

Health Care Access among California's Farmworkers

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Farmworkers in California are largely immigrants

- About half of immigrant farmworkers undocumented
- Many low-income
- May be affected by recent health policy changes

Policy changes may have improved coverage and access to care

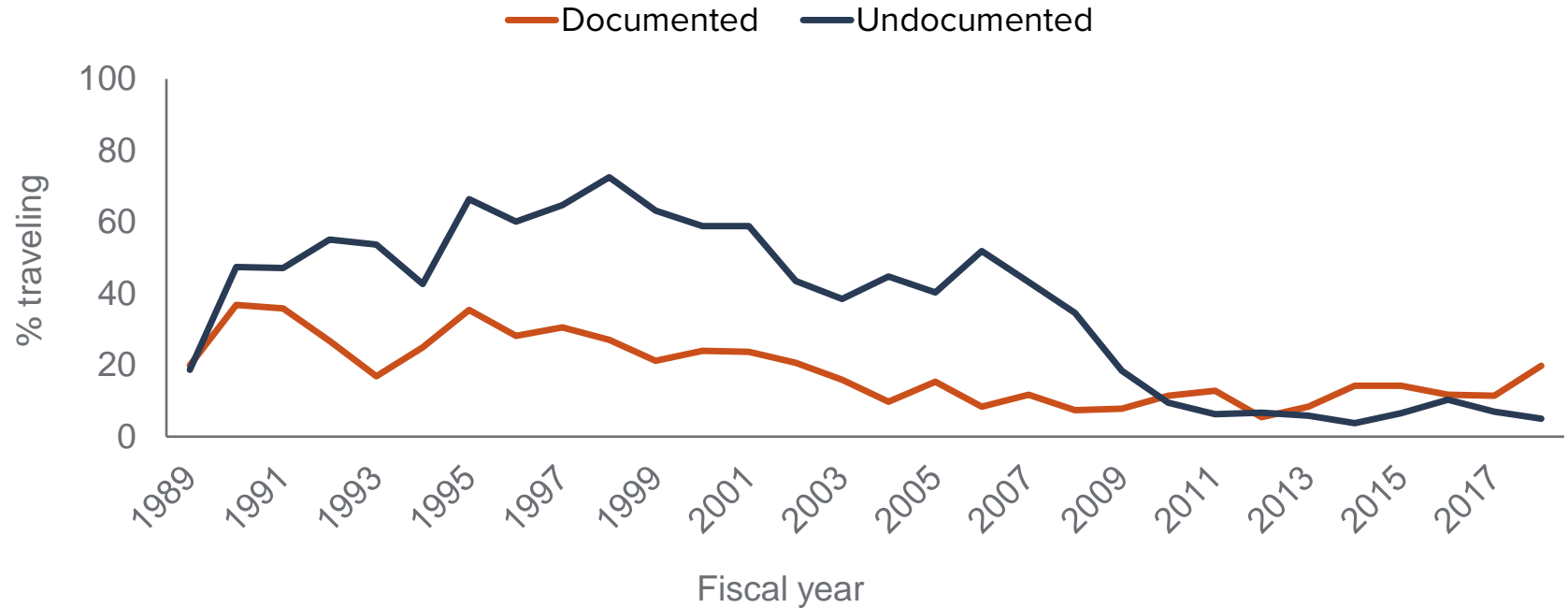
- The Affordable Care Act (ACA/Obamacare)
- 2014: Medi-Cal expanded to most low-income adults
- 2015/2016: Employer mandate for large companies
- 2020: state Medi-Cal expansion to all young adults

