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Alameda County
Census Data**

1890-2020

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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. 1890-1930

1890 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

5,101

1900 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

13,214

1910 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

40,434

1920 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

56,036

1930 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

82,109

III. 1940

1940 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	85,547	100.0%
RACE		
White	80,267	93.8%
Non white	5,280	6.2%
Negro	3,395	4.0%
Other races	1,885	2.2%
COUNTRY OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN WHITE		
All countries	10,757	100.0%
England and Wales	1,356	12.6%
Germany	958	8.9%
Italy	5,707	53.1%
Spain and Portugal	264	2.5%
Asia	231	2.1%
Canada - French	73	0.7%
Canada - other	1,440	13.4%
Mexico	324	3.0%
SEX		
Male	39,912	46.7%
Female	45,635	53.3%
AGE		
Under 5 years	4,334	5.1%
5 to 19 years	15,996	18.7%
20 to 64 years	57,376	67.1%
65 years and over	7,841	9.2%
HOUSEHOLDS		
Population per occupied dwelling unit	3.03	X

HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	29,819	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	28,210	94.6%
Owner occupied	12,978	46.0%
Tenant occupied	15,232	54.0%
Vacant	1,159	3.9%
All dwelling units 1-family detached	18,621	62.4%
All owner occupied average value dollars	5,701	X
All owner occupied median value dollars	4,798	X
Median gross monthly rent dollars	34.79	X

YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	56,750	100.0%
High school 4 years	14,529	25.6%
College 4 years or more	11,527	20.3%

EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION		
Employed	33,797	100.0%
Professional workers	5,800	17.2%
Semiprofessional workers	797	2.4%
Proprietors, managers, and officials	4,163	12.3%
Clerical, sales and kindred	9,289	27.5%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	3,710	11.0%
Operatives and kindred	3,518	10.4%
Domestic service	1,541	4.6%
Service except domestic	3,022	8.9%
Laborers	1,691	5.0%
Occupation not reported	264	0.8%

EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
Persons 14 years and over	73,009	100.0%
In labor force	37,776	51.7%
Employed	33,797	46.3%
Seeking work	2,583	3.5%
Not in labor force	35,233	48.3%

IV. 1950

1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	113,805	100.0%
In households	102,399	90.0%
RACE		
Native white	85,692	75.3%
Foreign-born white	10,576	9.3%
Negro	13,289	11.7%
Other races	4,248	3.7%
Indians	35	0.0%
Japanese	2,147	1.9%
Chinese	1,689	1.5%
WHITE PERSONS OF SPANISH SURNAME	2,592	2.3%
SEX		
Male	55,146	48.5%
Female	58,659	51.5%
AGE		
Under 5 years	9,136	8.0%
5 to 17 years	14,149	12.4%
18 to 64 years	79,665	70.0%
65 years and over	10,855	9.5%
Median age	31.4	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total household	36,476	100.0%
Persons per household	2.81	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	37,460	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	36,527	97.5%
Owner occupied	17,400	47.6%
Renter occupied	19,127	52.4%
Vacant	933	2.5%
Median value of 1-unit structures dollars	12,290	X
Median gross rent dollars	47	X
INCOME IN 1949		
Families median income dollars	4,084	X

YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED

Population 25 years and over	71,560	100.0%
High school 4 years	17,895	25.0%
College 4 years or more	17,725	24.8%

MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP

Employed	47,145	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	11,231	23.8%
Farmers and farm managers	62	0.1%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	5,178	11.0%
Clerical and kindred	9,012	19.1%
Sales	4,060	8.6%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	4,564	9.7%
Operatives and kindred	4,276	9.1%
Private household workers	1,612	3.4%
Service workers, except private household	4,491	9.5%
Farm laborers	69	0.1%
Laborers, except farm and mine	2,246	4.8%
Occupation not reported	344	0.7%

