

EXPANDING VOTING RIGHTS

Race Exclusions, 1790-1850

YEAR	STATES IN UNION	STATES WITH RACE EXCLUSIONS
1790	13	3
1800	16	5
1810	17	8
1820	23	14
1830	24	15
1840	26	20
1850	31	25

Source: Keyssar, Alexander. *The Right to Vote: The Contested History of Democracy in the United States*. (NY: Basic Books, 2000), Table A5.

To help you understand the data presented here, answer the following questions.

1. How did the number of states in the union change between 1790 and 1850? In the column that shows the number of states in the union, draw an arrow that shows the direction of change.
2. How did the number of states with race exclusions change during the same time period? In the column that shows the number of states with race exclusions, draw an arrow that shows the direction of change.
3. Calculate the percentage of states that had race exclusions in 1790. Calculate the percentage of states that had race exclusions in 1850.
4. How would you summarize African-Americans' voting rights in 1850?