

**City of Belmont  
San Mateo County  
Census Data**

**1880-2020**

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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. 1880-1940**

**1880 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION

202

**1930 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION

984

**1940 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION

1,229

### III. 1950

#### 1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	5,567	100.0%
RACE		
Native white	4,965	89.2%
Foreign-born white	518	9.3%
Negro	12	0.2%
Other races	72	1.3%
SEX		
Male	2,661	47.8%
Female	2,906	52.2%
AGE		
Under 5 years	384	6.9%
5 to 17 years	1,785	32.1%
18 to 64 years	2,761	49.6%
65 years and over	637	11.4%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	1,603	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	1,528	95.3%
Owner occupied	1,239	81.1%
Renter occupied	289	18.9%
Vacant	71	4.4%
Median value of 1-unit structures dollars	12,986	X
Median gross rent dollars	67	X
INCOME IN 1949		
Families median income dollars	4,212	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	3,565	100.0%
High school 4 years	1,220	34.2%
College 4 years or more	570	16.0%

MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP		
Employed	2,196	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	419	19.1%
Farmers and farm managers	9	0.4%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	330	15.0%
Clerical and kindred	291	13.3%
Sales	236	10.7%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	355	16.2%
Operatives and kindred	138	6.3%
Private household workers	33	1.5%
Service workers, except private household	253	11.5%
Farm laborers	12	0.5%
Laborers, except farm and mine	62	2.8%
Occupation not reported	58	2.6%

#### IV. 1960

##### 1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	15,996	100.0%
In households	15,490	96.8%
In group quarters	506	3.2%
RACE		
White	15,810	98.8%
Negro	10	0.1%
Other races	19	0.1%
Indian	7	0.0%
SEX		
Male	7,702	48.1%
Female	8,294	51.9%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,937	12.1%
5 to 17 years	4,409	27.6%
18 to 64 years	8,914	55.7%
65 years and over	736	4.6%
Median age	28.9	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Families	4,067	100.0%
With own children under 18	2,786	68.5%
Population per household	3.46	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	4,736	100.0%
All occupied units	4,475	94.5%
Owner occupied	3,526	78.8%
Renter occupied	949	21.2%
Vacant	261	5.5%
Median value dollars	20,600	X
Median gross rent dollars	125	X
PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	14,862	92.9%
Foreign born	1,134	7.1%

INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	8,682	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	8,681	100.0%
High school 4 years	3,014	34.7%
College 4 years or more	1,581	18.2%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
All workers	6,071	100.0%
Private automobile or car pool	4,611	76.0%
Railroad, subway or elevated	490	8.1%
Bus or streetcar	269	4.4%
Walked to work	298	4.9%
Other means	112	1.8%
Worked at home	135	2.2%
Not reported	156	2.6%
OCCUPATION		
Employed	6,177	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	1,339	21.7%
Farmers and farm managers	0	0.0%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	819	13.3%
Clerical and kindred	1,126	18.2%
Sales	627	10.2%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	986	16.0%
Operatives and kindred	477	7.7%
Private household workers	49	0.8%
Service workers, except private household	421	6.8%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	4	0.1%
Laborers, except farm and mine	150	2.4%
Occupation not reported	179	2.9%
CLASS OF WORKER		
Self-employed	478	7.7%

**V. 1970**

**1970 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	23,667	100.0%
RACE		
White	22,918	96.8%
Negro	80	0.3%
Indian	16	0.1%
Japanese	182	0.8%
Chinese	309	1.3%
Filipino	45	0.2%
All other	117	0.5%
PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN OR DESCENT	1,295	5.5%
SEX		
Male	11,421	48.3%
Female	12,246	51.7%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,576	6.7%
5 to 19 years	6,545	27.7%
20 to 64 years	14,228	60.1%
65 years and over	1,318	5.6%
Median age	29.6	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	7,770	100.0%
Families	6,300	81.1%
With own children under 18 years	3,403	43.8%
Persons per household	2.99	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	12,810	X
Income of persons	4,868	X
Less than poverty level		3.6%