Study goals and data sources

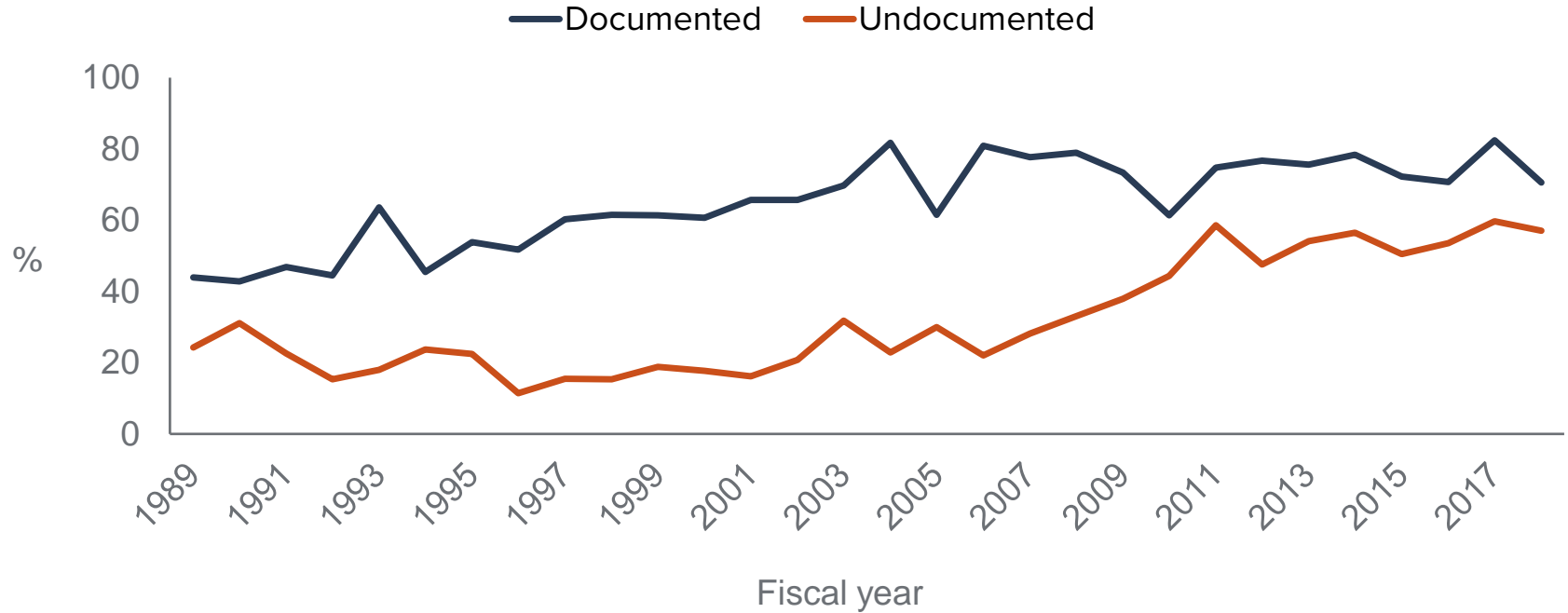
- Present farmworkers' demographic changes
- Identify barriers to care
- Analyze how changes in insurance and barriers track with policies
- Document challenges during COVID-19 pandemic

