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"Many auto finance consumers are looking for more clarity. Increased transparency, no 'fine-print' clauses and clear communication are ways to increase customer satisfaction and referral business." – Sanjay Sharma, Senior Financial Services Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- Overall affordability is the most important decision factor
- Dealership financing, bank loans and manufacturer financing are the three top non-selffinancing choices
- Satisfaction with dealership finance is high
- Consumers are generally cautious about loan terms and monthly payments

Fuelled by a prolonged low interest rate environment and other financing incentives, Canadians now hold a record level of auto loan debt. Auto loans have almost doubled in the last eight years amid growth that has outpaced other forms of household debt. Consumers are financing through captive lenders (financing arms of auto manufacturers), at dealerships and through banks and credit unions. At the same time, we have witnessed a decline in the popularity of leasing after the financial crisis of 2008. In this report, we examine current consumer preferences that tell us more about the auto financing market in Canada.

This report explores the attitudes and consumer behaviour related to automobile financing and also explores topics such as factors that influence financing decision, interest in incentives, decision factors, satisfaction with dealer financing and indicators such as the auto ownership, payment method and length of financing.

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