JUSTSOUTH INDEX 2019 FACT SHEET ALABAMA

JUSTSOUTH INDEX RANKINGS (OUT OF 51)

POVERTY

RACIAL DISPARITY

IMMIGRANT EXCLUSION

OVERALL

49

6th

49

44

Largest gap in health insurance 3rd coverage between native and foreign-born residents in the U.S.

4th

among low income

Lowest average income households in the U.S.

Highest share of low-income people without health insurance in the U.S.

3rd

Largest white-minority wage gap in the U.S.

ACTION STEPS

- Legislate a state minimum wage significantly higher than the federal minimum of \$7.25 per hour and rescind the 2016 preemption law banning municipal minimum wages.
- Expand Medicaid overage as provided for in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and make available resources to educate all residents about the various benefits available to them via the ACA.
- Aggressively investigate discriminatory labor practices.
- Enact a state Earned Income Tax Credit program.

ΑL \$12,185 Average Income of Poor Households



Percent of Poor without Health Insurance



Percent of Poor with High Housing **Cost Burden**



Percent of **Segregated Schools**



White-Minority Wage Gap



White-Minority Unemployment Rate Gap



Share of Immigrant **Disconnected Youth**



Share of Immigrants with Difficulty **Speaking English**



Gap in Health Insurance Rate, Immigrant and **Native-Born Residents**