

Santa Clara 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. 1860-1940

1860 Census TOTAL POPULATION	11,912
1870 Census TOTAL POPULATION	26,246
1880 Census TOTAL POPULATION	35,039
1890 Census TOTAL POPULATION	48,005
1900 Census TOTAL POPULATION	60,216
1910 Census TOTAL POPULATION	83,539
1920 Census TOTAL POPULATION	100,676
1930 Census TOTAL POPULATION	145,118
1940 Census TOTAL POPULATION	174,949

III. 1950

1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	290,547	100.0%
RACE		
Native white	250,186	86.1%
Foreign-born white	30,243	10.4%
Negro	1,718	0.6%
Other races	8,400	2.9%
Indians	144	0.0%
Japanese	5,986	2.1%
Chinese	685	0.2%
WHITE PERSONS OF SPANISH SURNAME	35,306	12.2%
SEX		
Male	143,980	49.6%
Female	146,567	50.4%
AGE		
Under 5 years	31,085	10.7%
5 to 17 years	52,452	18.1%
18 to 64 years	181,184	62.4%
65 years and over	25,826	8.9%
Median age	30.6	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total household	85,451	100.0%
Persons per household	3.19	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	91,670	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	85,424	93.2%
Owner occupied	55,325	64.8%
Renter occupied	30,099	35.2%
Vacant	5,591	6.1%
Median value of 1-unit structures dollars	10,644	X
Median gross rent dollars	43	X
INCOME IN 1949		
Families median income dollars	3,689	X

YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED

Population 25 years and over	171,875	100.0%
High school 4 years	40,975	23.8%
College 4 years or more	18,380	10.7%

MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP

Employed	100,822	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	12,012	11.9%
Farmers and farm managers	4,464	4.4%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	11,279	11.2%
Clerical and kindred	11,515	11.4%
Sales	8,710	8.6%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	15,594	15.5%
Operatives and kindred	14,164	14.0%
Private household workers	2,048	2.0%
Service workers, except private household	8,414	8.3%
Farm laborers	5,672	5.6%
Laborers, except farm and mine	6,067	6.0%
Occupation not reported	883	0.9%

IV. 1960

1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	642,315	100.0%
In households	622,219	96.9%
In group quarters	20,096	3.1%
RACE		
White	621,625	96.8%
Negro	4,187	0.7%
Other races	639	0.1%
Indian	705	0.1%
Japanese	10,432	1.6%
Chinese	2,394	0.4%
Filipino	2,333	0.4%
SEX		
Male	318,532	49.6%
Female	323,783	50.4%
AGE		
Under 5 years	82,148	12.8%
5 to 17 years	162,621	25.3%
18 to 64 years	352,868	54.9%
65 years and over	44,678	7.0%
Median age	26.7	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Families	158,602	100.0%
With own children under 18	102,126	64.4%
Population per household	3.36	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	199,922	100.0%
All occupied units	184,945	92.5%
Owner occupied	127,240	68.8%
Renter occupied	57,705	31.2%
Vacant	14,977	7.5%
Median value dollars	17,100	X
Median gross rent dollars	94	X

PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	591,070	92.0%
Foreign born	51,245	8.0%
INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	7,417	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	336,297	100.0%
High school 4 years	91,583	27.2%
College 4 years or more	49,366	14.7%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
All workers	227,983	100.0%
Private automobile or car pool	178,625	78.4%
Railroad, subway or elevated	4,603	2.0%
Bus or streetcar	6,621	2.9%
Walked to work	11,678	5.1%
Other means	5,911	2.6%
Worked at home	9,703	4.3%
Not reported	10,842	4.8%
OCCUPATION		
Employed	228,156	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	42,376	18.6%
Farmers and farm managers	3,055	1.3%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	20,503	9.0%
Clerical and kindred	34,841	15.3%
Sales	17,808	7.8%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	34,432	15.1%
Operatives and kindred	30,572	13.4%
Private household workers	4,496	2.0%
Service workers, except private household	16,759	7.3%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	3,766	1.7%
Laborers, except farm and mine	8,949	3.9%
Occupation not reported	10,599	4.6%
CLASS OF WORKER		
Self-employed	21,494	9.4%

