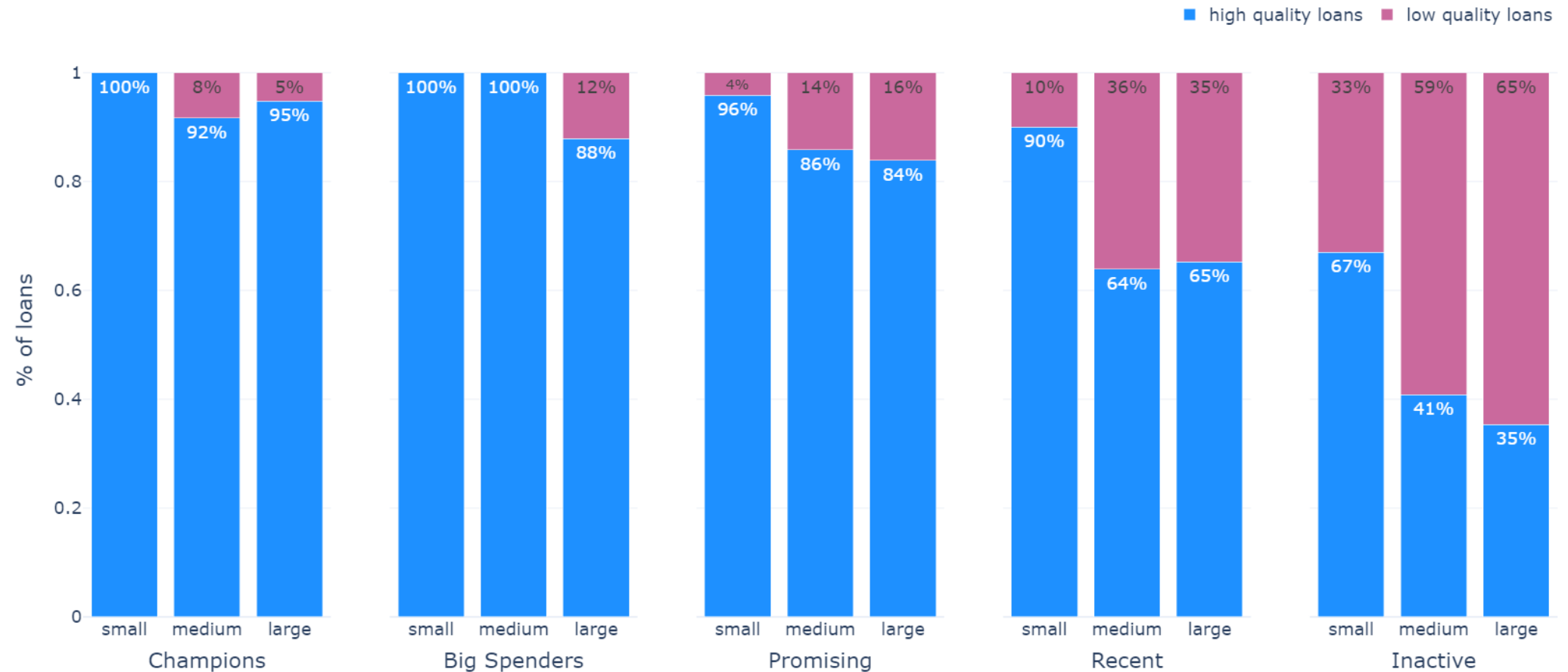
**Inactive**

**63%**

high-risk  
loans

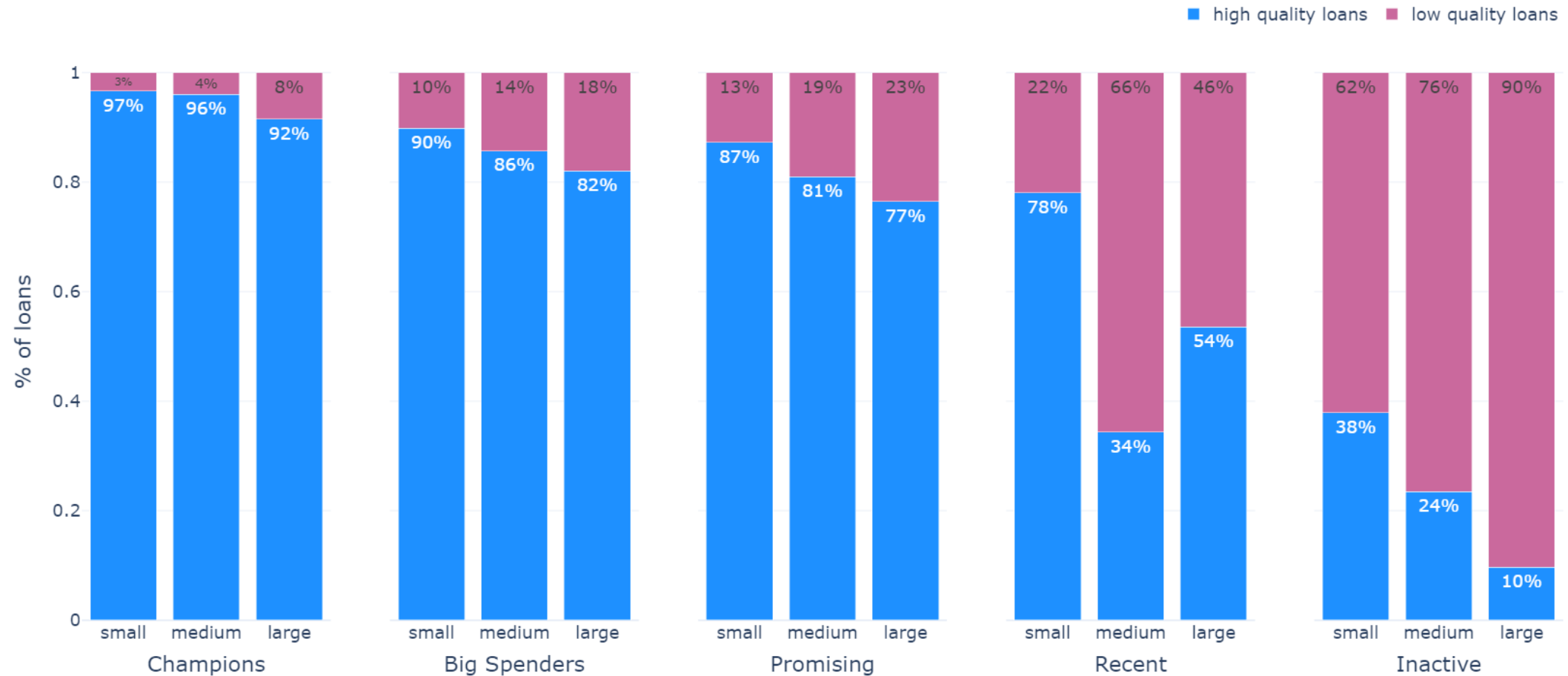


# Risk increases with the loan amount, with *Recent* and *Inactive* users