- National Agricultural Workers Survey (NAWS)
- Expert interviews

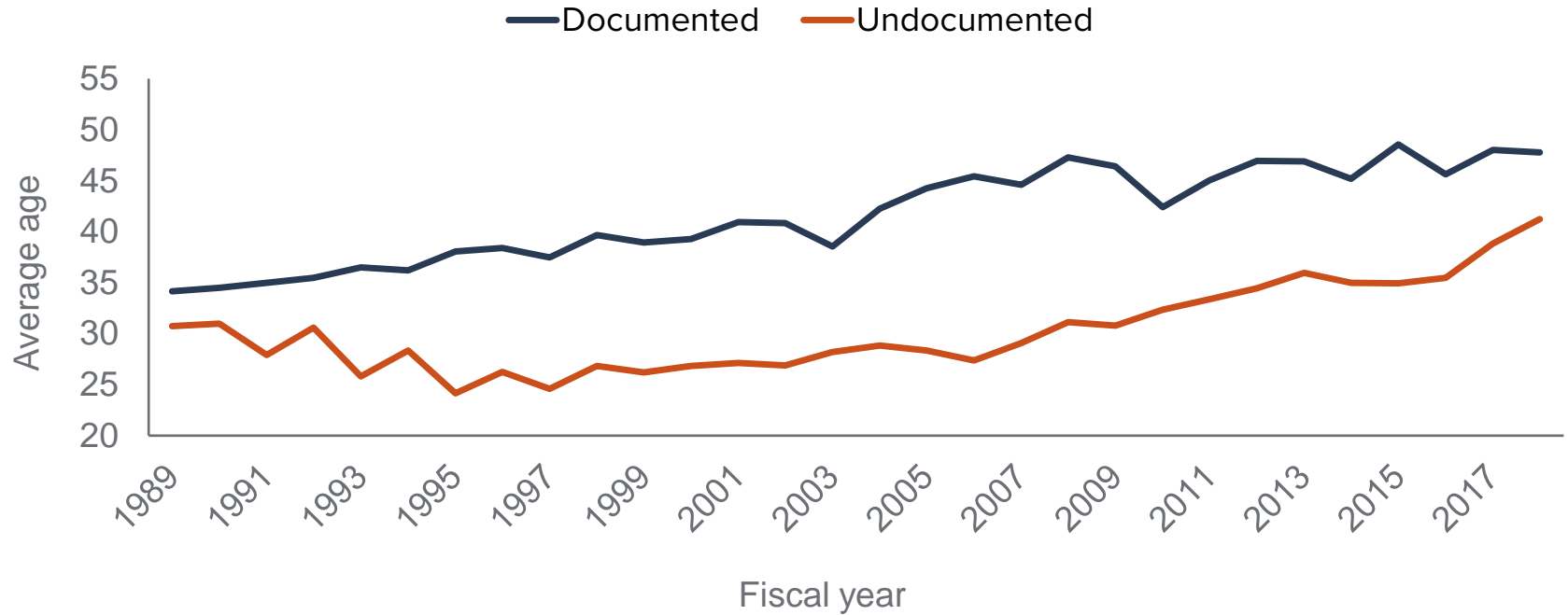
Farmworkers are reducing their international travel for work



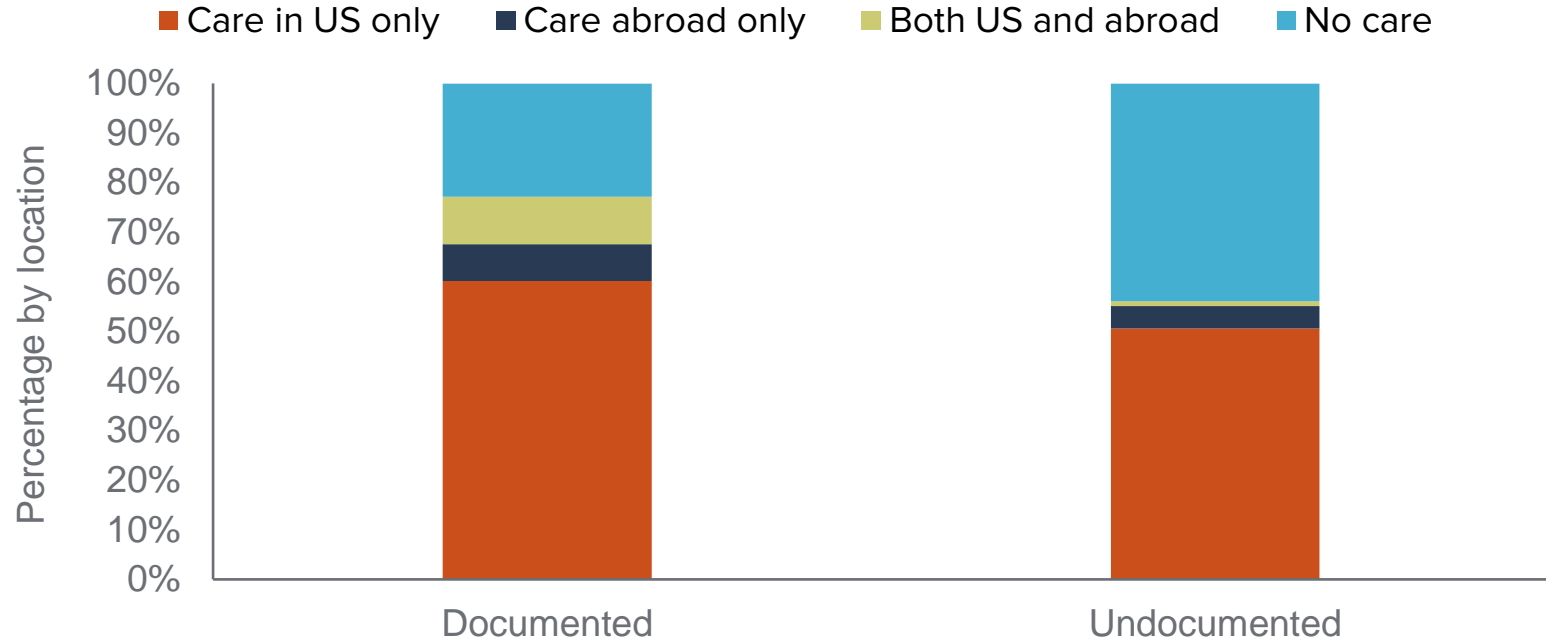
Farmworkers are increasingly likely to live with their spouse in the US



