

# **San Francisco City and County Census Data**

**1860-2020**

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## **I. Overview**

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the transportation planning, financing, and coordinating agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. As a Metropolitan Planning Organization, MTC supports the region's network of streets, roads, highways, public transit systems, airports, and other transportation resources, including the movement of goods through ports and freight rail lines. MTC works with cities and counties to establish short- and long-term goals and provides resources to help them reach these goals.

Census data is a valuable information resource used to inform decision making by MTC as well as other public agencies, businesses, and individuals. This compilation has been created to provide easy access to this historical data for the Bay Area.

### **Sources:**

[California Department of Finance Research](#), Census 1950-1990, Census 2000 SF1, SF3, DP1-DP4, Census 2010 DP-1, American Community Survey 2006-2010, Census 2020 PL 94-171

## **II. 1860-1930**

### **1860 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	56,802
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### **1870 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	149,473
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### **1880 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	233,959
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### **1890 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	298,997
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### **1900 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	342,782
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### **1910 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	416,912
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### **1920 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	506,676
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### **1930 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	634,394
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### III. 1940

#### 1940 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	634,536	100.0%
RACE		
White	602,701	95.0%
Non white	31,835	5.0%
Negro	4,846	0.8%
Other races	26,989	4.3%
COUNTRY OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN WHITE		
All countries	130,271	100.0%
England and Wales	8,244	6.3%
Germany	14,977	11.5%
Italy	24,036	18.5%
Spain and Portugal	2,554	2.0%
Asia	2,789	2.1%
Canada - French	721	0.6%
Canada - other	7,894	6.1%
Mexico	4,729	3.6%
SEX		
Male	322,441	50.8%
Female	312,095	49.2%
AGE		
Under 5 years	30,333	4.8%
5 to 19 years	102,095	16.1%
20 to 64 years	450,401	71.0%
65 years and over	51,707	8.1%
HOUSEHOLDS		
Population per occupied dwelling unit	3.08	X

#### HOUSING OCCUPANCY

All dwelling units	222,176	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	206,011	92.7%
Owner occupied	64,398	31.3%
Tenant occupied	141,613	68.7%
Vacant	15,336	6.9%
All dwelling units 1-family detached	54,824	24.7%
All owner occupied average value dollars	5,503	X
All owner occupied median value dollars	4,967	X
Median gross monthly rent dollars	32.2	X

#### YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED

Population 25 years and over	452,854	100.0%
High school 4 years	104,564	23.1%
College 4 years or more	29,542	6.5%

#### EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed	271,306	100.0%
Professional workers	20,999	7.7%
Semiprofessional workers	4,354	1.6%
Proprietors, managers, and officials	30,235	11.1%
Clerical, sales and kindred	79,432	29.3%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	29,775	11.0%
Operatives and kindred	39,534	14.6%
Domestic service	8,751	3.2%
Service except domestic	40,654	15.0%
Laborers	15,559	5.7%
Occupation not reported	2,013	0.7%

#### EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Persons 14 years and over	550,011	100.0%
In labor force	316,659	57.6%
Employed	271,306	49.3%
Seeking work	32,670	5.9%
Not in labor force	233,352	42.4%

#### IV. 1950

##### 1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	775,357	100.0%
In households	698,176	90.0%
RACE		
Native white	573,495	74.0%
Foreign-born white	120,393	15.5%
Negro	43,502	5.6%
Other races	37,967	4.9%
Indians	331	0.0%
Japanese	5,579	0.7%
Chinese	24,813	3.2%
WHITE PERSONS OF SPANISH SURNAME	31,433	4.1%
SEX		
Male	389,866	50.3%
Female	385,491	49.7%
AGE		
Under 5 years	62,921	8.1%
5 to 17 years	96,160	12.4%
18 to 64 years	542,226	69.9%
65 years and over	74,050	9.6%
Median age	36.2	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total household	259,055	100.0%
Persons per household	2.70	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	265,726	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	257,734	97.0%
Owner occupied	94,594	36.7%
Renter occupied	163,140	63.3%
Vacant	7,312	2.8%
Median value of 1-unit structures dollars	11,927	X
Median gross rent dollars	41	X

# INCOME IN 1949

Families median income dollars	3,923	X
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# YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED

Population 25 years and over	538,380	100.0%
High school 4 years	149,825	27.8%
College 4 years or more	44,350	8.2%

# MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP

Employed	330,616	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	35,915	10.9%
Farmers and farm managers	348	0.1%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	36,939	11.2%
Clerical and kindred	72,841	22.0%
Sales	30,355	9.2%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	40,863	12.4%
Operatives and kindred	44,186	13.4%
Private household workers	6,847	2.1%
Service workers, except private household	40,269	12.2%
Farm laborers	415	0.1%
Laborers, except farm and mine	17,628	5.3%
Occupation not reported	4,010	1.2%