exhibiting a high-risk repayment behavior



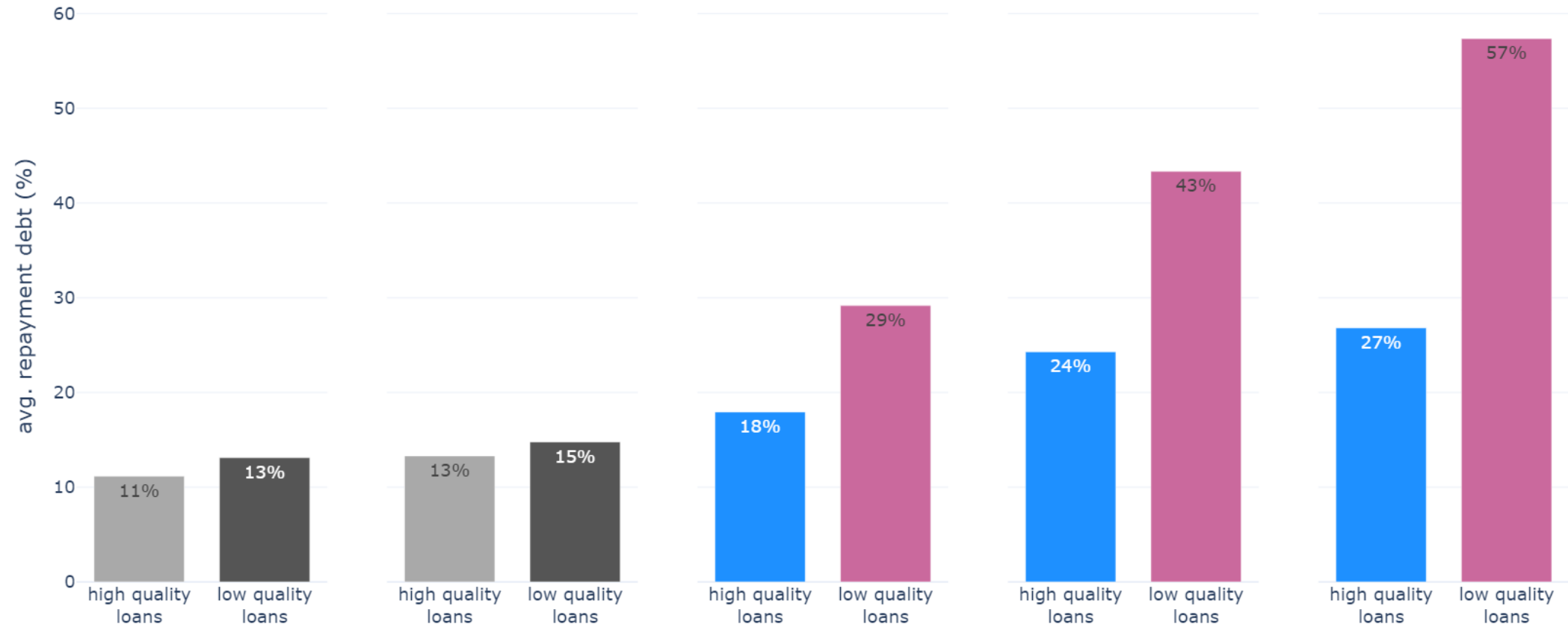
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## Similar risk can be observed in relation to the loan interest rates

