



ONEIDA

FACT SHEET

ONEIDA INDIAN NATION

The Oneida Indian Nation is a federally recognized Indian nation in Central New York. A founding member of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy (also known as the Six Nations or Iroquois Confederacy), the Oneida Indian Nation sided with the Americans in the Revolutionary War and was thanked by Congress and President George Washington for its loyalty and assistance.

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 Nation’s enterprises include Turning Stone Resort Casino, YBR Casino & Sports Book, Point Place Casino, The Lake House at Sylvan Beach, The Cove at Sylvan Beach, Maple Leaf Markets, SāvOn Convenience stores, RV Park, Wáhta’ Maple Farm, Verona Collective, Oneida Indian Nation Outfitters, two marinas and more.

These enterprises also include Oneida Innovations Group, an 8(a) certified, full-spectrum information technology services provider that serves the U.S. Department of Defense and a variety of commercial industries such as gaming, hospitality, healthcare and higher education.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

These enterprises and the Nation’s government programs have created more than 4,500 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 \$220 million in wages and bonuses during the 2023 fiscal year.

In 2023, the Nation spent \$388 million with other businesses, including \$142 million with 792 vendors in Onondaga, Oneida and Madison counties for goods and services. In addition to vendor and capital project spending, the Oneida Indian Nation contributed more than \$85 million in payments under the 2013 agreement to New York State and surrounding counties.

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GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Proceeds from these enterprises are used to rebuild the Nation's economic base and provide essential services, including housing, health care, and education incentives and programs, to its Members.

The Nation's services to Members include:

- A comprehensive health clinic, open to all tribally enrolled 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 preservation.
- The Village of the White Pines, 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 new Oneida Neighborhoods initiative, soon to be home to the 65,000-square-foot Mary C. Winder Community Center now under construction.

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 Oneida Indian Nation is well on its way to achieving this goal.

