



IMMIGRANTS ARE A VITAL PART OF THE SOUTHERN TIER

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.

36,000

IMMIGRANTS LIVE IN THE SOUTHERN TIER

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



There are about **5,000 farms across the Southern Tier**

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 Southern Tier's Economic Output



10%

of business owners in the Southern Tier are immigrants



Immigrant entrepreneurs and workers strengthen local economies.



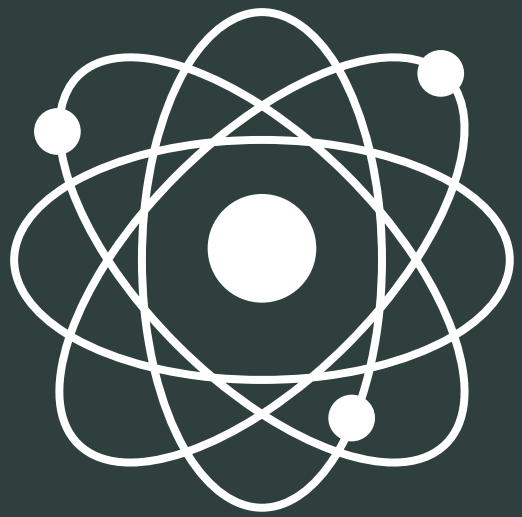
IMMIGRANTS IN THE SOUTHERN TIER PLAY AN ESPECIALLY BIG ROLE IN:



Education

2,800 college professors | 30% of total

Immigrants are also playing a role as teaching assistants.



Science & Technology

41% of all physical scientists and 20% of software developers are immigrants.

Healthcare



40% of all doctors are immigrants. Immigrants also play critical roles as registered nurses and nursing assistants.

Immigrants are an essential part of the Southern Tier's workforce. In education, immigrant workers help educate our children in schools and college. Immigrants also have a role in strengthening education, research and innovation as physical scientists and software developers. And in the healthcare economy immigrants provide essential care in communities as doctors.

Policies that push out immigrants harm the Southern Tier 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