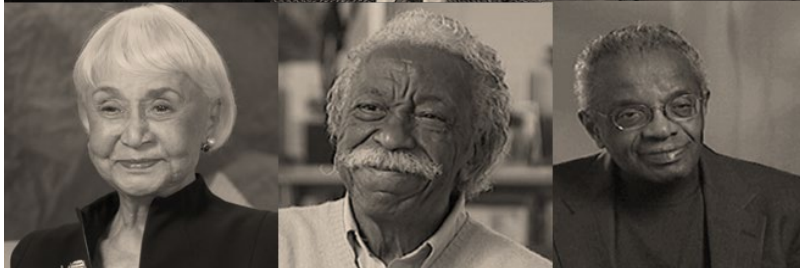
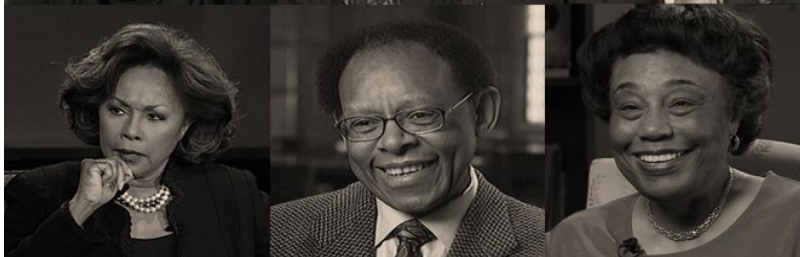




# THE HISTORYMAKERS®



THE DIGITAL REPOSITORY FOR  
THE BLACK EXPERIENCE

# WHAT IS THE HISTORYMAKERS?

- A 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Educational Institution, Founded In 2000
- The Largest Collection Of African American Video Oral Histories
- A Robust Primary Source Research Database
- A Rich Data-Set For Digital Humanities Exploration & Experimentation







# NECESSARY AND IMPORTANT

Prior to The HistoryMakers, there was only one other large-scale, methodic attempt to document African American history in the first-person – the WPA Slave Narratives.

Now, The HistoryMakers has carried this tradition from the 20th century forward to the 21st century, joining the stories of the enslaved with the stories of their descendants permanently at the Library of Congress.

Before The HistoryMakers, this important history was hidden from view.



THE HISTORYMAKERS  
**FILLS A GAP**  
IN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF  
AMERICAN HISTORY

THE HISTORYMAKERS.



# WHO IS A HISTORYMAKER?

A HISTORYMAKER Is An African American By Descent Who:

- Has Made Significant Accomplishments In His Or Her Own Life; and/or
- Is Associated With A Particular Movement, Organization Or Association And Event Or Time That Is Important To The African American Community.





