

Child Farmworkers

There are approximately 400,000 child farmworkers nation-wide, with 94,000 in CA. Federal law says kids must be at least 16 to perform most nonfarm-related work. It also restricts kids under 16 to three hours of work on a school day. But when it comes to farmwork, children as young as 12 are allowed to put in unlimited hours outside the school day. *Read more via the title link.*



Women and Farmwork

The majority of women farmworkers say they have been sexually harassed (80% according to one study). They are also victims of violent attacks and rape. Due to pesticide exposure, some give birth to children with birth defects. *Read more via the title link.*



Dangers of Farmwork

Global warming has led to increased heat-related illnesses and an increase in resulting deaths. **The story of Jaime Nuñez-Sanchez in the Coachella Valley** is one such example.

Pesticide Exposure Farmworkers can breathe in or absorb harmful chemicals through their skin while they mix or apply pesticides, or while working in the field. Studies have documented elevated risks of chronic diseases linked to pesticides, including cancer, birth defects and learning disabilities.



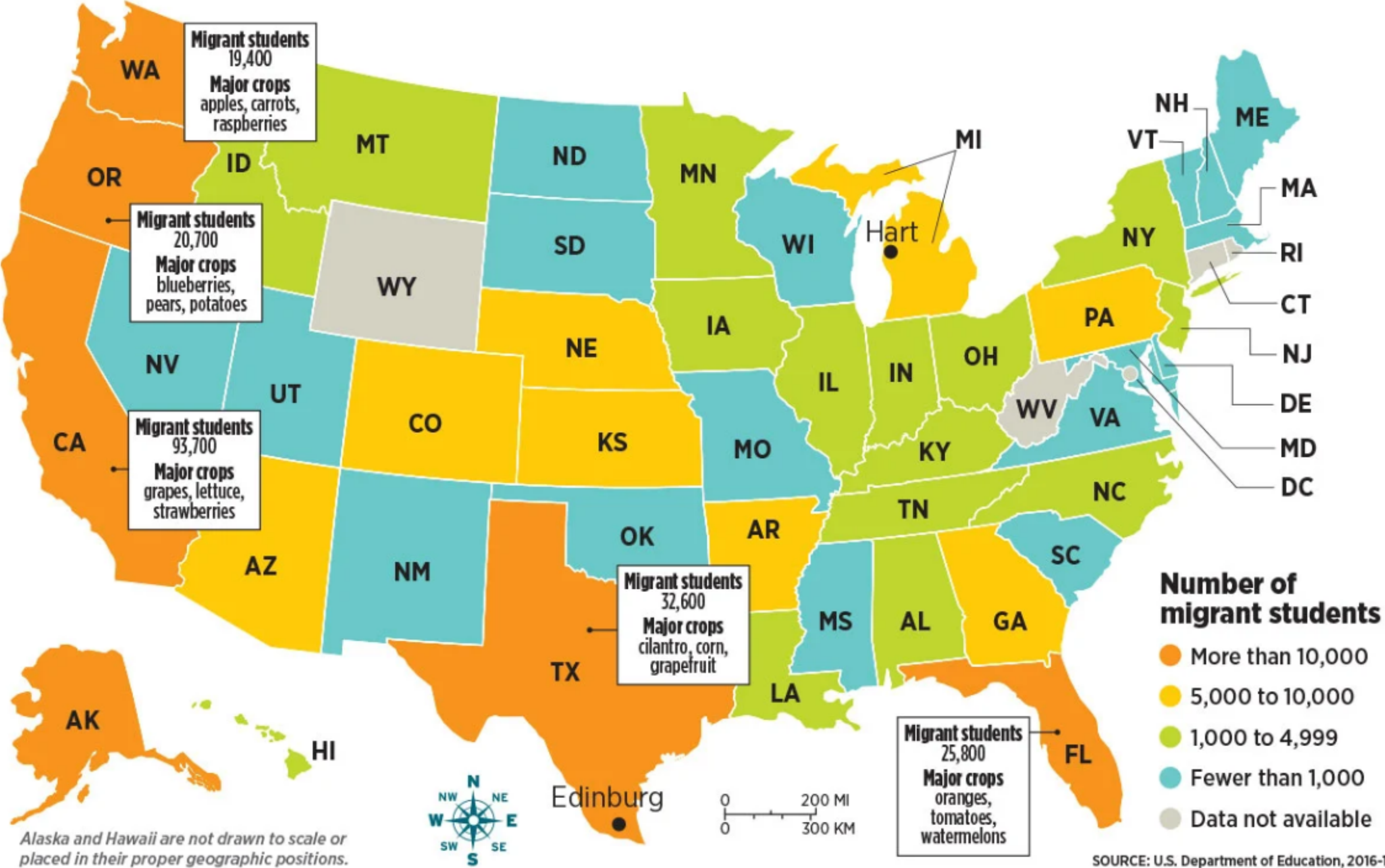
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Farmworkers are not subject to the National Labor Relations Laws (referred to as “Agricultural Exceptionalism”). Laws related to such things as minimum & overtime pay, the right to unionize, rest & breaks, do NOT apply. Farmworkers receive low pay, on average they earn between \$20,000 - \$25,000 annually. The work is statistically very dangerous and California is the deadliest for farmworkers. 94% of farmworkers in CA or Latino and Mexican workers are nearly 80% more likely to die on the job than their counterparts. The average life expectancy of farmworkers is 49 (vs. 76 for general US population).

Sources: <https://farmworkerfamily.org/information>
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MAP OF MIGRANT FARMWORKING CHILDREN

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