

# New Jersey eliminates most cash bail, leads nation in reforms

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In states across the country, a cash bail system can mean that poor defendants remain in jail while wealthier defendants go free. But a model to address those disparities began this year in New Jersey, which has launched some of the most comprehensive bail reforms in the nation. NewsHour Weekend's Megan Thompson reports. This is part of an ongoing series of reports called "[Chasing the Dream](#)," which reports on poverty and opportunity in America.



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