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In September 2021, Experian reported that the annual national average VantageScore was 695, up from 688 in 2020. Still, it's much lower than the 800 rating that qualifies to get the best interest rates when it comes time to buy a house or car.

The report also said the average consumer has a credit card balance of \$5,897.

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