



DID YOU KNOW?

- New Jersey denies the fundamental right to vote to nearly 100,000 people in prison, on parole, or on probation for a felony conviction—more people than live in New Jersey’s capital city of Trenton.
- New Jersey first broadly denied the right to vote to people with criminal convictions in 1844, the same year it adopted a constitution that restricted voting to white men.
- New Jersey has the highest racial incarceration disparities in the nation and its law imports the racial discrimination from the criminal justice system into the political process. As a result, half of those who cannot vote because of a conviction are Black, even though Black people make up just 15% of the state’s total population.
- Today, the number of Black residents who cannot vote because of a criminal conviction surpasses the number of Black people prohibited from voting in New Jersey prior to the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment in 1870.
- Our “1844 No More” campaign seeks to turn the page on this dark history by severing the link between voting rights and the criminal justice system.
- Restoring voting rights for people with criminal convictions helps increase public safety, reduces recidivism, facilitates re-entry, and empowers the communities from which people with convictions come.

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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

New Jersey must sever the link between voting rights and the criminal justice system.

Join us as we raise our voices to put an end to this anti-democratic practice.

We Are 1844 No More.

- Join our campaign to turn the page on 1844 by contacting us at justice@njisj.org.
- Call your state legislators – found at www.njleg.state.nj.us/members – and express your support for S-2100/A-3456, a historic bill that will restore the fundamental right to vote to nearly 100,000 people in prison, on parole, or on probation.
- Add your organization to the list of over 80 organizations that have signed on in support of the #1844NoMore campaign to restore voting rights to people with criminal convictions.
- If you have been or currently are denied the right to vote because of a conviction, contact us to share your story.
- Organize a phone bank or postcard writing effort to urge your friends to contact their state legislators.

Together we can position New Jersey as a national leader in building an inclusive, robust democracy.

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