



# IMMIGRANTS ARE A VITAL PART OF SUFFOLK COUNTY

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.

## 260,000

IMMIGRANTS LIVE IN SUFFOLK COUNTY  
That's **17%** of the county's population



There are about  
**600 farms on  
Long Island**

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

## 19%

of Suffolk County's Economic  
Output



## 22%

of business owners in Suffolk  
county are immigrants



Immigrant entrepreneurs and workers strengthen local economies.



# IMMIGRANTS IN SUFFOLK COUNTY PLAY AN ESPECIALLY BIG ROLE IN:

## Restaurants



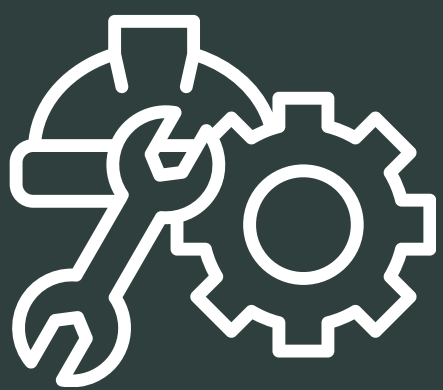
Immigrants are **46%** of all cooks  
Immigrants are **50%** of all dishwashers

## Domestic Care Economy



Immigrants are **76%** of all housekeepers  
Immigrants are **60%** of all home health aides

## Construction & Landscaping



Immigrants are **56%** of all construction laborers  
Immigrants are **58%** of all landscapers

Immigrants are an essential part of Suffolk county's workforce. In construction and landscaping, immigrants are part of the workforce that keeps our homes being built, renovated, and looking good. In restaurants immigrants are chefs, waiters, managers, and small business owners. 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 Suffolk County 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