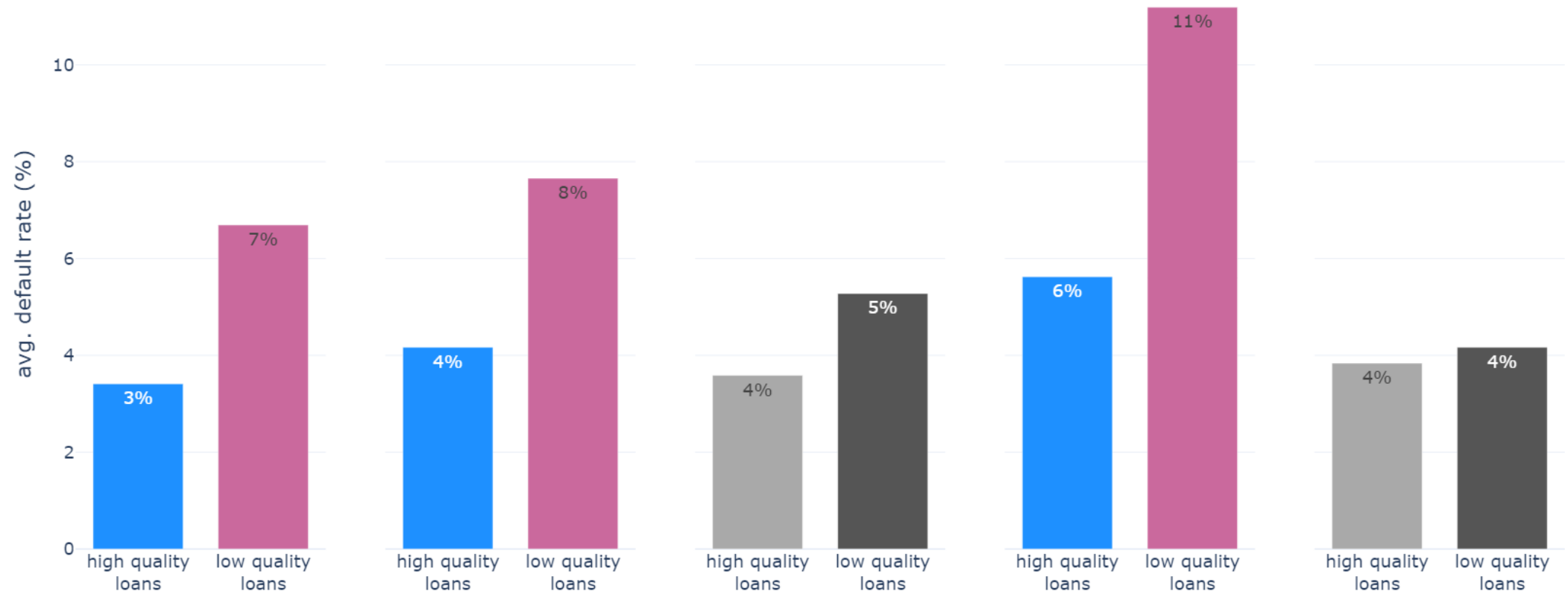


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# Users with a significant repayment debt, particularly *Recent* and *Inactive* users, exhibit poor repayment behavior

