# WEB APPENDIX W1 <br> CREDIT CARD REPAYMENT STIMULI EXAMPLES 

W1A. Study 1

## Open Choice Format

## Credit Card Statement

Account Number
4321567890123456
Statement Balance:
\$1,949.28
Annual Percentage Rate (APR): $14.0 \%$
Minimum Required Amount: \$48.56

How much will you pay (in dollars)?
\$ $\qquad$

Active Choice Format

## Credit Card Statement

Account Number
4321567890123456
Statement Balance: $\quad \$ 1,949.28$
Annual Percentage Rate (APR): $14.0 \%$
Minimum Required Amount: $\quad \$ 48.56$
Which payment option will you choose?
O Pay $\$ 48.56$

- Pay \$1,949.28

O Pay other amount (please indicate a number below) \$ $\qquad$

## WEB APPENDIX W1 (CONT'D) CREDIT CARD REPAYMENT STIMULI EXAMPLES

## W1B. Study 2

Open Choice Format, without Current Balance, with MPW

## Credit Card Payment Information

Account Number
4321567898765432

| Statement Balance (as of 4/24/2017): | $\$ 1,678.32$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Minimum Payment Due: | $\$ 34.00$ |

* Annual Percentage Rate (APR): 16.0\%

Additional Information:

| If you make no <br> additional charges <br> using this card and <br> each month you pay... | You will pay off the <br> balance shown on this <br> statement in about... | And you will end up <br> paying an estimated <br> total of... |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| the minimum required <br> amount | 17 years | $\$ 4,029$ |
| $\$ 58$ | 3 years | $\$ 2,124$ |

How much will you pay (in dollars)?

Active Choice Format, with Current Balance, without MPW
Credit Card Payment Information
Account Number
4321567898765432

| Statement Balance (as of 4/24/2017): | $\$ 1,678.32$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Current Balance: | $\$ 2,457.19$ |
| Minimum Payment Due: | $\$ 34.00$ |

* Annual Percentage Rate (APR): 16.0\%

Which payment option will you choose?
( $\$ 1,678.32$ Statement balance (as of $4 / 24 / 17$ )
© $\$ 2,457.19$ Current balance
© $\$ 34.00$ Minimum payment due
Other amount (\$)

# WEB APPENDIX W1 (CONT'D) CREDIT CARD REPAYMENT STIMULI EXAMPLES 

## W1C. Study 3

Open Choice, no MPW Table

| Credit Card Payment Information |
| :--- |
| Account Number |
| 4321567898765432 |
|  |
| Statement Balance (as of 11/22/17): |
| Current Balance: |
| Minimum Payment Due: |
| * Annual Percentage Rate (APR): 16.0\% |
|  |
| How much will you pay (in dollars)? |

Active choice with
3-Yr Amount, with MPW Table

| Credit Card Payment Information |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{\text { Account Number }}{4321567898765432}$ |  |  |
| Statement\|Balance (as of 11/22/17): |  | \$1,678.32 |
| Current Balance: |  | \$2,457.19 |
| Minimum Payment Due: |  | \$34.00 |
| * Annual Percentage Rate (APR): 16.0\% |  |  |
| Additional Information: |  |  |
| If you make no additional charges using this card and each month you pay... | You will pay off the balance shown on this statement in about. . | And you will end up paying an estimated total of.. |
| Only the minimum required amount | 17 years | \$4,029 |
| \$58 | 3 years | $\begin{gathered} \$ 2,124 \\ (\text { Savings }=\$ 1,905) \end{gathered}$ |

Which payment option will you choose?
$\$ 1,678.32$ Statement balance (as of 11/22/17)
\$2,457.19 Current balance

- $\$ 34.00$ Minimum payment
\$58.00 Payment amount
Other amount (\$)

