



# IMMIGRANTS ARE A VITAL PART OF THE MOHAWK VALLEY

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.

## 28,000

IMMIGRANTS LIVE IN THE MOHAWK VALLEY

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



There are about **3,000 farms** across the Mohawk Valley

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

## 7%

of the Mohawk Valley's Economic Output



## 10%

of business owners in the Mohawk Valley are immigrants



Immigrant entrepreneurs and workers strengthen local economies.



# IMMIGRANTS IN THE MOHAWK VALLEY PLAY AN ESPECIALLY BIG ROLE IN:



## Restaurants

Immigrants play a role as cooks and dishwashers.



## Domestic Care Economy

35% of all homehealth aides are immigrants.



## Healthcare

11% of all registered nurses are immigrants.  
Immigrants also play a critical role as doctors.

Immigrants are an essential part of the Mohawk Valley's workforce. In restaurants immigrants are cooks, dishwashers and small business owners. In the healthcare economy immigrants provide essential care in communities as registered nurses. And in the domestic 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 Mohawk Valley 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