



### Federal Reserve Report: No Major Fraud Category is Declining

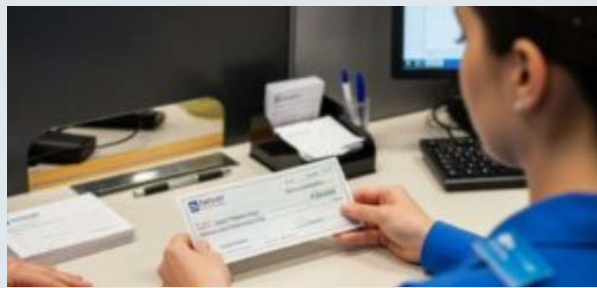
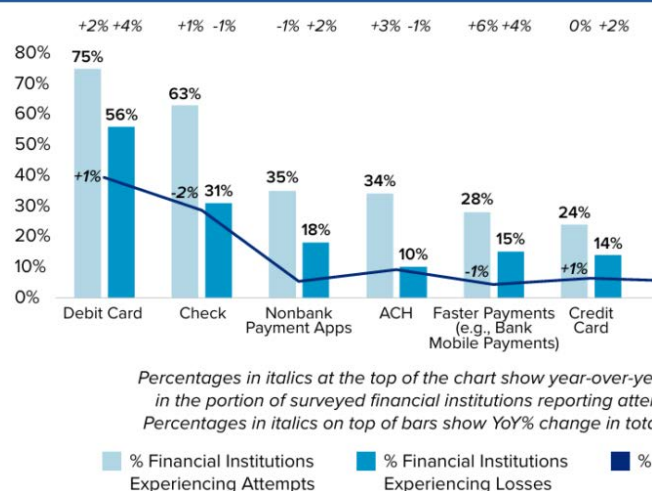
On April 28, 2026, the Federal Reserve published its Financial Services Risk Officer Survey. The major theme the report: No major fraud category is declining.

The report notes that surveyed financial institutions most often cited debit cards (75%) and checks (63%) as the primary sources of fraud attempts and losses. Meanwhile, faster payments—such as mobile banking transactions—are emerging as a growing risk, showing the largest year-over-year increase in both attempted fraud and associated losses. Despite these shifts, the overall distribution of fraud losses by payment type has remained relatively consistent over the past three years, with only modest fluctuations across individual categories.

The report notes that check fraud remained the second most-frequently reported type of fraud; 63% of surveyed financial institutions reported experiencing check fraud attempts, and 31% of those divulged they had losses from it.

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Chart 1: Fraud Risk Summary by Payment Type



#### Is Check Fraud Quietly Burning Out Your Best People?

Community banks are known for their employees. The teller who recognizes a customer at the grocery store. The bank manager who understand the needs of the local businesses. And, the operations specialist who “just knows” when a transaction looks off...

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#### Smart Glasses: The Next Tactic for Counterfeiting Checks?

A recent Toronto Police investigation into an “organized, sophisticated” retail fraud ring offers a preview of how AI-enabled tools could be weaponized against financial institutions and the public. Suspects allegedly used smart glasses and other AI-enabled tools to observe and record...

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#### Lessons Learned: USPS Insider Sentenced to 5 Years in Prison for Stealing \$24M in Checks

Last week, we discussed the various failures of the USPS. Failed audits, inoperable security equipment, and stolen keys were major threats. But what happens when the threat becomes reality? Let's take a look at one of the most recent cases, where a former USPS employee helped orchestrate one of the largest insider check theft schemes...

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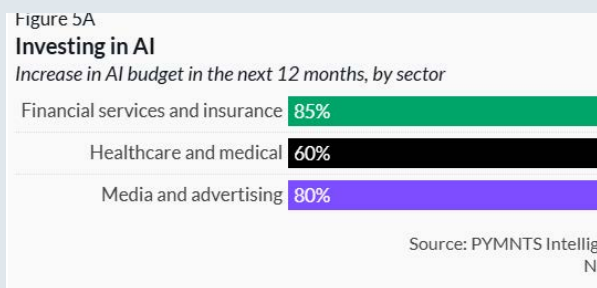
### The International Monetary Fund Warning: Fraudsters Thrive on FIs Not Sharing Data

PYMNTS.COM reports on The International Monetary Fund's recent warning to banks, which is simple: AI can help fight fraud, but only if institutions are willing to share data. That message applies just as strongly to check fraud, where banks still operate with limited visibility into what happened before a deposited item reaches their system.

Fraud has always thrived on information gaps. Today, criminals can move faster because AI helps them scale impersonation, document abuse, and coordination across multiple institutions, while banks often keep the data that could expose those patterns locked inside separate systems. Check fraud has the same structural weakness: one bank may see only a single deposit, not the broader pattern of the same bad actor, altered item, or stolen check showing up elsewhere.

IMF argues that the industry doesn't need better tools, it needs better visibility.

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#### 85% of Financial Firms are Increasing Their AI Budget in the Next 12 Months

While AI has been around for decades, it's only in the past 5-10 years that we've seen a major boon for AI. Now, particularly for FIs, it seems that every day we see news about FIs of all sizes announcing new deployments of AI for everything from customer service to fraud detection.

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#### Payment Modernization: Bad Data or Disconnected Systems?

One major issue plaguing financial institutions is data integrity. However, is it actually "bad data," or are FIs unable to connect legacy systems and leverage the data properly? For financial institutions, the question is no longer whether to use AI, but whether the underlying data and infrastructure can support it.

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#### Three Paths to Modernization: Which Is Your FI Taking?

Over the past decade, the banking industry has seen a dramatic shift in how consumers and commercial clients perform their banking. This has led to each FI embarking on a modernization journey to replace legacy systems such as OCR for check processing and even their core platform.

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#### How AI Eliminates Manual Intervention in Check Processing

AI is delivering some of its clearest, most defensible ROI in banking by quietly re-wiring workflows behind the scenes. The biggest payoffs are emerging from “workflow facilitation,” where AI is embedded inside day-to-day processes instead of bolted on as a point solution.

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#### House Hearing: Modernization of Fraud and Compliance Framework Needed

Lawmakers heard that fraudsters are innovating far faster than regulators and financial institutions can adapt, turning “defensive compliance” and low-value alerts into an opportunity. A major focal point during the hearing was the current framework in which fraud and compliance is reported...

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#### USPS Audits Continue to Reveal Failures to Protect US Mail

For years, OrboGraph has tracked a troubling pattern: the United States Postal Service (USPS) conducts audits, the audits reveal serious security failures, recommendations are made — and the problems persist. The latest report from the USPS Office of Inspector General is no different.

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