V. 1970

1970 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	1,064,714	100.0%
RACE		
White	1,003,898	94.3%
Negro	18,090	1.7%
Indian	4,048	0.4%
Japanese	16,644	1.6%
Chinese	7,817	0.7%
Filipino	6,728	0.6%
All other	7,489	0.7%
PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN OR DESCENT	129,010	12.1%
SEX		
Male	524,674	49.3%
Female	540,040	50.7%
AGE		
Under 5 years	98,013	9.2%
5 to 19 years	328,747	30.9%
20 to 64 years	573,991	53.9%
65 years and over	63,963	6.0%
Median age	25.7	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	322,870	100.0%
Families	261,889	81.1%
With own children under 18 years	163,022	50.5%
Persons per household	3.23	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	12,456	X
Income of persons	3,855	X
Less than poverty level		7.6%
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE		
Employed	409,077	100.0%

VI. 1980

1980 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	1,295,071	100.0%
RACE		
White	1,030,659	79.6%
Black	42,835	3.3%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	10,011	0.8%
Eskimo	133	0.0%
Aleut	76	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	101,922	7.9%
Japanese	22,262	1.7%
Chinese	22,745	1.8%
Filipino	28,229	2.2%
Korean	6,237	0.5%
Asian Indian	5,187	0.4%
Vietnamese	11,156	0.9%
Hawaiian	1,437	0.1%
Samoan	890	0.1%
Guamanian	1,759	0.1%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	2,020	0.2%
Race, n.e.c.	109,644	8.5%
SPANISH ORIGIN	226,388	17.5%
SEX		
Male	641,532	49.5%
Female	653,539	50.5%
AGE		
Under 5 years	88,794	6.9%
5 to 19 years	319,677	24.7%
20 to 64 years	790,575	61.0%
65 years and over	96,025	7.4%
Median age	29.2	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	458,914	100.0%
Families	326,191	71.1%
With own children under 18 years	177,673	38.7%
Persons per household	2.76	X
Persons per family	3.29	X

INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979

Median household income	23,369	X
Median family income	26,659	X
Per capita income	9,518	X
Below poverty level		7.1%

COMMUTING TO WORK

Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.8	X
Mean travel time to work for workers traveling 45 or more minutes	57.6	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	649,577	100.0%
Private vehicle	578,291	89.0%
Drive alone car	412,247	63.5%
Drive alone truck or van	58,405	9.0%
Carpool car	94,285	14.5%
Carpool truck or van	13,354	2.1%
Public transportation	20,115	3.1%
Bus or streetcar	15,326	2.4%
Subway or elevated train	243	0.0%
Railroad	4,325	0.7%
Taxicab	221	0.0%
Motorcycle	7,369	1.1%
Bicycle	12,911	2.0%
Walked only	16,757	2.6%
Other means	3,824	0.6%
Worked at home	10,310	1.6%

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Employed	661,063	100.0%
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VII. 1990

1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	1,497,577	100.0%
RACE		
White	1,035,029	69.1%
Black	55,365	3.7%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	9,130	0.6%
Eskimo	129	0.0%
Aleut	110	0.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	261,574	17.5%
Asian	255,034	17.0%
Japanese	27,967	1.9%
Chinese	65,924	4.4%
Filipino	59,963	4.0%
Korean	15,182	1.0%
Asian Indian	19,675	1.3%
Vietnamese	54,739	3.7%
Cambodian	4,608	0.3%
Hmong	28	0.0%
Laotian	1,904	0.1%
Thai	848	0.1%
Other Asian	4,196	0.3%
Pacific Islander	6,540	0.4%
Polynesian	4,279	0.3%
Hawaiian	2,248	0.2%
Samoan	1,703	0.1%
Tongan	271	0.0%
Other Polynesian	57	0.0%
Micronesian -- Guamanian	1,678	0.1%
Micronesian -- Other	103	0.0%
Melanesian	312	0.0%
Pacific Islander Not Specified	168	0.0%
Other Race	136,479	9.1%
TOTAL HISPANIC	307,113	20.5%
SEX		
Male	758,605	50.7%
Female	738,972	49.3%

