

# **City of Benicia Solano 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	1,794
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### **1890 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	2,361
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### **1900 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	2,751
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### **1910 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	2,360
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### **1920 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	2,693
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### **1930 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	2,913
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### **1940 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	2,419
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### III. 1950

#### 1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	7,284	100.0%
RACE		
Native white	6,684	91.8%
Foreign-born white	367	5.0%
Negro	212	2.9%
Other races	30	0.4%
SEX		
Male	3,685	50.6%
Female	3,599	49.4%
AGE		
Under 5 years	984	13.5%
5 to 17 years	2,681	36.8%
18 to 64 years	2,507	34.4%
65 years and over	1,112	15.3%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	2,410	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	2,251	93.4%
Owner occupied	1,081	48.0%
Renter occupied	1,170	52.0%
Vacant	151	6.3%
Median value of 1-unit structures dollars	6,601	X
Median gross rent dollars	34	X
INCOME IN 1949		
Families median income dollars	3,477	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	4,095	100.0%
High school 4 years	970	23.7%
College 4 years or more	175	4.3%

MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP		
Employed	2,470	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	185	7.5%
Farmers and farm managers	11	0.4%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	167	6.8%
Clerical and kindred	377	15.3%
Sales	122	4.9%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	646	26.2%
Operatives and kindred	478	19.4%
Private household workers	53	2.1%
Service workers, except private household	195	7.9%
Farm laborers	8	0.3%
Laborers, except farm and mine	194	7.9%
Occupation not reported	34	1.4%

#### IV. 1960

##### 1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	6,070	100.0%
In households	6,026	99.3%
In group quarters		
RACE		
White	5,816	95.8%
Negro	188	3.1%
Other races	66	1.1%
SEX		
Male	2,991	49.3%
Female	3,079	50.7%
AGE		
Under 5 years	590	9.7%
5 to 17 years	1,739	28.6%
18 to 64 years	3,195	52.6%
65 years and over	546	9.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	2,095	100.0%
All occupied units	1,955	93.3%
Owner occupied	1,312	67.1%
Renter occupied	643	32.9%
Vacant	140	6.7%
Median value dollars	9,900	X
Median gross rent dollars	65	X
PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	5,771	95.1%
Foreign born	299	4.9%
INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	6,363	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	3,434	100.0%
High school 4 years	907	26.4%
College 4 years or more	117	3.4%

## OCCUPATION

Employed	2,139	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	156	7.3%
Farmers and farm managers	0	0.0%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	176	8.2%
Clerical and kindred	448	20.9%
Sales	132	6.2%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	499	23.3%
Operatives and kindred	352	16.5%
Private household workers	38	1.8%
Service workers, except private household	187	8.7%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	9	0.4%
Laborers, except farm and mine	108	5.0%
Occupation not reported	34	1.6%



## **V. 1970**

### **1970 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	8,783	100.0%
RACE		
White	8,254	94.0%
Negro	268	3.1%
Indian	30	0.3%
Japanese	20	0.2%
Chinese	13	0.1%
Filipino	43	0.5%
All other	101	1.1%
SEX		
Male	5,113	58.2%
Female	3,670	41.8%
AGE		
Under 5 years	760	8.7%
5 to 19 years	2,186	24.9%
20 to 64 years	5,216	59.4%
65 years and over	621	7.1%
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	2,415	100.0%
Families	2,026	83.9%
Persons per household	2.89	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	5,528	X
Income of persons	3,235	X
Less than poverty level		12.3%

## VI. 1980

### 1980 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	15,376	100.0%
RACE		
White	13,316	86.6%
Black	744	4.8%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	186	1.2%
Eskimo	0	0.0%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	715	4.7%
Japanese	125	0.8%
Chinese	160	1.0%
Filipino	356	2.3%
Korean	0	0.0%
Asian Indian	9	0.1%
Vietnamese	36	0.2%
Hawaiian	14	0.1%
Samoan	0	0.0%
Guamanian	0	0.0%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	15	0.1%
Race, n.e.c.	415	2.7%
SPANISH ORIGIN	1,007	6.5%
AGE		
Median age	30.8	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	5,737	100.0%
Families	4,152	72.4%
With own children under 18 years	2,381	41.5%
Persons per household	2.67	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979		
Median household income	23,297	X
Median family income	26,362	X
Per capita income	9,312	X
Below poverty level		4.8%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.9	X

# MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	7,231	100.0%
Private vehicle	6,682	92.4%
Drive alone car	4,437	61.4%
Drive alone truck or van	815	11.3%
Carpool car	1,261	17.4%
Carpool truck or van	169	2.3%
Public transportation	216	3.0%
Walked only	168	2.3%
Other means	115	1.6%
Worked at home	50	0.7%

## VII. 1990

### 1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	24,437	100.0%
RACE		
White	20,588	84.2%
Black	1,323	5.4%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	208	0.9%
Eskimo	19	0.1%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1,884	7.7%
Asian	1,825	7.5%
Japanese	110	0.5%
Chinese	555	2.3%
Filipino	1,005	4.1%
Korean	25	0.1%
Asian Indian	45	0.2%
Vietnamese	55	0.2%
Cambodian	0	0.0%
Hmong	0	0.0%
Laotian	0	0.0%
Thai	0	0.0%
Other Asian	30	0.1%
Pacific Islander	59	0.2%
Polynesian	7	0.0%
Hawaiian	7	0.0%
Samoan	0	0.0%
Tongan	0	0.0%
Other Polynesian	0	0.0%
Micronesian -- Guamanian	52	0.2%
Micronesian -- Other	0	0.0%
Melanesian	0	0.0%
Pacific Islander Not Specified	0	0.0%
Other Race	434	1.8%
TOTAL HISPANIC	1,708	7.0%
SEX		
Male	12,095	49.5%
Female	12,342	50.5%

AGE		
Under 5 years	1,958	8.0%
5 to 17 years	4,756	19.5%
18 to 64 years	15,737	64.4%
65 years and over	1,985	8.1%
Median age	34.6	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	9,266	100.0%
Total families	6,799	73.4%
With own children under 18 years	3,706	40.0%
Persons per household	2.63	X
Persons per family	3.07	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	49,660	X
Median family income	56,735	X
Per capita income	20,663	X
Below poverty level		5.4%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	30.0	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	12,835	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	11,494	89.6%
Drove alone	9,651	75.2%
Carpooled	1,843	14.4%
Public transportation	458	3.6%
Bus or trolley bus	115	0.9%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	200	1.6%
Railroad	15	0.1%
Ferryboat	52	0.4%
Taxicab	76	0.6%
Motorcycle	80	0.6%
Bicycle	29	0.2%
Walked	313	2.4%
Other means	73	0.6%
Working at home	388	3.0%

## VIII. 2000

### Census 2000

TOTAL POPULATION	26,865	100.0%
In households	26,811	99.8%
In group quarters	54	0.2%
RACE		
White	21,195	78.9%
Black or African American	1,295	4.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	162	0.6%
Asian	2,031	7.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	78	0.3%
Some other race	712	2.7%
Two or more races	1,392	5.2%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	2,424	9.0%
Not Hispanic or Latino	24,441	91.0%
White	19,853	73.9%
Black or African American	1,253	4.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	123	0.5%
Asian	1,986	7.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	74	0.3%
Some other race	78	0.3%
Two or more races	1,074	4.0%
SEX		
Male	13,066	48.6%
Female	13,799	51.4%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,510	5.6%
5 to 17 years	5,773	21.5%
18 to 64 years	17,084	63.6%
65 years and over	2,498	9.3%
Median age	38.9	X

## HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	10,328	100.0%
Family households	7,244	70.1%
Families with children under 18	3,794	36.7%
Average household size	2.60	X
Average family size	3.10	X

## HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	10,547	100.0%
Occupied housing units	10,328	97.9%
Owner-occupied housing units	7,304	70.7%
Renter-occupied housing units	3,024	29.3%
Vacant housing units	219	2.1%
1 unit, detached housing	6,815	64.6%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	274,600	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	892	X

## PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS

Native	24,437	90.6%
Foreign born	2,530	9.4%
Naturalized citizen	1,529	5.7%
Not a citizen	1,001	3.7%

## INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999

Median household income (dollars)	67,617	X
Median family income (dollars)	77,974	X
Per capita income (dollars)	31,226	X
Individuals in poverty	1,144	4.3%

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 and over	17,930	100.0%
High school graduate	3,160	17.6%
Bachelor's degree	4,366	24.4%
Graduate or professional degree	2,323	13.0%

