



ONEIDA

FACT SHEET

THE ONEIDA INDIAN NATION

The Oneida Indian Nation is a federally recognized Indian nation in Central New York. It is a founding member of the Haudenosaunee (hoe-dee-no-so-nee), known in English as the Six Nations or Iroquois Confederacy. The word Haudenosaunee means “people of the longhouse.”

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

The Oneida Indian Nation is composed of approximately 1,000 enrolled Oneida Members, about half of whom live in Central New York. Nation Members belong to one of three family clans – Turtle, Wolf or Bear. Both Nation membership and clan membership are determined through the mother’s bloodline. Each clan chooses representatives to the governing body, the Nation Council. Tradition requires both the Nation’s leaders and its Members to consider the impact on the next seven generations when making decisions. The Nation is headed by a federally recognized Representative. That position is held today by Ray Halbritter.



ECONOMIC INITIATIVES

The Oneida Indian Nation operates a variety of businesses to fund its government programs. These enterprises include:

Gaming and Hospitality:

Turning Stone Resort Casino, a destination resort featuring world-class gaming and sports betting; more than 700 hotel rooms and suites; an RV park; three nationally ranked 18-hole championship golf courses and two nine-hole courses; an indoor golf training center and tennis facility; more than 20 restaurants and dining locations; Ska:ná Spa offering American Indian treatments; entertainment venues; retail shopping and conference facilities.

YBR Casino & Sports Book is a smoke-free, 60,000-square-foot gaming venue located in Upstate New York in the Village of Chittenango. The casino celebrates the community’s connection with the iconic story, “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.”

Point Place Casino, located in Bridgeport, features nearly 500 slot machines, 20 table games, two counter-service restaurants, Perfect Pour Café, and two bars.

The Lake House at Sylvan Beach, featuring more than 100 slot machines, dining and entertainment in the heart of the resort village on Oneida Lake.

PlayOn Slot Parlors by Turning Stone. Each location features 16 popular slot machines, snacks, tobacco products and non-alcoholic beverages.

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Other enterprises:

- SāvOn Convenience Stores; Maple Leaf Markets; Turning Stone Car Care; two marinas.
- Oneida Indian Nation Outfitters featuring a hunting and a fishing preserve.
- The Cove at Sylvan Beach, the ideal vacation destination on Oneida Lake.
- Wáhta' Maple Farm.
- Oneida Innovations Group and its family of companies that provide the full spectrum of technology solutions to its clients, ranging from IT design and architecture to systems integration, operations and support.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

These enterprises and the Nation's government programs have created more than 4,000 jobs, making the Oneida Indian Nation the largest employer in Oneida and Madison counties and one of the largest employers in the 16 counties of Central New York. The Nation's workforce earned more than \$167 million in wages and bonuses during the 2021 fiscal year.

In 2021, the Nation spent \$319 million with other businesses, including about \$66 million in Central New York for goods and services. Since Turning Stone Resort Casino opened in 1993, the Nation has infused more than \$6 billion into the economy through its direct spending.



GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Proceeds from the Nation's enterprises are funneled into essential services for Oneida Members. The Nation's services to Members include:

- A comprehensive health clinic, open to all American Indians in a six-county area.
- Education scholarships, tuition assistance and educational incentive programs.
- A congregate meals and enrichment program for Nation Elders.
- An early childhood learning center.
- A multi-faceted recreation and youth development program.
- Continuing cultural education initiatives, including Oneida language and culture classes.
- The Village of the White Pines and the new Oneida Neighborhoods, a residential community providing affordable housing for Members.
- The Ray Elm Children and Elders Center, centerpiece of the Village of the White Pines and home to a variety of programs targeted for these key populations.

The mission of the Oneida People is to restore their Nation to the strength and stability it enjoyed before Europeans landed on the shores of this country. The Nation is well on its way to achieving this goal.