AGE		
Under 5 years	111,127	7.4%
5 to 17 years	247,048	16.5%
18 to 64 years	1,010,556	67.5%
65 years and over	128,846	8.6%
Median age	32.0	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	522,040	100.0%
Total families	364,307	69.8%
With own children under 18 years	175,434	33.6%
Persons per household	2.81	X
Persons per family	3.29	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	48,115	X
Median family income	53,670	X
Per capita income	33,249	X
Below poverty level		7.3%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	23.3	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	796,605	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	717,158	90.0%
Drove alone	618,995	77.7%
Carpooled	98,163	12.3%
Public transportation	23,727	3.0%
Bus or trolley bus	19,438	2.4%
Streetcar or trolley car	373	0.0%
Subway or elevated	420	0.1%
Railroad	3,194	0.4%
Ferryboat	71	0.0%
Taxicab	231	0.0%
Motorcycle	3,821	0.5%
Bicycle	11,675	1.5%
Walked	16,509	2.1%
Other means	3,729	0.5%
Working at home	19,986	2.5%
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE		
Employed	806,917	100.0%

VIII. 2000

Census 2000

TOTAL POPULATION	1,682,585	100.0%
In households	1,652,871	98.2%
In group quarters	29,714	1.8%
RACE		
White	905,660	53.8%
Black or African American	47,182	2.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	11,350	0.7%
Asian	430,095	25.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	5,773	0.3%
Some other race	204,088	12.1%
Two or more races	78,437	4.7%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	403,401	24.0%
Not Hispanic or Latino	1,279,184	76.0%
White	744,282	44.2%
Black or African American	44,475	2.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	5,270	0.3%
Asian	426,771	25.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	5,040	0.3%
Some other race	3,522	0.2%
Two or more races	49,824	3.0%
SEX		
Male	852,974	50.7%
Female	829,611	49.3%
AGE		
Under 5 years	119,418	7.1%
5 to 17 years	296,984	17.7%
18 to 64 years	1,105,656	65.7%
65 years and over	166,527	9.5%
Median age	34.0	X

HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	565,863	100.0%
Family households	395,561	69.9%
Families with children under 18	197,245	34.4%
Average household size	2.92	X
Average family size	3.41	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	579,329	100.0%
Occupied housing units	565,863	97.7%
Owner-occupied housing units	338,661	59.8%
Renter-occupied housing units	227,202	40.2%
Vacant housing units	13,466	2.3%
1 unit, detached housing	323,923	55.9%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	446,400	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,185	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	1,109,455	65.9%
Foreign born	573,130	34.1%
Naturalized citizen	235,952	14.0%
Not a citizen	337,178	20.0%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999		
Median household income (dollars)	74,335	X
Median family income (dollars)	81,717	X
Per capita income (dollars)	32,795	X
Individuals in poverty	124,470	7.5%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	1,113,058	100.0%
High school graduate	176,926	15.9%
Bachelor's degree	267,449	24.0%
Graduate or professional degree	183,090	16.4%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.1	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	828,927	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	742,301	89.5%
Drove alone	641,113	77.3%
Carpooled	101,188	12.2%
Public transportation	29,118	3.5%
Bus or trolley bus	21,372	2.6%
Streetcar or trolley car	1,510	0.2%
Subway or elevated	624	0.1%
Railroad	5,234	0.6%
Ferryboat	44	0.0%
Taxicab	334	0.0%
Motorcycle	2,169	0.3%
Bicycle	10,076	1.2%
Walked	14,786	1.8%
Other means	4,609	0.6%
Worked at home	25,868	3.1%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	843,912	100.0%
Management, professional and related	409,371	48.5%
Service	88,797	10.5%
Sales and office	191,719	22.7%
Farming, fishing & forestry	3,494	0.4%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	55,616	6.6%
Production, transportation, and material moving	94,915	11.2%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	52,302	6.2%
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IX. 2010

