What are you doing to protect your portfolio from risk related to

# Student Debt Delinquency?

- More than 42.7 million borrowers in the U.S. hold \$1.77 trillion in student loan debt.
- By the end of 2023, nearly 10 million Americans were behind on their student loan payments, amounting to more than \$250 billion in delinquent debt.
- A new student loan delinquency can cause a borrower's credit score to drop more than 150 points.
- Federal student loan debt will not be forgiven.\*

#### Do you know:

- Who in your portfolio is affected?
- What type of risk(s) they represent?
- How quickly you can respond?

#### Find out:

- Presence of student loans with other lenders
- Number of student loans
- Balance of student loans
- Percent of overall consumer debt
- Student loan status

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, March 2025.

\*The Supreme Court blocked the original student loan forgiveness plan in 2023, and in 2025, a federal court issued an injunction preventing the U.S. Department of Education from implementing the SAVE plan and parts of other IDR plans.

### Understand your exposure with a

## Portfolio Review

This insight will help you:

- Create high-risk categories for further analysis and explore the need to adjust cut-off scores.
- Revise collection strategies, if necessary.
- Devise a new approach to manage credit limits for revolving consumers affected.
- You can proactively reach out to specific consumer segments with financial education, repayment plan offerings/refinancing, or debt consolidation.



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