# MARKET STUDY 2024 CONSUMER FINANCING IN GERMANY

## **FOCUS: PAYMENT PROTECTION INSURANCE**

Ipsos GmbH conducted on behalf of the Bankenfachverband e. V. (German Association of Credit Banks)



## **About the study**

**NOTE:** The results are based on the information provided by consumers in May/June 2024 and relate to all financing used at this time, regardless of when the contract was concluded. In particular, the attitudes of consumers and financing intentions depend on the respective framework conditions at the time of the survey.

METHOD	Survey in the household panel of Consumer Panel Services GfK (written survey, in parts online)
SURVEY PERIOD	19 May 2024 – 14 June 2024
TARGET GROUP	A representative selection of people between the age of 18 and 69, chosen according to age, profession, the size of city they live in, and federal state
SAMPLE	n=1,700 interviews, the results were weighted according to the socio-demographic specifications
FREQUENCY OF THE STUDY	Once a year
SURVEYED AREA	Federal Republic of Germany

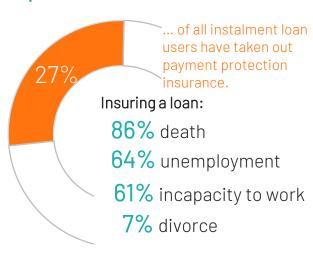




## Payment protection insurance

Key findings of the study

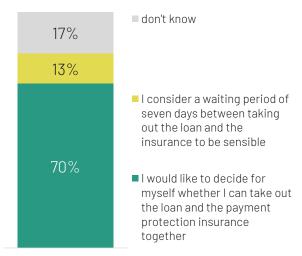
# Conclusion of payment protection insurance



Almost three out of ten instalment loan users insure their instalment loan with payment protection insurance. Securing the loan in the event of death is the most frequently insured risk.

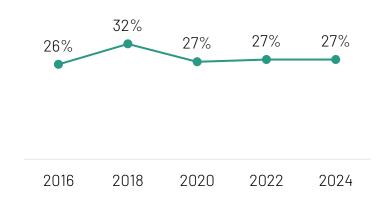
# Attitudes regarding the waiting period

As of 2025, consumers will be allowed to take out PPI no earlier than seven days after taking out a loan.



The great majority instalment loan users with payment protection insurance want to decide for themselves whether they can take out the insurance together with the loan.

# Conclusion of a payment protection insurance over time



The proportion of instalment loan users with payment protection insurance has remained relatively constant over the last few years.

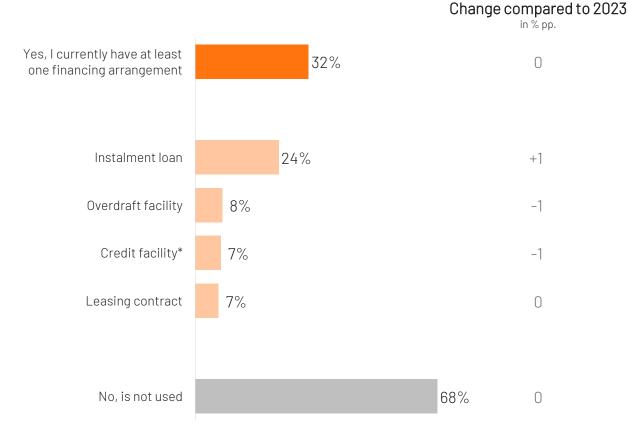




## **Use of financing**

One in three consumers currently uses at least one form of financing.

The instalment loan is the most common form of financing used by consumers to purchase consumer goods.