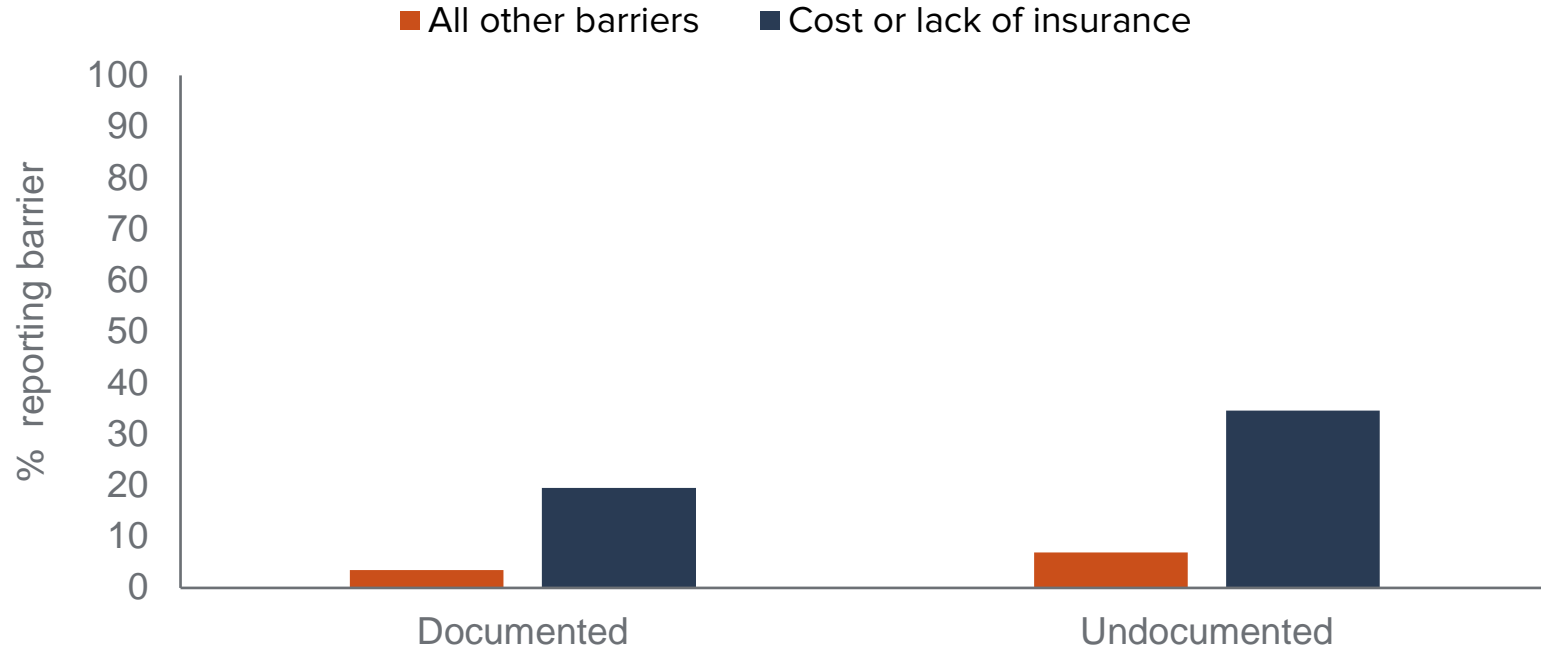
Farmworkers are settling and aging, with consequences for health care needs