## VI. 1980

### 1980 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	24,505	100.0%
RACE		
White	22,257	90.8%
Black	344	1.4%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	50	0.2%
Eskimo	0	0.0%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	1,557	6.4%
Japanese	317	1.3%
Chinese	502	2.0%
Filipino	372	1.5%
Korean	87	0.4%
Asian Indian	77	0.3%
Vietnamese	95	0.4%
Hawaiian	60	0.2%
Samoan	0	0.0%
Guamanian	27	0.1%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	20	0.1%
Race, n.e.c.	297	1.2%
SPANISH ORIGIN	1,596	6.5%
AGE		
Median age	33.3	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	9,713	100.0%
Families	6,376	65.6%
With own children under 18 years	2,867	29.5%
Persons per household	2.46	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979		
Median household income	26,282	X
Median family income	31,599	X
Per capita income	11,774	X
Below poverty level		3.9%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.6	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	14,448	100.0%
Private vehicle	12,776	88.4%
Drive alone car	9,506	65.8%
Drive alone truck or van	1,059	7.3%
Carpool car	1,921	13.3%
Carpool truck or van	290	2.0%
Public transportation	941	6.5%
Walked only	290	2.0%
Other means	227	1.6%
Worked at home	214	1.5%

## VII. 1990

### 1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	24,127	100.0%
RACE		
White	20,925	86.7%
Black	405	1.7%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	79	0.3%
Eskimo	0	0.0%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2,386	9.9%
Asian	2,324	9.6%
Japanese	315	1.3%
Chinese	1,086	4.5%
Filipino	413	1.7%
Korean	154	0.6%
Asian Indian	274	1.1%
Vietnamese	0	0.0%
Cambodian	0	0.0%
Hmong	0	0.0%
Laotian	0	0.0%
Thai	0	0.0%
Other Asian	82	0.3%
Pacific Islander	62	0.3%
Polynesian	62	0.3%
Hawaiian	23	0.1%
Samoan	20	0.1%
Tongan	19	0.1%
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	332	1.4%
TOTAL HISPANIC	1,776	7.4%
SEX		
Male	11,861	49.2%
Female	12,266	50.8%

AGE		
Under 5 years	1,414	5.9%
5 to 17 years	2,850	11.8%
18 to 64 years	17,081	70.8%
65 years and over	2,782	11.5%
Median age	36.3	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	10,138	100.0%
Total families	6,420	63.3%
With own children under 18 years	2,455	24.2%
Persons per household	2.34	X
Persons per family	2.84	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	50,859	X
Median family income	63,718	X
Per capita income	25,827	X
Below poverty level		4.7%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	23.8	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	14,654	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	13,055	89.1%
Drove alone	11,592	79.1%
Carpooled	1,463	10.0%
Public transportation	671	4.6%
Bus or trolley bus	250	1.7%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	17	0.1%
Railroad	397	2.7%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	7	0.0%
Motorcycle	21	0.1%
Bicycle	63	0.4%
Walked	391	2.7%
Other means	42	0.3%
Working at home	411	2.8%

## VIII. 2000

### Census 2000

TOTAL POPULATION	25,123	100.0%
In households	24,496	97.5%
In group quarters	627	2.5%
RACE		
White	18,889	75.2%
Black or African American	422	1.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	72	0.3%
Asian	3,878	15.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	136	0.5%
Some other race	659	2.6%
Two or more races	1,067	4.2%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	2,090	8.3%
Not Hispanic or Latino	23,033	91.7%
White	17,696	70.4%
Black or African American	389	1.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native	57	0.2%
Asian	3,843	15.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	122	0.5%
Some other race	95	0.4%
Two or more races	831	3.3%
SEX		
Male	12,350	49.2%
Female	12,773	50.8%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,512	6.0%
5 to 17 years	3,333	13.3%
18 to 64 years	16,951	67.5%
65 years and over	3,327	13.2%
Median age	38.8	X

<b>HOUSEHOLDS</b>		
Total households	10,418	100.0%
Family households	6,547	62.8%
Families with children under 18	2,755	26.4%
Average household size	2.35	X
Average family size	2.89	X
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Total housing units	10,577	100.0%
Occupied housing units	10,418	98.5%
Owner-occupied housing units	6,270	60.2%
Renter-occupied housing units	4,148	39.8%
Vacant housing units	159	1.5%
1 unit, detached housing	6,258	58.9%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	593,200	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,116	X
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS</b>		
Native	19,465	77.4%
Foreign born	5,673	22.6%
Naturalized citizen	2,996	11.9%
Not a citizen	2,677	10.6%
<b>INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999</b>		
Median household income (dollars)	80,905	X
Median family income (dollars)	95,722	X
Per capita income (dollars)	42,812	X
Individuals in poverty	991	4.0%
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>		
Population 25 and over	18,793	100.0%
High school graduate	2,620	13.9%
Bachelor's degree	5,726	30.5%
Graduate or professional degree	3,993	21.2%
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	27.1	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	13,919	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	12,637	90.8%
Drove alone	11,302	81.2%
Carpooled	1,335	9.6%
Public transportation	527	3.8%
Bus or trolley bus	180	1.3%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	19	0.1%
Railroad	328	2.4%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	0	0.0%
Motorcycle	0	0.0%
Bicycle	49	0.4%
Walked	190	1.4%
Other means	60	0.4%
Worked at home	456	3.3%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	14,238	100.0%
Management, professional and related	7,745	54.4%
Service	998	7.0%
Sales and office	3,786	26.6%
Farming, fishing & forestry	0	0.0%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	874	6.1%
Production, transportation, and material moving	835	5.9%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	1,101	7.7%
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## IX. 2010

