### JUSTSOUTH INDEX 2019 FACT SHEET

**MISSISSIPPI**

**JUSTSOUTH INDEX RANKINGS (OUT OF 51)**

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**1st**
- Lowest average income among low-income households in the U.S.
- Highest percentage of foreign-born disconnected youth in the U.S.
- Largest gap in health insurance coverage between native and foreign-born resident in the U.S.
- Highest share of low-income people without health insurance in the U.S.

**2nd**
- 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

**ACTION STEPS**

- Legislate a state minimum wage significantly higher than the federal minimum of $7.25 per hour and rescind the 2013 preemption law banning municipal minimum wages.
- Expand Medicaid coverage 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.
- Support foreign-born youth by increasing funding and access to GED and job training programs.
- Enact a state Earned Income Tax Credit program.