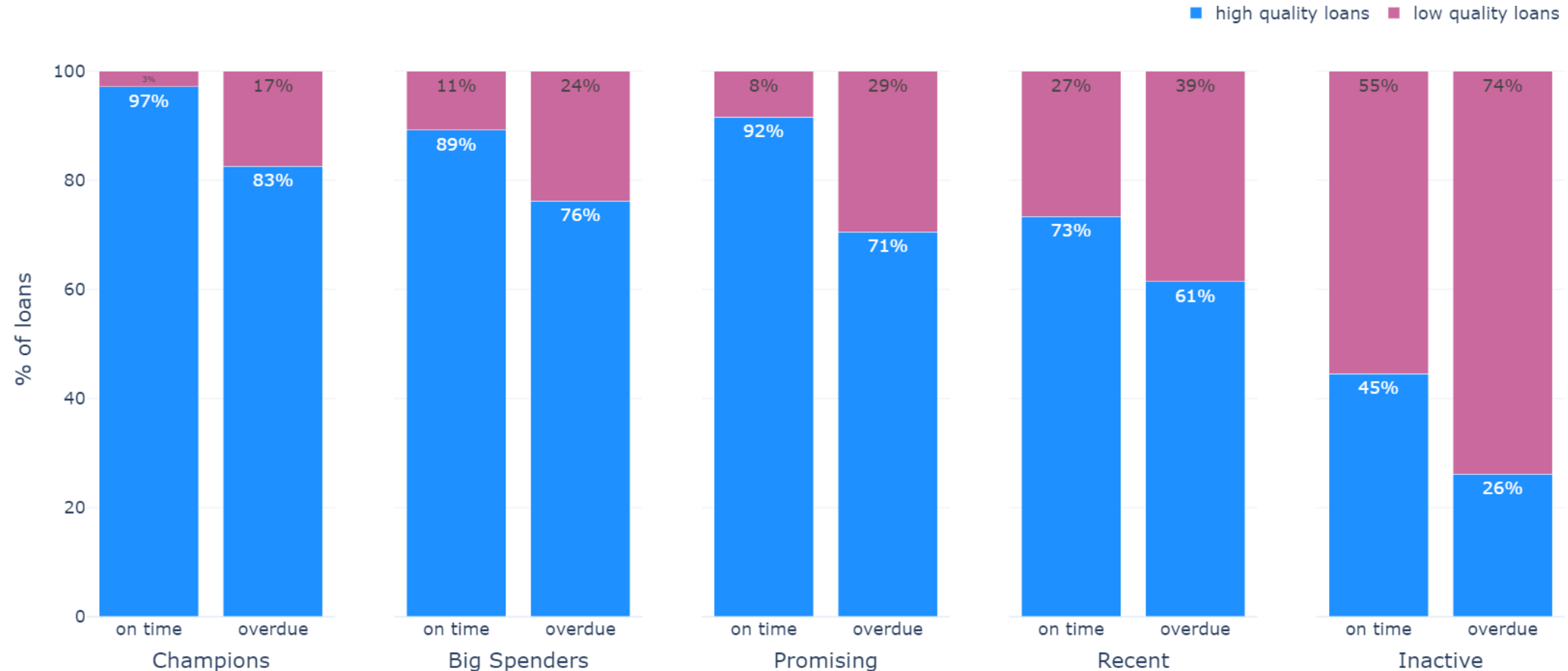


# Higher default rates within the user segments are indicators of high-risk repayment behavior

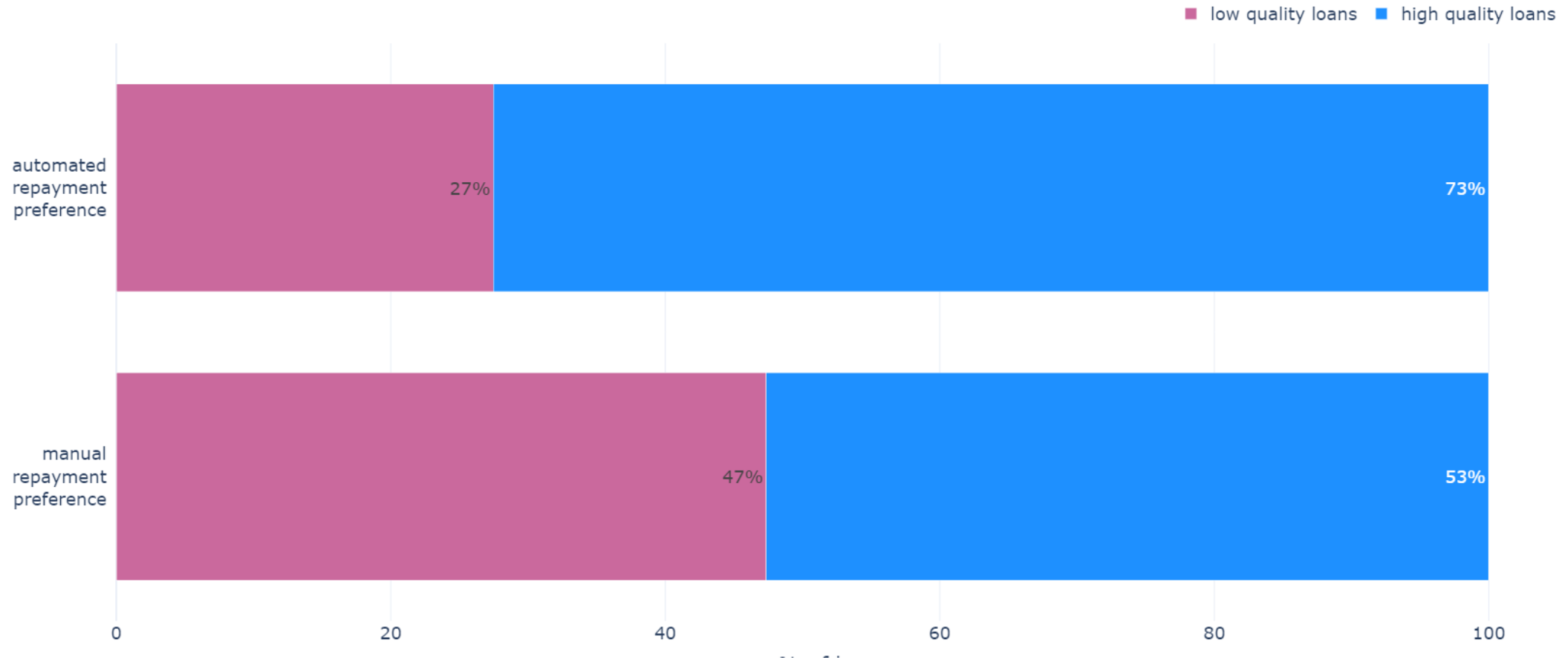


# Users who exceed the repayment due dates are typically associated with riskier repayment behaviors

*Recent and Inactive users have shown a higher propensity to miss their due dates*



## Users who don't prefer automated repayment schedules are more likely to exhibit riskier repayment behavior



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## **Loan Repayment Model and Analysis**

# The model identifies 71% of the high-risk loan candidates, however, with low confidence levels

*Results on the test set*

	Precision	Recall	F1 score
low-risk candidate	88%	83%	85%
high-risk candidate	62%	71%	66%
overall	80%	80%	80%

