Mortgage Lenders Weigh the Impact of Artificial Intelligence

The mortgage industry is increasingly leveraging digital technologies to reduce errors and costs, speed up transactions, and drive richer and better customer service. As part of its quarterly Mortgage Lender Sentiment Survey®, Fannie Mae’s experts surveyed senior mortgage executives to better understand lenders’ views about Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) technology. More specifically, they wanted to understand lenders’ AI/ML adoption objectives, implementation challenges, and which application ideas are most appealing. Here’s what they found:

### Objectives of AI/ML Technology Adoption

- **Improving operational efficiency**
- **Enhancing customer/borrower experience**

### Challenges to Implementing AI/ML Technology

- Integration complexity with current infrastructure
- Costs too high
- Lack of proven record of success

### Most Appealing AI/ML Application Ideas

1. **Anomaly Detection Automation**: Enable machines to process data from various sources to identify fraud or detect defects early in the underwriting process

2. **Borrower Default Risk Assessment**: Enable machines to examine all available information (financial and non-financial) to better predict the probability of borrower default and allow lenders to take proactive steps, as necessary

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