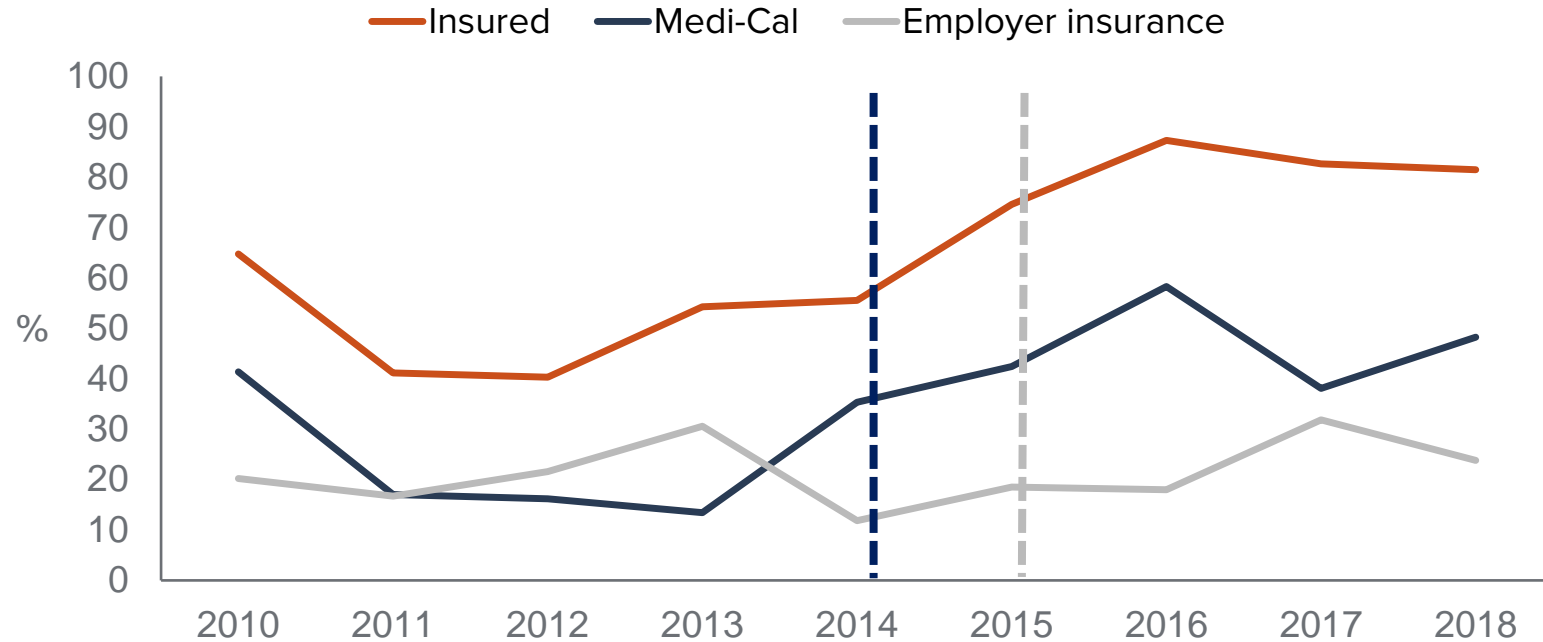
Most farmworkers have had health care in the past 2 years