Foodways

Poetry

Theology & Religious Life

LGBTQ+

The Makings of Modern Music

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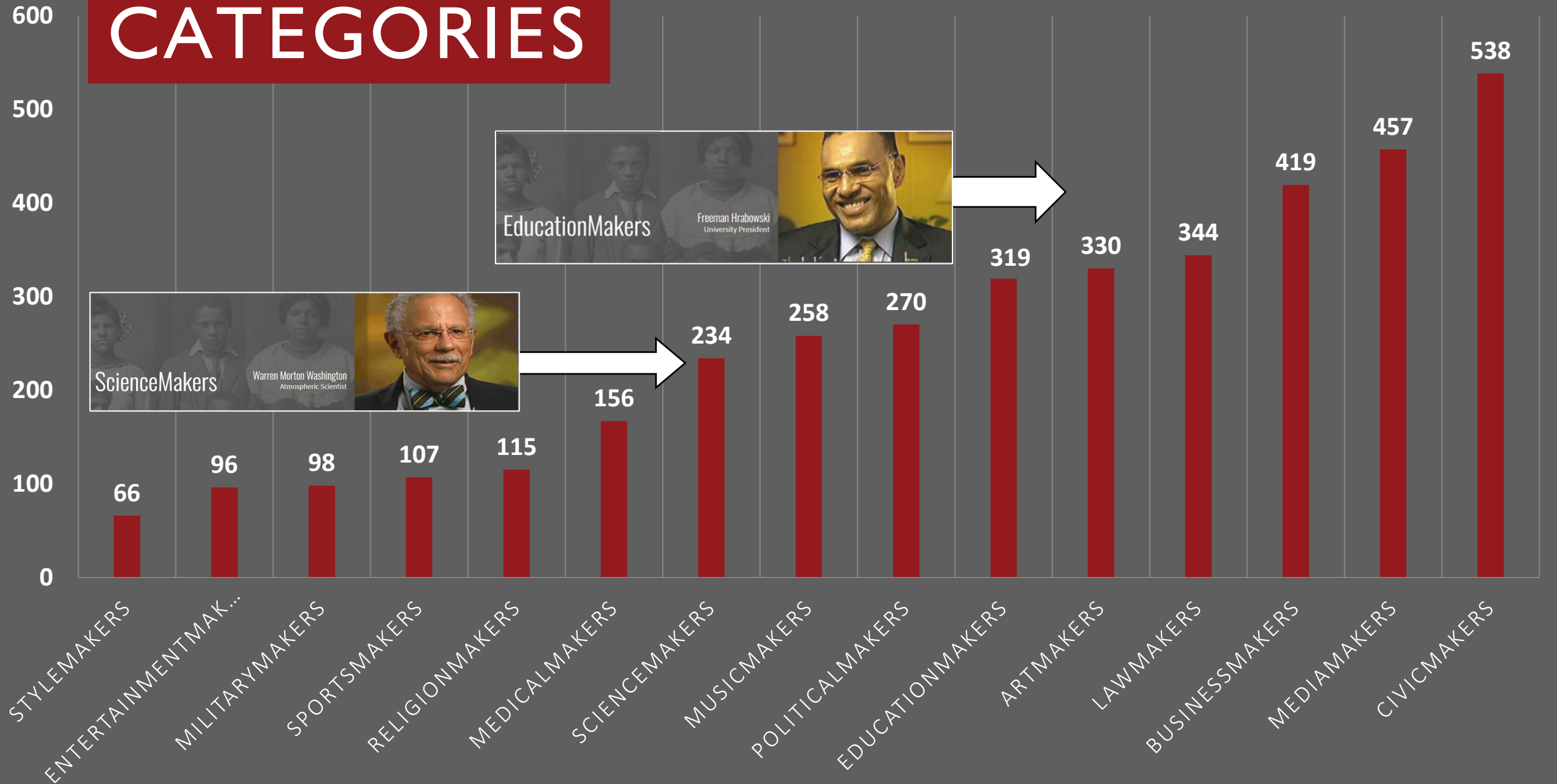
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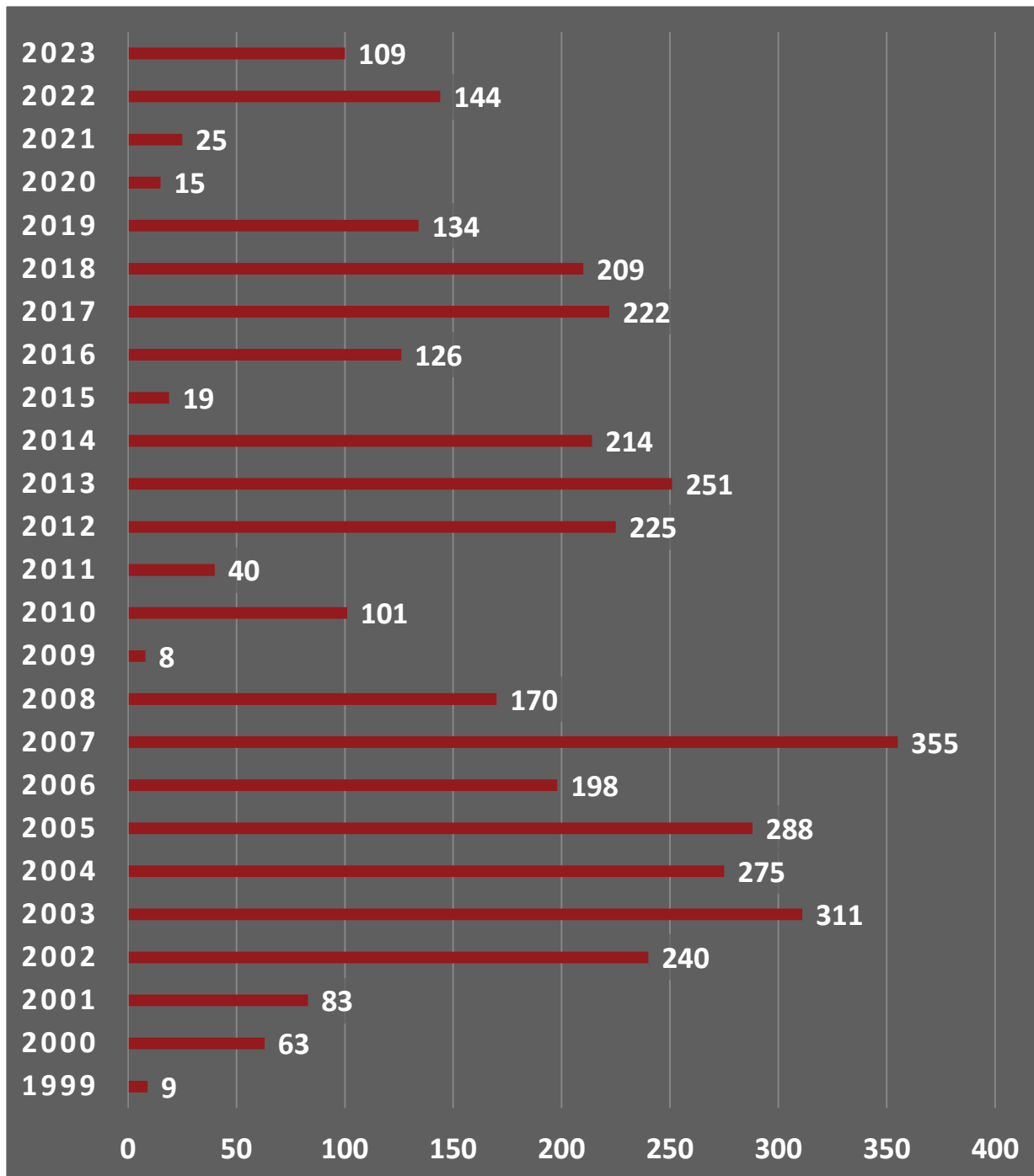
Labor Organizing