*weighted avg. scores for Random Forest*

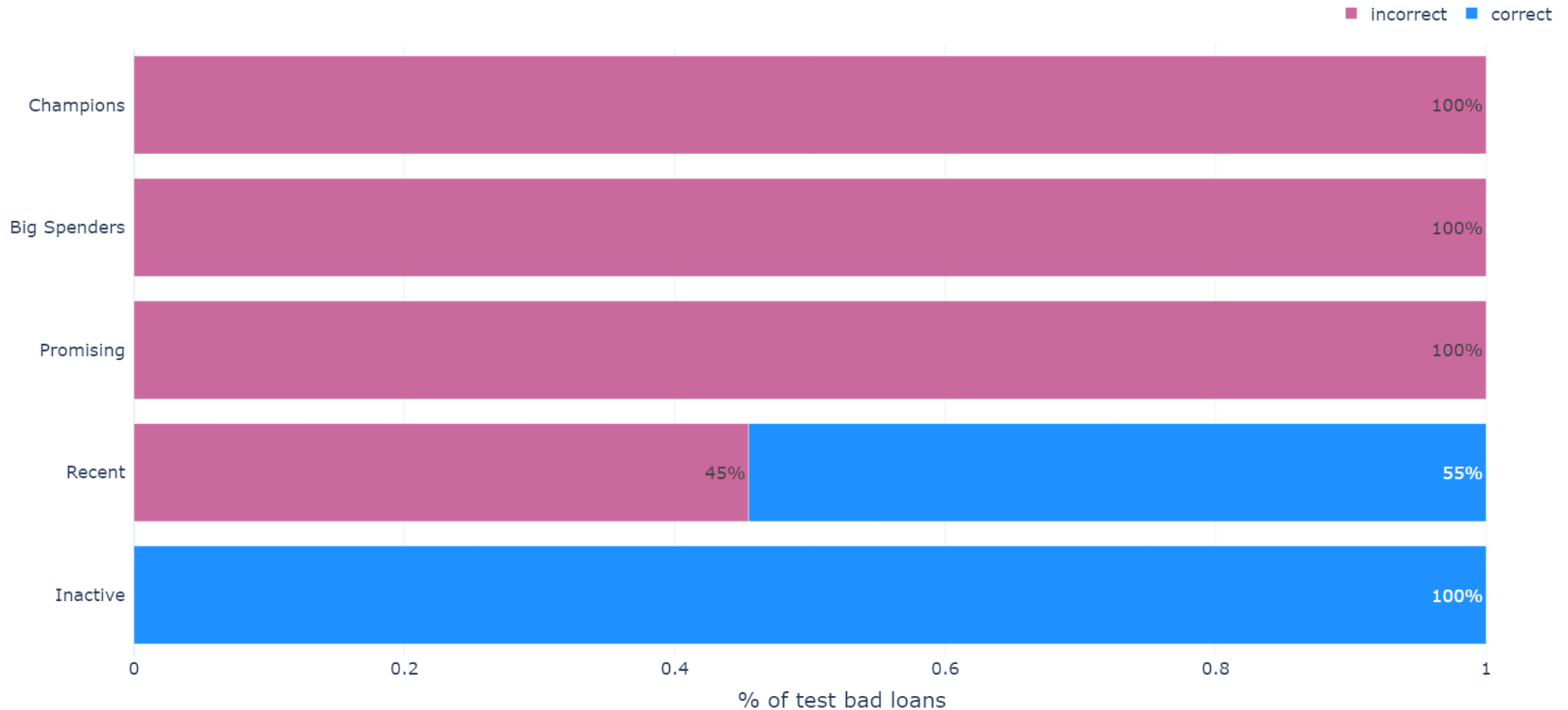
Top predictive factors include

- **purchasing behavior** (RFM segments, transaction rejection rate, installment preference, preference of purchasing online)
