

**City of Gilroy
Santa Clara County
Census Data**

1870-2020

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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. 1870-1940

1870 Census TOTAL POPULATION	1,625
1880 Census TOTAL POPULATION	1,621
1890 Census TOTAL POPULATION	1,694
1900 Census TOTAL POPULATION	1,820
1910 Census TOTAL POPULATION	2,437
1920 Census TOTAL POPULATION	2,862
1930 Census TOTAL POPULATION	3,502
1940 Census TOTAL POPULATION	3,615

III. 1950

1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	4,951	100.0%
RACE		
Native white	4,175	84.3%
Foreign-born white	660	13.3%
Negro	23	0.5%
Other races	93	1.9%
SEX		
Male	2,489	50.3%
Female	2,462	49.7%
AGE		
Under 5 years	580	11.7%
5 to 19 years	1,851	37.4%
20 to 64 years	1,630	32.9%
65 years and over	890	18.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	1,439	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	1,393	96.8%
Owner occupied	765	54.9%
Renter occupied	628	45.1%
Vacant	27	1.9%
Median value of 1-unit structures dollars	8,130	X
Median gross rent dollars	36	X
INCOME IN 1949		
Families median income dollars	3,210	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	2,725	100.0%
High school 4 years	560	20.6%
College 4 years or more	160	5.9%

MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP		
Employed	1,823	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	146	8.0%
Farmers and farm managers	67	3.7%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	234	12.8%
Clerical and kindred	153	8.4%
Sales	133	7.3%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	212	11.6%
Operatives and kindred	379	20.8%
Private household workers	21	1.2%
Service workers, except private household	188	10.3%
Farm laborers	151	8.3%
Laborers, except farm and mine	119	6.5%
Occupation not reported	20	1.1%

IV. 1960

1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	7,348	100.0%
In households	7,266	98.9%
RACE		
White	7,150	97.3%
Negro	1	0.0%
Other races	197	2.7%
SEX		
Male	3,601	49.0%
Female	3,747	51.0%
AGE		
Under 5 years	868	11.8%
5 to 17 years	2,291	31.2%
18 to 64 years	3,570	48.6%
65 years and over	619	8.4%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	2,300	100.0%
All occupied units	2,125	92.4%
Owner occupied	1,321	62.2%
Renter occupied	804	37.8%
Vacant	175	7.6%
Median value dollars	13,700	X
Median gross rent dollars	74	X
PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	6,462	87.9%
Foreign born	886	12.1%
INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	6,161	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	3,798	100.0%
High school 4 years	892	23.5%
College 4 years or more	318	8.4%

OCCUPATION		
Employed	2,456	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	275	11.2%
Farmers and farm managers	70	2.9%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	247	10.1%
Clerical and kindred	310	12.6%
Sales	194	7.9%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	268	10.9%
Operatives and kindred	425	17.3%
Private household workers	25	1.0%
Service workers, except private household	211	8.6%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	138	5.6%
Laborers, except farm and mine	174	7.1%
Occupation not reported	119	4.8%

V. 1970

1970 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	12,665	100.0%
RACE		
White	11,859	93.6%
Negro	27	0.2%
Indian	70	0.6%
Japanese	231	1.8%
Chinese	69	0.5%
Filipino	129	1.0%
All other	280	2.2%
PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN OR DESCENT	5,418	42.8%
SEX		
Male	6,216	49.1%
Female	6,449	50.9%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,291	10.2%
5 to 19 years	4,167	32.9%
20 to 64 years	6,178	48.8%
65 years and over	1,029	8.1%
Median age	24.6	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	3,635	100.0%
Families	3,022	83.1%
With own children under 18 years	1,856	51.1%
Persons per household	3.46	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	8,520	X
Income of persons	2,894	X
Less than poverty level		14.1%