Q2a: Are you currently using one of the following loans/forms of financing (excluding mortgage financing)?

multiple answers possible; \*without overdraft facility



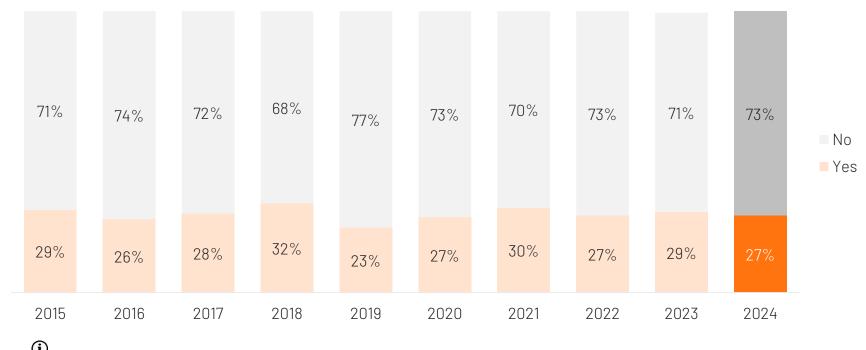




## Conclusion of a payment protection insurance over time

Almost three out of ten instalment loan users insure their instalment loan with payment protection.

Over the last ten years, this value has remained at a comparable level.



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In the last 10 years, an average of 28% of all instalment loan users have taken out payment protection insurance.

Basis: Instalment loan users 2024 n=400

Q10: Have you taken out payment protection insurance for your most recent instalment loan?





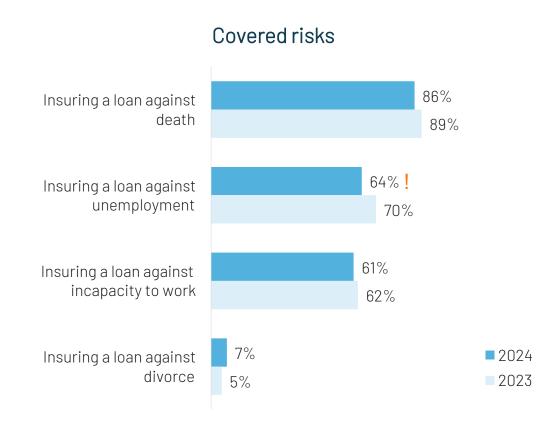
## Conclusion of payment protection insurance according to risks

An instalment loan is most often protected against the risks of death, unemployment and incapacity to work.

Insuring the loan in the event of divorce is less of a focus for policyholders.

#### Basis:

Instalment loan users with a payment protection insurance 2024 n=109 2023 n=113



013: What risks does your payment protection insurance cover?

multiple answers possible





## Waiting period for payment protection insurance as of 2025

Instalment loan users

Only a few instalment loan users consider the waiting period of seven days between taking out a loan and taking out payment protection insurance, which will apply from 2025, to be sensible.

The majority would like to decide for themselves whether they can take out the insurance together with the loan.

60%

Basis: Instalment loan users n=400 Instalment loan users with a payment protection insurance n=109



18%

22%

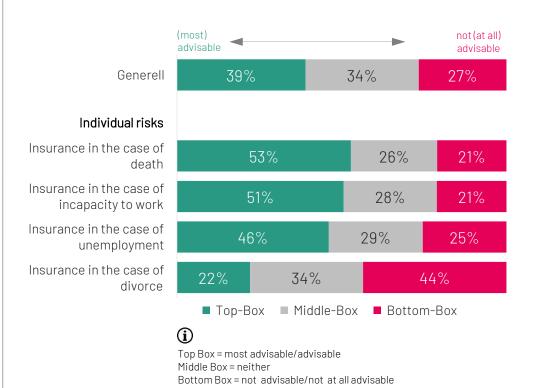




## **Need for protection over time**

The need to take out payment protection insurance remains at the same high level as in the previous year.

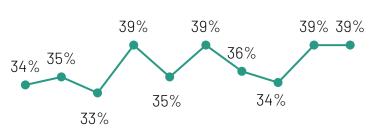
Half of the users of financing products consider protection in the case of death and half in the case of incapacity to work to be (most) advisable.



