

# **Sonoma 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**

<b>1860 Census</b> TOTAL POPULATION	11,867
<b>1870 Census</b> TOTAL POPULATION	19,819
<b>1880 Census</b> TOTAL POPULATION	25,926
<b>1890 Census</b> TOTAL POPULATION	32,721
<b>1900 Census</b> TOTAL POPULATION	38,480
<b>1910 Census</b> TOTAL POPULATION	48,394
<b>1920 Census</b> TOTAL POPULATION	52,090
<b>1930 Census</b> TOTAL POPULATION	62,222
<b>1940 Census</b> TOTAL POPULATION	69,052

### III. 1950

#### 1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	103,405	100.0%
RACE		
Native white	90,325	87.4%
Foreign-born white	11,008	10.6%
Negro	460	0.4%
Other races	1,612	1.6%
Indians	585	0.6%
Japanese	570	0.6%
Chinese	235	0.2%
WHITE PERSONS OF SPANISH SURNAME	2,638	2.6%
SEX		
Male	52,313	50.6%
Female	51,092	49.4%
AGE		
Under 5 years	9,976	9.6%
5 to 17 years	20,082	19.4%
18 to 64 years	61,944	59.9%
65 years and over	11,403	11.0%
Median age	33.9	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total household	33,006	100.0%
Persons per household	2.93	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	39,966	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	32,947	82.4%
Owner occupied	21,010	63.8%
Renter occupied	11,937	36.2%
Vacant	6,016	15.1%
Median value of 1-unit structures dollars	8,387	X
Median gross rent dollars	40	X
INCOME IN 1949		
Families median income dollars	3,087	X

#### YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED

Population 25 years and over	63,795	100.0%
High school 4 years	15,515	24.3%
College 4 years or more	3,790	5.9%

#### MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP

Employed	36,108	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	2,842	7.9%
Farmers and farm managers	4,675	12.9%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	4,189	11.6%
Clerical and kindred	3,021	8.4%
Sales	2,761	7.6%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	4,706	13.0%
Operatives and kindred	4,197	11.6%
Private household workers	577	1.6%
Service workers, except private household	3,047	8.4%
Farm laborers	3,544	9.8%
Laborers, except farm and mine	2,126	5.9%
Occupation not reported	423	1.2%

## IV. 1960

### 1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	147,375	100.0%
In households	141,114	95.8%
In group quarters	6,261	4.2%
RACE		
White	144,110	97.8%
Negro	918	0.6%
Other races	83	0.1%
Indian	949	0.6%
Japanese	759	0.5%
Chinese	306	0.2%
Filipino	250	0.2%
SEX		
Male	72,989	49.5%
Female	74,386	50.5%
AGE		
Under 5 years	14,681	10.0%
5 to 17 years	36,525	24.8%
18 to 64 years	77,416	52.5%
65 years and over	18,753	12.7%
Median age	32.5	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Families	38,581	100.0%
With own children under 18	20,479	53.1%
Population per household	2.99	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	59,784	100.0%
All occupied units	47,191	78.9%
Owner occupied	31,052	65.8%
Renter occupied	16,139	34.2%
Vacant	12,593	21.1%
Median value dollars	13,400	X
Median gross rent dollars	74	X

PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	135,847	92.2%
Foreign born	11,528	7.8%
INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	5,725	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	85,162	100.0%
High school 4 years	22,299	26.2%
College 4 years or more	5,767	6.8%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
All workers	48,374	100.0%
Private automobile or car pool	35,149	72.7%
Railroad, subway or elevated	19	0.0%
Bus or streetcar	608	1.3%
Walked to work	3,940	8.1%
Other means	1,322	2.7%
Worked at home	5,016	10.4%
Not reported	2,320	4.8%
OCCUPATION		
Employed	48,307	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	5,859	12.1%
Farmers and farm managers	2,526	5.2%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	4,776	9.9%
Clerical and kindred	5,479	11.3%
Sales	4,066	8.4%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	6,382	13.2%
Operatives and kindred	6,507	13.5%
Private household workers	1,059	2.2%
Service workers, except private household	4,061	8.4%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	2,232	4.6%
Laborers, except farm and mine	2,756	5.7%
Occupation not reported	2,604	5.4%
CLASS OF WORKER		
Self-employed	9,104	18.8%