Active choice without
3-Yr Amount, with MPW Table

| Credit Card Payment Information |
| :--- |
| Account Number |
| 4321567898765432 |
| Statement \|Balance (as of 11/22/17): |
| Current Balance: |
| Minimum Payment Due: |
| * Annual Percentage Rate (APR): $16.0 \%$ |
| Additional Information: |
| If you make no <br> additional charges <br> using this card and <br> each month you pay... You will pay off the <br> balance shown on this <br> statement in about... And you will end up <br> paying an estimated <br> total of... <br> Only the minimum <br> required amount 17 years $\$ 4,029$ <br> $\$ 58$ <br> $\$ 58$ $\$ 2,124$ <br> (Savings=\$1,905)  |

Which payment option will you choose?
$\$ 1,678.32$ Statement balance (as of 11/22/17)
\$2,457.19 Current balance
\$34.00 Minimum payment
Other amount (\$)

Enhanced active choice with 3-Yr Amount, no MPW Table

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Credit Card Payment Information
Account Number
4321567898765432
Statement Balance (as of 11/22/17): $1,678.32
Current Balance: $2,457.19
Minimum Payment Due: $34.00
*Annual Percentage Rate (APR): 16.0\%
Which payment option will you choose?
O \$1,678.32 Statement balance (as of 11/22/17)
O \(\$ 2,457.19\) Current balance
O \(\$ 34.00\) Minimum payment
If you make no additional charges using this card and each month you pay only the minimum required amount, you will pay off the statement balance in about 17 years, and you will end up paying an estimated total of \(\$ 4,029\).
O \$58.00 Payment amount
If you make no additional charges using this card and each month you pay \(\$ 58\), you will pay off the statement balance in about 3 years, and you will end up paying an estimated total of \(\$ 2,124\) (saving \(\$ 1,905\) compared with paying the minimum).
O Other amount (\$)
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## WEB APPENDIX W2 FINANCIAL VULNERABILITY SCALE (STUDIES 2 AND 3)

Participants answered "Yes" or "No" to the following ten questions (Anderloni, Bacchiocchi and Vandone 2012). Each participant received one point for every "Yes" answer, and zero points for every "No" answer, yielding a total financial vulnerability score ranging from $0-10$ points.

Over the past twelve months, has your household had problems even once:

1. Paying for groceries;
2. Paying for essential clothing;
3. Paying utilities (heat, electricity, phone bill, etc.);
4. Paying for housing (rent, mortgage, or condo fees for your home);
5. Paying credit card bills;
6. Making loan payments other than credit cards or mortgage.

Over the past twelve months, have you gotten behind in paying:

1. Utilities (heat, electricity, phone bill, etc.);
2. Housing (rent, mortgage, or condo fees for your home);
3. Credit card bills;
4. Loan payments other than credit cards or mortgage.

## WEB APPENDIX W3: MPW DISCLOSURE COMPREHENSION

## W3A. Measures Used in Study 2 and Study 3 Post-Test

Comprehend statement information (2-item scale; Study $2 \alpha=0.87$, Study $3 \alpha=0.86$ ):

- To what extent do you understand the information on the credit card statement? ( $1=$ Not at all/7=Very much)
- To what extent do you find the information on the credit card statement clear?
( $1=$ Not at all/7=Very clear)
Difficult to understand statement (3-item scale; Studies 2 and $3 \alpha=0.83$ ):
- To what extent do you find the information on the credit card statement confusing? ( $1=$ Not at all $/ 7=$ Very confusing)
- How easy or difficult do you think the credit card statement is to read overall? ( $1=$ Very easy/7=Very difficult)
- How easy or difficult is it to make comparisons between different payment options for this credit card? (1=Very easy/7=Very difficult)

Understand specific information in the statement ( $1=$ Not at all/7=Very well):

- How well do you understand what the $\$ 58$ payment amount means?
- How well do you understand the Additional Information table?
- How well do you understand what the $\$ 1,905$ savings means?

