



# WORKING TOGETHER FOR CENTRAL NEW YORK

## ONEIDA INDIAN NATION IMPACT

In 2013, the Oneida Indian Nation, the State of New York, and Madison and Oneida counties signed a historic agreement that officially ended all legal disputes. Included in the agreement, the Nation agrees to invest 25 percent of its net gaming revenue from its slot machines in the state and surrounding counties. Oneida Indian Nation settlement payments – totaling more than \$330 million since 2013, with more than \$100 million of that total going to Oneida and Madison counties – are now supporting public safety, schools, roads, arts and other social services. The revenues have also prevented property tax increases and helped cities balance their budgets.

**PREVENTING PROPERTY TAX INCREASES:** Budget-strapped counties and cities have faced pressure to raise property taxes to fund vital social services – but Oneida Indian Nation revenues have helped alleviate that pressure. For example, in 2015, the [Utica Observer-Dispatch](#) reported that Oneida Indian Nation revenues “helped to keep county taxes from rising without major service cuts. In 2018, Oneida County was able to freeze property tax rates, and Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente specifically credited Oneida Indian Nation revenues for that achievement. “Without this revenue, we would have had to raise property taxes at least 5 percent a year since 2014,” Picente [declared](#).

**FUNDING LOCAL SCHOOLS:** Oneida Indian Nation revenues flow from counties to New York’s K-12 education system. For example, in [2014](#), Madison County pumped \$800,000 of its \$11 million settlement with the Nation into local school districts.

**INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC SERVICES:** Counties have used Oneida Indian Nation revenues to help maintain funding for roads. In 2016, for example, the [Oneida Dispatch](#) noted that “money from the 2013 settlement will also help cover the (funding) increase to the county road fund.” Likewise, the [Rome Sentinel](#) reported that in 2016, Madison County used Oneida Indian Nation revenues to help towns “pay the operating expenses for each municipality’s fire and school districts and also sewer, water, hydrant and library costs.” In 2019, the [Utica Observer-Dispatch](#) reported that Vienna Town Supervisor William Graham and Verona Town Supervisor Scott Mussachio planned to use Oneida Indian Nation revenues for town infrastructure improvements.

**SUPPORTING PUBLIC SAFETY:** Oneida Indian Nation revenues have helped local communities throughout Central New York fund their law enforcement operations. These funds have helped counties hire more deputies to [beef up patrols](#) and finance a [new firearms training system](#). The funds also helped six law enforcement agencies pay for [new body armor](#).

**BOOSTING ARTS & CULTURE:** Oneida Indian Nation revenues are supporting arts and cultural programs and facilities throughout the region. For instance, WRVO [reported](#) that in 2015, Oneida County planned to use some of the money to fund science and technology training at Mohawk Valley Community College. Other portions of the money could be available for the Stanley Theater and Munson Williams Proctor Arts Institute. Meanwhile, Onondaga County has used \$2.5 million of Oneida Indian Nation revenues to help fund a [major amphitheater](#) on the western shore of Onondaga Lake.

**HELPING BALANCE BUDGETS:** Oneida Indian Nation revenues flow from county governments into local communities, where the funds help those communities balance their municipal budgets. In 2015, the Oneida Dispatch noted that for the second time, Madison County officials were “sharing a little over 5 percent of its \$3.5 million payment from the Oneida Indian Nation settlement with municipalities.” The next year, Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente [noted](#), “We have shared over \$4 million with villages, towns and schools.” At the end of 2018, [Oneida County](#) had a \$9.7 million budget surplus, attributed in part to payments from the Oneida Indian Nation.



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## ONEIDA INDIAN NATION ECONOMIC IMPACT FISCAL YEAR 2019

Since 1992, the Oneida Indian Nation has invested more than \$6 billion in its government programs and business enterprises, which now help draw more than 4.5 million visitors annually to the region. In that time, the Nation has paid out \$2 billion in payroll and \$5 billion in vendor spending, including \$700 million on capital and construction projects. Since the 2013 historic settlement agreement among the Oneida Indian Nation, New York State, and Oneida and Madison counties, the state receives 25 percent of revenue from Oneida Indian Nation slot machines – totaling more than \$330 million since 2013 – which is shared with counties in the region.

### Oneida County

**341** Oneida Indian Nation vendors  
**\$15.9 million** of Nation spending in 2019

### Onondaga County

**456** Oneida Indian Nation vendors  
**\$44.3 million** of Nation spending in 2019

### Madison County

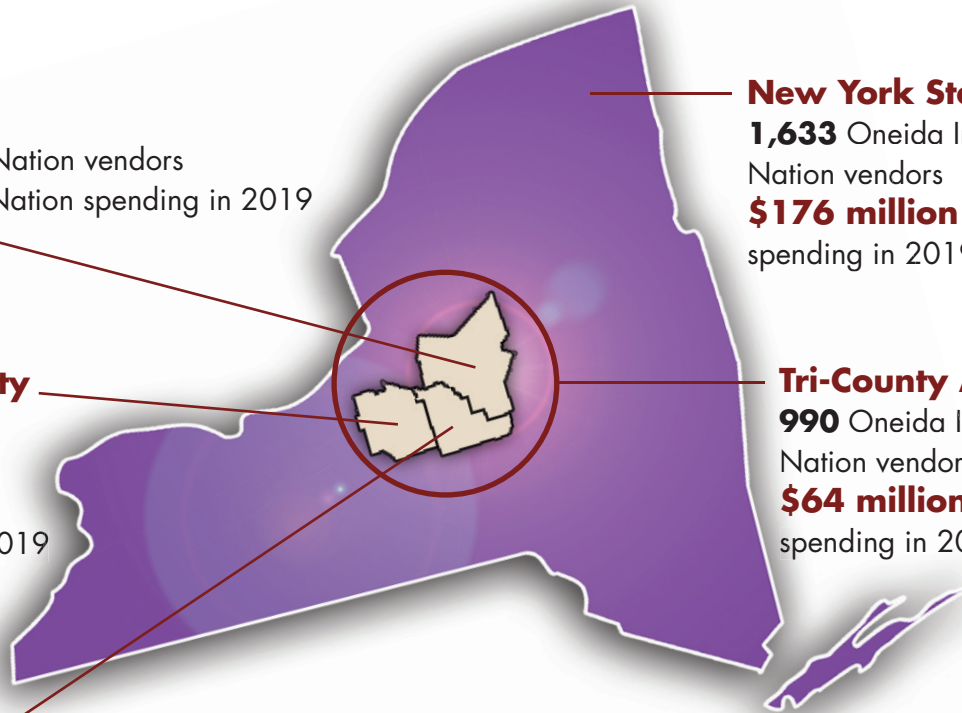
**193** Oneida Indian Nation vendors  
**\$3.9 million** of Nation spending in 2019

### New York State

**1,633** Oneida Indian Nation vendors  
**\$176 million** of Nation spending in 2019

### Tri-County Area

**990** Oneida Indian Nation vendors  
**\$64 million** of Nation spending in 2019



### 2019 TOTAL PAYROLL:

# \$161,172,220

Paid to 4,750 employees



# 4,750

+2,866 jobs  
since 1993

# 1,884

1993

2019