## V. 1970

### 1970 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	204,885	100.0%
RACE		
White	197,922	96.6%
Negro	2,108	1.0%
Indian	1,623	0.8%
Japanese	833	0.4%
Chinese	448	0.2%
Filipino	393	0.2%
All other	1,558	0.8%
PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN OR DESCENT	8,207	4.0%
SEX		
Male	99,362	48.5%
Female	105,523	51.5%
AGE		
Under 5 years	15,941	7.8%
5 to 19 years	58,762	28.7%
20 to 64 years	103,837	50.7%
65 years and over	26,345	12.9%
Median age	29.8	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	67,861	100.0%
Families	52,831	77.9%
With own children under 18 years	27,524	40.6%
Persons per household	2.92	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	9,673	X
Income of persons	3,177	X
Less than poverty level		13.4%
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE		
Employed	67,753	100.0%

**VI. 1980**

**1980 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	299,681	100.0%
<b>RACE</b>		
White	279,148	93.1%
Black	3,484	1.2%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	3,702	1.2%
Eskimo	16	0.0%
Aleut	7	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	5,111	1.7%
Japanese	1,443	0.5%
Chinese	826	0.3%
Filipino	1,052	0.4%
Korean	282	0.1%
Asian Indian	411	0.1%
Vietnamese	225	0.1%
Hawaiian	430	0.1%
Samoan	133	0.0%
Guamanian	161	0.1%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	148	0.0%
Race, n.e.c.	8,236	2.7%
SPANISH ORIGIN	20,775	6.9%
<b>SEX</b>		
Male	145,258	48.5%
Female	154,423	51.5%
<b>AGE</b>		
Under 5 years	20,391	6.8%
5 to 19 years	67,807	22.6%
20 to 64 years	171,134	57.1%
65 years and over	40,349	13.5%
Median age	31.9	X
<b>HOUSEHOLDS</b>		
Total households	115,008	100.0%
Families	80,209	69.7%
With own children under 18 years	39,568	34.4%
Persons per household	2.55	X
Persons per family	3.04	X

## INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979

Median household income	17,732	X
Median family income	21,269	X
Per capita income	8,091	X
Below poverty level		9.5%

## COMMUTING TO WORK

Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.7	X
Mean travel time to work for workers traveling 45 or more minutes	65.6	X

## MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	127,684	100.0%
Private vehicle	109,420	85.7%
Drive alone car	70,295	55.1%
Drive alone truck or van	18,296	14.3%
Carpool car	16,340	12.8%
Carpool truck or van	4,489	3.5%
Public transportation	4,093	3.2%
Bus or streetcar	4,056	3.2%
Subway or elevated train	0	0.0%
Railroad	0	0.0%
Taxicab	37	0.0%
Motorcycle	1,260	1.0%
Bicycle	1,887	1.5%
Walked only	5,422	4.2%
Other means	1,244	1.0%
Worked at home	4,358	3.4%

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Employed	130,089	100.0%
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## VII. 1990

### 1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	388,222	100.0%
RACE		
White	351,983	90.7%
Black	5,554	1.4%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	4,513	1.2%
Eskimo	51	0.0%
Aleut	60	0.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	10,881	2.8%
Asian	10,204	2.6%
Japanese	1,606	0.4%
Chinese	2,207	0.6%
Filipino	2,240	0.6%
Korean	568	0.1%
Asian Indian	567	0.1%
Vietnamese	790	0.2%
Cambodian	680	0.2%
Hmong	0	0.0%
Laotian	765	0.2%
Thai	97	0.0%
Other Asian	684	0.2%
Pacific Islander	677	0.2%
Polynesian	545	0.1%
Hawaiian	369	0.1%
Samoan	115	0.0%
Tongan	36	0.0%
Other Polynesian	25	0.0%
Micronesian -- Guamanian	79	0.0%
Micronesian -- Other	0	0.0%
Melanesian	53	0.0%
Pacific Islander Not Specified	0	0.0%
Other Race	15,291	3.9%
TOTAL HISPANIC	39,537	10.2%
SEX		
Male	190,292	49.0%
Female	197,930	51.0%