Rank total cost (principle + interest) to pay off current balance:
Suppose your current balance today is $\$ 2,457.19$, and you do not make any new purchases with this credit card after today. Consider the following payment amounts shown below. Please rank order the payment options in terms of the total cost (principal + interest) you would incur over time until the total balance of $\$ 2,457.19$ is paid off, where " 1 " is the lowest total cost and " 4 " is the highest total cost:

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Pay the statement balance this and every month
Pay $2,457.19 current balance this month
Pay minimum required amount this and every month
Pay \(\$ 58.00\) amount this and every month
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Rank total time to pay off current balance:
Suppose your current balance today is $\$ 2,457.19$, and you do not make any new purchases with this credit card after today. Consider the following payment amounts shown below. Please rank order the payment options in terms of the total time it would take to pay off the total balance of $\$ 2,457.19$, where " 1 " is the shortest total time and " 4 " is the longest total time:

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## WEB APPENDIX W3: MPW DISCLOSURE COMPREHENSION (CONT'D)

## W3B. Study 2 Payment Information Comprehension Post-Test

|  |  |  | Mean Values |  |  |  |  |  |  | Proportions |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Choice <br> Format | MPW <br> Present | Current <br> Balance <br> Present | N | Comprehe Overall |  | Difficult Overall | $\begin{gathered} \text { 3-Year } \\ \text { Amount } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | MPW <br> Table | Cost Savings | Cost <br> Rank <br> Correct <br> (3-tier) | Time Rank Correct (4-tier) |
| Open | No | No | 68 | 6.16 |  | 2.78 |  |  |  | 64.7\% | 52.9\% |
| Open | MPW | No | 64 | 6.08 |  | 2.52 | 6.02 | 6.02 | 6.23 | 60.9\% | 43.8\% |
| Open | No | Yes | 66 | 6.05 |  | 2.82 |  |  |  | 65.2\% | 71.2\% |
| Open | MPW | Yes | 67 | 5.81 |  | 3.02 | 6.13 | 5.73 | 5.97 | 67.2\% | 68.7\% |
| Active | No | No | 68 | 6.30 |  | 2.25 |  |  |  | 55.8\% | 50.0\% |
| Active | MPW | No | 65 | 6.39 |  | 2.21 | 6.15 | 6.28 | 6.17 | 67.7\% | 58.5\% |
| Active | No | Yes | 64 | 6.24 |  | 2.29 |  |  |  | 71.9\% | 71.9\% |
| Active | MPW | Yes | 69 | 6.12 |  | 2.33 | 6.20 | 6.07 | 6.30 | 68.1\% | 72.5\% |
| All |  |  | 531 | $1 \quad 6.14$ |  | 2.53 | 6.13 | 6.02 | 6.17 | 65.2\% | 61.2\% |
| Regression/Logit Variables |  |  |  | Coeff (p) |  | Coeff (p) | Coeff (p) | Coeff (p) | Coeff (p) | Coeff (p) | Coeff (p) |
| Active choice format (ACF) |  |  |  | 0.23 (.008) |  | 50 (.000) | 0.11 (.506) | 0.32 (.046) | 0.15 (.289) | 0.02 (.939) | 0.13 (.514) |
| Current balance (CB) |  |  |  | -0.17 (.051) |  | 14 (.253) | 0.09 (.599) | -0.27 (.096) | -0.10 (.509) | 0.35 (.097) | 0.94 (.000) |
