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# Faster Payments as a Catalyst for Financial Inclusion

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# Faster Payments and Financial Inclusion



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# Who are the underserved in faster payments?



- Households where no adult has a bank or credit union account
- People who are living paycheck to paycheck
- Small businesses







# Faster Payments for Financial Inclusion of the Underserved

# Who are the Underserved?

#### The underserved are:

- people without bank or credit union accounts;
- people living paycheck to paycheck; and
- small businesses.

The **pain points** for underserved include...

Not Designed for Underserved

Liquidity Constraints

Cash In/Out Constraints

Lack of Trust

Mistake Concerns Fraud Concerns

**Security Concerns** 

Lack of Interoperability

U.S. Market
Characteristics
of Underserved
Consumers

## **66M**

Adults are **low to moderate income**, and
51M Adults struggle
with income volatility.

# \$252B

**Financial service fees** paid by financially coping and vulnerable households.

7.1M
Unbanked households

... the following blueprint can help solve these pain points for underserved senders and receivers of faster payments.

#### Design



- Design for underserved users
- Value **simplicity** for the user
- Include features that **mimic** the benefits of using **cash**

#### Liquidity



- Provide prompt funds availability
- Extend reach across family financial networks
- Low, transparent, and infrequently changing fees

#### Cash In/Out



- Support local efforts to get more people banked
- Develop community-based adoption strategies
- Provide low-cost ways to get cash in and out

#### **Trust**



- **Build confidence** through security, account stability, and fraud prevention with **remediation**
- Timely, accessible, omnichannel and high-quality customer service
- Multilingual and culturally friendly products and service

U.S. Market
Characteristics of
Underserved Small
Businesses

**59.9M**Small business employees

32.5M

Small businesses

66%
Faced financial challenges

# Mistake Prevention



- Build in speed bumps during payment authorization
- Provide help to confirm identity of the proper recipient
- Provide dispute resolution and potentially an indemnity for losses from mistakes

## Fraud Prevention



- Analyze recipient accounts for fraud indicators and implement recipient velocity controls
- Establish an appeals process for victims of scams
- Ongoing fraud analysis, spotting and information sharing across the payments network

#### **Security**



- Adapt identity verification methods to avoid exclusion
- Recalibrate risk and develop tiered KYC for lower balance accounts

#### Interoperability



Achieve broad reach supported by interoperability

The content for this infographic is a high-level summary of details and statistics from the Faster Payments Council's Financial Inclusion Work Group white paper:

**"Faster Payments**and Financial Inclusion."

For an overview of the "Faster Payments and Financial Inclusion" white paper, view:

"Executive Summary and Appendix B."

#### **About the U.S. Faster Payments Council (FPC)**

The FPC is an industry-led membership organization whose vision is a world-class payment system where Americans can safely and securely pay anyone, anywhere, at any time and with near-immediate funds availability. By design, the FPC encourages a diverse range of perspectives and is open to all stakeholders in the U.S. payment system. Guided by principles of fairness, inclusiveness, flexibility, and transparency, the FPC uses collaborative, problem-solving approaches to resolve the issues that are inhibiting broad faster payments adoption in this country. For more information, please visit **FasterPaymentsCouncil.org.** 

# **About the FPC's Financial Inclusion Work Group**

The U.S. Faster Payments Council established the Financial Inclusion Work Group in early 2021 with the mission to provide a blueprint for leveraging faster payments to accelerate access to the financial system for unbanked and underserved Americans.

For more information on Work Groups, visit **FasterPaymentsCouncil.org/Work-Groups**.





### Call to Action



# What are YOU doing to expand financial inclusion and how is it working?

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