

## Finding opportunities with alternative data amid rising delinquency and economic uncertainty

Lenders across Latin America (LATAM) are increasingly turning to alternative data to bridge visibility gaps in consumer credit risk. Most lenders (92%) who responded to our 2024 survey are somewhat to far more confident making consumer lending decisions with the help of alternative data, compared with a year ago.<sup>1</sup>

### Nearly all the lenders surveyed also agree on the primary challenges they anticipate over the next two years:





Collecting on delinquent loans

Attracting new qualified borrowers

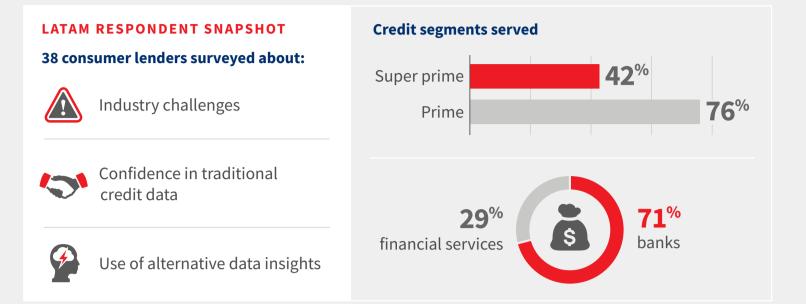


Retaining existing

customers



Accessing and harnessing external data











90% **OF LENDERS** can only evaluate up to

**75**% **OF THEIR APPLICANTS** with traditional credit data alone



of respondents are less confident making consumer lending decisions based solely on traditional credit data



have experienced reduced visibility into negative payment history



deal with lack of coverage of consumer population

#### **KEY TAKEAWAY**

Shifting reporting requirements have reduced the visibility lenders need to effectively evaluate consumer credit risk.

In recent years, credit providers have reported significantly less payment and delinquency data, further clouding the picture of credit risk associated with many consumers.

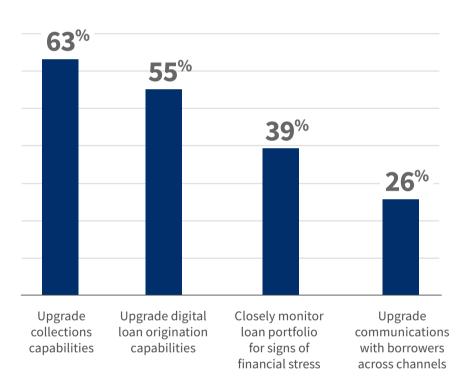
Add persistent inflation and high interest rates, and it's clear that lenders need new tools to regain visibility into creditworthiness.

Furthermore, many Latin American countries face rising fraud rates, compelling them to use security measures that can add friction to the customer experience.



### Financial institutions look to upgrade and modernize

#### Changes made in the past year or planned in the next 6 months



#### **KEY TAKEAWAY**

Lenders are looking to improve their abilities across the customer journey, from digitized loan origination to insights-based collections strategies.

They are also taking new approaches to loan servicing, paying closer attention to signs of financial stress and communicating with their customers across a range of platforms.

Given the common challenges faced by many lenders, these upgrades will play a critical role in helping them balance risk and growth across their portfolios.



### Alternative data adoption is poised to grow

**Current applications of alternative data** 





#### **KEY TAKEAWAY**

Many lenders are looking to build a foundation of alternative data insights to stabilize their consumer

Pre-screen marketing

Portfolio management

Loan origination



credit risk strategies.

Alternative data can add visibility into consumer creditworthiness across the customer life cycle.

Incorporating these insights earlier can help lenders gain a competitive advantage.

### 74% of lenders are **not** using alternative credit scores for collections

In addition to streamlining operations this could help them:



find right-party contacts sooner



improve collections outcomes

#### **Planned investments in alternative data**



**71**<sup>%</sup> seek to use at additional points of loan life cycle



**29**<sup>%</sup> looking for new types of alternative data

# Alternative data can help LATAM lenders navigate regulatory changes and economic volatility

Economic uncertainty has become the norm for financial institutions and regulations continue to evolve in unpredictable ways. Other challenges facing these lenders include rising rates of fraud, which can hinder efforts to provide a frictionless experience for customers. To find clarity on consumer creditworthiness and gain a competitive edge — more lenders are turning to alternative data insights.

From pre-screen marketing and origination decisions to loan servicing and collections, the insights made possible with alternative data are helping lenders regain visibility into consumer credit risk, driving portfolio growth and supporting risk mitigation along the way.



# To learn more, read the full report. **Download the 2024 Global Consumer Lending Confidence Report** risk.lexisnexis.com/regain-visibility

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