| Min. pmt. warning (MPW) |  |  |  | -0.10 (.263) |  | . 02 (.846) |  |  |  | 0.12 (.566) | 0.07 (.738) |
| Financial vulnerability (FV) |  |  |  | -0.17 (.089) |  | 47 (.001) | -0.10 (.584) | -0.19 (.284) | -0.17 (.281) | -0.58 (.012) | -0.69 (.001) |
| MPW x ACF |  |  |  | 0.14 (.411) |  | . 01 (.980) |  |  |  | 0.36 (.391) | 0.50 (.203) |
| CB x ACF |  |  |  | -0.03 (.873) |  | 13 (.607) | -0.16 (.630) | -0.03 (.927) | 0.29 (.311) | -0.06 (.893) | -0.26 (.510) |
| MPW x CB |  |  |  | -0.16 (.350) |  | . 37 (.135) |  |  |  | -0.49 (.238) | -0.07 (.864) |
| ACF x FV |  |  |  | -0.15 (.409) |  | 17 (.495) | -0.29 (.402) | -0.47 (.147) | -0.40 (.167) | -0.05 (.906) | -0.02 (.951) |
| CB x FV |  |  |  | 0.23 (.196) |  | 43 (.081) | -0.01 (.970) | 0.08 (.808) | -0.01 (.976) | -0.92 (.034) | -0.81 (.045) |
| MPW x FV |  |  |  | -0.32 (.066) |  | 18 (.459) |  |  |  | 0.00 (.997) | -0.28 (.487) |
| MPW x ACF x CB |  |  |  | -0.12 (.733) |  | . 34 (.482) |  |  |  | -1.23 (.141) | -0.62 (.426) |
| MPW x ACF x FV |  |  |  | 0.58 (.100) |  | 44 (.372) |  |  |  | 0.51 (.548) | 0.26 (.742) |
| CB x ACF x FV |  |  |  | 0.22 (.527) |  | 55 (.261) | -0.66 (.334) | -0.17 (.797) | 0.59 (.315) | 0.78 (.360) | 1.25 (.116) |
| MPW x CB x FV |  |  |  | -0.31 (.387) |  | 23 (.647) |  |  |  | 0.30 (.727) | -1.13 (.158) |
| MPW x ACF x CB x FV |  |  |  | 0.31 (.658) |  | 21 (.834) |  |  |  | 1.15 (.504) | 0.08 (.959) |
| Income |  |  |  | 0.02 (.846) |  | 02 (.893) | 0.28 (.153) | 0.13 (.479) | 0.14 (.400) | -0.12 (.628) | -0.39 (.079) |
| Age |  |  |  | 0.28 (.002) |  | 29 (.022) | 0.25 (.123) | 0.17 (.264) | 0.05 (.717) | 0.41 (.063) | -0.18 (.364) |
| Education |  |  |  | -0.00 (.981) |  | 38 (.004) | -0.39 (.050) | -0.36 (.060) | 0.07 (.690) | 0.21 (.336) | 0.10 (.626) |
| Gender ( $1=$ female $)$ |  |  |  | 0.04 (.662) |  | 27 (.035) | 0.22 (.209) | 0.32 (.055) | 0.25 (.093) | 0.76 (.000) | 0.52 (.007) |
| Ethnic minority (0-1) |  |  |  | -0.04 (.690) |  | 24 (.099) | 0.17 (.380) | 0.19 (.303) | 0.08 (.649) | -0.73 (.001) | -0.26 (.236) |
| Number of credit cards |  |  |  | 0.30 (.001) |  | 23 (.072) | 0.35 (.018) | 0.28 (.049) | 0.33 (.010) | 0.38 (.124) | 0.48 (.037) |
| Knowledge |  |  |  | 0.19 (.043) |  | 42 (.001) | 0.29 (.109) | 0.60 (.000) | 0.56 (.000) | 1.61 (.000) | 0.66 (.001) |
| Intercept |  |  |  | 6.14 (.000) |  | 54 (.000) | 6.12 (.000) | 6.03 (.000) | 6.17 (.000) | 0.80 (.000) | 0.53 (.000) |

Notes: Correct total cost rank, in descending order, is (3 tiers): current balance and statement balance (in either order), 3-year amount, minimum required amount. Correct payoff time rank, in ascending order, is ( 4 tiers): current balance, statement balance, 3-year amount, and minimum required amount. We use the Firth estimation method for the cost and time ranking accuracy binary logistic regressions reported in Study 2 and Study 3 post-tests due to quasi-complete separation present in our outcome variable data (Firth 1993, Heinze and Schemper 2002).