Census 2010

TOTAL POPULATION	1,781,642	100.0%
In households	1,751,292	98.3%
In group quarters	30,350	1.7%
RACE		
White	836,616	47.0%
Black or African American	46,428	2.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	12,960	0.7%
Asian	570,524	32.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	7,060	0.4%
Some other race	220,806	12.4%
Two or more races	87,248	4.9%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	479,210	26.9%
Not Hispanic or Latino	1,302,432	73.1%
White	626,909	35.2%
Black or African American	42,331	2.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native	4,042	0.2%
Asian	565,466	31.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	6,252	0.4%
Some other race	3,877	0.2%
Two or more races	53,555	3.0%
SEX		
Male	893,851	50.2%
Female	887,791	49.8%
AGE		
Under 5 years	124,464	7.0%
5 to 17 years	305,081	17.1%
18 to 64 years	1,155,153	64.8%
65 years and over	196,944	11.1%
Median age	36.2	X

HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	604,204	100.0%
Family households	426,824	70.6%
Families with children under 18	210,364	34.8%
Average household size	2.90	X
Average family size	3.39	X

HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	631,920	100.0%
Occupied housing units	604,204	95.6%
Owner-occupied housing units	348,298	57.6%
Renter-occupied housing units	255,906	42.4%
Vacant housing units	27,716	4.4%

X. 2010 American Community Survey

2006-2010 American Community Survey

TOTAL POPULATION	1,739,396	100.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	626,325	100.0%
Occupied housing units	596,747	95.3%
Owner-occupied housing units	353,399	59.2%
Renter-occupied housing units	243,348	40.8%
Vacant housing units	29,578	4.7%
1 unit, detached housing	341,263	54.5%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	701,000	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,402	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	1,095,966	63.0%
Foreign born	643,430	37.0%
Naturalized citizen	323,435	18.6%
Not a citizen	319,995	18.4%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Median household income (dollars)	86,850	X
Median family income (dollars)	100,733	X
Per capita income (dollars)	39,804	X
Individuals in poverty	152,066	8.9%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	1,161,850	100.0%
High school graduate		16.5%
Bachelor's degree		25.7%
Graduate or professional degree		19.6%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	24.2	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	820,822	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	714,507	87.0%
Drove alone	630,618	76.8%
Carpooled	83,889	10.2%
Public transportation	26,876	3.3%
Bus or trolley bus	17,663	2.2%
Streetcar or trolley car	1,431	0.2%
Subway or elevated	1,357	0.2%
Railroad	6,412	0.8%
Ferryboat	13	0.0%
Taxicab	345	0.0%
Motorcycle	2,386	0.3%
Bicycle	11,777	1.4%
Walked	18,011	2.2%
Other means	9,653	1.2%
Worked at home	37,267	4.5%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	843,854	100.0%
Management, professional and related	414,349	49.1%
Service	118,257	14.0%
Sales and office	181,111	21.5%
Farming, fishing & forestry		Included in following category
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	59,913	7.1%
Production, transportation, and material moving	70,224	8.3%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	58,394	6.9%
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XI. 2020

Census 2020

TOTAL POPULATION	1,936,259	100.0%
In households	1,896,652	98.0%
In group quarters	39,607	2.0%
RACE		
Population of one race:	1,726,791	89.2%
White alone	622,617	32.2%
Black or African American alone	44,966	2.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	22,142	1.1%
Asian alone	759,030	39.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	6,904	0.4%
Some Other Race alone	271,132	14.0%
Population of two races	193,265	10.0%
Population of three races	14,598	0.8%
Population of four races	1,458	0.1%
Population of five races	130	0.0%
Population of six races	17	0.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	487,357	25.2%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	688,035	100.0%
Occupied housing units	656,063	95.4%
Vacant housing units	31,972	4.6%