

Poverty isn't a **LINE**.
It's a **TIGHT KNOT** of social maladies.

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POVERTY, BY AMERICA

NEW JERSEY

RED FLAG

Over half of renters spend 30%+ of their income on rent

NEW JERSEY		NATIONAL	
 EDUCATION			
Preschool enrollment:	65 %	48 %	
High school graduation gap: <i>(between high- and low-income)</i>	9.9 %	11.5 %	
Avg. student loan debt:	\$36K	\$43K	

NEW JERSEY		NATIONAL	
 HEALTH			
Uninsured <i>(medical)</i> :	7.9 %	9.2 %	
SNAP recipients: <i>(food stamps)</i>	1 in 13	1 in 9	
SNAP per household member <i>(monthly)</i> :	\$122	\$121	

NEW JERSEY		NATIONAL	
 FINANCE			
Poverty rate:	9.4 %	11.9 %	
Child poverty rate:	13 %	16 %	
Minimum wage:	\$13	\$7.25	
Median income:	\$88.5K	\$70.7K	
Prison min. wage:	\$0.26 – \$2	\$0.14 – \$1.41	
Unbanked households:	4.0 %	5.4 %	

NEW JERSEY		NATIONAL	
 HOUSING			
Student homelessness:	1 %	2.7 %	
Eviction filing rate:	12.1 %	7.8 %	
Avg. housing voucher wait list time:	39 mos.	28 mos.	
Renters paying 30%+ income on rent:	51.4 %	49.6 %	

CONSIDER THESE SELECT

ANTIPOVERTY POLICIES

DOES YOUR STATE...

have expanded Medicaid coverage for additional populations? 

protect housing voucher holders from discrimination? 

prohibit or highly regulate payday lending? 

spend above the national average of its TANF funds on basic assistance? 

have a progressive tax rate? 

JOIN THE FIGHT ANTIPOVERTY ORGANIZATIONS

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[HomeFront](#)

[Family Promise NJ](#)

[Housing & Community Development Network of NJ](#)



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