



IMMIGRANTS ARE A VITAL PART OF THE FINGER LAKES

Immigrants have long been a critical part of New York State's identity, economy and cultural vibrancy.

Immigrants start small businesses, and as workers play a particularly big role in construction, restaurants and the care economy. And immigrants enrich communities with diverse languages, music, and traditions. Immigrants are neighbors, workers, parents and taxpayers who contribute billions to the state's economy each year.

75,000

IMMIGRANTS LIVE IN THE FINGER LAKES

That's **6%** of the region's population



There are over 6,000 farms across the Finger Lakes Region

Farms rely on immigrant workers

IMMIGRANTS WITHOUT LEGAL STATUS CONTRIBUTE

\$3.1 billion

IN STATE & LOCAL TAXES IN NY

IMMIGRANTS HELP DRIVE NEW YORK'S ECONOMY

8%

of the Finger Lakes Region's Economic Output



9%

of business owners in the Finger Lakes are immigrants



Immigrant entrepreneurs and workers strengthen local economies.



IMMIGRANTS IN THE FINGER LAKES PLAY AN ESPECIALLY BIG ROLE IN:



Education

1,800 college professors | 21% of total

Immigrants also play a role as teaching assistants.



Domestic Care Economy

19% of both all home health aides and all housekeepers are immigrants.



Healthcare

1,200 doctors | 27% of total

1,100 registered nurses | 7% of total

Immigrants are an essential part of the Finger Lake's workforce. In education, immigrant workers help educate our children in schools and college. In the healthcare economy immigrants provide essential care in communities as doctors and registered nurses. And in the care economy immigrants are often the ones who make it possible for parents to go to work knowing their kids and elders in need of help are in good hands.

Policies that push out immigrants harm the Finger Lakes Region by:

- ↑ Higher prices for goods & services as the labor force shrinks
- ↑ Increased cost of living
- ↓ Smaller workforce & fewer jobs overall
- ↓ Reduced tax revenue
- ↓ Lower economic output