Black people with no criminal record earn less than socioeconomically similar white people with a record.



White people with a record

\$49.000

51.7%

Imprisonment

Average earnings loss varies by level of criminal justice involvement.

21.7%

Felony conviction without imprisonment

16.0%

Misdemeanor conviction



ONE IN FIVE



AMERICANS WHO HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD OF **SOME KIND**

Source: Brennan Center analysis.

LOST EARNINGS BY THE NUMBERS



7 MILLION+

have been imprisoned

45 MILLION+

have been convicted of a misdemeanor

12 MILLION+

have been convicted of a felony without imprisonment



frequently overlooked by employers



Annual Lost Earnings

\$55.2 billion

FORMERLY IMPRISONED **AMERICANS**

\$372.3 billion

AMERICANS IMPACTED BY CONVICTION OR **IMPRISONMENT**



People who were imprisoned early in their lives earn about half as much annually as socioeconomically similar people untouched by the criminal justice system.

RACIAL DISPARITIES PERSIST AFTER RELEASE **FROM PRISON**