Identity Formation

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# 15 DISTINCT SUBJECT CATEGORIES





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**1700s** The earliest recollection in the Collection

**451** Cities and towns where interviews have been conducted

**28** Age of the youngest HistoryMaker at time of interview

**109** Age of oldest HistoryMaker at time of interview

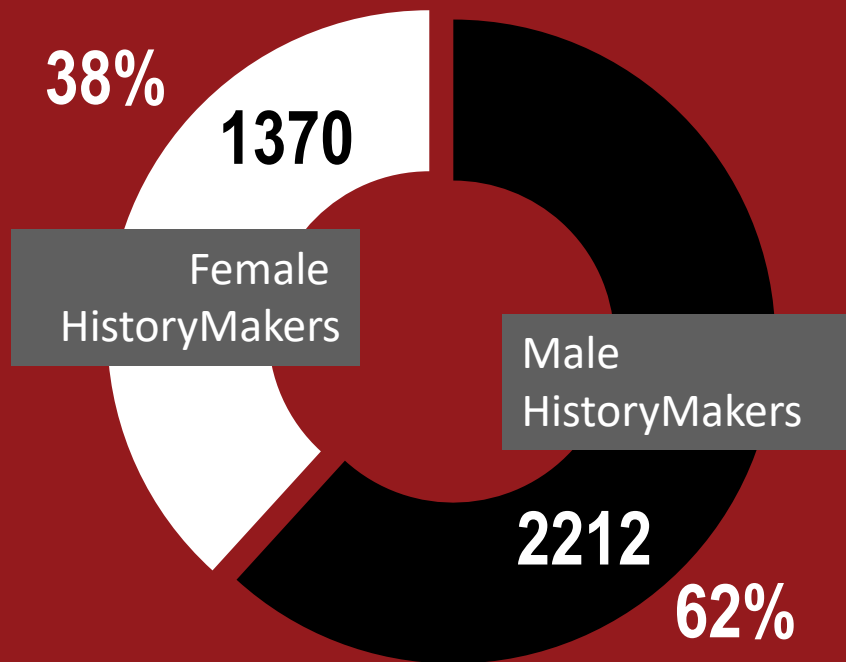
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**11,000** Hours of primary source, first-person testimony

