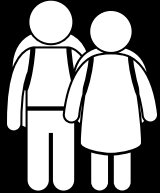


CRIMINAL JUSTICE FACT SHEET

JERSEY CITY TOGETHER

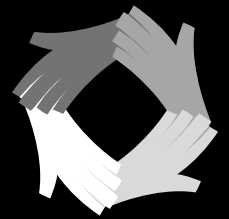
50,000+

current Jersey City residents have spent time in jail or prison (conservatively). Across New Jersey, it's more than 1 million.



Without intervention, **70%** of children with an incarcerated parent will also be incarcerated. It costs **MORE THAN TWICE** as much to incarcerate (\$50,000+ / year) as it does to educate a child in NJ.

New Jersey has some of the worst **RACIAL DISPARITIES** in the United States. African-Americans make up 60% of those currently incarcerated and only 15% of the population. Hispanics are incarcerated at twice the rate of Whites.



A WALL OF BARRIERS

Issues associated with the criminal justice system and mass incarceration have constructed a wall of barriers that holds whole communities back -- particularly low-income communities & communities of color. This wall was built brick by brick, piece by piece. And it will need to be dismantled in the same way. Together, this is possible. We have seen progress in other places. But we cannot lose sight of how the parts work together.

feeding mass incarceration

**INCARCERATION AS
PRIMARY RESPONSE TO
MENTAL HEALTH CRISES,
VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW**

**UNFAIR &
DISCRIMINATORY
SENTENCING & BAIL,
OUTSTANDING WARRANTS**

dehumanizing punishments

**DEHUMANIZING
TREATMENT, LACK OF
OPPORTUNITY ONCE
INCARCERATED**

**DEBT PEONAGE
(FINES, FEES, CHILD
SUPPORT & OTHER DEBTS)**

**DIFFICULTY REINSTATING
DRIVERS' LICENSES,
VOTING RIGHTS**

**LACK OF ACCESS TO
LIVING WAGE WORK,
AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
& HEALTH CARE**

**DIFFICULTY
EXPUNGING & SEALING
CRIMINAL RECORDS**

preventing full reintegration & contribution in our communities, contributing to recidivism