

Fair Share Housing Center is a nonprofit advocacy organization that uses legal, policy, and community-building strategies to dismantle decades of racial and economic discrimination in New Jersey and beyond.

Affordable Housing

Thanks to our work, New Jersey has the strongest affordable housing policy in the U.S. — known as the Mount Laurel Doctrine — which requires every municipality to change its zoning to create its fair share of affordable homes.

The Mount Laurel Doctrine has led to the creation of over 75,000 affordable homes — including over 25,000 new affordable homes since 2015 alone — and over 130,000 middle-class homes. Today, more than 400,000 New Jerseyans live in homes created by our work.

Shrinking the Racial Wealth Gap

We partner with community stakeholders and government officials to address the racial wealth gap and secure investments that benefit communities of color.

We led advocacy efforts to establish New Jersey's First-Generation Homebuyers program, which has shown much greater progress in shrinking the racial wealth gap than traditional first-time homeownership programs.

Tenant Protections

We advocate in New Jersey and nationally for policies to protect tenants from discrimination. We led the campaign to pass and implement New Jersey's Fair Chance in Housing Act, the nation's first statewide law to restrict the use of criminal records in the tenant screening process.

Disaster Recovery

We work to ensure that state and federal disaster recovery policies prioritize low-income communities and communities of color.

We won the largest federal Fair Housing Act settlement in U.S. history, in partnership with the Latino Action Network and New Jersey NAACP, which reallocated over \$500 billion in federal funds following Hurricane Sandy and helped over 7,000 families find stable affordable homes on higher ground.