V. 1960

1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	111,268	100.0%
In households	101,946	91.6%
In group quarters	9,322	8.4%
 RACE		
White	82,081	73.8%
Negro	21,850	19.6%
Other races	441	0.4%
Indian	71	0.1%
Japanese	3,665	3.3%
Chinese	2,678	2.4%
Filipino	482	0.4%
 WHITE, SPANISH SURNAME	3,759	3.4%
 SEX		
Male	53,094	47.7%
Female	58,174	52.3%
 AGE		
Under 5 years	9,087	8.2%
5 to 17 years	18,626	16.7%
18 to 64 years	70,067	63.0%
65 years and over	13,488	12.1%
Median age	30.2	X
 HOUSEHOLDS		
Families	26,761	100.0%
With own children under 18	12,247	45.8%
Population per household	2.57	X
 HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	41,568	100.0%
All occupied units	39,686	95.5%
Owner occupied	17,477	44.0%
Renter occupied	22,209	56.0%
Vacant	1,882	4.5%
Median value dollars	16,600	X
Median gross rent dollars	81	X

PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	99,533	89.5%
Foreign born	11,735	10.5%
INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	6,576	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	64,674	100.0%
High school 4 years	13,222	20.4%
College 4 years or more	19,693	30.4%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
All workers	46,105	100.0%
Private automobile or car pool	28,007	60.7%
Railroad, subway or elevated	28	0.1%
Bus or streetcar	6,045	13.1%
Walked to work	6,184	13.4%
Other means	977	2.1%
Worked at home	1,775	3.8%
Not reported	3,089	6.7%
OCCUPATION		
Employed	47,013	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	13,168	28.0%
Farmers and farm managers	190	0.4%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	3,463	7.4%
Clerical and kindred	9,208	19.6%
Sales	2,995	6.4%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	3,460	7.4%
Operatives and kindred	3,710	7.9%
Private household workers	1,604	3.4%
Service workers, except private household	4,121	8.8%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	14	0.3%
Laborers, except farm and mine	1,785	3.8%
Occupation not reported	3,165	6.7%
CLASS OF WORKER		
Self-employed	3,949	8.4%

VI. 1970

1970 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	116,716	100.0%
RACE		
White	79,041	67.7%
Negro	27,421	23.5%
Indian	327	0.3%
Japanese	3,417	2.9%
Chinese	4,035	3.5%
Filipino	1,126	1.0%
All other	1,349	1.2%
PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN OR DESCENT	4,114	3.5%
SEX		
Male	57,172	49.0%
Female	59,544	51.0%
AGE		
Under 5 years	6,398	5.5%
5 to 19 years	23,911	20.5%
20 to 64 years	73,225	62.7%
65 years and over	13,182	11.3%
Median age	26.4	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	45,655	100.0%
Families	24,703	54.1%
With own children under 18 years	10,727	23.5%
Persons per household	2.32	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	4,259	X
Income of persons	3,949	X
Less than poverty level		19.4%

VII. 1980

1980 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	103,328	100.0%
RACE		
White	69,129	66.9%
Black	20,671	20.0%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	424	0.4%
Eskimo	26	0.0%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	10,311	10.0%
Japanese	3,195	3.1%
Chinese	4,479	4.3%
Filipino	822	0.8%
Korean	358	0.3%
Asian Indian	502	0.5%
Vietnamese	362	0.4%
Hawaiian	107	0.1%
Samoan	13	0.0%
Guamanian	48	0.0%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	425	0.4%
Race, n.e.c.	2,763	2.7%
SPANISH ORIGIN	5,117	5.0%
SEX		
Male	51,328	49.7%
Female	52,000	50.3%
AGE		
Under 5 years	3,873	3.7%
5 to 19 years	18,499	17.9%
20 to 64 years	69,916	67.7%
65 years and over	11,040	10.7%
Median age	29.1	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	44,842	100.0%
Families	19,534	43.6%
With own children under 18 years	8,896	19.8%
Persons per household	2.10	X
Persons per family	2.84	X

INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979

Median household income	13,506	X
Median family income	20,360	X
Per capita income	8,461	X
Below poverty level		21.0%

COMMUTING TO WORK

Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.7	X
Mean travel time to work for workers traveling 45 or more minutes	57.0	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	49,153	100.0%
Private vehicle	26,076	53.1%
Drive alone car	19,284	39.2%
Drive alone truck or van	1,735	3.5%
Carpool car	4,456	9.1%
Carpool truck or van	601	1.2%
Public transportation	9,766	19.9%
Bus or streetcar	8,438	17.2%
Subway or elevated train	1,240	2.5%
Railroad	67	0.1%
Taxicab	21	0.0%
Motorcycle	322	0.7%
Bicycle	2,299	4.7%
Walked only	8,171	16.6%
Other means	575	1.2%
Worked at home	1,944	4.0%

