# Understanding the Unbanked and Underbanked

# How Many Are There?



#### Unbanked

Households without a checking or savings account

or

5.6

million

U.S. households

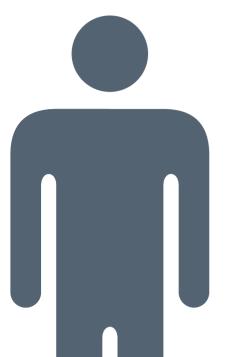


#### Underbanked

Households have a bank account but also use financial services outside traditional banks.



# Who Are They?



4.2%

of U.S.

households

Unbanked and underbanked rates were higher among:

- Lower-income households
- Less-educated households
- Younger households
  Black and Hispanic households
  Working-age disabled households
  21.8% of households with annual incomes of less than \$15,000 a year have no bank account!

6622% of unbanked households were cash only<sup>1</sup>

#### **The 5 Most Unbanked States Are<sup>1</sup>:**

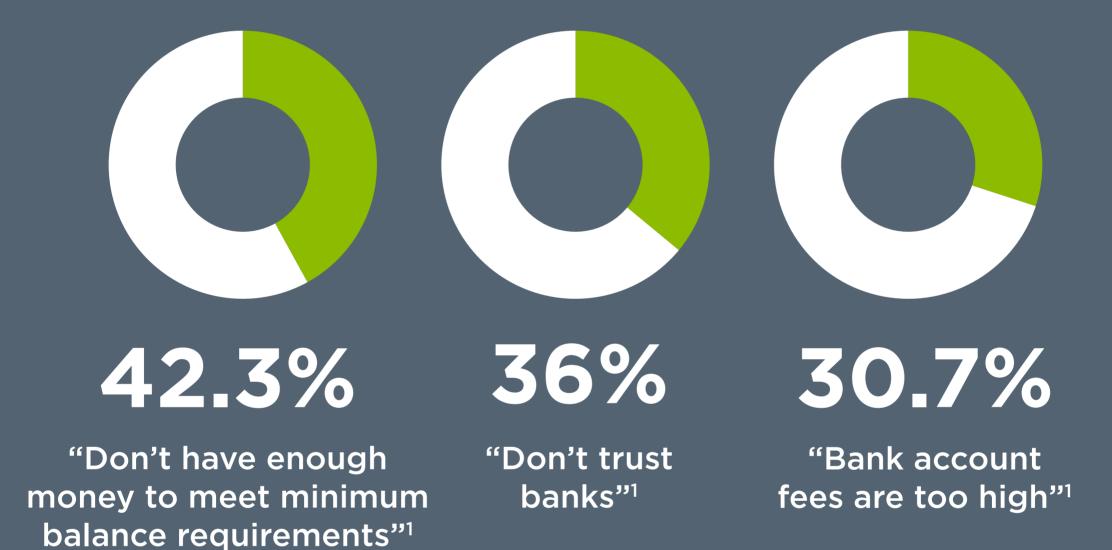
- 1. Mississippi 9.4%
- 2. Louisiana 8%
- 3. Georgia 7%
- 4. Illinois 6.6%
- 5. Texas 6.5%



## Why Are They Unbanked/Underbanked?

Most commonly cited reasons for

being unbanked/underbanked



Other commonly cited reasons: "Avoiding a bank gives more privacy" "Bank locations are inconvenient"

### How Can You Reach Them?

#### Mobile

Underbanked consumers make comparatively heavy use of both mobile banking and mobile payments.

Unbanked households

72% have a mobile phone<sup>1</sup> Underbanked households

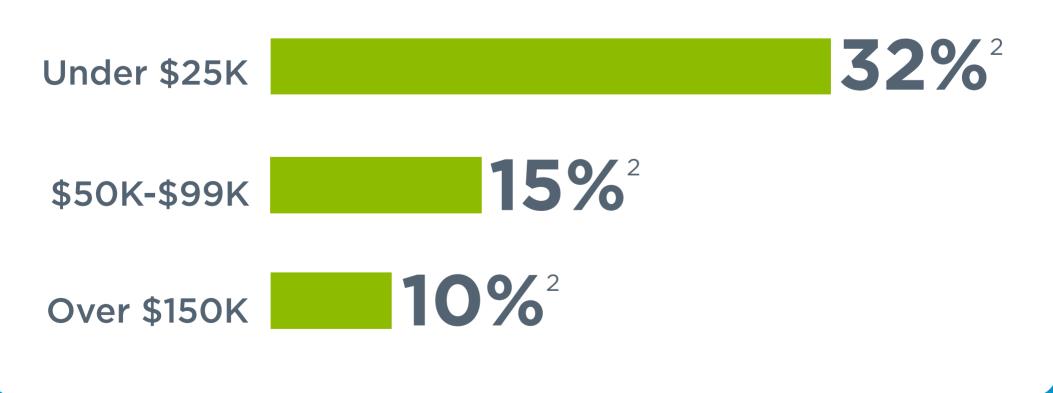
**54%** use mobile banking<sup>1</sup>

#### **In-Person Payment Solutions**

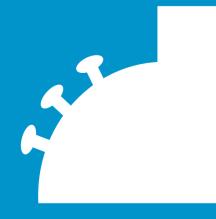
Many unbanked or underbanked customers prefer to pay with cash at alternative financial service providers.

#### **Who Prefers Cash?**

By household income



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