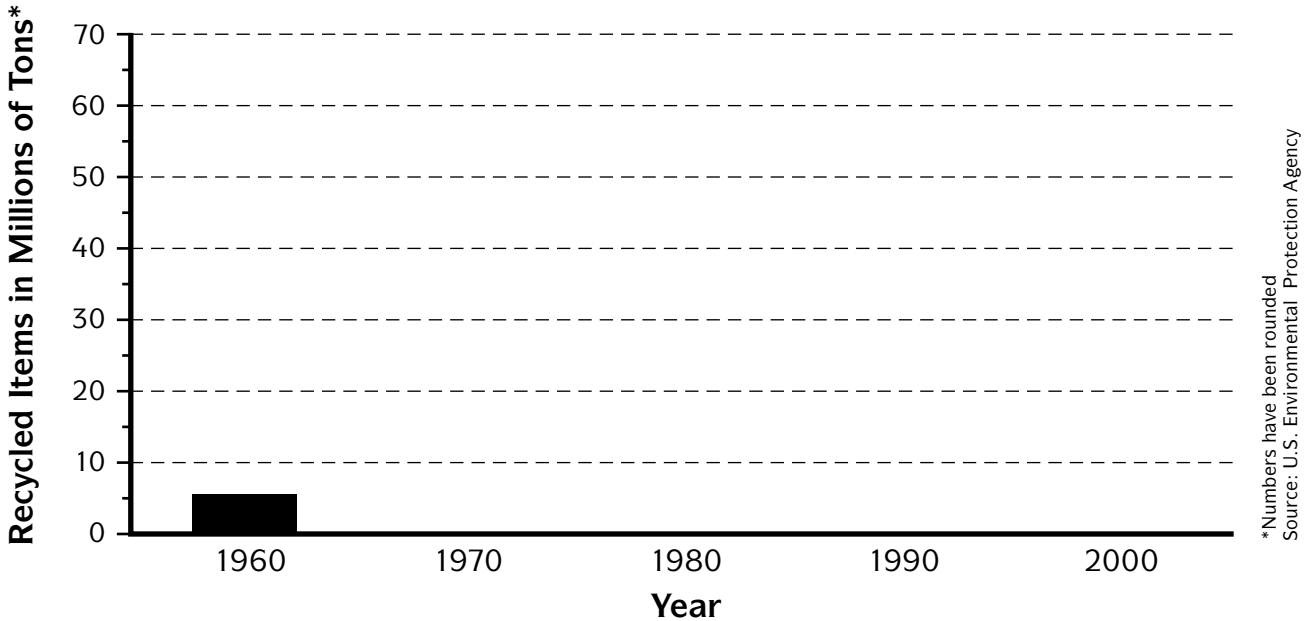


RECYCLE THAT TRASH

Every day around the United States, garbage cans and trucks get filled up with trash. Think about the amount of trash you create in one day. Recycling is one way to help cut down the huge amount of trash we all make.

Learn more about recycling in the U.S. Complete the graph by following the directions below. Then answer the questions.

Recycling Rates in the United States



1. Add the following numbers to the graph. 1970—eight million tons of trash were recycled. 1980—15 million tons were recycled. 1990—33 million tons were recycled. 2000— 69 million tons were recycled.

2. What does the graph tell you about recycling in the U.S. from 1960 to 2000?

3. In which year did Americans recycle the most? _____

4. What do you think will happen to recycling rates in the future? How do you know?
