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# Licensure with a Criminal Record

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**U.S. BUREAU  
OF LABOR  
STATISTICS**

**HOUSEHOLD DATA  
ANNUAL AVERAGES**

**52. Certification and licensing status of the employed by industry and class of worker, 2022 annual averages**

[Numbers in thousands]

Industry and class of worker	Total employed	Percent distribution				
		Total employed	With a certification or license <sup>1</sup>			Without a certification or license
			Total	With a certification, but no license	With a license <sup>2</sup>	
Total, 16 years and over.....	158,291	100.0	24.0	2.3	21.7	76.0

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**How many U.S. adults have a criminal record? Depends on how you define it...**

By the FBI's standard, 73.5 million people in the United States (29.5% of the population) had a criminal record as of June 30, 2017.

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**30% of the licensees have to consider whether their arrest or criminal disposition will affect their occupational license.\***

**\*If we assume that the licensed community is arrested at about the same level as the general population....**

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# A Report on Occupational Licenses Required by the State of Texas

December 2022

We received 802 license types administered by 45 state entities.

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## Chapter 53, Tex. Occ. Code

If your client:

1. Is thinking of getting an education with an eye toward applying for an occupational license but has a criminal history,
2. Is applying for an occupational license but has a criminal history,
3. Is already licensed but is facing possible criminal charges,
4. Lost their occupational license and would like to regain it,

Chapter 53 is where you should start.

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