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### Key Findings from Federal Reserve Financial Services 2021 Payments Risk Management Research Study

Survey of 120 risk management professionals in June 2021

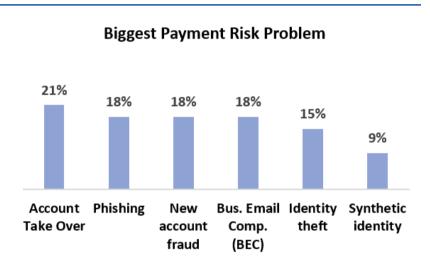
### 1. Cybersecurity is a top concern of payment risk management



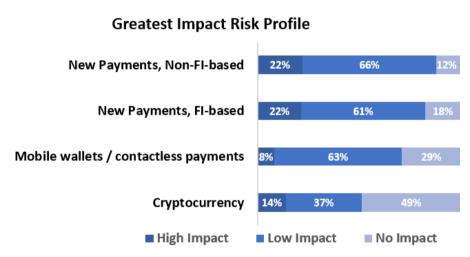
- Cybersecurity operational risk remains high
- Growth in remote office work creates more vulnerable targets
- New computing models (e.g. cloud, distributed networks) create new cyber security risk and uncertainty

# 2. Account takeover has become common with ample accounts from which hackers can choose

- Social distancing created a boom in online shopping, mobile app usage and digital access to new and existing accounts
- Increased online account activity has resulted in more opportunity to compromise credentialed accounts
- Credit push payment methods are especially vulnerable to compromised credentials and legitimate account takeover



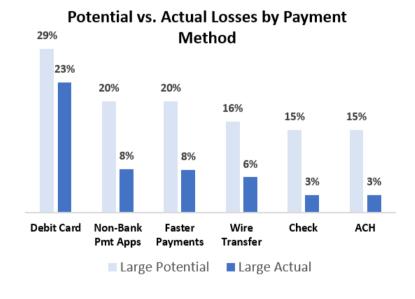
### 3. New payment types amplify risk challenges for financial institutions



- Non-financial institution control of customer relationships increases the payment risk for financial institutions
- Financial institutions can lower their overall payment risk profile by offering and taking control of new electronic payment services

# 4. Some loss concern on faster/person-to-person (P2P) payments, but actual losses still highest in cards

- Card payment losses are larger, as expected, but before-the-fact fraud detection will be even more critical for emerging instant payments
- Ex-ante transaction screening is important to financial institutions as they move into P2P payments to provide the ability to find fraud before it hits the account



# 5. Most financial institutions are planning on high single-digit expansion of fraud and risk tool investing

# Outlook on Fraud & Risk Tool investing by Financial Institutions Increase more than 10% Increase 5% to 10% Increase 1% to 5% Decrease 1% Don't know 11%

- Investments in fraud and risk tools are expected to grow
- Financial institutions will be looking to their service providers to provide tools that help mitigate these risks

### For more information visit our Risk Management Toolbox on FRBservices.org.

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