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Santa Clara 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	555
1890 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	1,652
1900 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	1,915
1910 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	2,232
1920 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	2,317
1930 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	3,168
1940 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	3,597

III. 1950

1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	4,907	100.0%
RACE		
Native white	4,254	86.7%
Foreign-born white	619	12.6%
Negro	9	0.2%
Other races	25	0.5%
SEX		
Male	2,268	46.2%
Female	2,639	53.8%
AGE		
Under 5 years	364	7.4%
5 to 17 years	1,291	26.3%
18 to 64 years	1,911	38.9%
65 years and over	1,341	27.3%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	1,925	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	1,757	91.3%
Owner occupied	1,058	60.2%
Renter occupied	699	39.8%
Vacant	149	7.7%
Median value of 1-unit structures dollars	10,310	X
Median gross rent dollars	42	X
INCOME IN 1949		
Families median income dollars	2,500	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	3,305	100.0%
High school 4 years	855	25.9%
College 4 years or more	340	10.3%

MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP		
Employed	1,692	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	231	13.7%
Farmers and farm managers	15	0.9%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	192	11.3%
Clerical and kindred	222	13.1%
Sales	197	11.6%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	280	16.5%
Operatives and kindred	207	12.2%
Private household workers	38	2.2%
Service workers, except private household	164	9.7%
Farm laborers	17	1.0%
Laborers, except farm and mine	117	6.9%
Occupation not reported	12	0.7%

IV. 1960

1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	9,036	100.0%
In households	8,749	96.8%
RACE		
White	8,961	99.2%
Negro	6	0.1%
Other races	69	0.8%
SEX		
Male	4,161	46.0%
Female	4,875	54.0%
AGE		
Under 5 years	912	10.1%
5 to 17 years	1,984	22.0%
18 to 64 years	4,566	50.5%
65 years and over	1,574	17.4%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	3,563	100.0%
All occupied units	3,254	91.3%
Owner occupied	2,018	62.0%
Renter occupied	1,236	38.0%
Vacant	309	8.7%
Median value dollars	16,800	X
Median gross rent dollars	87	X
PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	8,194	90.7%
Foreign born	842	9.3%
INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	6,801	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	5,684	100.0%
High school 4 years	1,596	28.1%
College 4 years or more	961	16.9%

OCCUPATION

Employed	3,415	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	659	19.3%
Farmers and farm managers	22	0.6%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	434	12.7%
Clerical and kindred	495	14.5%
Sales	283	8.3%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	447	13.1%
Operatives and kindred	386	11.3%
Private household workers	138	4.0%
Service workers, except private household	240	7.0%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	8	0.2%
Laborers, except farm and mine	134	3.9%
Occupation not reported	169	4.9%

V. 1970

1970 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	23,735	100.0%
RACE		
White	23,340	98.3%
Negro	38	0.2%
Indian	52	0.2%
Japanese	123	0.5%
Chinese	89	0.4%
Filipino	27	0.1%
All other	66	0.3%
PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN OR DESCENT	821	3.5%
SEX		
Male	11,215	47.3%
Female	12,520	52.7%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,658	7.0%
5 to 19 years	7,128	30.0%
20 to 64 years	12,277	51.7%
65 years and over	2,672	11.3%
Median age	30.3	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	7,814	100.0%
Families	5,980	76.5%
With own children under 18 years	3,482	44.6%
Persons per household	2.96	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	11,213	X
Income of persons	4,555	X
Less than poverty level		6.7%

VI. 1980

1980 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	26,906	100.0%
RACE		
White	25,793	95.9%
Black	108	0.4%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	86	0.3%
Eskimo	0	0.0%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	638	2.4%
Japanese	221	0.8%
Chinese	214	0.8%
Filipino	75	0.3%
Korean	13	0.0%
Asian Indian	78	0.3%
Vietnamese	0	0.0%
Hawaiian	24	0.1%
Samoan	0	0.0%
Guamanian	0	0.0%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	13	0.0%
Race, n.e.c.	281	1.0%
SPANISH ORIGIN	1,150	4.3%
AGE		
Median age	35.0	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	10,539	100.0%
Families	6,726	63.8%
With own children under 18 years	3,308	31.4%
Persons per household	2.47	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979		
Median household income	26,329	X
Median family income	32,924	X
Per capita income	12,771	X
Below poverty level		5.4%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.0	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	13,759	100.0%
Private vehicle	12,422	90.3%
Drive alone car	9,196	66.8%
Drive alone truck or van	1,226	8.9%
Carpool car	1,795	13.0%
Carpool truck or van	205	1.5%
Public transportation	321	2.3%
Walked only	399	2.9%
Other means	292	2.1%
Worked at home	325	2.4%