AGE		
Under 5 years	28,367	7.3%
5 to 17 years	67,080	17.3%
18 to 64 years	240,427	61.9%
65 years and over	52,348	13.5%
Median age	34.9	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	149,382	100.0%
Total families	100,859	67.5%
With own children under 18 years	48,764	32.6%
Persons per household	2.55	X
Persons per family	3.04	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	36,299	X
Median family income	41,961	X
Per capita income	22,191	X
Below poverty level		7.5%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	24.1	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	190,431	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	166,834	87.6%
Drove alone	142,074	74.6%
Carpooled	24,760	13.0%
Public transportation	4,351	2.3%
Bus or trolley bus	4,183	2.2%
Streetcar or trolley car	9	0.0%
Subway or elevated	55	0.0%
Railroad	0	0.0%
Ferryboat	31	0.0%
Taxicab	73	0.0%
Motorcycle	631	0.3%
Bicycle	1,975	1.0%
Walked	6,209	3.3%
Other means	1,115	0.6%
Working at home	9,316	4.9%
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE		
Employed	193,296	100.0%

## VIII. 2000

### Census 2000

TOTAL POPULATION	458,614	100.0%
In households	447,512	97.6%
In group quarters	11,102	2.4%
RACE		
White	374,209	81.6%
Black or African American	6,522	1.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native	5,389	1.2%
Asian	14,098	3.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	934	0.2%
Some other race	38,717	8.4%
Two or more races	18,745	4.1%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	79,511	17.3%
Not Hispanic or Latino	379,103	82.7%
White	341,686	74.5%
Black or African American	6,116	1.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3,477	0.8%
Asian	13,786	3.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	828	0.2%
Some other race	921	0.2%
Two or more races	12,289	2.7%
SEX		
Male	225,804	49.2%
Female	232,810	50.8%
AGE		
Under 5 years	27,597	6.0%
5 to 17 years	84,556	18.5%
18 to 64 years	288,484	62.9%
65 years and over	57,977	12.6%
Median age	37.5	X

HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	172,403	100.0%
Family households	112,397	65.2%
Families with children under 18	55,078	31.9%
Average household size	2.60	X
Average family size	3.12	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	183,153	100.0%
Occupied housing units	172,403	94.1%
Owner-occupied housing units	110,475	64.1%
Renter-occupied housing units	61,928	35.9%
Vacant housing units	10,750	5.9%
1 unit, detached housing	125,480	68.5%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	273,200	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	864	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	392,888	85.7%
Foreign born	65,726	14.3%
Naturalized citizen	22,335	4.9%
Not a citizen	43,391	9.5%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999		
Median household income (dollars)	53,076	X
Median family income (dollars)	61,921	X
Per capita income (dollars)	25,724	X
Individuals in poverty	36,349	8.1%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	306,564	100.0%
High school graduate	62,559	20.4%
Bachelor's degree	57,711	18.8%
Graduate or professional degree	29,782	9.7%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.8	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	224,947	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	196,417	87.3%
Drove alone	168,134	74.7%
Carpooled	28,283	12.6%
Public transportation	5,507	2.4%
Bus or trolley bus	5,234	2.3%
Streetcar or trolley car	62	0.0%
Subway or elevated	102	0.0%
Railroad	3	0.0%
Ferryboat	45	0.0%
Taxicab	61	0.0%
Motorcycle	517	0.2%
Bicycle	1,744	0.8%
Walked	6,929	3.1%
Other means	1,587	0.7%
Worked at home	12,246	5.4%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	229,227	100.0%
Management, professional and related	80,333	35.0%
Service	34,646	15.1%
Sales and office	60,935	26.6%
Farming, fishing & forestry	3,744	1.6%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	23,442	10.2%
Production, transportation, and material moving	26,127	11.4%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	26,882	11.7%
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## IX. 2010