VIII. 1990

1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	102,724	100.0%
RACE		
White	64,002	62.3%
Black	19,309	18.8%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	513	0.5%
Eskimo	8	0.0%
Aleut	13	0.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	15,219	14.8%
Asian	15,134	14.7%
Japanese	2,777	2.7%
Chinese	6,701	6.5%
Filipino	1,444	1.4%
Korean	1,480	1.4%
Asian Indian	1,094	1.1%
Vietnamese	656	0.6%
Cambodian	78	0.1%
Hmong	0	0.0%
Laotian	73	0.1%
Thai	311	0.3%
Other Asian	520	0.5%
Pacific Islander	85	0.1%
Polynesian	75	0.1%
Hawaiian	65	0.1%
Samoan	0	0.0%
Tongan	10	0.0%
Other Polynesian	0	0.0%
Micronesian -- Guamanian	10	0.0%
Micronesian -- Other	0	0.0%
Melanesian	0	0.0%
Pacific Islander Not Specified	0	0.0%
Other Race	3,681	3.6%
TOTAL HISPANIC	7,989	7.8%
SEX		
Male	51,005	49.7%
Female	51,719	50.3%

AGE		
Under 5 years	4,658	4.5%
5 to 17 years	9,931	9.7%
18 to 64 years	76,927	74.9%
65 years and over	11,208	10.9%
Median age	32.3	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	43,549	100.0%
Total families	19,127	43.9%
With own children under 18 years	8,359	19.2%
Persons per household	2.11	X
Persons per family	2.84	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	29,737	X
Median family income	44,671	X
Per capita income	18,720	X
Below poverty level		15.9%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	24.1	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	54,590	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	30,105	55.1%
Drove alone	24,742	45.3%
Carpooled	5,363	9.8%
Public transportation	8,296	15.2%
Bus or trolley bus	3,855	7.1%
Streetcar or trolley car	94	0.2%
Subway or elevated	4,195	7.7%
Railroad	93	0.2%
Ferryboat	21	0.0%
Taxicab	38	0.1%
Motorcycle	574	1.1%
Bicycle	2,651	4.9%
Walked	9,152	16.8%
Other means	477	0.9%
Working at home	3,335	6.1%

IX. 2000

Census 2000

TOTAL POPULATION	102,743	100.0%
In households	96,921	94.3%
In group quarters	5,822	5.7%
RACE		
White	60,797	59.2%
Black or African American	14,007	13.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	467	0.5%
Asian	16,837	16.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	146	0.1%
Some other race	4,764	4.6%
Two or more races	5,725	5.6%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	10,001	9.7%
Not Hispanic or Latino	92,742	90.3%
White	56,691	55.2%
Black or African American	13,707	13.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	293	0.3%
Asian	16,740	16.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	121	0.1%
Some other race	598	0.6%
Two or more races	4,592	4.5%
SEX		
Male	50,456	49.1%
Female	52,287	50.9%
AGE		
Under 5 years	4,109	4.0%
5 to 17 years	10,404	10.1%
18 to 64 years	77,746	75.7%
65 years and over	10,484	10.2%
Median age	32.5	X

HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	44,955	100.0%
Family households	18,646	41.5%
Families with children under 18	7,985	17.8%
Average household size	2.16	X
Average family size	2.84	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	46,875	100.0%
Occupied housing units	44,955	95.9%
Owner-occupied housing units	19,214	42.7%
Renter-occupied housing units	25,741	57.3%
Vacant housing units	1,920	4.1%
1 unit, detached housing	20,097	42.9%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	380,200	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	740	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	81,820	79.6%
Foreign born	20,923	20.4%
Naturalized citizen	8,916	8.7%
Not a citizen	12,007	11.7%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999		
Median household income (dollars)	44,485	X
Median family income (dollars)	70,434	X
Per capita income (dollars)	30,477	X
Individuals in poverty	19,495	20.0%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	66,133	100.0%
High school graduate	5,693	8.6%
Bachelor's degree	19,805	29.9%
Graduate or professional degree	22,686	34.3%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	27.8	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	54,674	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	28,885	52.8%
Drove alone	23,626	43.2%
Carpooled	5,259	9.6%
Public transportation	10,156	18.6%
Bus or trolley bus	3,626	6.6%
Streetcar or trolley car	111	0.2%
Subway or elevated	6,139	11.2%
Railroad	242	0.4%
Ferryboat	18	0.0%
Taxicab	20	0.0%
Motorcycle	298	0.5%
Bicycle	3,071	5.6%
Walked	8,147	14.9%
Other means	394	0.7%
Worked at home	3,723	6.8%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	55,832	100.0%
Management, professional and related	34,282	61.4%
Service	5,366	9.6%
Sales and office	11,326	20.3%
Farming, fishing & forestry	70	0.1%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	2,023	3.6%
Production, transportation, and material moving	2,765	5.0%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	6,611	11.8%
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X. 2010