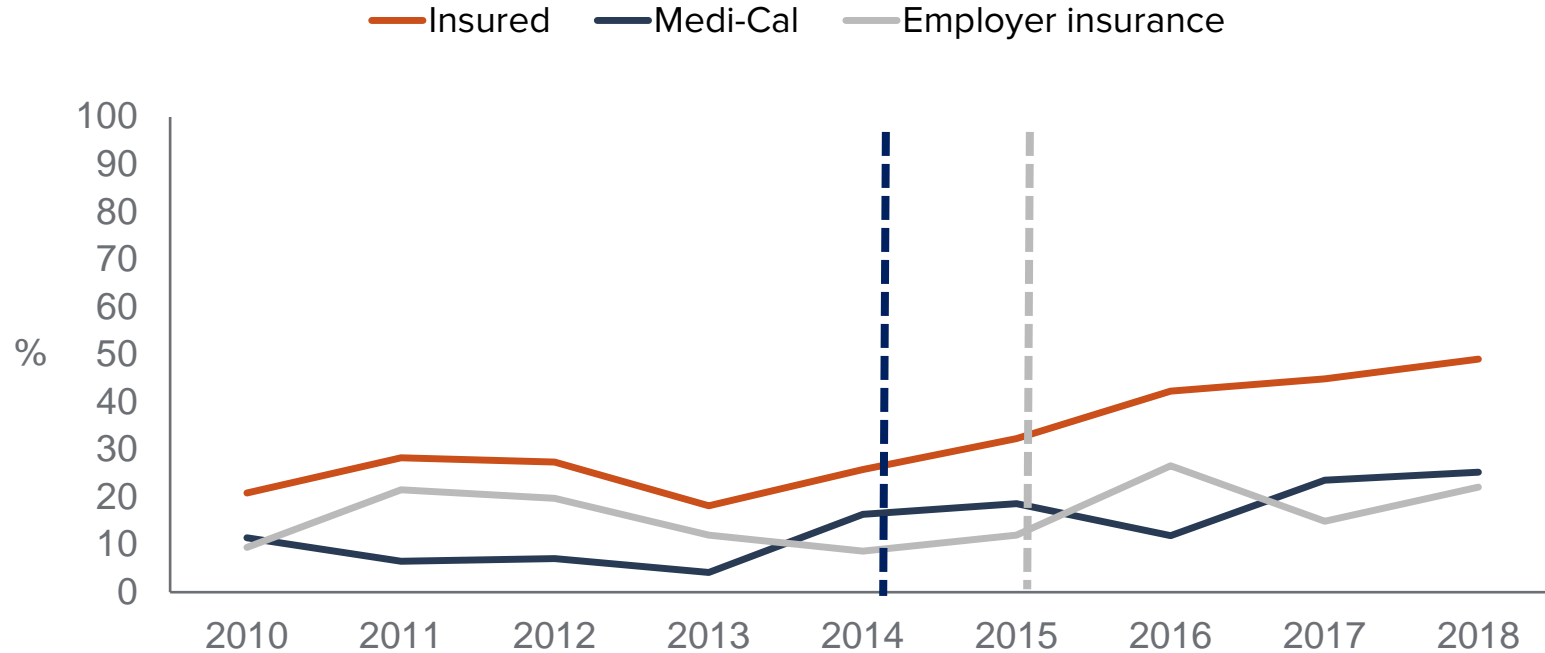
Cost or lack of insurance is the biggest barrier to health care



