

DOLORES HUERTA

“Si, se puede”



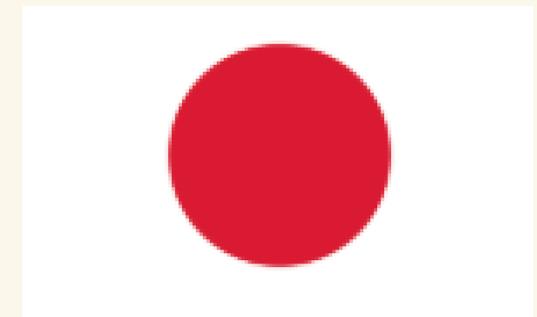
Who Is Dolores Huerta?

- Born April 10, 1930
- Dawson, New Mexico
- Mexican-American labor leader
- Civil rights activist
- Co-founder of the United Farm Workers



Early Life and Influence

- Grew up in Stockton, California
- Raised in a diverse agricultural community
- Influenced by her mother's activism
- Saw farmworker struggles firsthand



Education

And Discrimination

- Stockton High School student leader
- Majorette and Girl Scout
- Faced racial discrimination
- Earned associate teaching degree



Turning Point

- Became a teacher in the 1950's
- Saw hungry farmworker children
- Decided to organize a change



Beginning of Activism

- Co- founded Stockton Community Service Organization (1955)
- Organized voter registration drives
- Advocated for Latino civil rights
- Met Cesar Chavez



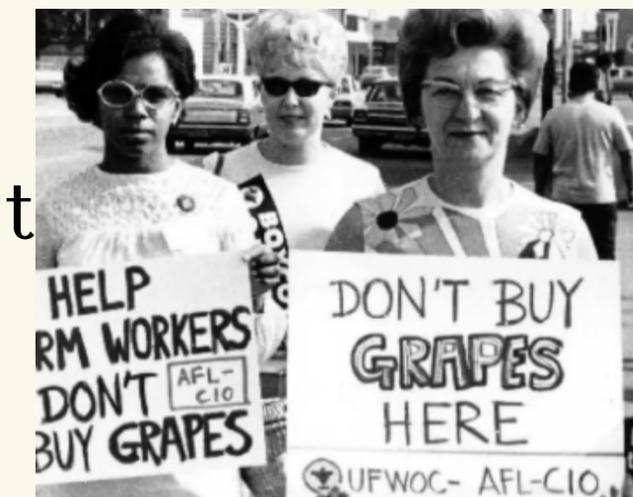
United Farm Workers

- Founded the National Farm Workers Association (1962)
- Became the United Farm Workers (UFW)
- Huerta served as Vice President
- Organized farmworkers nationwide



The Delano Grape Strike

- 1965 Delano grape strike
- Filipino and Mexican workers united
- Nationwide Boycott
- 17 million Americans participated



"The Farmworkers were earning about 70 cents an hour... they didn't have toilets in the fields or cold drinking water. People worked from sunup to sundown."

Major Achievements

- Advocated for safer working conditions
- Fought for healthcare and benefits
- Led successful boycotts
- Agricultural Labor Relations Act (1975)



Advocacy Beyond

Farmworkers

- Women's rights advocate
- Supported Immigrant and LGBTQ+ rights
- Encouraged women to run for office



Awards and Recognition

- Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award (1998)
- Puffin/Nation Prize for Creative Citizenship
- Community of Christ International Peace Award
- Presidential Medal of Freedom
- Glamour Lifetime Achievement Award





