# LONG ISLAND LIVING IMMIGRANTS IN DAILY LIFE

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Immigrants—with and without documentation—play an integral role in the daily lives of everyone on Long Island. Nearly 1 in 3 Long Islanders live in a household with at least one immigrant. And, immigrants make up **23 percent of the labor force**, so virtually everyone on Long Island has either employed or worked alongside an immigrant. Here are some more ways we interact with immigrants every day:

## AT THE OFFICE

Immigrants work in a wide range of jobs that keep offices running. They account for 20 percent of accountants, 47 percent of janitors, 40 percent of software developers, 26 percent of architects and engineers, and 21 percent of managers overall.

#### IN THE HOME

If someone helps you with an elderly relative or child care or cleaning they are likely to be an immigrant. **56 percent of domestic workers** on Long Island are immigrants. Get your lawn cut? **57 percent of landscapers** are immigrants.

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### **EATING OUT**

If you go to a restaurant, there's a very good chance you'll meet an immigrant. **45** percent of restaurant owners are immigrants. So are 45 percent of waiters, **62** percent of cooks.

## **ON MAIN STREET**

Immigrants are business owners, and are especially likely to be "Main Street" business owners. Immigrants make up 49 percent of owners of beauty salons, 73 percent of dry cleaners, 77 percent of gas stations, about half of pharmacies and more than a third of specialty food stores.

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Immigrants play a vital role in caring for everyone on Long Island. They make up **39 percent** of physicians, **30 percent** of **registered nurses**, 27 percent of physical therapists, and **50 percent** of **clinical lab technicians.** 26 percent of dentists are also immigrants.