

## Your Money

In today's economy, your financial character is determined by one thing—your FICO score. This three-digit number is used by banks, lenders and even employers and landlords to gauge how good you are with your money.

FICO scores range from 300 to 850, and financial expert Suze Orman says any score below 700 is considered low. The lower your score, the higher your interest rate—so it's more important than ever to give your credit a boost. This chart explains how your FICO score is determined.

