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THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE REVIEW

June 2023

OPLR STATUTORY OVERVIEW

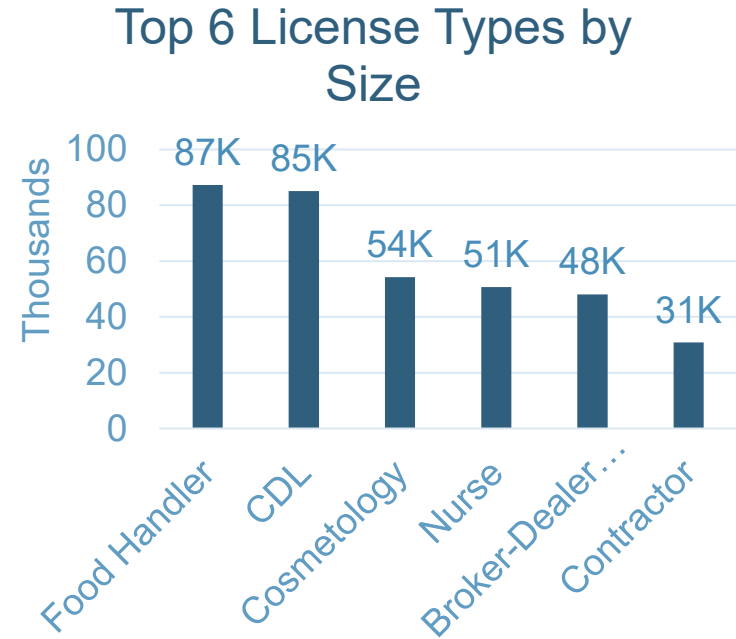
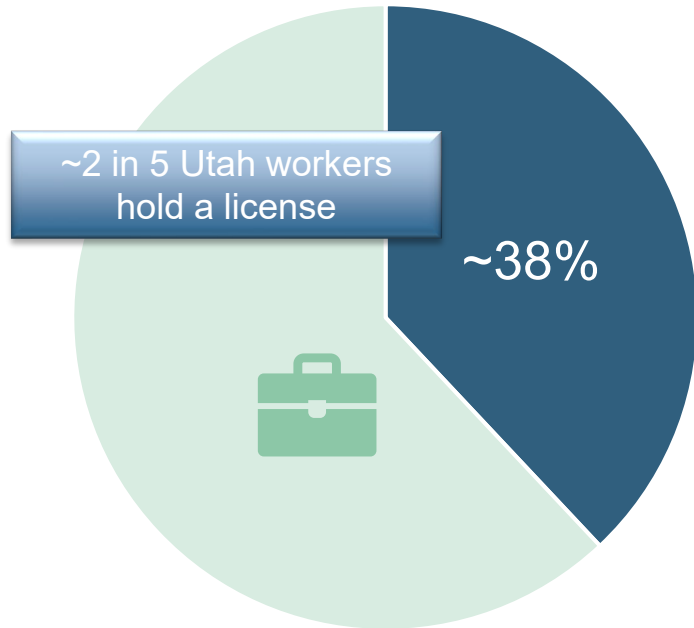
- [Executive Order 2021-01](#) required each executive agency to review rules and regulations for occupational licensing to 1) identify rules and regulations that are **no longer necessary**, and 2) **reduce barriers** to working while still protecting the **health, safety, and well-being** of Utah residents
- [SB 16](#) (2022 general session) created the Office of Professional Licensure Review (OPLR) within the Department of Commerce to perform the following duties:

The office shall:

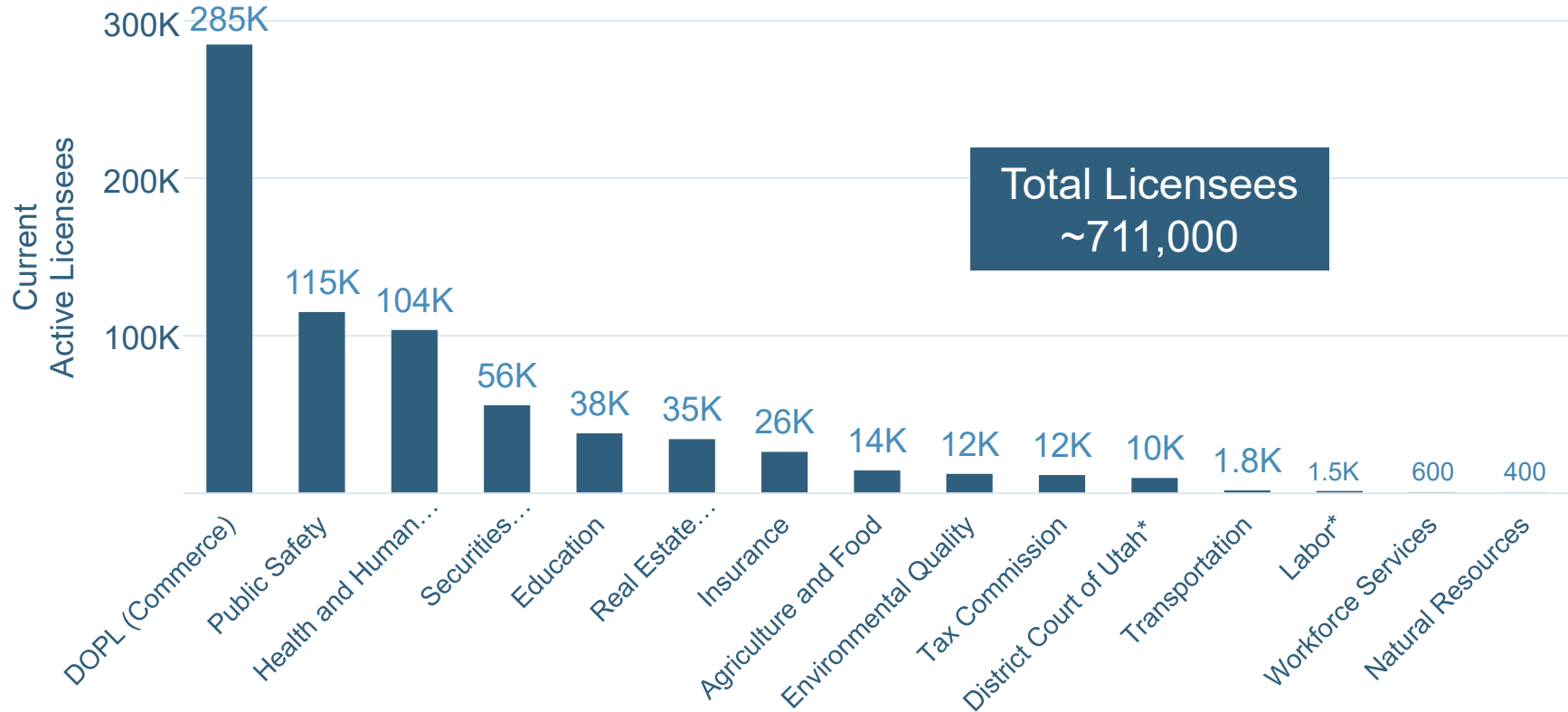
- (1) conduct a **sunrise review** of any applications to establish a new regulated occupation
 - (2) conduct a **review of each regulated occupation** at least once every 10 years
 - (3) review and respond to any **legislator inquiry** regarding a proposed or existing regulated occupation
 - (4) **report** to the Business and Labor Interim Committee annually
- [SB 16](#) (2022 general session) was enacted and became Utah Code [13-1b](#), which applies to any regulation of an occupation that is administered by a state executive branch agency ([13-1b-102](#))