Census 2010

TOTAL POPULATION	112,580	100.0%
In households	99,731	88.6%
In group quarters	12,849	11.4%
RACE		
White	66,996	59.5%
Black or African American	11,241	10.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	479	0.4%
Asian	21,690	19.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	186	0.2%
Some other race	4,994	4.4%
Two or more races	6,994	6.2%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	12,209	10.8%
Not Hispanic or Latino	100,371	89.2%
White	61,539	54.7%
Black or African American	10,896	9.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	228	0.2%
Asian	21,499	19.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	170	0.2%
Some other race	503	0.4%
Two or more races	5,536	4.9%
SEX		
Male	55,031	48.9%
Female	57,549	51.1%
AGE		
Under 5 years	4,136	3.7%
5 to 17 years	9,736	8.6%
18 to 64 years	85,532	76.0%
65 years and over	13,176	11.7%
Median age	31.0	X

HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	46,029	100.0%
Family households	18,792	40.8%
Families with children under 18	7,785	16.9%
Average household size	2.17	X
Average family size	2.81	X

HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	49,454	100.0%
Occupied housing units	46,029	93.1%
Owner-occupied housing units	18,846	40.9%
Renter-occupied housing units	27,183	59.1%
Vacant housing units	3,425	6.9%

XI. 2010 American Community Survey

2006-2010 American Community Survey

TOTAL POPULATION	109,408	100.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	46,926	100.0%
Occupied housing units	43,189	92.0%
Owner-occupied housing units	18,718	43.3%
Renter-occupied housing units	24,471	56.7%
Vacant housing units	3,737	8.0%
1 unit, detached housing	19,854	42.3%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	731,100	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,177	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	85,870	78.5%
Foreign born	23,538	21.5%
Naturalized citizen	10,748	9.8%
Not a citizen	12,790	11.7%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Median household income (dollars)	58,617	X
Median family income (dollars)	98,203	X
Per capita income (dollars)	36,498	X
Individuals in poverty	18,707	18.9%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	66,609	100.0%
High school graduate		8.8%
Bachelor's degree		31.1%
Graduate or professional degree		37.1%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.6	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	51,263	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	24,356	47.5%
Drove alone	20,722	40.4%
Carpooled	3,634	7.1%
Public transportation	9,050	17.7%
Bus or trolley bus	3,155	6.2%
Streetcar or trolley car	39	0.1%
Subway or elevated	5,557	10.8%
Railroad	285	0.6%
Ferryboat	14	0.0%
Taxicab	82	0.2%
Motorcycle	196	0.4%
Bicycle	3,858	7.5%
Walked	8,397	16.4%
Other means	367	0.7%
Worked at home	4,957	9.7%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	52,737	100.0%
Management, professional and related	33,100	62.8%
Service	5,091	9.7%
Sales and office	10,217	19.4%
Farming, fishing & forestry		Included in following category
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	2,467	4.7%
Production, transportation, and material moving	1,862	3.5%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	6,948	13.2%
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XII. 2020

Census 2020

TOTAL POPULATION	124,321	100.0%
In households	106,604	85.7%
In group quarters	17,717	14.3%
RACE		
Population of one race:	109,741	88.3%
White alone	66,267	53.3%
Black or African American alone	9,812	7.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	653	0.5%
Asian alone	24,896	20.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	265	0.2%
Some Other Race alone	7,848	6.3%
Population of two races	13,136	10.6%
Population of three races	1,216	1.0%
Population of four races	210	0.2%
Population of five races	17	0.0%
Population of six races	1	0.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	17,018	13.7%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	52,331	100.0%
Occupied housing units	47,606	91.0%
Vacant housing units	4,725	9.0%