### Census 2010

TOTAL POPULATION	25,835	100.0%
In households	25,321	98.0%
In group quarters	514	2.0%
RACE		
White	17,455	67.6%
Black or African American	423	1.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	72	0.3%
Asian	5,151	19.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	198	0.8%
Some other race	964	3.7%
Two or more races	1,572	6.1%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	2,977	11.5%
Not Hispanic or Latino	22,858	88.5%
White	15,831	61.3%
Black or African American	402	1.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	44	0.2%
Asian	5,100	19.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	180	0.7%
Some other race	97	0.4%
Two or more races	1,204	4.7%
SEX		
Male	12,612	48.8%
Female	13,223	51.2%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,702	6.6%
5 to 17 years	3,693	14.3%
18 to 64 years	16,597	64.2%
65 years and over	3,843	14.9%
Median age	40.9	X

HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	10,575	100.0%
Family households	6,851	64.8%
Families with children under 18	3,104	29.4%
Average household size	2.39	X
Average family size	2.95	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	11,028	100.0%
Occupied housing units	10,575	95.9%
Owner-occupied housing units	6,280	59.4%
Renter-occupied housing units	4,295	40.6%
Vacant housing units	453	4.1%

**X. 2010 American Community Survey**

**2006-2010 American Community Survey**

TOTAL POPULATION	25,281	100.0%
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Total housing units	10,859	100.0%
Occupied housing units	10,347	95.3%
Owner-occupied housing units	6,153	59.3%
Renter-occupied housing units	4,194	40.5%
Vacant housing units	512	4.7%
1 unit, detached housing	6,306	58.1%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	900,100	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,392	X
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS</b>		
Native	19,279	76.3%
Foreign born	6,002	23.7%
Naturalized citizen	3,149	12.5%
Not a citizen	2,853	11.3%
<b>INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>		
Median household income (dollars)	99,913	X
Median family income (dollars)	123,902	X
Per capita income (dollars)	52,376	X
Individuals in poverty	884	3.6%
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>		
Population 25 and over	18,096	100.0%
High school graduate		11.5%
Bachelor's degree		33.0%
Graduate or professional degree		24.5%
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.4	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	13,131	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	10,921	83.2%
Drove alone	9,845	75.0%
Carpooled	1,076	8.2%
Public transportation	715	5.4%
Bus or trolley bus	228	1.7%
Streetcar or trolley car	51	0.4%
Subway or elevated	204	1.6%
Railroad	232	1.8%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	19	0.1%
Motorcycle	74	0.6%
Bicycle	13	0.1%
Walked	370	2.8%
Other means	124	0.9%
Worked at home	895	6.8%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	13,663	100.0%
Management, professional and related	7,879	57.7%
Service	1,486	10.9%
Sales and office	3,264	23.9%
Farming, fishing & forestry		Included in following category
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	529	3.9%
Production, transportation, and material moving	505	3.7%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	968	7.1%
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## XI. 2020

### Census 2020

TOTAL POPULATION	28,335	100.0%
In households	27,613	97.5%
In group quarters	722	2.5%
RACE		
Population of one race:	24,793	87.5%
White alone	14,248	50.3%
Black or African American alone	370	1.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	102	0.4%
Asian alone	8,398	29.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	148	0.5%
Some Other Race alone	1,527	5.4%
Population of two races	3,270	11.5%
Population of three races	251	0.9%
Population of four races	20	0.1%
Population of five races	1	0.0%
Population of six races	0	0.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3,523	12.4%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	11,169	100.0%
Occupied housing units	10,705	95.8%
Vacant housing units	464	4.2%