### Census 2010

TOTAL POPULATION	483,878	100.0%
In households	473,835	97.9%
In group quarters	10,043	2.1%
RACE		
White	371,412	76.8%
Black or African American	7,610	1.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	6,489	1.3%
Asian	18,341	3.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1,558	0.3%
Some other race	56,966	11.8%
Two or more races	21,502	4.4%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	120,430	24.9%
Not Hispanic or Latino	363,448	75.1%
White	320,027	66.1%
Black or African American	6,769	1.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3,584	0.7%
Asian	17,777	3.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1,434	0.3%
Some other race	913	0.2%
Two or more races	12,944	2.7%
SEX		
Male	237,902	49.2%
Female	245,976	50.8%
AGE		
Under 5 years	28,199	5.8%
5 to 17 years	78,272	16.2%
18 to 64 years	310,043	64.1%
65 years and over	67,364	13.9%
Median age	39.9	X

## HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	185,825	100.0%
Family households	117,114	63.0%
Families with children under 18	52,266	28.1%
Average household size	2.55	X
Average family size	3.11	X

## HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	204,572	100.0%
Occupied housing units	185,825	90.8%
Owner-occupied housing units	112,280	60.4%
Renter-occupied housing units	73,545	39.6%
Vacant housing units	18,747	9.2%

**X. 2010 American Community Survey**

**2006-2010 American Community Survey**

TOTAL POPULATION	474,047	100.0%
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Total housing units	202,668	100.0%
Occupied housing units	184,033	90.8%
Owner-occupied housing units	114,787	62.4%
Renter-occupied housing units	69,246	37.6%
Vacant housing units	18,635	9.2%
1 unit, detached housing	138,941	68.6%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	524,400	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,201	X
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS</b>		
Native	395,419	83.4%
Foreign born	78,628	16.6%
Naturalized citizen	29,316	6.2%
Not a citizen	49,312	10.4%
<b>INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>		
Median household income (dollars)	63,274	X
Median family income (dollars)	76,715	X
Per capita income (dollars)	32,597	X
Individuals in poverty	48,005	10.3%
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>		
Population 25 and over	322,558	100.0%
High school graduate		21.0%
Bachelor's degree		20.4%
Graduate or professional degree		11.1%
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.1	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	226,243	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	193,866	85.7%
Drove alone	168,383	74.4%
Carpooled	25,483	11.3%
Public transportation	4,482	2.0%
Bus or trolley bus	4,405	1.9%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	26	0.0%
Railroad	10	0.0%
Ferryboat	41	0.0%
Taxicab	54	0.0%
Motorcycle	650	0.3%
Bicycle	2,674	1.2%
Walked	7,084	3.1%
Other means	1,272	0.6%
Worked at home	16,161	7.1%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	233,182	100.0%
Management, professional and related	79,884	34.3%
Service	43,662	18.7%
Sales and office	60,709	26.0%
Farming, fishing & forestry		Included in following category
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	26,466	11.3%
Production, transportation, and material moving	22,461	9.6%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	26,797	11.5%
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## XI. 2020

### Census 2020

TOTAL POPULATION	488,863	100.0%
In households	479,997	98.2%
In group quarters	8,866	1.8%
RACE		
Population of one race:	422,842	86.5%
White alone	306,684	62.7%
Black or African American alone	7,615	1.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	8,855	1.8%
Asian alone	22,845	4.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	1,840	0.4%
Some Other Race alone	75,003	15.3%
Population of two races	61,550	12.6%
Population of three races	4,093	0.8%
Population of four races	322	0.1%
Population of five races	56	0.0%
Population of six races	0	0.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	141,438	28.9%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	204,742	100.0%
Occupied housing units	187,701	91.7%
Vacant housing units	17,041	8.3%