

CLEAN SLATE IN HAWAII



THE PROBLEM

More than 1 in every 4 adults in Hawai'i (28%) have an arrest or conviction record that can block access to jobs, housing, and education. These barriers fall hardest on communities already impacted by long-standing inequities, including Native Hawaiians, who account for nearly 40% of Hawai'i's incarcerated population.

Hawai'i's current petition-based process for records relief is one of the most restrictive in the country and is limited to certain non-convictions and a narrow list of convictions. Additionally, the process is complex, costly and confusing.

THE SOLUTION

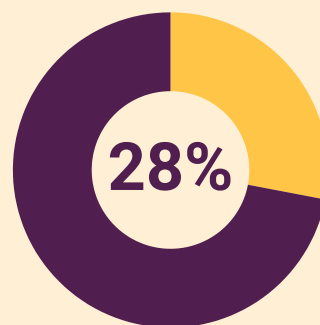
Hawai'i's people value caring for one another, fairness, and the chance to move forward. Clean Slate honors those values by helping people who have completed their sentence access jobs, housing, education, and stability.

Clean Slate builds on what Hawai'i already has done and streamlines it. Creating a new government-initiated, automated process for shielding from public view eligible records would reduce costs, increase efficiency, and make second chances more accessible.

Clean Slate isn't about erasing the past. **It's about ensuring people who've been held accountable for a past mistake aren't permanently held back.**

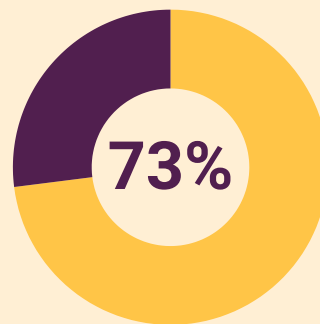
315,000

adults (28%) in Hawai'i have an arrest or conviction record.



231,000

people, which is 73% of adults with a record, have arrest or non-violent conviction records.



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The statistics above are estimated by CSI. Learn more about the data and methodology by visiting CSI's Data Dashboard at cleanslateinitiative.org/data.



Improves Public Safety: Eligible records would be shielded only after the legal requirements are met. By improving access to employment, licensing, and other opportunities, Clean Slate promotes stability for individuals, families, and communities. Automated processes are rigorously tested, monitored, and supplemented with human oversight. Although shielded records would not appear on commercial background checks, they remain visible to law enforcement and courts.

Strengthens Our Economy: Clean Slate laws expand the workforce, helping businesses find the best employees and creating opportunities for workers to earn higher wages. This puts more money in the pockets of families in Hawai'i and reduces dependence on government assistance.

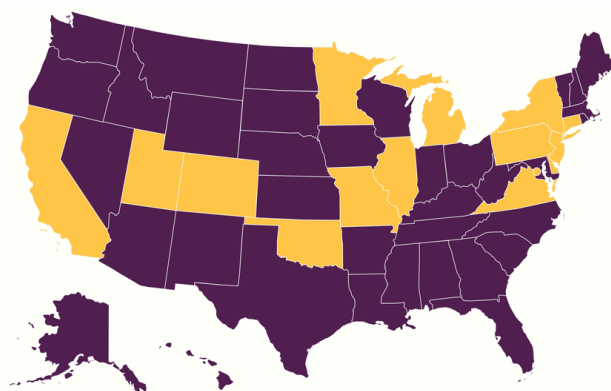
42% 42 percent report improvement in **work, employment, personal finances, or public assistance.**

35% 35 percent report improvement in **personal and family relationships.**

34% 34 percent report improvement in **health, mental health, or self-esteem.**

1 in 4 Nearly 1 in 4 reported **gains in housing and education.**

To date, **14 states and Washington, D.C.**, have passed Clean Slate laws, making more than **18 million people eligible for full or partial record sealing across the United States.**



■ = CLEAN SLATE STATE

Source: The Impacts of Clean Slate Laws in Pennsylvania, Utah, and Michigan, cleanslateinitiative.org/research-data-publications/yougov-survey-report



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