Racism and Legal Protections in New Jersey

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Legal Services & Representation

<u>Issues</u>

- Large funding gap
 - Limited representation
- Low-QualityRepresentation
 - Over-extended public defenders
- Use of Money Bail
- Confusing court rules

- Increase funding for legal assistance
- Sufficient funding for public defenders
- Eliminate use of money bail, cease arrests for failure to pay fines & fees, implement diversion programs
- Simplify court rules and procedures

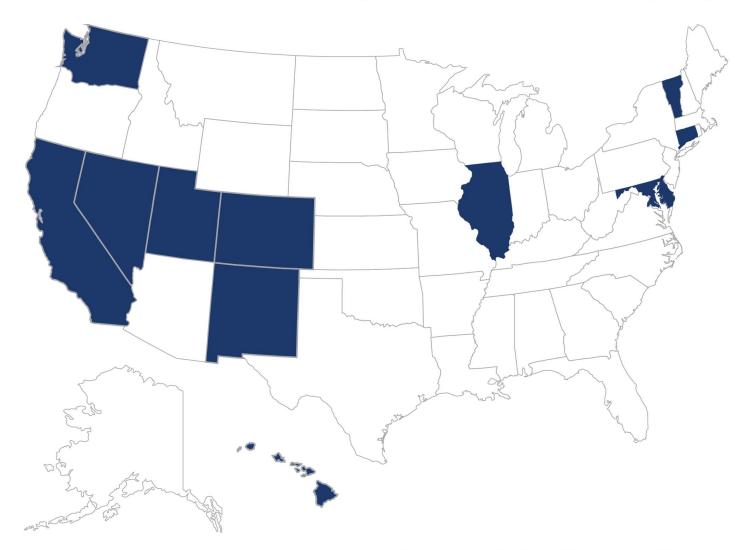
Immigrant Protections & Identification

<u>Issues</u>

- Hurdles to licensing
 - Creates safety issues when driving
 - Unable to move about daily
- Lack of Government IDs
 - Stigma, Vulnerability
 - Access, Inclusion
- Wage Theft
 - Exploitation
 - Uneven playing field
- Enforcement
 - Fear of Deportation
 - Incarceration

- Provide access to driver's licenses for all
- Issue government IDs
- Establish anti-wage theft policies
- Raise penalties for scrupulous employers
- End statute of limitations
- Community Policing
- End Collaboration
- End for-profit prisons
- Legal Representation

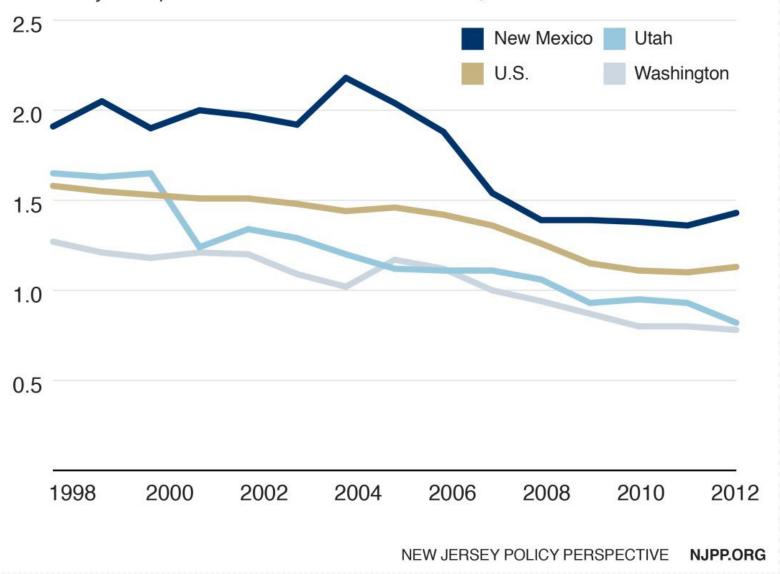
Twelve States and D.C. Allow Undocumented Immigrants to Drive Legally



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Early Adopters of License or Privilege Card Benefits Have Seen Decrease in Fatal Accidents

Fatality rates per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, 1998-2012



New Jersey Stands to Bring in Millions in Revenue from New License Fees

While revenue from newly lawful drivers will depend on how many eligible people sign up and how much the state charges, the state is certain to bring in millions of dollars in license fees alone.



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Police & Community Relations

<u>Issues</u>

- Discriminatory and unequal policing practices
- Lack of sufficient accountability by and oversight of law enforcement

- Independent prosecutors
- Body camera policies, only with proper assurances
- End broken windows policing
- End civil asset forfeiture
- Data transparency
- Local civilian complaint review boards

Voting Rights

<u>Issues</u>

- Antiquated voting systems
- No early in-person voting
- Disenfranchised citizens

- Automatic voter registration
- Modernize voting laws, systems and machines
- Institute early in-person voting to increase participation
- Extend right to vote to currently incarcerated individuals

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