

Using the New National Inventory of Collateral Consequences of Conviction (NICCC)

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What are Collateral Consequences?

Legal restrictions that limit or prohibit people convicted of crimes from accessing employment, housing, and other rights, benefits, and opportunities.

- Scattered throughout state and federal statutory and regulatory codes
- Frequently unknown even to those responsible for their administration and enforcement.



Collateral consequences have an impact on the individual and their families



1 in 4 survey participants were denied or barred from educational loans because of their conviction.¹



There are nearly **14,000** collateral consequences that limit occupational licensing opportunities for individuals with criminal records.²

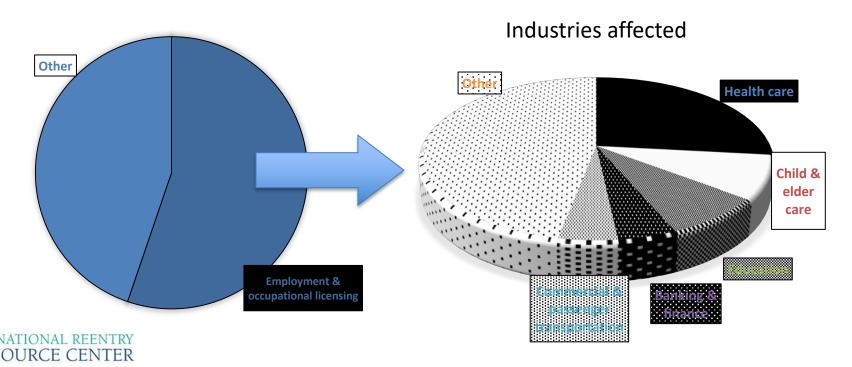


79% of participants were ineligible or denied housing due to their own or a loved one's conviction.¹

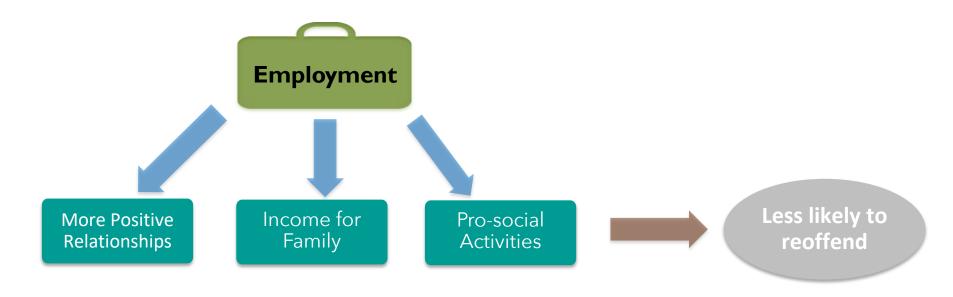


- Who Pays? The True Cost of Incarceration on Families, the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, Forward Together, Research Action Design, Sept. 2015
- 2. https://niccc.csgjusticecenter.org/

The majority of consequences affect employment



Employment is one of several important factors in a person's successful reentry.





^{3.} Graffam et al, <u>Variables affecting successful reintegration as perceived by offenders and professionals</u> (2004)

 $^{{\}it 4.\ Visher\ et\ al}, {\it Employment\ after\ prison:\ A\ longitudinal\ study\ of\ releases\ in\ three\ states\ (2008)$

^{5.} Sampson et al, Crime in the making: Pathways and turning points through life (1995)

Collateral consequences also affect other rights, benefits & opportunities

- Housing
- Public benefits including food stamps
- Educational opportunities, including financial aid
- Eligibility to operate or participate in businesses
- Civil rights, including voting and jury service
- Family & domestic rights,

including child custody

- Eligibility for government contracts
- Immigration status
- Recreational licenses, including hunting and fishing
- Firearms ownership
- and more....



Collateral consequence policies have various attributes

- Discretion: Mandatory or discretionary
- Duration: Time-limited or permanent
- Offense category: Triggered by specific crimes or vaguely defined categories of crimes



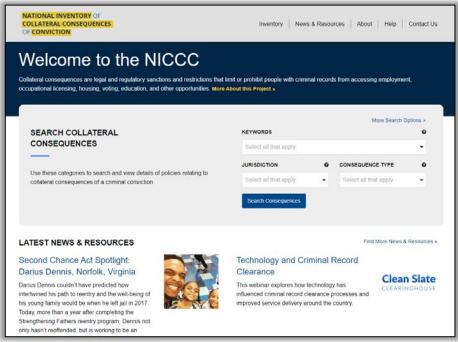
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National Inventory of Collateral Consequences of Criminal Conviction (NICCC)



- Searchable online database
- Over 40,000 consequences
- Statutes and regulations in all fifty states, the federal system, and the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico



Questions

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