VI. 1980

1980 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	21,641	100.0%
RACE		
White	14,743	68.1%
Black	137	0.6%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	272	1.3%
Eskimo	0	0.0%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	689	3.2%
Japanese	416	1.9%
Chinese	84	0.4%
Filipino	98	0.5%
Korean	0	0.0%
Asian Indian	48	0.2%
Vietnamese	0	0.0%
Hawaiian	0	0.0%
Samoan	0	0.0%
Guamanian	32	0.1%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	11	0.1%
Race, n.e.c.	5,800	26.8%
SPANISH ORIGIN	9,733	45.0%
AGE		
Median age	26.4	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	6,839	100.0%
Families	5,472	80.0%
With own children under 18 years	3,223	47.7%
Persons per household	3.14	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979		
Median household income	19,139	X
Median family income	21,776	X
Per capita income	6,942	X
Below poverty level		13.0%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	20.6	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	8,513	100.0%
Private vehicle	7,582	89.1%
Drive alone car	4,769	56.0%
Drive alone truck or van	1,226	14.4%
Carpool car	1,296	15.2%
Carpool truck or van	291	3.4%
Public transportation	195	2.3%
Walked only	394	4.6%
Other means	236	2.8%
Worked at home	106	1.2%

VII. 1990

1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	31,487	100.0%
RACE		
White	21,688	68.9%
Black	296	0.9%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	143	0.5%
Eskimo	0	0.0%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1,264	4.0%
Asian	1,184	3.8%
Japanese	447	1.4%
Chinese	123	0.4%
Filipino	459	1.5%
Korean	62	0.2%
Asian Indian	25	0.1%
Vietnamese	61	0.2%
Cambodian	0	0.0%
Hmong	0	0.0%
Laotian	0	0.0%
Thai	0	0.0%
Other Asian	7	0.0%
Pacific Islander	80	0.3%
Polynesian	73	0.2%
Hawaiian	73	0.2%
Samoan	0	0.0%
Tongan	0	0.0%
Other Polynesian	0	0.0%
Micronesian -- Guamanian	7	0.0%
Micronesian -- Other	0	0.0%
Melanesian	0	0.0%
Pacific Islander Not Specified	0	0.0%
Other Race	8,096	25.7%
TOTAL HISPANIC	14,762	46.9%
SEX		
Male	15,654	49.7%
Female	15,833	50.3%

AGE		
Under 5 years	2,958	9.4%
5 to 17 years	7,112	22.6%
18 to 64 years	19,023	60.4%
65 years and over	2,394	7.6%
Median age	28.6	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	9,464	100.0%
Total families	7,588	80.2%
With own children under 18 years	4,553	48.1%
Persons per household	3.29	X
Persons per family	3.63	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	40,955	X
Median family income	44,133	X
Per capita income	14,241	X
Below poverty level		12.7%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	23.7	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	14,498	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	13,396	92.4%
Drove alone	10,789	74.4%
Carpooled	2,607	18.0%
Public transportation	194	1.3%
Bus or trolley bus	194	1.3%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	0	0.0%
Railroad	0	0.0%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	0	0.0%
Motorcycle	42	0.3%
Bicycle	196	1.4%
Walked	350	2.4%
Other means	54	0.4%
Working at home	266	1.8%

VIII. 2000

Census 2000

TOTAL POPULATION	41,464	100.0%
In households	41,034	99.0%
In group quarters	430	1.0%
RACE		
White	24,426	58.9%
Black or African American	745	1.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	661	1.6%
Asian	1,810	4.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	105	0.3%
Some other race	11,499	27.7%
Two or more races	2,218	5.3%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	22,298	53.8%
Not Hispanic or Latino	19,166	46.2%
White	15,767	38.0%
Black or African American	615	1.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native	193	0.5%
Asian	1,658	4.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	74	0.2%
Some other race	58	0.1%
Two or more races	801	1.9%
SEX		
Male	20,656	49.8%
Female	20,808	50.2%
AGE		
Under 5 years	3,903	9.4%
5 to 17 years	9,598	23.1%
18 to 64 years	25,148	60.7%
65 years and over	2,815	6.8%
Median age	29.9	X

HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	11,869	100.0%
Family households	9,590	80.8%
Families with children under 18	5,660	47.7%
Average household size	3.46	X
Average family size	3.74	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	12,152	100.0%
Occupied housing units	11,869	97.7%
Owner-occupied housing units	7,264	61.2%
Renter-occupied housing units	4,605	38.8%
Vacant housing units	283	2.3%
1 unit, detached housing	7,768	63.8%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	344,100	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	936	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	31,545	75.9%
Foreign born	10,042	24.1%
Naturalized citizen	2,575	6.2%
Not a citizen	7,467	18.0%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999		
Median household income (dollars)	62,135	X
Median family income (dollars)	65,330	X
Per capita income (dollars)	22,071	X
Individuals in poverty	4,250	10.4%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	24,105	100.0%
High school graduate	4,833	20.0%
Bachelor's degree	3,209	13.3%
Graduate or professional degree	1,388	5.8%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	30.6	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	18,774	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	16,760	89.3%
Drove alone	13,158	70.1%
Carpooled	3,602	19.2%
Public transportation	675	3.6%
Bus or trolley bus	366	1.9%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	0	0.0%
Railroad	309	1.6%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	0	0.0%
Motorcycle	44	0.2%
Bicycle	187	1.0%
Walked	331	1.8%
Other means	289	1.5%
Worked at home	488	2.6%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	19,259	100.0%
Management, professional and related	5,511	28.6%
Service	2,741	14.2%
Sales and office	5,405	28.1%
Farming, fishing & forestry	622	3.2%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	2,095	10.9%
Production, transportation, and material moving	2,885	15.0%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	1,146	6.0%
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IX. 2010

Census 2010

TOTAL POPULATION	48,821	100.0%
In households	48,015	98.3%
In group quarters	806	1.7%
RACE		
White	28,674	58.7%
Black or African American	942	1.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native	831	1.7%
Asian	3,448	7.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	111	0.2%
Some other race	12,322	25.2%
Two or more races	2,493	5.1%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	28,214	57.8%
Not Hispanic or Latino	20,607	42.2%
White	15,335	31.4%
Black or African American	709	1.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native	180	0.4%
Asian	3,265	6.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	86	0.2%
Some other race	58	0.1%
Two or more races	974	2.0%
SEX		
Male	24,229	49.6%
Female	24,592	50.4%
AGE		
Under 5 years	4,144	8.5%
5 to 17 years	10,839	22.2%
18 to 64 years	29,740	60.9%
65 years and over	4,098	8.4%
Median age	32.4	X

HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	14,175	100.0%
Family households	11,336	80.0%
Families with children under 18	6,243	44.0%
Average household size	3.39	X
Average family size	3.69	X

HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	14,854	100.0%
Occupied housing units	14,175	95.4%
Owner-occupied housing units	8,624	60.8%
Renter-occupied housing units	5,551	39.2%
Vacant housing units	679	4.6%

X. 2010 American Community Survey

2006-2010 American Community Survey

TOTAL POPULATION	46,807	100.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	14,772	100.0%
Occupied housing units	14,147	95.8%
Owner-occupied housing units	8,904	62.9%
Renter-occupied housing units	5,243	37.1%
Vacant housing units	625	4.2%
1 unit, detached housing	9,942	67.3%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	592,300	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,167	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	34,921	74.6%
Foreign born	11,886	25.4%
Naturalized citizen	4,854	10.4%
Not a citizen	7,032	15.0%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Median household income (dollars)	71,340	X
Median family income (dollars)	80,812	X
Per capita income (dollars)	28,527	X
Individuals in poverty	4,001	8.7%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	27,926	100.0%
High school graduate		21.3%
Bachelor's degree		17.0%
Graduate or professional degree		7.6%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	28.9	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	20,853	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	18,464	88.5%
Drove alone	14,999	71.9%
Carpooled	3,465	16.6%
Public transportation	562	2.7%
Bus or trolley bus	452	2.2%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	0	0.0%
Railroad	110	0.5%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	19	0.1%
Motorcycle	63	0.3%
Bicycle	148	0.7%
Walked	410	2.0%
Other means	427	2.0%
Worked at home	760	3.6%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	21,272	100.0%
Management, professional and related	6,476	30.4%
Service	4,047	19.0%
Sales and office	5,114	24.0%
Farming, fishing & forestry		Included in following category
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	3,222	15.1%
Production, transportation, and material moving	2,413	11.3%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	1,422	6.7%
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XI. 2020

Census 2020

TOTAL POPULATION	59,520	100.0%
In households	58,901	99.0%
In group quarters	619	1.0%
RACE		
Population of one race:	47,912	80.5%
White alone	20,836	35.0%
Black or African American alone	1,352	2.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1,557	2.6%
Asian alone	6,313	10.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	210	0.4%
Some Other Race alone	17,644	29.6%
Population of two races	10,870	18.3%
Population of three races	688	1.2%
Population of four races	47	0.1%
Population of five races	3	0.0%
Population of six races	0	0.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	33,650	56.5%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	18,248	100.0%
Occupied housing units	17,637	96.7%
Vacant housing units	611	3.3%