#### Payment protection insurance in general

Top-Box = (most) advisable

Over time



2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

Basis: Users of financing products n=543

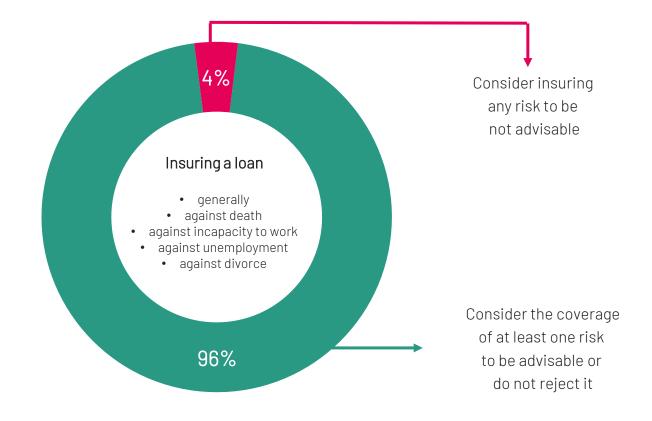
Q15a: How advisable do you think it is to take out payment protection insurance in general, and how advisable do you consider it is to cover the following specific risks with payment protection insurance?





## **Need for protection**

Nearly all users of financing products consider it useful to protect themselves against at least one risk.



Basis: Users of financing products n=543

015a: How advisable do you think it is to take out payment protection insurance in general, and how advisable do you consider it is to cover the following specific risks with payment protection insurance?

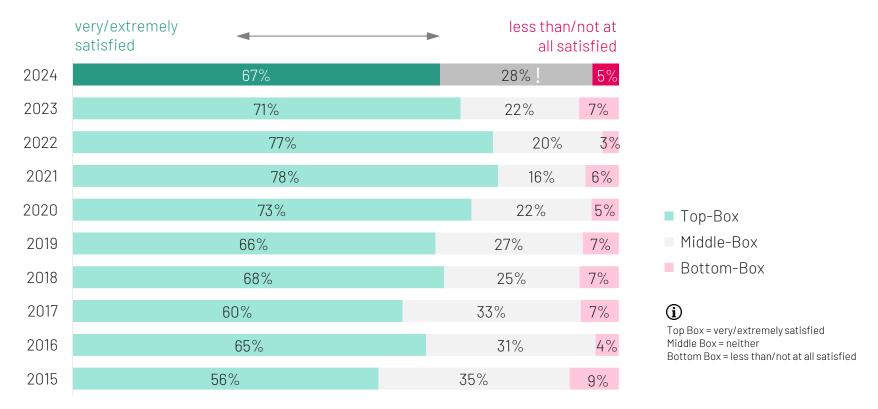




## Satisfaction with payment protection insurance

Satisfaction with the payment protection insurance is slightly decreasing compared to the previous year but remains at a high level.

More than two thirds of all insured persons are satisfied and only five per cent are not satisfied.



Basis: Instalment loan users with payment protection insurance 2024 n=109  $\,$ 

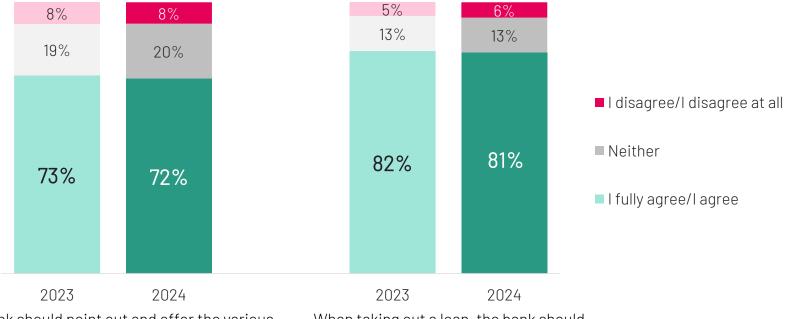
Q14: How satisfied are you overall with your payment protection insurance? rounding differences possible





## **Consumer expectations**

Customers want to be informed about the loan's protection options and possible risks during the term of the loan when they take out the loan.



The bank should point out and offer the various coverage options of a payment protection insurance (e.g. in the event of unemployment or death).

When taking out a loan, the bank should inform me about possible risks during the term.

Basis: All respondents n=1,698

015c: How do you rate payment protection insurance in general in terms of the following aspects?
rounding differences possible





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