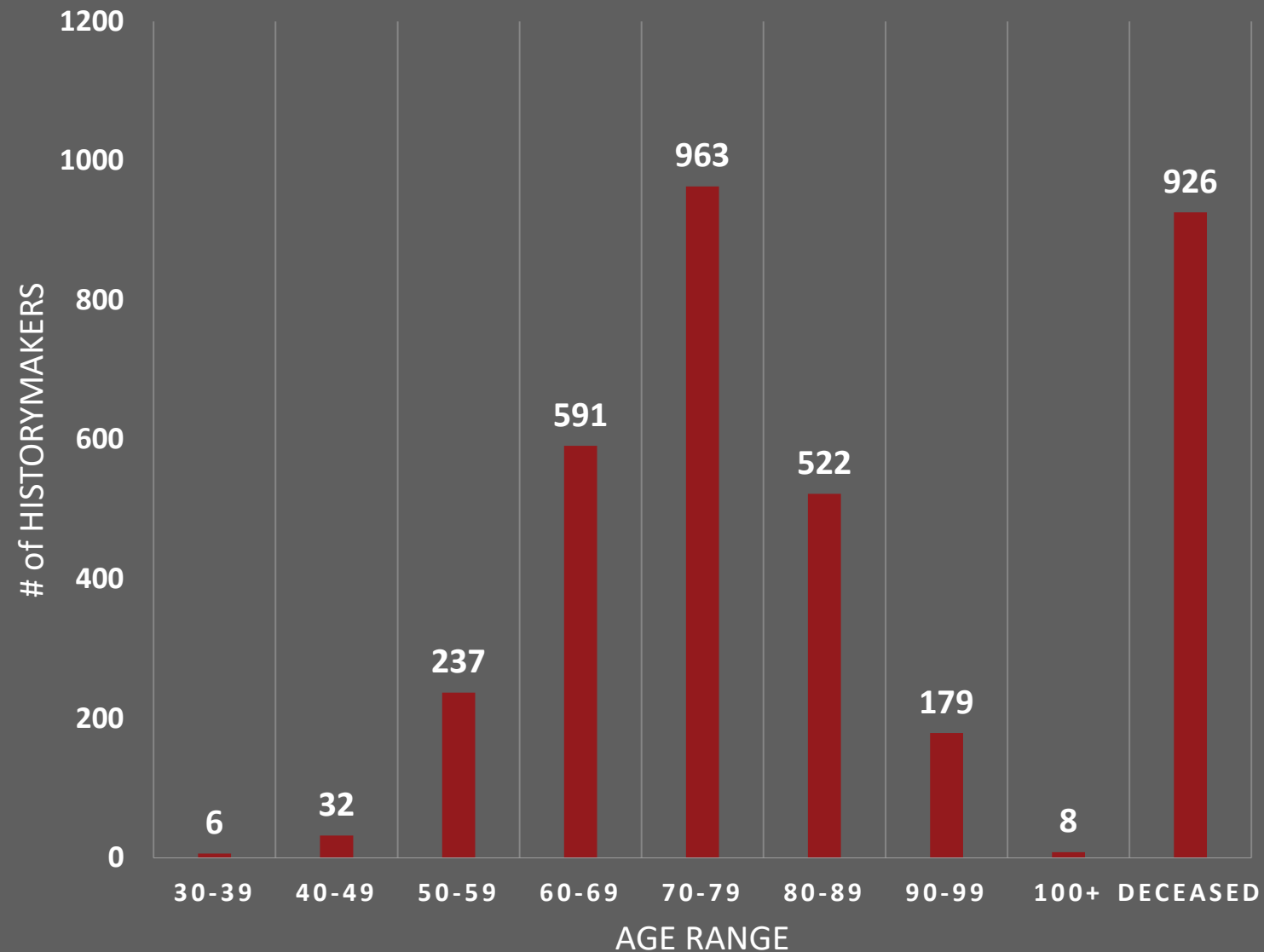


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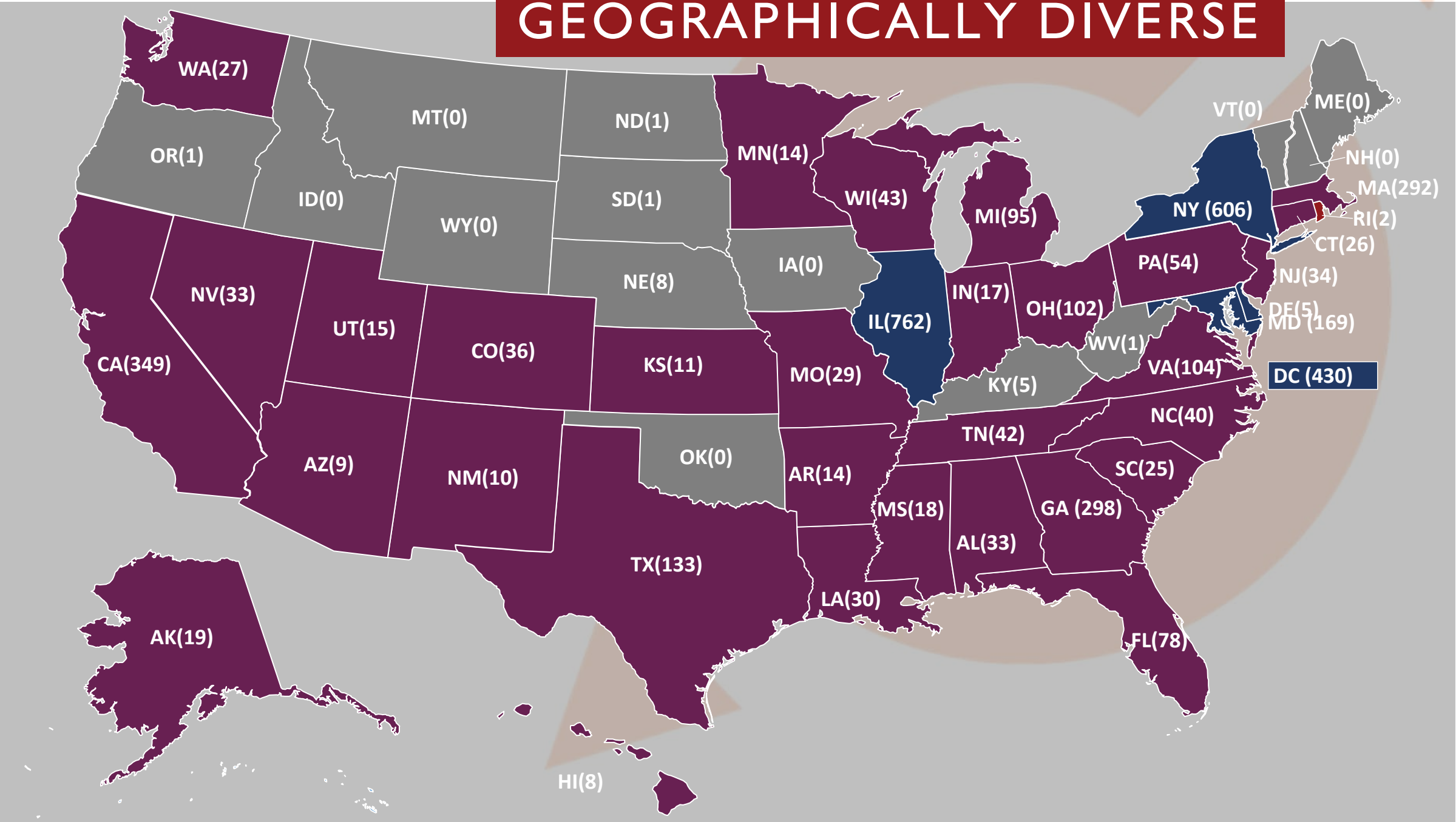
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HISTORYMAKERS BY AGE



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- Mobile Device Compatibility
- Keyword And Faceted Searching
- HD Quality Video
- Metadata-rich Transcripts
- Custom Playlist Creation And Sharing

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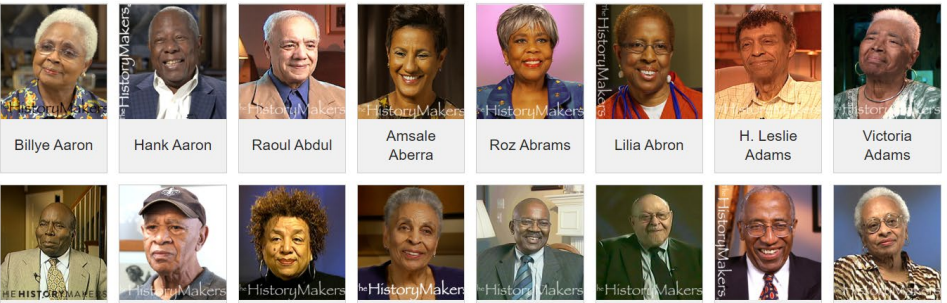
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Let's talk about just some of the key periods of the [Civil Rights] Movement. You know, I'll let you just sort of lead it. But, you know, 'cause I need to get to your congressional career. But can you talk about some of the you know, the key moments for you. I know you talk about your friendship with, you know, Jim Bevel. You know. But one question I had--what were your parents thinking during this time?

Well my--well, I never told my mother [Willie Mae Lewis]. I never told my father [Eddie Lewis]. I never talked to my sisters and brothers about the fight or that I was even attending these nonviolent workshops. Because I knew they would be--they would live in constant fear. So I thought it was best not to tell them. I just did it.

So they just think at this point you're studying to be a minister.

They think I'm studying to be a minister, that I'm going to church every Sunday and I'm going to Sunday school. I'm going to church on a Sunday night. I'm attending the what do you call it? The vesper service during the week and just being a good student. Trying to get an education.

(simultaneously) (laughs) And you're there like in sit-ins and studying.

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