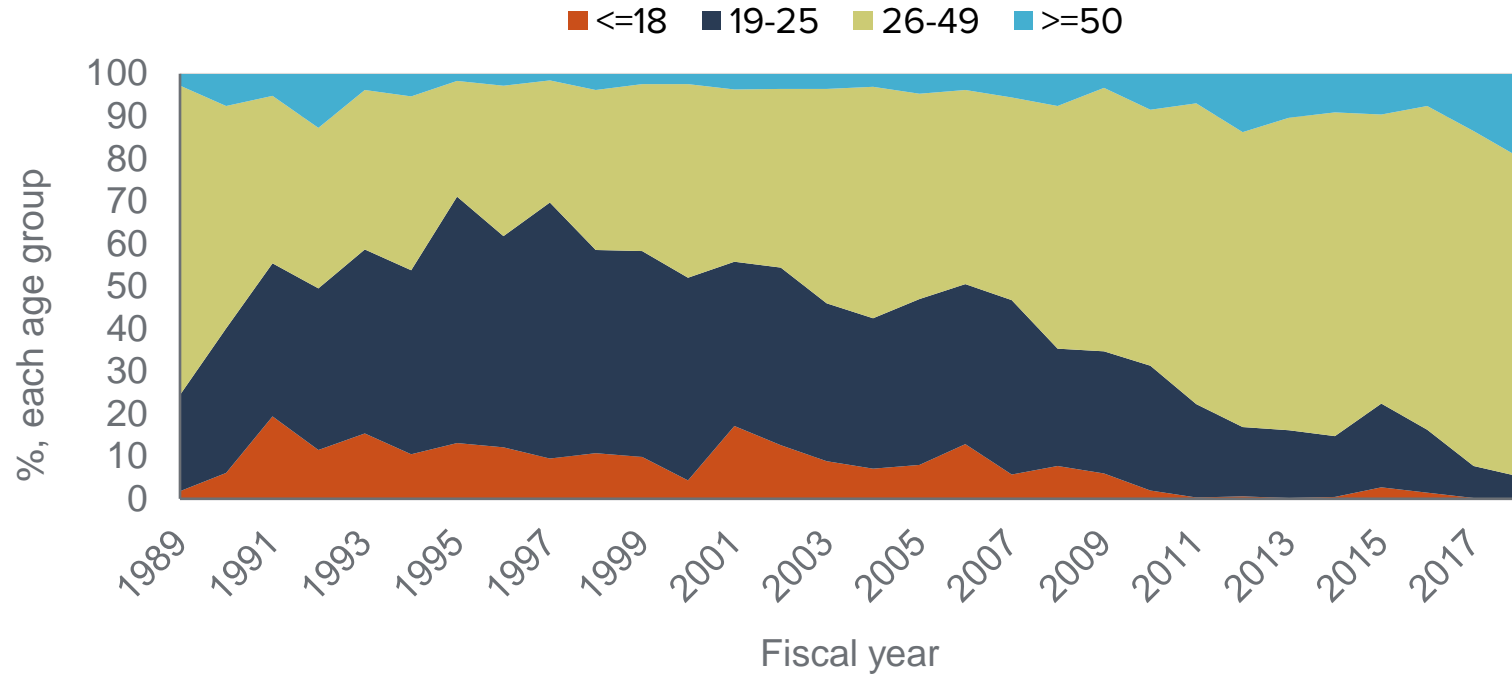
Medi-Cal expansion correlates with insurance gains for documented workers



Policy changes do not correlate with changes in coverage for undocumented workers



State Medi-Cal expansions do not affect most undocumented farmworkers



Ongoing challenges of COVID-19 pandemic

- Farmworkers continue their in-person, essential work
- Crowded living conditions and inability to isolate
- Tailored vaccination strategies needed
- Concerns about long COVID and disability

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