- **repayment behavior** (preference of manual repayments, avg. repayment amount, users' portfolio of amount and interest rate sizes)
- **loan characteristics**



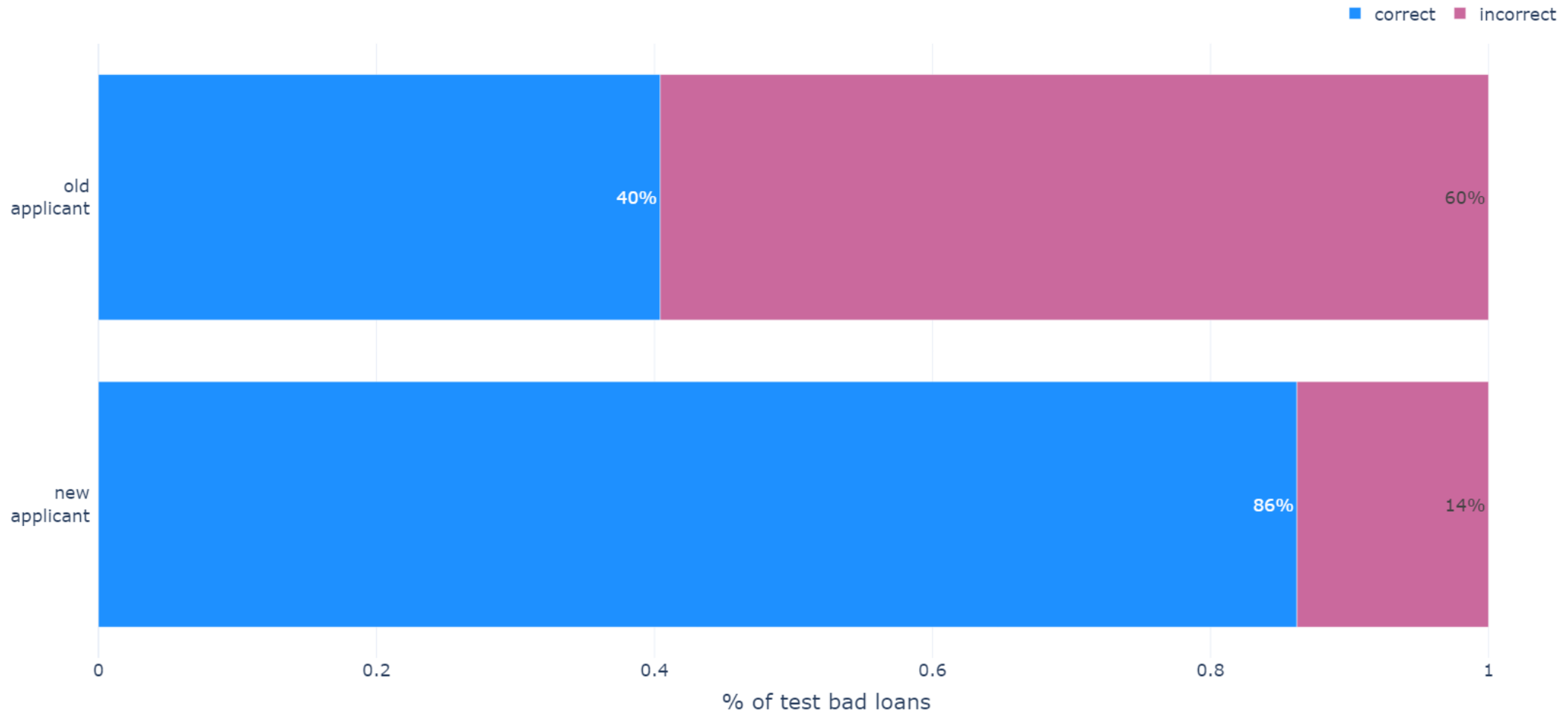
# Challenge in predicting when “healthy” users incur high-risk loans

