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### The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Consumer Financial Education

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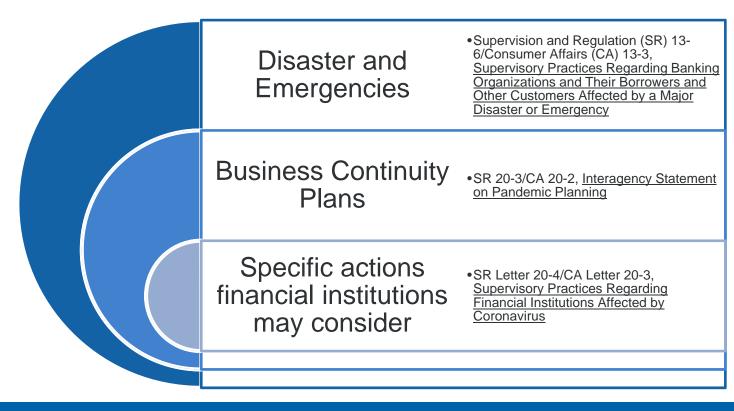
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# **Covid-19 Major Disaster Declaration Areas**

- All 50 States
- District of Columbia
- Certain U.S. territories

# **Guidance to Assist Customers Through a Crisis**

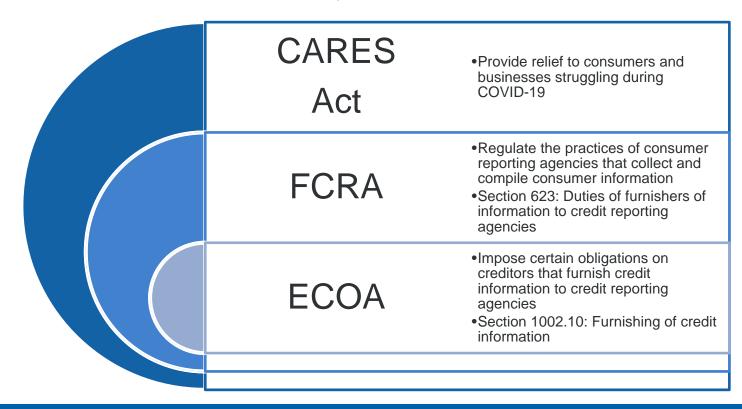


## Joint Statement on Community Reinvestment Act Consideration for Activities in Response to COVID-19 (CA 20-4)

Examples of qualified activities include loans, investments, or community development services that support:

- Emergency medical care, including medical facility services and supplies, temporary medical facilities, and enhanced medical/hospital capacity;
- Purchase and distribution of personal protective equipment;
- Provision of emergency food supplies; or
- Assistance to state, tribal, territorial, or local governments for emergency management and to support communications of general health and safety information to the public.

# Consumer Credit Information Under the CARES ACT, FCRA, and ECOA



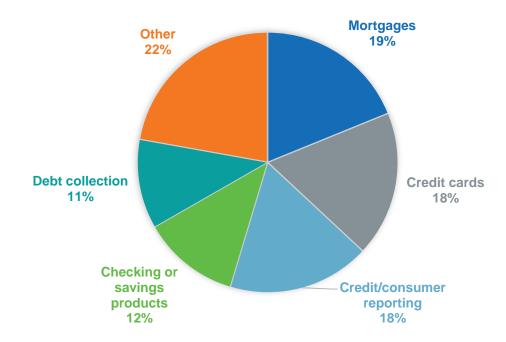
### Resources

- Fair Credit Reporting Act
- Equal Credit Reporting Act
- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
- Consumer Compliance Outlook

### **Federal Regulators of Financial Institutions**

- Federal Reserve
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (<u>FDIC</u>)
- Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC)
- National Credit Union Administration (<u>NCUA</u>)
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (<u>CFPB</u>)

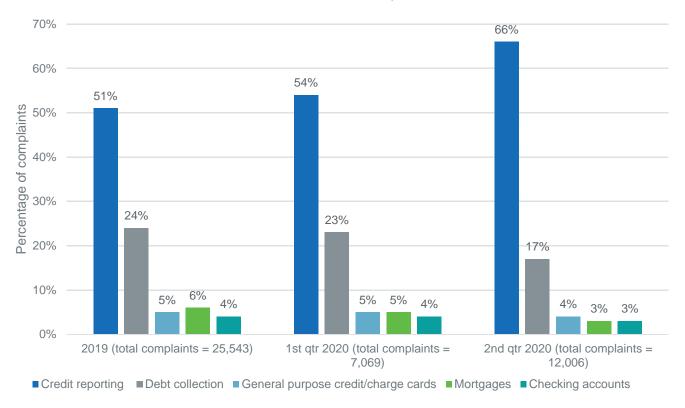
#### COVID-RELATED COMPLAINTS IN THE U.S.



NOTE: The time period is January 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020. "Other" refers to a combination of all other complaints.

SOURCE: "July 2020 Complaint Bulletin," CFPB

#### Texas consumer complaints



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SOURCE: "Consumer Complaint Database," Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

# Where to file complaints with federal financial regulators

Consumers can find their bank or credit union's primary regulator through Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council's National Information Center

- Federal Reserve: <u>Federal Reserve Consumer Help</u>
- FDIC: <u>Consumer Response Center</u>
- OCC: <u>Help with My Bank</u>
- CFPB: "Submit a complaint"
- NCUA: <u>Consumer Assistance Center</u>

# Economic Well-Being of U.S. Households and Impact of COVID-19

- 18% of adults—including 25% of black and Hispanic adults—were not working full time and wanted more work in late 2019
- If faced with an unexpected expense of \$400, 63% of adults said they would cover it completely using cash or a credit card paid off at the end of the month—an improvement from half who would have paid this way in 2013.
- Nearly 20% of adults experienced either job loss or reduction in hours in March 2020.
  - Over 33% of those who experienced a job loss or reduction in hours expect to have difficulty with their monthly bills.

SOURCE: <u>"Report on the Economic Well-Being of U.S. Households in 2019, Featuring Supplemental</u> Data from April 2020," Federal Reserve

# Impact of COVID-19 on Low- to Moderate-Income Communities and Entities Serving Them

- 60% of respondents: Significant disruption on economic conditions of communities they serve and expected recovery to be difficult
- 42% of respondents: Top impacts are income loss, job loss and unemployment
- 56% of respondents: Demand for their services increased since early April or is anticipated to increase
  - 45% of respondents: Corresponding decrease/anticipated decrease in their ability to provide services
  - 18% respondents: They could operate for less 3 months in current environment before exhibiting financial distress

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#### **COVID-related consumer resources**

- "Help for Texans," Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA)
- Federal Reserve Board: "Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): Consumer Resources"
- CFPB: "Protecting your finances during the coronavirus pandemic" and "Resources to help you avoid scams"
- OCC: "COVID-19 (Coronavirus)"
- NCUA: "Coronavirus (COVID-19): Information for Federally Insured Credit Unions and Members"

### **Credit and housing counselors**

- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)-approved credit counselors
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)approved housing counselors and Disaster Response Network for renters
- <u>Texas Financial Toolbox</u>, Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (<u>TSAHC</u>)

### Financial education resources

- Dallas Fed: <u>Building Wealth: A Beginner's Guide</u> to <u>Securing Your Financial Future</u>
- FDIC: MoneySmart
- OCC: <u>Financial Literacy Resource Directory</u>

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