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Appendix B

Data Sources

The sources of much of the data used in this book are given along with the years of the surveys and their frequency. In addition, sample sizes for the data are presented along with the sources’ unique characteristics that make them useful for analyzing occupational regulation.

Data Used to Analyze Occupational Licensing in the United States

Census of the Population

- Conducted by: U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau as provided by the Minnesota Population Center (Integrated Public Use Microdata Series), University of Minnesota.
- Survey years: Every 10 years dating to the founding of the United States.
- Unit surveyed: Individuals by household.
- Number of units in survey: Between 5 and 100 percent of the population, depending on the question.
- Unique characteristics: Provides large samples of individuals’ labor force status (employed, wages, earnings), demographic characteristics, industry and occupation, national origin, and area of residence.

Current Population Survey (CPS)

- Survey years: Monthly since 1943.
- Unit surveyed: Individuals 16 years or older by household.
- Number of units in survey: Approximately 120,000 individuals in 60,000 households.
- Unique characteristics: Each CPS survey includes data on demographic characteristics, labor force status, industry, region, state, and occupation.

U.S. Department of Labor Listing of Licensed Occupations

- Conducted by: U.S. Department of Labor in conjunction with state labor market information agencies.
Survey years: Various years including 2000.
Units surveyed: State agencies responsible for occupational regulation.
Unique characteristics: Census of state licensed occupations in the United States as provided to the U.S. Department of Labor in 2000 and updated by state agencies responsible for labor market information and licensing occupations.

Malpractice Insurance Premiums by State for Various Occupations
Conducted by: Scott Cordes and Yinying Wang for the Center for Labor Policy at the University of Minnesota.
Units surveyed: Insurance companies offering malpractice insurance in all 50 states to pastoral counselors, marriage and family therapists and professional counselors for 2005, and occupational therapists and practical and vocational nurses for 2004.
Unique characteristics: Rates offered by insurance companies for various levels of coverage and policies by age and experience in regulated and unregulated occupations and states.

National Longitudinal Survey
Conducted by: The National Longitudinal Survey (NLS) is a survey sponsored by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, and conducted by the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago with assistance from the Center for Human Resource Research (CHRR) at The Ohio State University. The field work is done by the U.S. Census Bureau.
Survey years: Occasionally since 1965.
Units surveyed: The current survey consists of a nationally representative sample of approximately 9,000 individuals and their households.
Unique characteristics: The NLS is a set of surveys designed to gather information at multiple points in time on the labor market activities and other significant life events of several groups of men and women. An extensive two-part questionnaire was administered that listed and gathered demographic information on members of the household and on their immediate family members living elsewhere. Youths are interviewed on an annual or biennial basis. Questions are asked about current and former occupations for the year of the survey.
Survey of Licensing Pass Rates

- Conducted by: The Center for Labor Policy, University of Minnesota, Morris Kleiner with Adrienne Howard and Hwikwon Ham.
- Units surveyed: State pass rates for dentists, lawyers, and cosmetologists in the 50 U.S. states.
- Unique characteristics: Various year state pass rates for selected occupations. Generally includes only new entrants and not individuals who are moving from another state.

Survey of Licensing Statutes

- Conducted by: The Center for Labor Policy, University of Minnesota, Morris Kleiner with Adrienne Howard and Hwikwon Ham.
- Units surveyed: State statutes for accountants, cosmetologists, dentists, lawyers, and teachers in the 50 U.S. states.
- Unique characteristics: Statutory data and changes in laws on age, citizenship, residency, good moral character, special education, graduate education requirements, experience, exam requirements, bachelor’s degree requirements, reciprocity requirements with other states or countries.

Survey of New Air Force Recruits on their Dental Health

- Units surveyed: 464 new Air Force recruits from the 50 U.S. states.
- Unique characteristics: Complete information on Air Force recruits’ initial dental exam along with time specific demographic and economic characteristics of the new recruits and their households.
Data Used to Analyze Occupational Licensing in the European Union

France

Labour Force Surveys (“Enquêtes Emploi”)
- Units surveyed: Household data, approximately 15,600 used for the analysis.
- Unique characteristics: Data on demographic characteristics, labor force status, industry, region, metropolitan area, and occupation.

Germany

Acquisition and Application of Occupational Qualifications 1991/92 (“Qualifikation und Berufsverlauf”)
- Conducted by: Bundesinstitut für Berufsbildung (BIBB), Berlin; Institut fuer Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung der Bundesanstalt für Arbeit, Nuernberg.
- Units surveyed: 34,277 individuals.
- Unique characteristics: Detailed occupation characteristics linked to demographic and economic data in Germany.

United Kingdom

Labour Force Survey
- Conducted by: Social and Vital Statistics Division of the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on behalf of the Statistical Outputs Group of the ONS.
- Survey years: Quarterly, annual, or biannual since 1979.
- Units surveyed: Data on 60,000 households.
- Unique characteristics: Data on demographic characteristics, labor force status, industry, region, metropolitan area, and occupation.