

Black New Jerseyans: Facts

- African Americans still face discrimination when they try to rent or purchase housing in metropolitan markets nationwide. Whites were consistently favored over blacks in 21.6% of rental tests and 17% of the home-buying tests by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- The New Jersey Division on Civil Rights received 103 cases of housing discrimination in fiscal year 2005. Of those, 31 were based on racial discrimination: 18 for refusal to rent, 5 for differential treatment, 4 for evictions, and 4 for refusal to sell.
- Black workers continue to suffer employment discrimination, with 15% of the national black labor force affected.
- Nationally, the number of establishments engaging in job discrimination is significant: 75,000 establishments discriminating against persons in protected classes other than gender.
- In New Jersey, the number of black students identified as mentally retarded was more than three times that of white students. Black students are also more likely to be identified as mentally disturbed and more likely to be subject to school disciplinary procedures than white students.

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