## WEB APPENDIX W3: MPW DISCLOSURE COMPREHENSION (CONT'D)

W3C. Study 3 Payment Information Comprehension Post-Test

|  | Mean Values |  |  |  |  |  |  | Proportions |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Choice Format MPW <br> Table  <br> Present  | N | Comprehe Overal |  | Difficult Overall | $\begin{gathered} \text { It } \\ \text { 3-Year } \\ \text { Amount } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | MPW <br> Table | Cost <br> Savings | Cost <br> Rank <br> Correct <br> (3-tier) | Time Rank Correct (4-tier) |
| Open No | 57 | 5.86 |  | 3.05 |  |  |  | 69.5\% | 68.4\% |
| Open MPW | 55 | 5.95 |  | 2.85 | 6.31 | 6.13 | 5.96 | 75.4\% | 74.5\% |
| Active, no 3-Yr No | 55 | 6.11 |  | 2.36 |  |  |  | 80.0\% | 70.9\% |
| Active, no 3-Yr MPW | 57 | 5.86 |  | 2.88 | 6.51 | 6.18 | 6.25 | 71.2\% | 68.4\% |
| Active, 3-Yr No | 58 | 5.93 |  | 3.17 | 3.53 |  |  | 75.9\% | 69.0\% |
| Active, 3-Yr MPW | 58 | 5.99 |  | 2.82 | 6.14 | 6.07 | 5.88 | 78.0\% | 77.6\% |
| Enhan. active, 3-Yr No | 58 | 6.19 |  | 2.21 | 6.14 |  | 6.29 | 77.6\% | 82.8\% |
| Enhan. active, 3-Yr MPW | 57 | 5.96 |  | 2.60 | 6.28 | 6.05 | 5.98 | 77.2\% | 78.9\% |
| All | 455 | 5.98 |  | 2.74 | 5.81 | 6.11 | 6.07 | 75.5\% | 73.8\% |
| Regression/Logit Variables |  | oeff (p) |  | eff (p) | Coeff (p) | Coeff (p) | Coeff (p) | Coeff (p) | Coeff (p) |
| Active, no 3-Yr (ACF) |  | 1 (.469) | -0.27 | 7 (.166) | 0.19 (.491) | 0.04 (.858) | 0.25 (.341) | -0.02 (.966) | -0.15 (.668) |
| Active with 3-Yr (ACF3) |  | 1 (.459) | -0.05 | 5 (.786) | -1.34 (.000) | -0.02 (.943) | -0.05 (.844) | 0.29 (.397) | 0.06 (.858) |
| Enhan. active, 3-Yr (ACF3e) |  | 33 (.120) | -0.54 | 4 (.006) | -0.03 (.916) | -0.04 (.877) | 0.07 (.801) | 0.21 (.545) | 0.60 (.087) |
| Min. pmt. warning (MPW) |  | (.368) |  | (.454) | 0.77 (.000) |  | -0.28 (.275) | -0.15 (.556) | -0.02 (.947) |
| Financial vulnerability (FV) |  | 9 (.412) |  | (.017) | 0.22 (.301) | -0.14 (.406) | -0.04 (.871) | -0.36 (.190) | -0.36 (.166) |