VII. 1990

1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	27,357	100.0%
RACE		
White	25,467	93.1%
Black	116	0.4%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	76	0.3%
Eskimo	0	0.0%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1,386	5.1%
Asian	1,360	5.0%
Japanese	235	0.9%
Chinese	401	1.5%
Filipino	177	0.6%
Korean	156	0.6%
Asian Indian	251	0.9%
Vietnamese	120	0.4%
Cambodian	0	0.0%
Hmong	0	0.0%
Laotian	0	0.0%
Thai	0	0.0%
Other Asian	20	0.1%
Pacific Islander	26	0.1%
Polynesian	26	0.1%
Hawaiian	26	0.1%
Samoan	0	0.0%
Tongan	0	0.0%
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	312	1.1%
TOTAL HISPANIC	1,277	4.7%
SEX		
Male	12,992	47.5%
Female	14,365	52.5%

AGE		
Under 5 years	1,400	5.1%
5 to 17 years	3,629	13.3%
18 to 64 years	18,810	68.8%
65 years and over	3,518	12.9%
Median age	38.8	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	11,323	100.0%
Total families	7,269	64.2%
With own children under 18 years	2,909	25.7%
Persons per household	2.36	X
Persons per family	2.84	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	57,815	X
Median family income	69,481	X
Per capita income	33,714	X
Below poverty level		4.5%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	23.8	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	15,786	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	14,508	91.9%
Drove alone	13,356	84.6%
Carpooled	1,152	7.3%
Public transportation	192	1.2%
Bus or trolley bus	165	1.0%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	0	0.0%
Railroad	27	0.2%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	0	0.0%
Motorcycle	40	0.3%
Bicycle	117	0.7%
Walked	284	1.8%
Other means	66	0.4%
Working at home	579	3.7%

VIII. 2000

Census 2000

TOTAL POPULATION	28,592	100.0%
In households	27,890	97.5%
In group quarters	702	2.5%
RACE		
White	24,784	86.7%
Black or African American	226	0.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	87	0.3%
Asian	2,173	7.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	21	0.1%
Some other race	366	1.3%
Two or more races	935	3.3%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1,491	5.2%
Not Hispanic or Latino	27,101	94.8%
White	23,821	83.3%
Black or African American	217	0.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	53	0.2%
Asian	2,160	7.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	19	0.1%
Some other race	54	0.2%
Two or more races	777	2.7%
SEX		
Male	13,576	47.5%
Female	15,016	52.5%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,419	5.0%
5 to 17 years	4,633	16.2%
18 to 64 years	18,156	63.5%
65 years and over	4,384	15.3%
Median age	41.2	X

HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	11,988	100.0%
Family households	7,303	60.9%
Families with children under 18	3,268	27.3%
Average household size	2.33	X
Average family size	2.93	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	12,367	100.0%
Occupied housing units	11,988	96.9%
Owner-occupied housing units	7,827	65.3%
Renter-occupied housing units	4,161	34.7%
Vacant housing units	379	3.1%
1 unit, detached housing	6,968	56.2%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	784,600	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,331	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	24,423	85.1%
Foreign born	4,260	14.9%
Naturalized citizen	2,144	7.5%
Not a citizen	2,116	7.4%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999		
Median household income (dollars)	94,319	X
Median family income (dollars)	119,194	X
Per capita income (dollars)	56,094	X
Individuals in poverty	1,217	4.3%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	21,403	100.0%
High school graduate	2,085	9.7%
Bachelor's degree	7,187	33.6%
Graduate or professional degree	5,419	25.3%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.6	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	14,890	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	13,575	91.2%
Drove alone	12,272	82.4%
Carpooled	1,303	8.8%
Public transportation	154	1.0%
Bus or trolley bus	97	0.7%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	0	0.0%
Railroad	34	0.2%
Ferryboat	7	0.0%
Taxicab	16	0.1%
Motorcycle	10	0.1%
Bicycle	99	0.7%
Walked	194	1.3%
Other means	6	0.0%
Worked at home	852	5.7%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	15,148	100.0%
Management, professional and related	9,762	64.4%
Service	772	5.1%
Sales and office	3,548	23.4%
Farming, fishing & forestry	31	0.2%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	522	3.4%
Production, transportation, and material moving	513	3.4%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	1,531	10.1%
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IX. 2010

