

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

1910-2020

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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. 1910-1940

1910 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

1,565

1920 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

4,107

1930 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

13,270

1940 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

15,940

III. 1950

1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	19,886	100.0%
In households	19,664	98.9%
RACE		
Native white	17,481	87.9%
Foreign-born white	2,361	11.9%
Negro	9	0.0%
Other races	35	0.2%
Indians	0	0.0%
Japanese	13	0.1%
Chinese	17	0.1%
WHITE PERSONS OF SPANISH SURNAME	231	1.2%
SEX		
Male	9,378	47.2%
Female	10,508	52.8%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,527	7.7%
5 to 17 years	3,168	15.9%
18 to 64 years	13,229	66.5%
65 years and over	1,962	9.9%
Median age	38.3	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total household	6,892	100.0%
Persons per household	2.85	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	7,144	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	6,893	96.5%
Owner occupied	4,466	64.8%
Renter occupied	2,427	35.2%
Vacant	244	3.4%
Median value of 1-unit structures dollars	14,788	X
Median gross rent dollars	65	X
INCOME IN 1949		
Families median income dollars	5,228	X

YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED

Population 25 years and over	13,430	100.0%
High school 4 years	2,785	20.7%
College 4 years or more	2,095	15.6%

MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP

Employed	8,758	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	1,423	16.2%
Farmers and farm managers	15	0.2%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	1,566	17.9%
Clerical and kindred	1,737	19.8%
Sales	1,214	13.9%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	1,105	12.6%
Operatives and kindred	566	6.5%
Private household workers	200	2.3%
Service workers, except private household	558	6.4%
Farm laborers	16	0.2%
Laborers, except farm and mine	287	3.3%
Occupation not reported	71	0.8%

IV. 1960

1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	24,036	100.0%
In households	23,774	98.9%
In group quarters	262	1.1%
RACE		
White	23,965	99.7%
Negro	5	0.0%
Other races	25	0.1%
Indian	2	0.0%
Japanese	6	0.0%
Chinese	30	0.1%
Filipino	3	0.0%
SEX		
Male	11,331	47.1%
Female	12,705	52.9%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,482	6.2%
5 to 17 years	4,603	19.2%
18 to 64 years	14,735	61.3%
65 years and over	3,216	13.4%
Median age	40.4	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Families	6,848	100.0%
With own children under 18	2,972	43.4%
Population per household	2.63	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	9,446	100.0%
All occupied units	9,042	95.7%
Owner occupied	5,255	58.1%
Renter occupied	3,787	41.9%
Vacant	404	4.3%
Median value dollars	21,000	X
Median gross rent dollars	104	X

PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	20,974	87.3%
Foreign born	3,062	12.7%
INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	8,297	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	16,018	100.0%
High school 4 years	5,034	31.4%
College 4 years or more	2,659	16.6%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
All workers	10,702	100.0%
Private automobile or car pool	7,288	68.1%
Railroad, subway or elevated	925	8.6%
Bus or streetcar	856	8.0%
Walked to work	713	6.7%
Other means	147	1.4%
Worked at home	245	2.3%
Not reported	528	4.9%
OCCUPATION		
Employed	10,903	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	1,808	16.6%
Farmers and farm managers	36	0.3%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	1,393	12.8%
Clerical and kindred	2,429	22.3%
Sales	1,318	12.1%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	1,389	12.7%
Operatives and kindred	685	6.3%
Private household workers	224	2.1%
Service workers, except private household	757	6.9%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	15	0.1%
Laborers, except farm and mine	245	2.2%
Occupation not reported	604	5.5%
CLASS OF WORKER		
Self-employed	1,173	10.8%

V. 1970

1970 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	27,320	100.0%
RACE		
White	26,932	98.6%
Negro	29	0.1%
Indian	27	0.1%
Japanese	71	0.3%
Chinese	117	0.4%
Filipino	47	0.2%
All other	97	0.4%
PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN OR DESCENT	1,314	4.8%
SEX		
Male	12,638	46.3%
Female	14,682	53.7%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,284	4.7%
5 to 19 years	5,789	21.2%
20 to 64 years	16,248	59.5%
65 years and over	3,999	14.6%
Median age	39.1	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	11,270	100.0%
Families	7,482	66.4%
With own children under 18 years	2,995	26.6%
Persons per household	2.41	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	10,176	X
Income of persons	5,205	X
Less than poverty level		5.2%