| MPW x ACF | -0.4 | 1 (.162) |  | 5 (.054) |  |  |  | -1.50 (.048) | -0.54 (.427) |
| MPW x ACF3 | -0.1 | 2 (.678) | 0.11 | 1 (.774) | 2.40 (.000) |  |  | -0.78 (.266) | 0.08 (.896) |
| MPW x ACF3e | -0.3 | 7 (.208) | 0.66 | 6 (.088) |  |  |  | -0.75 (.281) | -0.34 (.632) |
| MPW x FV | -0. | 32 (.123) | 0.15 | 5 (.593) | 0.11 (.789) |  | -0.24 (.638) | 0.71 (.174) | 1.63 (.001) |
| ACF x FV |  | 3 (.073) |  | 2 (.281) | 0.25 (.644) | -0.03 (.939) | 0.19 (.720) | -0.79 (.303) | -0.79 (.252) |
| ACF3 $\times$ FV | -0.3 | 3 (.260) | 0.26 | 6 (.504) | 0.81 (.133) | -0.64 (.160) | -0.30 (.568) | -0.26 (.709) | 0.11 (.864) |
| ACF3e x FV |  | 2 (.946) |  | 7 (.342) | 0.06 (.918) | -0.07 (.881) | -0.10 (.850) | 0.03 (.970) | 0.72 (.303) |
| MPW x ACF x FV |  | 5 (.797) | 0.95 | 5 (.222) |  |  |  | 2.32 (.135) | -0.90 (.514) |
| MPW x ACF3 x FV | -0.4 | . 3 (.465) |  | 1 (.014) | -1.08 (.152) |  |  | -0.07 (.958) | -2.64 (.042) |
| MPW x ACF3e x FV | -0.6 | . 63 (.276) | 0.45 | 5 (.557) |  |  |  | 2.85 (.042) | 0.74 (.597) |
| Income |  | 6 (.615) |  | 4 (.809) | 0.09 (.577) | -0.00 (.999) | -0.01 (.966) | -0.22 (.435) | -0.34 (.178) |
| Age | -0.02 | 2 (.841) | -0.12 | 2 (.396) | -0.03 (.844) | -0.19 (.234) | -0.09 (.577) | 0.37 (.188) | -0.38 (.119) |
| Education |  | 6 (.583) | 0.30 | 0 (.041) | -0.06 (.704) | 0.03 (.869) | -0.09 (.604) | 0.52 (.049) | 0.25 (.318) |
| Gender ( $1=$ female $)$ |  | (.686) | -0.55 | 5 (.000) | -0.07 (.667) | 0.17 (.318) | -0.05 (.781) | 1.22 (.000) | 0.84 (.001) |
| Ethnic minority (0-1) | -0.2 | 24 (.036) | 0.61 | 1 (.000) | 0.25 (.158) | -0.19 (.311) | -0.06 (.763) | -1.04 (.000) | -0.61 (.015) |
| Number of credit cards |  | 5 (.000) | -0.14 | 4 (.330) | 0.26 (.184) | 0.47 (.021) | 0.43 (.037) | 0.42 (.079) | 0.17 (.454) |
| Knowledge |  | 1 (.053) | -0.40 | 0 (.006) | 0.07 (.662) | 0.25 (.167) | 0.39 (.028) | 1.50 (.000) | 1.37 (.000) |
| Intercept |  | 9 (.000) | 2.73 | 3 (.000) | 5.93 (.000) | 6.12 (.000) | 6.16 (.000) | 1.44 (.000) | 1.23 (.000) |