*High-risk candidates in the test set*



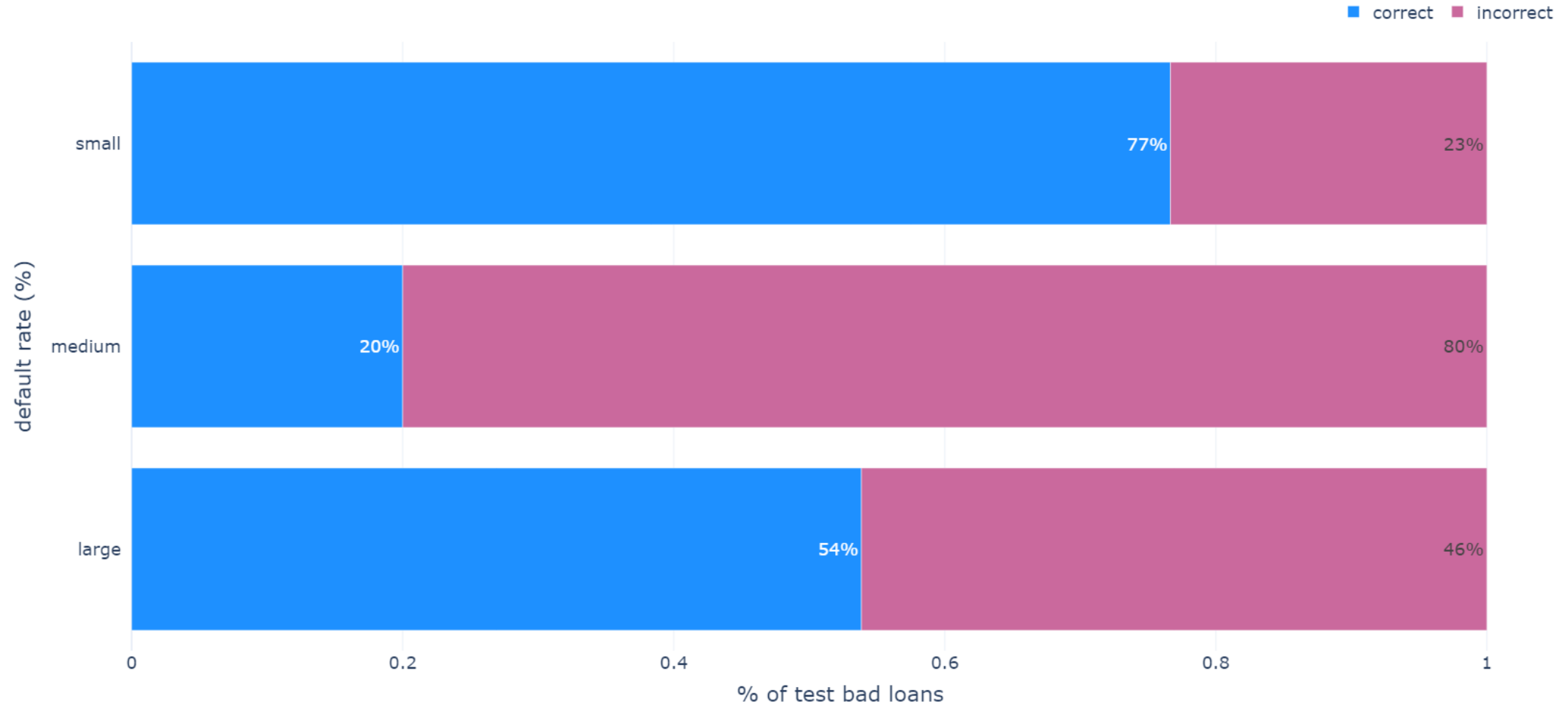
# Although the model is accurate when assessing new applicants, its performance declines for old applicants