VI. 1980

1980 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	26,173	100.0%
RACE		
White	24,462	93.5%
Black	104	0.4%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	67	0.3%
Eskimo	0	0.0%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	1,044	4.0%
Japanese	342	1.3%
Chinese	303	1.2%
Filipino	160	0.6%
Korean	62	0.2%
Asian Indian	70	0.3%
Vietnamese	0	0.0%
Hawaiian	19	0.1%
Samoan	0	0.0%
Guamanian	11	0.0%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	77	0.3%
Race, n.e.c.	496	1.9%
SPANISH ORIGIN	1,634	6.2%
AGE		
Median age	39.2	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	12,356	100.0%
Families	6,639	53.7%
With own children under 18 years	2,315	18.7%
Persons per household	2.08	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979		
Median household income	20,268	X
Median family income	27,246	X
Per capita income	11,787	X
Below poverty level		5.8%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.4	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	13,576	100.0%
Private vehicle	11,229	82.7%
Drive alone car	8,609	63.4%
Drive alone truck or van	1,075	7.9%
Carpool car	1,340	9.9%
Carpool truck or van	205	1.5%
Public transportation	1,340	9.9%
Walked only	479	3.5%
Other means	320	2.4%
Worked at home	208	1.5%

VII. 1990

1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	26,801	100.0%
RACE		
White	23,529	87.8%
Black	179	0.7%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	103	0.4%
Eskimo	0	0.0%
Aleut	14	0.1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2,371	8.8%
Asian	2,314	8.6%
Japanese	352	1.3%
Chinese	1,127	4.2%
Filipino	464	1.7%
Korean	156	0.6%
Asian Indian	72	0.3%
Vietnamese	0	0.0%
Cambodian	0	0.0%
Hmong	0	0.0%
Laotian	0	0.0%
Thai	0	0.0%
Other Asian	143	0.5%
Pacific Islander	57	0.2%
Polynesian	57	0.2%
Hawaiian	14	0.1%
Samoan	35	0.1%
Tongan	0	0.0%
Other Polynesian	8	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	619	2.3%
TOTAL HISPANIC	2,962	11.1%
SEX		
Male	12,611	47.1%
Female	14,190	52.9%

AGE		
Under 5 years	1,386	5.2%
5 to 17 years	2,881	10.7%
18 to 64 years	17,367	64.8%
65 years and over	5,167	19.3%
Median age	38.6	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	12,375	100.0%
Total families	6,723	54.3%
With own children under 18 years	2,486	20.1%
Persons per household	2.13	X
Persons per family	2.83	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	42,487	X
Median family income	55,089	X
Per capita income	25,031	X
Below poverty level		4.6%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	23.2	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	14,818	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	12,632	85.2%
Drove alone	11,265	76.0%
Carpooled	1,367	9.2%
Public transportation	1,124	7.6%
Bus or trolley bus	316	2.1%
Streetcar or trolley car	10	0.1%
Subway or elevated	56	0.4%
Railroad	723	4.9%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	19	0.1%
Motorcycle	62	0.4%
Bicycle	149	1.0%
Walked	409	2.8%
Other means	61	0.4%
Working at home	381	2.6%

VIII. 2000

Census 2000

TOTAL POPULATION	28,158	100.0%
In households	27,672	98.3%
In group quarters	488	1.7%
RACE		
White	21,648	76.9%
Black or African American	296	1.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native	65	0.2%
Asian	3,881	13.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	135	0.5%
Some other race	1,019	3.6%
Two or more races	1,114	4.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	2,995	10.6%
Not Hispanic or Latino	25,163	89.4%
White	20,063	71.3%
Black or African American	266	0.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native	39	0.1%
Asian	3,841	13.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	132	0.5%
Some other race	68	0.2%
Two or more races	754	2.7%
SEX		
Male	13,454	47.8%
Female	14,704	52.2%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,574	5.6%
5 to 17 years	3,828	13.6%
18 to 64 years	18,469	65.6%
65 years and over	4,287	15.2%
Median age	38.4	X

HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	12,511	100.0%
Family households	6,954	55.6%
Families with children under 18	3,017	24.1%
Average household size	2.21	X
Average family size	2.93	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	12,869	100.0%
Occupied housing units	12,511	97.2%
Owner-occupied housing units	5,987	47.9%
Renter-occupied housing units	6,524	52.1%
Vacant housing units	358	2.8%
1 unit, detached housing	6,111	47.5%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	685,900	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,108	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	21,100	75.4%
Foreign born	6,875	24.6%
Naturalized citizen	3,651	13.1%
Not a citizen	3,224	11.5%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999		
Median household income (dollars)	68,526	X
Median family income (dollars)	91,309	X
Per capita income (dollars)	43,565	X
Individuals in poverty	1,570	5.7%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	21,111	100.0%
High school graduate	3,164	15.0%
Bachelor's degree	6,381	30.2%
Graduate or professional degree	3,740	17.7%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.1	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	15,202	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	12,786	84.1%
Drove alone	11,733	77.2%
Carpooled	1,053	6.9%
Public transportation	1,157	7.6%
Bus or trolley bus	257	1.7%
Streetcar or trolley car	9	0.1%
Subway or elevated	126	0.8%
Railroad	751	4.9%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	14	0.1%
Motorcycle	24	0.2%
Bicycle	108	0.7%
Walked	360	2.4%
Other means	52	0.3%
Worked at home	715	4.7%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	15,385	100.0%
Management, professional and related	8,064	52.4%
Service	1,648	10.7%
Sales and office	4,085	26.6%
Farming, fishing & forestry	0	0.0%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	847	5.5%
Production, transportation, and material moving	741	4.8%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	1,537	10.0%
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IX. 2010

Census 2010

TOTAL POPULATION	28,806	100.0%
In households	28,357	98.4%
In group quarters	449	1.6%
RACE		
White	19,510	67.7%
Black or African American	360	1.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native	74	0.3%
Asian	5,841	20.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	139	0.5%
Some other race	1,451	5.0%
Two or more races	1,431	5.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3,966	13.8%
Not Hispanic or Latino	24,840	86.2%
White	17,434	60.5%
Black or African American	327	1.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native	34	0.1%
Asian	5,773	20.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	129	0.4%
Some other race	156	0.5%
Two or more races	987	3.4%
SEX		
Male	13,680	47.5%
Female	15,126	52.5%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,877	6.5%
5 to 17 years	4,379	15.2%
18 to 64 years	18,504	64.2%
65 years and over	4,046	14.0%
Median age	40.5	X

HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	12,361	100.0%
Family households	7,183	58.1%
Families with children under 18	3,490	28.2%
Average household size	2.29	X
Average family size	3.02	X

HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	13,027	100.0%
Occupied housing units	12,361	94.9%
Owner-occupied housing units	5,821	47.1%
Renter-occupied housing units	6,540	52.9%
Vacant housing units	666	5.1%

X. 2010 American Community Survey

2006-2010 American Community Survey

TOTAL POPULATION	28,204	100.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	12,347	100.0%
Occupied housing units	11,526	93.4%
Owner-occupied housing units	5,783	50.2%
Renter-occupied housing units	5,743	49.8%
Vacant housing units	821	6.6%
1 unit, detached housing	5,965	48.3%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	1,000,000+	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,338	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	20,649	73.2%
Foreign born	7,555	26.8%
Naturalized citizen	4,443	15.8%
Not a citizen	3,112	11.0%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Median household income (dollars)	81,849	X
Median family income (dollars)	106,773	X
Per capita income (dollars)	49,532	X
Individuals in poverty	1,959	7.2%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	20,622	100.0%
High school graduate		15.5%
Bachelor's degree		31.8%
Graduate or professional degree		21.7%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.9	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	13,605	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	10,691	78.6%
Drove alone	9,852	72.4%
Carpooled	839	6.2%
Public transportation	1,637	12.0%
Bus or trolley bus	454	3.3%
Streetcar or trolley car	9	0.1%
Subway or elevated	564	4.1%
Railroad	610	4.5%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	0	0.0%
Motorcycle	10	0.1%
Bicycle	166	1.2%
Walked	362	2.7%
Other means	133	1.0%
Worked at home	606	4.5%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	13,845	100.0%
Management, professional and related	7,457	53.9%
Service	1,682	12.1%
Sales and office	3,245	23.4%
Farming, fishing & forestry		Included in following category
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	658	4.8%
Production, transportation, and material moving	803	5.8%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	1,432	10.3%
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XI. 2020

Census 2020

TOTAL POPULATION	31,386	100.0%
In households	30,806	98.2%
In group quarters	580	1.8%
RACE		
Population of one race:	27,728	88.3%
White alone	16,647	53.0%
Black or African American alone	298	0.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	120	0.4%
Asian alone	8,649	27.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	113	0.4%
Some Other Race alone	1,901	6.1%
Population of two races	3,420	10.9%
Population of three races	220	0.7%
Population of four races	18	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)	4,263	13.6%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	13,170	100.0%
Occupied housing units	12,481	94.8%
Vacant housing units	689	5.2%