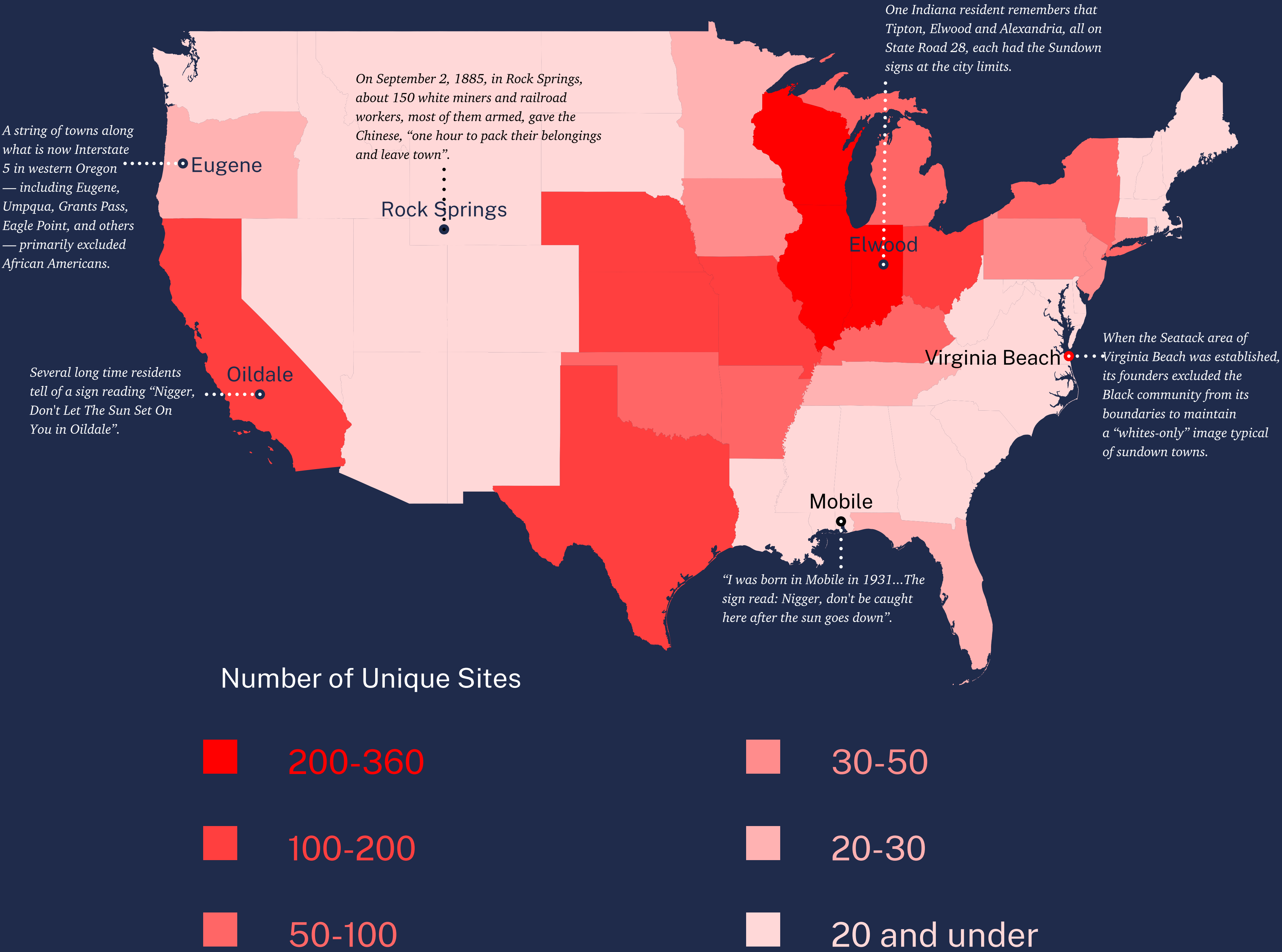


Sundown Towns Sightings by State

“Nigger, don't be caught here after the sun goes down”

Sundown, sunset, or ‘gray’ towns emerged in the 1800s, enforcing racial exclusion through social boundaries, jurisdictional control, signage, violence, threats, and local community enforcement. Though often absent from official records, evidence from community memory, archives, and research suggests thousands of U.S. places practiced these forms of exclusion. Preserving and sharing these histories reveals how past spatial exclusion still shapes segregation, resource distribution, and health care access today.



Source: Loewen, J. (2005) Sundown towns: A hidden dimension of American racism. The New Press.