Census 2010

TOTAL POPULATION	29,413	100.0%
In households	29,063	98.8%
In group quarters	350	1.2%
RACE		
White	24,060	81.8%
Black or African American	269	0.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native	86	0.3%
Asian	3,203	10.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	52	0.2%
Some other race	462	1.6%
Two or more races	1,281	4.4%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	2,120	7.2%
Not Hispanic or Latino	27,293	92.8%
White	22,657	77.0%
Black or African American	254	0.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native	51	0.2%
Asian	3,177	10.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	43	0.1%
Some other race	65	0.2%
Two or more races	1,046	3.6%
SEX		
Male	14,091	47.9%
Female	15,322	52.1%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,379	4.7%
5 to 17 years	5,188	17.6%
18 to 64 years	17,581	59.8%
65 years and over	5,265	17.9%
Median age	45.0	X

HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	12,355	100.0%
Family households	7,801	63.1%
Families with children under 18	3,624	29.3%
Average household size	2.35	X
Average family size	2.96	X

HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	13,050	100.0%
Occupied housing units	12,355	94.7%
Owner-occupied housing units	7,778	63.0%
Renter-occupied housing units	4,577	37.0%
Vacant housing units	695	5.3%

X. 2010 American Community Survey

2006-2010 American Community Survey

TOTAL POPULATION	28,878	100.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	12,819	100.0%
Occupied housing units	12,064	94.1%
Owner-occupied housing units	7,894	65.4%
Renter-occupied housing units	4,170	34.6%
Vacant housing units	755	5.9%
1 unit, detached housing	7,418	57.9%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	1,000,000+	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,637	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	24,003	83.1%
Foreign born	4,875	16.9%
Naturalized citizen	3,075	10.6%
Not a citizen	1,800	6.2%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Median household income (dollars)	120,971	X
Median family income (dollars)	158,958	X
Per capita income (dollars)	68,380	X
Individuals in poverty	1,002	3.5%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	20,899	100.0%
High school graduate		8.8%
Bachelor's degree		37.6%
Graduate or professional degree		26.9%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.4	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	13,077	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	11,562	88.4%
Drove alone	10,877	83.2%
Carpooled	685	5.2%
Public transportation	132	1.0%
Bus or trolley bus	57	0.4%
Streetcar or trolley car	15	0.1%
Subway or elevated	44	0.3%
Railroad	16	0.1%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	48	0.4%
Motorcycle	73	0.6%
Bicycle	87	0.7%
Walked	327	2.5%
Other means	74	0.6%
Worked at home	774	5.9%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	13,549	100.0%
Management, professional and related	8,420	62.1%
Service	894	6.6%
Sales and office	3,361	24.8%
Farming, fishing & forestry		Included in following category
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	481	3.6%
Production, transportation, and material moving	393	2.9%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	1,672	12.3%
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XI. 2020

Census 2020

TOTAL POPULATION	33,529	100.0%
In households	33,079	98.7%
In group quarters	450	1.3%
RACE		
Population of one race:	30,053	89.6%
White alone	22,569	67.3%
Black or African American alone	315	0.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	102	0.3%
Asian alone	6,153	18.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	27	0.1%
Some Other Race alone	887	2.6%
Population of two races	3,253	9.7%
Population of three races	206	0.6%
Population of four races	12	0.0%
Population of five races	5	0.0%
Population of six races	0	0.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3,017	9.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	13,824	100.0%
Occupied housing units	13,061	94.5%
Vacant housing units	763	5.5%