

**Town of Atherton
San Mateo County
Census Data**

1930-2020

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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. 1930-1940

1930 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

1,242

1940 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

1,908

III. 1950

1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	3,630	100.0%
RACE		
Native white	3,001	82.7%
Foreign-born white	411	11.3%
Negro	75	2.1%
Other races	143	3.9%
SEX		
Male	1,863	51.3%
Female	1,767	48.7%
AGE		
Under 5 years	250	6.9%
5 to 17 years	1,039	28.6%
18 to 64 years	1,637	45.1%
65 years and over	704	19.4%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	1,140	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	1,008	88.4%
Owner occupied	837	83.0%
Renter occupied	171	17.0%
Vacant	106	9.3%
Median value of 1-unit structures dollars	20,000+	X
Median gross rent dollars	68	X
INCOME IN 1949		
Families median income dollars	3,857	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	2,300	100.0%
High school 4 years	670	29.1%
College 4 years or more	505	22.0%

MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP		
Employed	1,396	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	284	20.3%
Farmers and farm managers	11	0.8%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	336	24.1%
Clerical and kindred	103	7.4%
Sales	109	7.8%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	78	5.6%
Operatives and kindred	40	2.9%
Private household workers	237	17.0%
Service workers, except private household	65	4.7%
Farm laborers	18	1.3%
Laborers, except farm and mine	94	6.7%
Occupation not reported	21	1.5%

IV. 1960

1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	7,717	100.0%
In households	7,318	94.8%
RACE		
White	7,513	97.4%
Negro	76	1.0%
Other races	128	1.7%
SEX		
Male	3,918	50.8%
Female	3,799	49.2%
AGE		
Under 5 years	469	6.1%
5 to 17 years	2,545	33.0%
18 to 64 years	4,043	52.4%
65 years and over	660	8.6%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	2,217	100.0%
All occupied units	2,083	94.0%
Owner occupied	1,837	88.2%
Renter occupied	246	11.8%
Vacant	134	6.0%
Median value dollars	35,000+	X
PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	7,001	90.7%
Foreign born	716	9.3%
INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	10,000+	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	4,377	100.0%
High school 4 years	932	21.3%
College 4 years or more	1,661	37.9%

OCCUPATION		
Employed	2,691	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	686	25.5%
Farmers and farm managers	12	0.4%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	827	30.7%
Clerical and kindred	214	8.0%
Sales	254	9.4%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	72	2.7%
Operatives and kindred	28	1.0%
Private household workers	292	10.9%
Service workers, except private household	89	3.3%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	4	0.1%
Laborers, except farm and mine	126	4.7%
Occupation not reported	87	3.2%

V. 1970

1970 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	8,085	100.0%
RACE		
White	7,923	98.0%
Negro	32	0.4%
Indian	5	0.1%
Japanese	49	0.6%
Chinese	46	0.6%
Filipino	15	0.2%
All other	15	0.2%
SEX		
Male	4,116	50.9%
Female	3,969	49.1%
AGE		
Under 5 years	407	5.0%
5 to 19 years	2,636	32.6%
20 to 64 years	4,429	54.8%
65 years and over	613	7.6%
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	2,317	100.0%
Families	2,080	89.8%
Persons per household	3.34	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	20,165	X
Income of persons	9,251	X
Less than poverty level		5.2%

VI. 1980

1980 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	7,797	100.0%
RACE		
White	7,305	93.7%
Black	101	1.3%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	11	0.1%
Eskimo	5	0.1%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	323	4.1%
Japanese	163	2.1%
Chinese	95	1.2%
Filipino	7	0.1%
Korean	24	0.3%
Asian Indian	10	0.1%
Vietnamese	8	0.1%
Hawaiian	0	0.0%
Samoan	0	0.0%
Guamanian	0	0.0%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	16	0.2%
Race, n.e.c.	57	0.7%
SPANISH ORIGIN	204	2.6%
AGE		
Median age	39.2	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	2,426	100.0%
Families	2,093	86.3%
With own children under 18 years	933	38.5%
Persons per household	3.01	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979		
Median household income	54,859	X
Median family income	57,846	X
Per capita income	21,838	X
Below poverty level		3.3%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.9	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	3,266	100.0%
Private vehicle	2,686	82.2%
Drive alone car	2,366	72.4%
Carpool	320	9.8%
Public transportation	198	6.1%
Walked only	100	3.1%
Other means	92	2.8%
Worked at home	190	5.8%

