

CLEAN SLATE *Maine*



One in four Mainers have a past legal record.



Most are for old arrests, acquittals, or low-level convictions – not serious offenses. Even after taking responsibility for a mistake and paying their dues, hundreds of thousands of Mainers are never able to fully turn their lives around. Not being able to afford lawyers or take time off work to navigate the complicated legal process, far too many people don't have a fair shot when applying for better jobs, safe housing, and education opportunities simply because of a record that shows up on a background check.

The complicated, petition-based system allows people to fall through the cracks, even after meeting all of the requirements, putting a meaningful second chance out of reach for many hard-working Mainers.

The Solution: Clean Slate

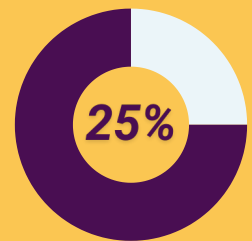


The problem is vast, but the solution is simple. Clean Slate legislation not only expands eligibility for record sealing but also streamlines the process by creating an automated process to identify eligible records.

271,000

adults in Maine have a past record.

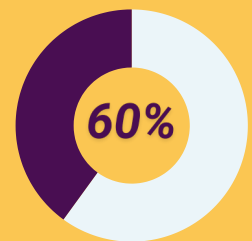
That's 25% of Maine's total adult population living with a past arrest or conviction record.



163,000

adults with a record in Maine could have their record fully sealed under Clean Slate.

That's 60% of adult Mainers with a past record could have the records fully sealed.



94% of employers

90% of landlords

72% of colleges & universities

Use background checks to screen out applicants with records.