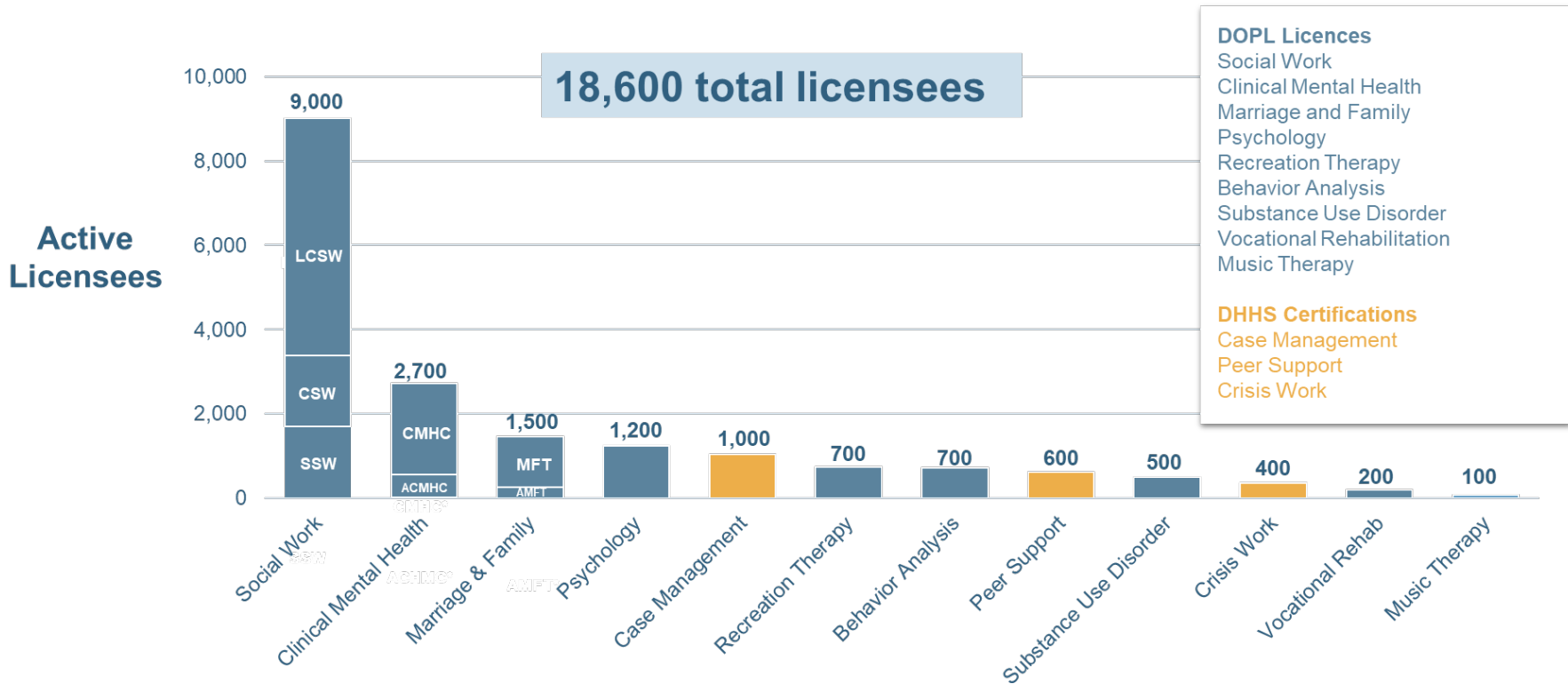
LICENSING HAS A BIG IMPACT ON UTAH'S WORKFORCE



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OPLR IS REVIEWING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (BH) LICENSES





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