*High-risk candidates in the test set*



# Difficulty to capture bad loan candidates with medium to large default rates

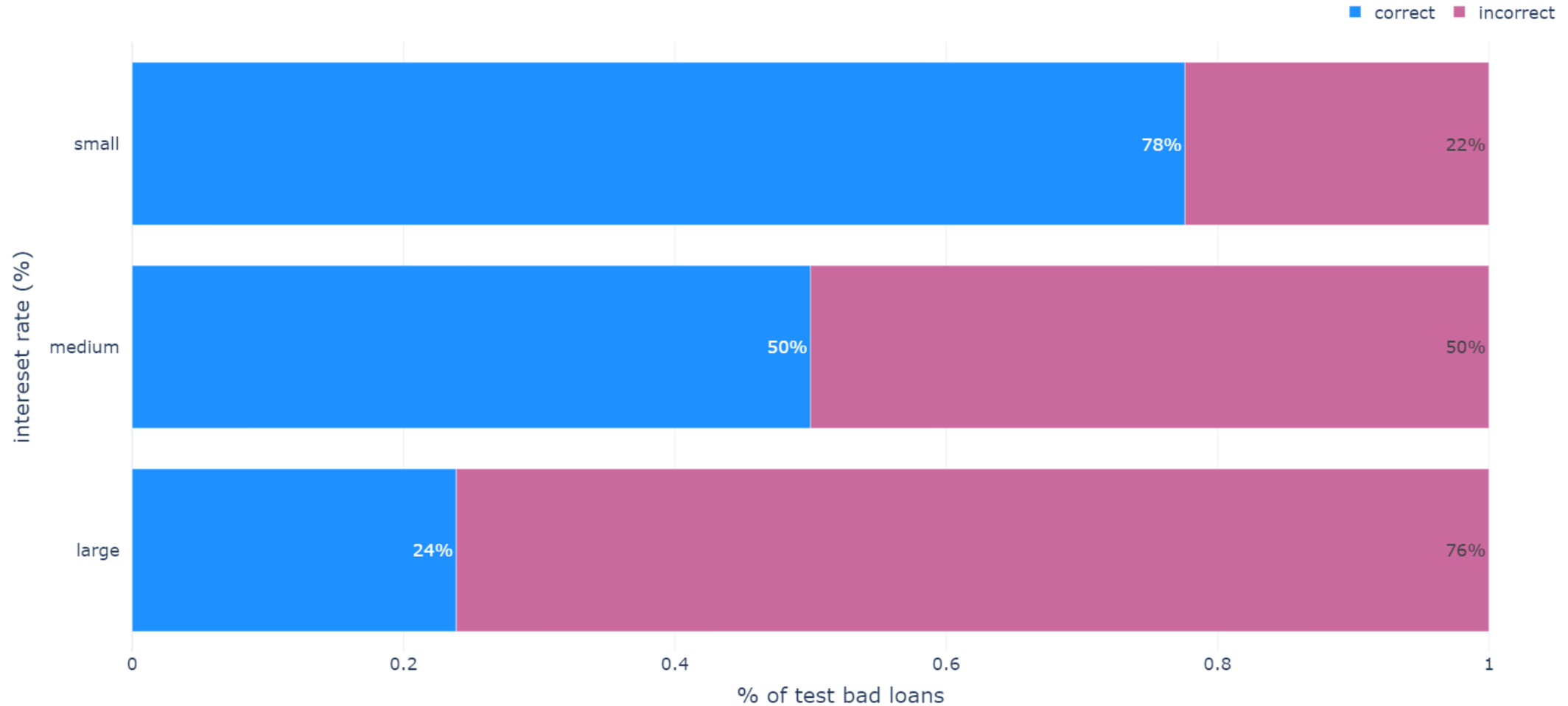
*High-risk candidates in the test set*



**small:** less than 5%, **medium:** 5% - 10% , **large:** greater than 10%

# The model cannot capture bad repayment patterns mainly for loans with medium to large interest rates

*High-risk candidates in the test set*



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**Next Steps and Considerations**

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- **Expand the set of features** to include user demographics (e.g., state, age, occupation, etc.) and other various loan characteristics (e.g., loan purpose, etc.).
- Transition from RFM customer analysis to a more refined **clustering** method to model customer purchasing behavioral patterns.
- **User embeddings** to capture complex and nuanced information about the users' behaviors, attributes, and interactions.
- **Signal features** about the user, e.g., when the user is taking loans, changes in lending amounts, etc.. Withing the context of Lending, *different signals have different strengths* and can quantify when the user is **switching context**.



# Thank You!



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# QnA Session