## V. 1960

### 1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	740,316	100.0%
In households	713,321	96.4%
In group quarters	26,995	3.6%
RACE		
White	604,403	81.6%
Negro	74,383	10.0%
Other races	2,226	0.3%
Indian	1,068	0.1%
Japanese	9,464	1.3%
Chinese	36,445	4.9%
Filipino	12,327	1.7%
WHITE, SPANISH SURNAME	51,602	7.0%
SEX		
Male	363,424	49.1%
Female	376,892	50.9%
AGE		
Under 5 years	58,851	7.9%
5 to 17 years	122,296	16.5%
18 to 64 years	465,561	62.9%
65 years and over	93,608	12.6%
Median age	37.3	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Families	182,027	100.0%
With own children under 18	79,615	43.7%
Population per household	2.44	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	310,559	100.0%
All occupied units	291,975	94.0%
Owner occupied	102,182	35.0%
Renter occupied	189,793	65.0%
Vacant	18,584	6.0%
Median value dollars	17,300	X
Median gross rent dollars	73	X

PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	597,785	80.7%
Foreign born	142,531	19.3%
INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	6,717	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	491,732	100.0%
High school 4 years	132,826	27.0%
College 4 years or more	54,346	11.1%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
All workers	336,596	100.0%
Private automobile or car pool	132,245	39.3%
Railroad, subway or elevated	244	0.1%
Bus or streetcar	123,698	36.7%
Walked to work	36,295	10.8%
Other means	4,646	1.4%
Worked at home	16,243	4.8%
Not reported	23,225	6.9%
OCCUPATION		
Employed	331,156	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	40,446	12.2%
Farmers and farm managers	344	0.1%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	28,510	8.6%
Clerical and kindred	79,268	23.9%
Sales	25,219	7.6%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	32,838	9.9%
Operatives and kindred	38,161	11.5%
Private household workers	6,946	2.1%
Service workers, except private household	39,286	11.9%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	392	0.1%
Laborers, except farm and mine	14,148	4.3%
Occupation not reported	25,598	7.7%
CLASS OF WORKER		
Self-employed	29,065	8.8%

## **VI. 1970**

### **1970 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	715,674	100.0%
RACE		
White	511,186	71.4%
Negro	96,078	13.4%
Indian	2,900	0.4%
Japanese	11,705	1.6%
Chinese	58,696	8.2%
Filipino	24,694	3.5%
All other	10,415	1.5%
PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN OR DESCENT	69,633	9.7%
SEX		
Male	345,680	48.3%
Female	369,994	51.7%
AGE		
Under 5 years	43,003	6.0%
5 to 19 years	139,136	19.4%
20 to 64 years	433,797	60.6%
65 years and over	99,738	13.9%
Median age	34.2	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	295,174	100.0%
Families	164,436	55.7%
With own children under 18 years	69,670	23.6%
Persons per household	2.34	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	10,503	X
Income of persons	4,289	X
Less than poverty level		14.0%
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE		
Employed	318,311	100.0%

## VII. 1980

### 1980 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	678,974	100.0%
RACE		
White	402,131	59.2%
Black	86,190	12.7%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	3,566	0.5%
Eskimo	153	0.0%
Aleut	39	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	149,269	22.0%
Japanese	12,461	1.8%
Chinese	82,244	12.1%
Filipino	38,690	5.7%
Korean	3,442	0.5%
Asian Indian	2,704	0.4%
Vietnamese	5,078	0.7%
Hawaiian	1,048	0.2%
Samoan	1,568	0.2%
Guamanian	302	0.0%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	1,732	0.3%
Race, n.e.c.	37,818	5.6%
SPANISH ORIGIN	84,194	12.4%
SEX		
Male	337,932	49.8%
Female	341,042	50.2%
AGE		
Under 5 years	30,868	4.5%
5 to 19 years	102,933	15.2%
20 to 64 years	441,448	65.0%
65 years and over	103,725	15.3%
Median age	35.4	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	299,867	100.0%
Families	141,590	47.2%
With own children under 18 years	57,288	19.1%
Persons per household	2.18	X
Persons per family	3.11	X

#### INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979

Median household income	15,866	X
Median family income	20,911	X
Per capita income	9,265	X
Below poverty level		13.7%

#### COMMUTING TO WORK

Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.9	X
Mean travel time to work for workers traveling 45 or more minutes	54.7	X

#### MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	336,627	100.0%
Private vehicle	155,752	46.3%
Drive alone car	104,961	31.2%
Drive alone truck or van	8,763	2.6%
Carpool car	38,435	11.4%
Carpool truck or van	3,593	1.1%
Public transportation	129,683	38.5%
Bus or streetcar	120,642	35.8%
Subway or elevated train	7,395	2.2%
Railroad	593	0.2%
Taxicab	1,053	0.3%
Motorcycle	2,152	0.6%
Bicycle	1,884	0.6%
Walked only	36,823	10.9%
Other means	2,793	0.8%
Worked at home	7,540	2.2%

#### CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Employed	342,484	100.0%
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## VIII. 1990

### 1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	723,959	100.0%
RACE		
White	388,341	53.6%
Black	78,931	10.9%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	3,354	0.5%
Eskimo	39	0.0%
Aleut	118	0.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	211,000	29.1%
Asian	207,901	28.7%
Japanese	11,591	1.6%
Chinese	130,753	18.1%
Filipino	40,977	5.7%
Korean	6,538	0.9%
Asian Indian	2,891	0.4%
Vietnamese	8,952	1.2%
Cambodian	1,593	0.2%
Hmong	20	0.0%
Laotian	928	0.1%
Thai	592	0.1%
Other Asian	3,066	0.4%
Pacific Islander	3,099	0.4%
Polynesian	2,415	0.3%
Hawaiian	975	0.1%
Samoan	1,310	0.2%
Tongan	102	0.0%
Other Polynesian	28	0.0%
Micronesian -- Guamanian	465	0.1%
Micronesian -- Other	27	0.0%
Melanesian	57	0.0%
Pacific Islander Not Specified	135	0.0%
Other Race	42,333	5.8%
TOTAL HISPANIC	96,640	13.3%
SEX		
Male	362,170	50.0%
Female	361,789	50.0%

AGE		
Under 5 years	35,270	4.9%
5 to 17 years	81,479	11.3%
18 to 64 years	501,947	69.3%
65 years and over	105,263	14.5%
Median age	36.0	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	305,984	100.0%
Total families	143,818	47.0%
With own children under 18 years	56,831	18.6%
Persons per household	2.29	X
Persons per family	3.21	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	33,414	X
Median family income	40,561	X
Per capita income	27,093	X
Below poverty level		12.4%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	26.9	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	382,309	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	191,112	50.0%
Drove alone	147,187	38.5%
Carpooled	43,925	11.5%
Public transportation	128,160	33.5%
Bus or trolley bus	93,377	24.4%
Streetcar or trolley car	12,210	3.2%
Subway or elevated	19,707	5.2%
Railroad	1,484	0.4%
Ferryboat	88	0.0%
Taxicab	1,294	0.3%
Motorcycle	4,540	1.2%
Bicycle	3,634	1.0%
Walked	37,611	9.8%
Other means	2,773	0.7%
Working at home	14,479	3.8%
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE		
Employed	386,530	100.0%

## **IX. 2000**

### **Census 2000**

TOTAL POPULATION	776,733	100.0%
In households	756,976	97.5%
In group quarters	19,757	2.5%
 RACE		
White	385,728	49.7%
Black or African American	60,515	7.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3,458	0.4%
Asian	239,565	30.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	3,844	0.5%
Some other race	50,365	6.5%
Two or more races	33,255	4.3%
 HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	109,504	14.1%
Not Hispanic or Latino	667,229	85.9%
White	338,909	43.6%
Black or African American	58,791	7.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,020	0.3%
Asian	238,173	30.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	3,602	0.5%
Some other race	2,580	0.3%
Two or more races	23,154	3.0%
 SEX		
Male	394,828	50.8%
Female	381,905	49.2%
 AGE		
Under 5 years	31,633	4.1%
5 to 17 years	81,169	10.4%
18 to 64 years	557,820	71.8%
65 years and over	106,111	13.7%
Median age	36.5	X



## HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	329,700	100.0%
Family households	145,186	44.0%
Families with children under 18	54,707	16.0%
Average household size	2.30	X
Average family size	3.22	X

## HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	346,527	100.0%
Occupied housing units	329,700	95.1%
Owner-occupied housing units	115,391	35.0%
Renter-occupied housing units	214,309	65.0%
Vacant housing units	16,827	4.9%
1 unit, detached housing	62,653	18.1%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	396,400	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	928	X

## PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS

Native	491,192	63.2%
Foreign born	285,541	36.8%
Naturalized citizen	163,426	21.0%
Not a citizen	122,115	15.7%

## INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999

Median household income (dollars)	55,221	X
Median family income (dollars)	63,545	X
Per capita income (dollars)	34,556	X
Individuals in poverty	86,585	11.3%

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 and over	595,805	100.0%
High school graduate	82,618	13.9%
Bachelor's degree	170,186	28.6%
Graduate or professional degree	97,806	16.4%