Notes: 'ACF' = Active format with no 3-year payoff option. 'ACF3' = Active format with 3-year payoff option. 'ACF3e' = Enhanced active format with 3-year payoff option.

# WEB APPENDIX W4 PROJECTED LONG TERM DEBT BY EXPERIMENTAL CONDITION 

W4A. Study 1

| Choice <br> Format | N | Percent <br> Minimum <br> Required | Percent Statement <br> Balance | Average <br> Payment <br> Amount | Average <br> Months <br> to Pay Off | Average Total Interest | Total <br> Long-term Debt |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Open | 100 | 8.0\% | 25.0\% | \$629.67 | 30.8 | \$348.63 | \$2,297.91 |
| Active | 109 | 20.2\% | 43.1\% | \$928.80 | 36.7 | \$374.07 | \$2,323.35 |

W4B. Study 2

|  |  |  | Percent | Percent |  | Average |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Choice <br> Format | MPW <br> Table <br> Present | Current <br> Balance <br> Present | N | Required | Amount | Average <br> Payment <br> Amount | Months <br> to Pay Off | Total <br> Interest | Long-term <br> Debt |
| Open | No | No | 82 | $14.6 \%$ | $.0 \%$ | $\$ 547.95$ | 45.7 | $\$ 538.35$ | $\$ 2,216.67$ |
| Open | MPW | No | 79 | $6.3 \%$ | $29.1 \%$ | $\$ 411.91$ | 35.1 | $\$ 418.30$ | $\$ 2,096.62$ |
| Open | No | Yes | 80 | $17.5 \%$ | $.0 \%$ | $\$ 660.28$ | 47.6 | $\$ 553.89$ | $\$ 2,232.21$ |
| Open | MPW | Yes | 79 | $5.1 \%$ | $17.7 \%$ | $\$ 574.31$ | 29.2 | $\$ 347.62$ | $\$ 2,025.94$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Active | No | No | 79 | $34.2 \%$ | $.0 \%$ | $\$ 592.21$ | 78.3 | $\$ 906.41$ | $\$ 2,584.73$ |
| Active | MPW | No | 83 | $18.1 \%$ | $12.0 \%$ | $\$ 717.42$ | 48.1 | $\$ 558.11$ | $\$ 2,236.43$ |
| Active | No | Yes | 79 | $16.5 \%$ | $.0 \%$ | $\$ 1,126.63$ | 40.8 | $\$ 468.67$ | $\$ 2,146.99$ |
| Active | MPW | Yes | 78 | $10.3 \%$ | $11.5 \%$ | $\$ 1,174.58$ | 31.3 | $\$ 362.56$ | $\$ 2,040.88$ |

## W4C. Study 3

| MPW |  |  | Percent <br> Minimum <br> Required | Percent <br> 3-Year <br> Amount |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Choice | Table Present | N |  |  | Average <br> Payment <br> Amount | Average <br> Months <br> to Pay Off | Average <br> Total <br> Interest | Total Long-term Debt |
| Open | No | 104 | 22.1\% | 0\% | \$654.93 | 58.4 | \$679.17 | \$2,357.49 |
| Open | MPW | 101 | 8.9\% | 20.8\% | \$538.72 | 38.8 | \$460.98 | \$2,139.30 |
| Active, no 3-Yr | No | 101 | 25.7\% | 0\% | \$801.41 | 60.9 | \$702.20 | \$2,380.52 |


| Active, no 3-Yr | MPW | 102 | $11.8 \%$ | $11.8 \%$ | $\$ 1,036.49$ | 36.5 | $\$ 423.52$ | $\$ 2,101.84$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Active, 3-Yr | No | 102 | $16.7 \%$ | $15.7 \%$ | $\$ 886.65$ | 44.4 | $\$ 513.86$ | $\$ 2,192.18$ |
| Active, 3-Yr | MPW | 101 | $6.9 \%$ | $35.6 \%$ | $\$ 760.33$ | 33.0 | $\$ 392.41$ | $\$ 2,070.73$ |
| Enhanced active, 3-Yr | No | 101 | $7.9 \%$ | $24.8 \%$ | $\$ 1,103.19$ | 28.9 | $\$ 335.46$ | $\$ 2,013.78$ |
| Enhanced active, 3-Yr | MPW | 105 | $5.7 \%$ | $38.1 \%$ | $\$ 866.05$ | 28.9 | $\$ 340.76$ | $\$ 2,019.08$ |

Notes: Projected payoff months and interest cost amounts are estimated for each individual participant and then averaged across participants within each condition. Estimates assume payment amount choices are repeated every month until the statement balance is paid. Study 1 minimum payments are assumed to be $2.5 \%$ of the balance due each month or $\$ 15$, whichever is greater ( $14 \%$ APR). Studies 2 and 3 minimum payments are assumed to be $2 \%$ of the balance due each month or $\$ 15$, whichever is greater ( $16 \% \mathrm{APR}$ ). The pattern of results remains unchanged if we instead estimate cost and time to pay off the current balance in Study 3. Overall, the distribution of payment amounts in each condition is more indicative of aggregate long term debt costs than is the average monthly payment amount.


[^0]:    Pay the statement balance this and every month
    Pay $\$ 2,457.19$ current balance this month
    Pay minimum required amount this and every month
    Pay \$58 amount this and every month