VII. 1990

1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	7,163	100.0%
RACE		
White	6,568	91.7%
Black	16	0.2%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	0	0.0%
Eskimo	0	0.0%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	523	7.3%
Asian	523	7.3%
Japanese	81	1.1%
Chinese	336	4.7%
Filipino	39	0.5%
Korean	0	0.0%
Asian Indian	0	0.0%
Vietnamese	10	0.1%
Cambodian	0	0.0%
Hmong	0	0.0%
Laotian	0	0.0%
Thai	0	0.0%
Other Asian	57	0.8%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Polynesian	0	0.0%
Hawaiian	0	0.0%
Samoan	0	0.0%
Tongan	0	0.0%
Other Polynesian	0	0.0%
Micronesian -- Guamanian	0	0.0%
Micronesian -- Other	0	0.0%
Melanesian	0	0.0%
Pacific Islander Not Specified	0	0.0%
Other Race	56	0.8%
TOTAL HISPANIC	276	3.9%
SEX		
Male	3,524	49.2%
Female	3,639	50.8%

AGE		
Under 5 years	353	4.9%
5 to 17 years	1,141	15.9%
18 to 64 years	4,329	60.4%
65 years and over	1,340	18.7%
Median age	44.3	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	2,329	100.0%
Total families	1,882	80.8%
With own children under 18 years	667	28.6%
Persons per household	2.87	X
Persons per family	3.13	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	130,734	X
Median family income	150,001	X
Per capita income	63,919	X
Below poverty level		3.9%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	19.8	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	3,469	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	2,647	76.3%
Drove alone	2,559	73.8%
Carpooled	88	2.5%
Public transportation	165	4.8%
Bus or trolley bus	41	1.2%
Streetcar or trolley car	9	0.3%
Subway or elevated	0	0.0%
Railroad	104	3.0%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	11	0.3%
Motorcycle	0	0.0%
Bicycle	33	1.0%
Walked	297	8.6%
Other means	17	0.5%
Working at home	310	8.9%

VIII. 2000

Census 2000

TOTAL POPULATION	7,194	100.0%
In households	6,876	95.6%
In group quarters	318	4.4%
RACE		
White	6,141	85.4%
Black or African American	50	0.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	12	0.2%
Asian	704	9.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	30	0.4%
Some other race	72	1.0%
Two or more races	185	2.6%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	200	2.8%
Not Hispanic or Latino	6,994	97.2%
White	6,022	83.7%
Black or African American	50	0.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	10	0.2%
Asian	704	9.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	30	0.4%
Some other race	18	0.3%
Two or more races	160	2.2%
SEX		
Male	3,479	48.8%
Female	3,715	51.6%
AGE		
Under 5 years	371	5.2%
5 to 17 years	1,332	18.5%
18 to 64 years	4,040	56.2%
65 years and over	1,451	20.2%
Median age	45.3	X

HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	2,413	100.0%
Family households	1,984	82.2%
Families with children under 18	804	33.3%
Average household size	2.85	X
Average family size	3.06	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	2,505	100.0%
Occupied housing units	2,413	96.3%
Owner-occupied housing units	2,288	94.8%
Renter-occupied housing units	125	5.2%
Vacant housing units	92	3.7%
1 unit, detached housing	2,466	98.4%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	1,000,000+	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	2,000+	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	6,178	85.7%
Foreign born	1,032	14.3%
Naturalized citizen	684	9.5%
Not a citizen	348	4.8%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999		
Median household income (dollars)	200,000+	X
Median family income (dollars)	200,000+	X
Per capita income (dollars)	112,408	X
Individuals in poverty	121	1.7%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	4,961	100.0%
High school graduate	267	5.4%
Bachelor's degree	1,785	36.0%
Graduate or professional degree	1,995	40.2%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.2	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	3,105	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	2,438	78.5%
Drove alone	2,341	75.4%
Carpooled	97	3.1%
Public transportation	100	3.2%
Bus or trolley bus	18	0.6%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	5	0.2%
Railroad	70	2.3%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	7	0.2%
Motorcycle	4	0.1%
Bicycle	0	0.0%
Walked	167	5.4%
Other means	14	0.5%
Worked at home	382	12.3%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	3,166	100.0%
Management, professional and related	2,220	70.1%
Service	194	6.1%
Sales and office	599	18.9%
Farming, fishing & forestry	0	0.0%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	57	1.8%
Production, transportation, and material moving	96	3.0%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	454	14.3%
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IX. 2010