## COMMUTING TO WORK

Mean travel time to work (minutes)	30.7	X
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# MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	418,553	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	214,660	51.3%
Drove alone	169,508	40.5%
Carpooled	45,152	10.8%
Public transportation	130,311	31.1%
Bus or trolley bus	89,443	21.4%
Streetcar or trolley car	11,467	2.7%
Subway or elevated	25,237	6.0%
Railroad	2,426	0.6%
Ferryboat	187	0.0%
Taxicab	1,551	0.4%
Motorcycle	3,951	0.9%
Bicycle	8,302	2.0%
Walked	39,192	9.4%
Other means	2,761	0.7%
Worked at home	19,376	4.6%

## LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	427,823	100.0%
Management, professional and related	206,804	48.3%
Service	61,364	14.3%
Sales and office	109,316	25.6%
Farming, fishing & forestry	462	0.1%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	17,990	4.2%
Production, transportation, and material moving	31,887	7.5%

## CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	37,140	8.7%
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## **X. 2010**

### **Census 2010**

TOTAL POPULATION	805,235	100.0%
In households	780,971	97.0%
In group quarters	24,264	3.0%
 RACE		
White	390,387	48.5%
Black or African American	48,870	6.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native	4,024	0.5%
Asian	267,915	33.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	3,359	0.4%
Some other race	53,021	6.6%
Two or more races	37,659	4.7%
 HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	121,774	15.1%
Not Hispanic or Latino	683,461	84.9%
White	337,451	41.9%
Black or African American	46,781	5.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,828	0.2%
Asian	265,700	33.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	3,128	0.4%
Some other race	2,494	0.3%
Two or more races	26,079	3.2%
 SEX		
Male	408,462	50.7%
Female	396,773	49.3%
 AGE		
Under 5 years	35,203	4.4%
5 to 17 years	72,321	9.0%
18 to 64 years	587,869	73.0%
65 years and over	109,842	13.6%
Median age	38.5	X

## HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	345,811	100.0%
Family households	151,029	43.7%
Families with children under 18	55,212	16.0%
Average household size	2.26	X
Average family size	3.11	X

## HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	376,942	100.0%
Occupied housing units	345,811	91.7%
Owner-occupied housing units	123,646	35.8%
Renter-occupied housing units	222,165	64.2%
Vacant housing units	31,131	8.3%

## **XI. 2010 American Community Survey**

### **2006-2010 American Community Survey**

TOTAL POPULATION	789,172	100.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	372,560	100.0%
Occupied housing units	335,956	90.2%
Owner-occupied housing units	126,028	37.5%
Renter-occupied housing units	209,928	62.5%
Vacant housing units	36,604	9.8%
1 unit, detached housing	64,999	17.4%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	785,200	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,328	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	508,110	64.4%
Foreign born	281,062	35.6%
Naturalized citizen	173,639	22.0%
Not a citizen	107,423	13.6%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Median household income (dollars)	71,304	X
Median family income (dollars)	85,778	X
Per capita income (dollars)	45,478	X
Individuals in poverty	92,600	11.9%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	608,563	100.0%
High school graduate		14.4%
Bachelor's degree		31.5%
Graduate or professional degree		19.7%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	29.4	X

# MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	433,674	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	199,818	46.1%
Drove alone	165,371	38.1%
Carpooled	34,447	7.9%
Public transportation	141,169	32.6%
Bus or trolley bus	97,822	22.6%
Streetcar or trolley car	10,452	2.7%
Subway or elevated	28,334	6.5%
Railroad	4,438	1.0%
Ferryboat	123	0.0%
Taxicab	1,324	0.3%
Motorcycle	3,989	0.9%
Bicycle	12,878	3.0%
Walked	42,435	9.8%
Other means	3,488	0.8%
Worked at home	28,573	6.6%

## LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	444,628	100.0%
Management, professional and related	224,513	50.5%
Service	73,900	16.6%
Sales and office	99,725	22.4%
Farming, fishing & forestry	Included in following category	
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	20,484	4.6%
Production, transportation, and material moving	26,006	5.8%

## CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	39,004	8.8%
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## **XII. 2020**

### **Census 2020**

TOTAL POPULATION	873,965	100.0%
In households	846,073	96.8%
In group quarters	27,892	3.2%
RACE		
Population of one race:	787,732	90.1%
White alone	361,382	41.3%
Black or African American alone	46,725	5.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	6,475	0.7%
Asian alone	296,505	33.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	3,476	0.4%
Some Other Race alone	73,169	8.4%
Population of two races	78,402	9.0%
Population of three races	6,787	0.8%
Population of four races	899	0.1%
Population of five races	122	0.0%
Population of six races	23	0.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	136,761	15.6%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	406,628	100.0%
Occupied housing units	371,851	91.4%
Vacant housing units	34,777	8.6%