Legacy

- Founder of the Dolores Huerta Foundation
- Continues activism today

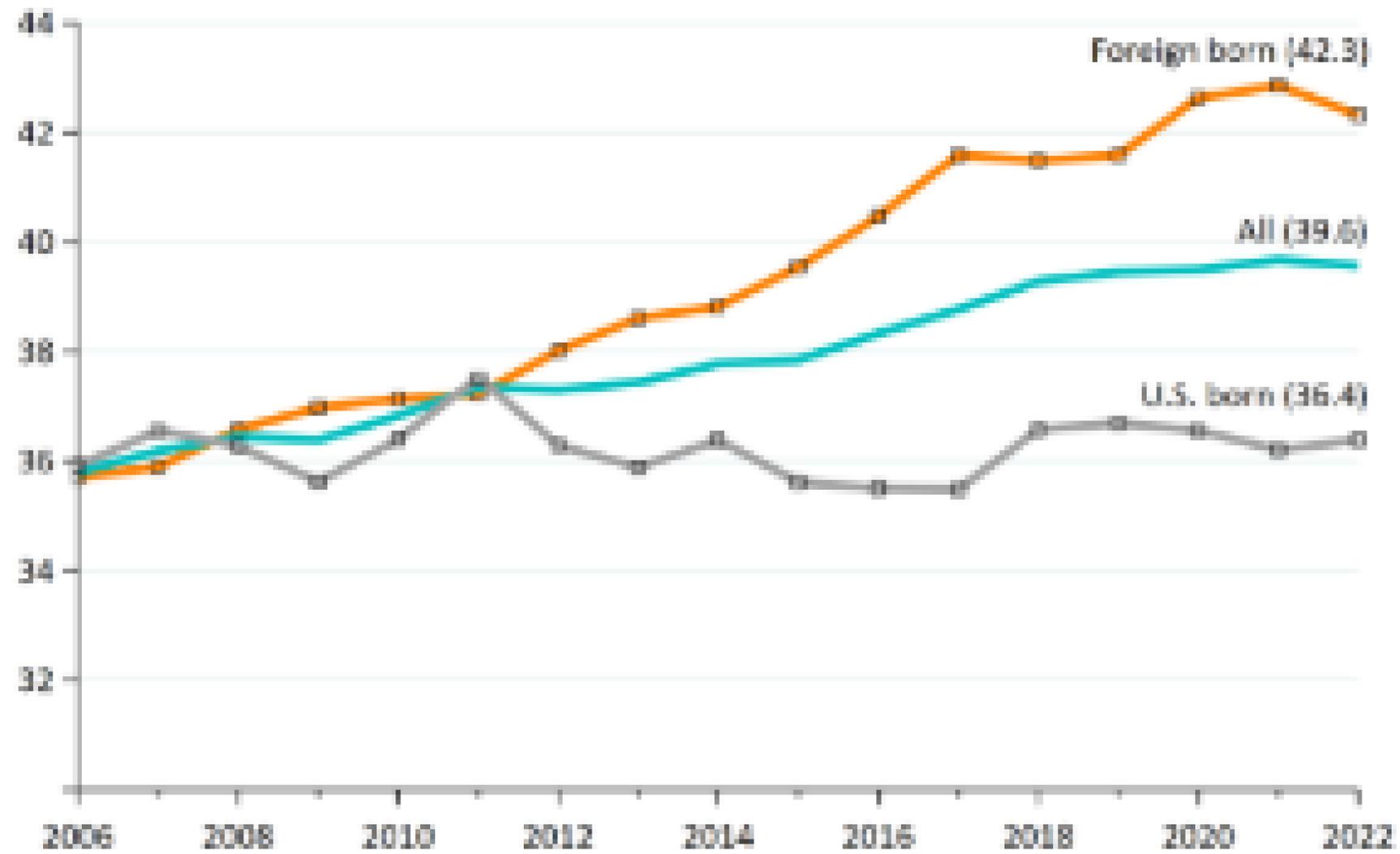
Farmworker Statistics

- 73% of U.S. farmworkers are immigrants
- 83% identify as Hispanic or Latino
- The majority are people of color

“Honor the hands that harvest your crops”

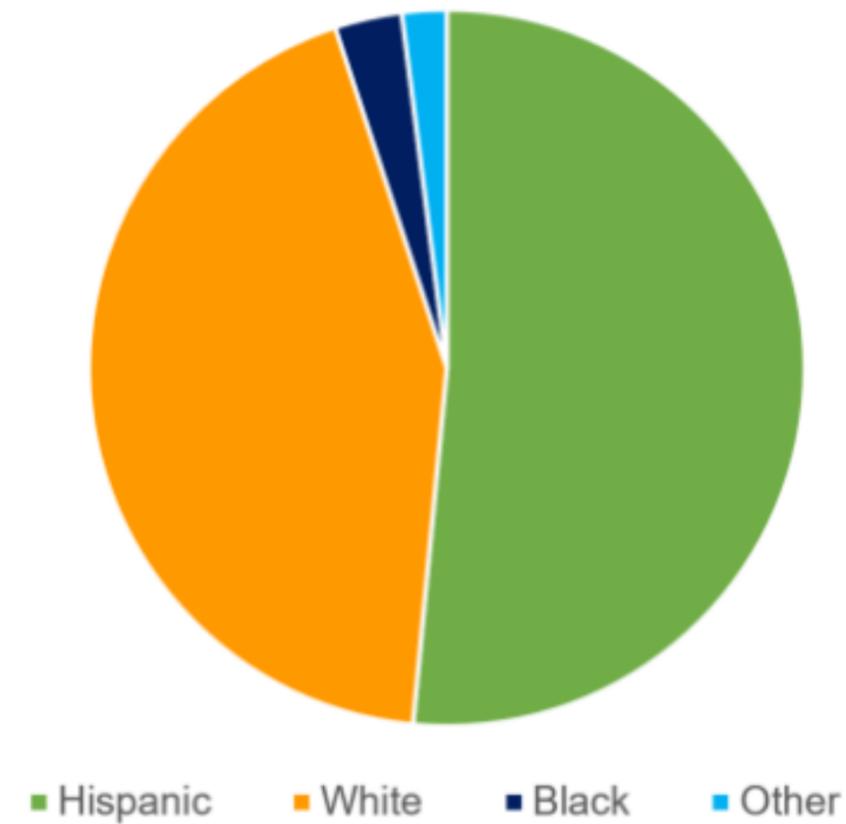
Average age of U.S. farm laborers/ graders/ sorters by place of birth, 2006–22

Average age (years)



Source: USDA, Economic Research Service using data from U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, annual American Community Survey.

Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry of Hired U.S. Farmworkers





“Every time we sit down to eat, a farmworker helped put that food down.”





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