## COMMUTING TO WORK

Mean travel time to work (minutes)	31.3	X
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MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	13,756	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	12,281	89.3%
Drove alone	10,669	77.6%
Carpooled	1,612	11.7%
Public transportation	577	4.2%
Bus or trolley bus	97	0.7%
Streetcar or trolley car	16	0.1%
Subway or elevated	281	2.0%
Railroad	42	0.3%
Ferryboat	103	0.7%
Taxicab	38	0.3%
Motorcycle	5	0.0%
Bicycle	69	0.5%
Walked	142	1.0%
Other means	106	0.8%
Worked at home	576	4.2%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	14,139	100.0%
Management, professional and related	6,455	45.7%
Service	1,785	12.6%
Sales and office	3,677	26.0%
Farming, fishing & forestry	42	0.3%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	1,005	7.1%
Production, transportation, and material moving	1,175	8.3%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	1,313	9.3%
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## **IX. 2010**

### **Census 2010**

TOTAL POPULATION	26,997	100.0%
In households	26,971	99.9%
In group quarters	26	0.1%

#### **RACE**

White	19,568	72.5%
Black or African American	1,510	5.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	135	0.5%
Asian	2,989	11.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	102	0.4%
Some other race	895	3.3%
Two or more races	1,798	6.7%

#### **HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE**

Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3,248	12.0%
Not Hispanic or Latino	23,749	88.0%
White	17,835	66.1%
Black or African American	1,427	5.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	93	0.3%
Asian	2,901	10.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	96	0.4%
Some other race	59	0.2%
Two or more races	1,338	5.0%

#### **SEX**

Male	12,987	48.1%
Female	14,010	51.9%

#### **AGE**

Under 5 years	1,286	4.8%
5 to 17 years	5,031	18.6%
18 to 64 years	17,313	64.1%
65 years and over	3,367	12.5%
Median age	42.9	X

#### HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	10,686	100.0%
Family households	7,419	69.4%
Families with children under 18	3,341	31.3%
Average household size	2.52	X
Average family size	3.02	X

#### HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	11,306	100.0%
Occupied housing units	10,686	94.5%
Owner-occupied housing units	7,536	70.5%
Renter-occupied housing units	3,150	29.5%
Vacant housing units	620	5.5%

## **X. 2010 American Community Survey**

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

TOTAL POPULATION	26,959	100.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	11,905	100.0%
Occupied housing units	10,916	91.7%
Owner-occupied housing units	7,746	71.0%
Renter-occupied housing units	3,170	29.0%
Vacant housing units	989	8.3%
1 unit, detached housing	7,843	65.9%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	515,200	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,243	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	24,126	89.5%
Foreign born	2,833	10.5%
Naturalized citizen	1,743	6.5%
Not a citizen	1,090	4.0%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Median household income (dollars)	87,018	X
Median family income (dollars)	99,330	X
Per capita income (dollars)	43,112	X
Individuals in poverty	1,395	5.2%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	18,978	100.0%
High school graduate		15.8%
Bachelor's degree		25.9%
Graduate or professional degree		15.3%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	29.7	X

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

Total	14,177	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	12,414	87.6%
Drove alone	11,137	78.6%
Carpooled	1,277	9.0%
Public transportation	569	4.0%
Bus or trolley bus	173	1.2%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	155	1.1%
Railroad	74	0.5%
Ferryboat	167	1.2%
Taxicab	12	0.1%
Motorcycle	74	0.5%
Bicycle	90	0.6%
Walked	197	1.4%
Other means	156	1.1%
Worked at home	665	4.7%

## LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	14,630	100.0%
Management, professional and related	6,793	46.4%
Service	1,969	13.5%
Sales and office	3,964	27.1%
Farming, fishing & forestry	Included in following category	
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	1,082	7.4%
Production, transportation, and material moving	822	5.6%

## CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	1,503	10.3%
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## **XI. 2020**

### **Census 2020**

TOTAL POPULATION	27,131	100.0%
In households	27,093	99.9%
In group quarters	38	0.1%
 RACE		
Population of one race:	23,089	85.1%
White alone	17,122	63.1%
Black or African American alone	1,378	5.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	168	0.6%
Asian alone	3,260	12.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	113	0.4%
Some Other Race alone	1,048	3.9%
Population of two races	3,619	13.3%
Population of three races	387	1.4%
Population of four races	35	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)	4,008	14.8%
 HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	11,377	100.0%
Occupied housing units	10,957	96.3%
Vacant housing units	420	3.7%