Census 2010

TOTAL POPULATION	6,914	100.0%
In households	6,529	94.4%
In group quarters	385	5.6%
RACE		
White	5,565	80.5%
Black or African American	75	1.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native	7	0.1%
Asian	911	13.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	45	0.7%
Some other race	95	1.4%
Two or more races	216	3.1%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	268	3.9%
Not Hispanic or Latino	6,646	96.1%
White	5,405	78.2%
Black or African American	72	1.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	5	0.1%
Asian	910	13.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	45	0.7%
Some other race	18	0.3%
Two or more races	191	2.8%
SEX		
Male	3,397	49.1%
Female	3,517	50.9%
AGE		
Under 5 years	282	4.1%
5 to 17 years	1,261	18.2%
18 to 64 years	3,809	55.1%
65 years and over	1,562	22.6%
Median age	48.2	X

HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	2,330	100.0%
Family households	1,912	82.1%
Families with children under 18	744	31.9%
Average household size	2.80	X
Average family size	3.03	X

HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	2,530	100.0%
Occupied housing units	2,330	92.1%
Owner-occupied housing units	2,116	90.8%
Renter-occupied housing units	214	9.2%
Vacant housing units	200	7.9%

X. 2010 American Community Survey

2006-2010 American Community Survey

TOTAL POPULATION	6,837	100.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	2,373	100.0%
Occupied housing units	2,132	89.8%
Owner-occupied housing units	1,902	89.2%
Renter-occupied housing units	230	10.8%
Vacant housing units	241	10.2%
1 unit, detached housing	2,358	99.4%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	1,000,000+	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	2,000+	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	5,829	85.3%
Foreign born	1,008	14.7%
Naturalized citizen	677	9.9%
Not a citizen	331	4.8%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Median household income (dollars)	223,611	X
Median family income (dollars)	250,000+	X
Per capita income (dollars)	107,250	X
Individuals in poverty	470	7.1%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	4,469	100.0%
High school graduate		5.4%
Bachelor's degree		40.5%
Graduate or professional degree		42.2%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	20.7	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	2,373	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	1,991	83.9%
Drove alone	1,930	81.3%
Carpooled	61	2.6%
Public transportation	13	0.5%
Bus or trolley bus	10	0.4%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	0	0.0%
Railroad	3	0.1%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	0	0.0%
Motorcycle	0	0.0%
Bicycle	0	0.0%
Walked	119	5.0%
Other means	8	0.3%
Worked at home	242	10.2%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	2,387	100.0%
Management, professional and related	1,628	68.2%
Service	206	8.6%
Sales and office	469	19.6%
Farming, fishing & forestry		Included in following category
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	31	1.3%
Production, transportation, and material moving	53	2.2%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	307	12.9%
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XI. 2020

Census 2020

TOTAL POPULATION	7,188	100.0%
In households	6,596	91.8%
In group quarters	592	8.2%
RACE		
Population of one race:	6,564	91.3%
White alone	4,844	67.4%
Black or African American alone	100	1.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	14	0.2%
Asian alone	1,411	19.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	45	0.6%
Some Other Race alone	150	2.1%
Population of two races	558	7.8%
Population of three races	61	0.8%
Population of four races	5	0.1%
Population of five races	0	0.0%
Population of six races	0	0.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	484	6.7%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	2,526	100.0%
Occupied housing units	2,252	89.2%
Vacant housing units	274	10.8%