

**City of Novato
Marin County
Census Data
1950-2020**

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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. 1950

1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	3,496	100.0%
RACE		
Native white	3,056	87.4%
Foreign-born white	408	11.7%
Negro	9	0.3%
Other races	23	0.7%
SEX		
Male	1,790	51.2%
Female	1,706	48.8%
AGE		
Under 5 years	440	12.6%
5 to 19 years	1,130	32.3%
20 to 64 years	1,459	41.7%
65 years and over	467	13.4%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	1,243	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	1,115	89.7%
Owner occupied	818	73.4%
Renter occupied	297	26.6%
Vacant	89	7.2%
Median value of 1-unit structures dollars	11,666	X
Median gross rent dollars	67	X
INCOME IN 1949		
Families median income dollars	3,417	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	2,130	100.0%
High school 4 years	755	35.4%
College 4 years or more	155	7.3%

MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP		
Employed	1,090	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	128	11.7%
Farmers and farm managers	50	4.6%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	135	12.4%
Clerical and kindred	141	12.9%
Sales	80	7.3%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	204	18.7%
Operatives and kindred	108	9.9%
Private household workers	12	1.1%
Service workers, except private household	99	9.1%
Farm laborers	55	5.0%
Laborers, except farm and mine	59	5.4%
Occupation not reported	19	1.7%

III. 1960

1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	17,881	100.0%
In households	16,161	90.4%
In group quarters	1,720	9.6%
RACE		
White	17,113	95.7%
Negro	510	2.9%
Other races	40	0.2%
Indian	16	0.1%
Japanese	112	0.6%
Chinese	55	0.3%
Filipino	35	0.2%
SEX		
Male	9,699	54.2%
Female	8,182	45.8%
AGE		
Under 5 years	2,575	14.4%
5 to 17 years	4,783	26.7%
18 to 64 years	10,004	55.9%
65 years and over	519	2.9%
Median age	23.5	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Families	4,102	100.0%
With own children under 18	3,063	74.7%
Population per household	3.75	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	5,016	100.0%
All occupied units	4,311	85.9%
Owner occupied	2,553	59.2%
Renter occupied	1,758	40.8%
Vacant	705	14.1%
Median value dollars	17,100	X
Median gross rent dollars	100	X

PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	16,956	94.8%
Foreign born	925	5.2%
INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	7,156	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	8,474	100.0%
High school 4 years	3,476	41.0%
College 4 years or more	898	10.6%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
All workers	6,886	100.0%
Private automobile or car pool	4,394	63.8%
Railroad, subway or elevated	0	0.0%
Bus or streetcar	208	3.0%
Walked to work	230	3.3%
Other means	169	2.5%
Worked at home	1,729	25.1%
Not reported	156	2.3%
OCCUPATION		
Employed	3,926	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	531	13.5%
Farmers and farm managers	8	0.2%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	360	9.2%
Clerical and kindred	795	20.2%
Sales	381	9.7%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	659	16.8%
Operatives and kindred	355	9.0%
Private household workers	105	2.7%
Service workers, except private household	356	9.1%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	9	0.2%
Laborers, except farm and mine	165	4.2%
Occupation not reported	202	5.1%
CLASS OF WORKER		
Self-employed	402	10.2%

IV. 1970

1970 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	31,006	100.0%
RACE		
White	29,453	95.0%
Negro	1,022	3.3%
Indian	43	0.1%
Japanese	156	0.5%
Chinese	92	0.3%
Filipino	104	0.3%
All other	136	0.4%
PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN OR DESCENT	1,088	3.5%
SEX		
Male	15,730	50.7%
Female	15,276	49.3%
AGE		
Under 5 years	2,996	9.7%
5 to 19 years	10,659	34.4%
20 to 64 years	16,243	52.4%
65 years and over	1,108	3.6%
Median age	23.6	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	8,300	100.0%
Families	7,545	90.9%
With own children under 18 years	5,291	63.7%
Persons per household	3.59	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	10,453	X
Income of persons	3,440	X
Less than poverty level		5.0%

V. 1980

1980 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	43,916	100.0%
RACE		
White	40,366	91.9%
Black	805	1.8%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	139	0.3%
Eskimo	0	0.0%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	2,057	4.7%
Japanese	227	0.5%
Chinese	576	1.3%
Filipino	273	0.6%
Korean	26	0.1%
Asian Indian	28	0.1%
Vietnamese	196	0.4%
Hawaiian	69	0.2%
Samoan	0	0.0%
Guamanian	7	0.0%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	655	1.5%
Race, n.e.c.	549	1.3%
SPANISH ORIGIN	2,036	4.6%
AGE		
Median age	30.3	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	15,493	100.0%
Families	11,723	75.7%
With own children under 18 years	6,547	42.3%
Persons per household	2.76	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979		
Median household income	24,529	X
Median family income	27,847	X
Per capita income	9,901	X
Below poverty level		5.5%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	31.7	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	21,737	100.0%
Private vehicle	17,934	82.5%
Drive alone car	11,786	54.2%
Drive alone truck or van	1,483	6.8%
Carpool car	3,905	18.0%
Carpool truck or van	760	3.5%
Public transportation	2,619	12.0%
Walked only	381	1.8%
Other means	476	2.2%
Worked at home	327	1.5%

VI. 1990

1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	47,585	100.0%
RACE		
White	42,762	89.9%
Black	1,274	2.7%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	232	0.5%
Eskimo	0	0.0%
Aleut	17	0.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2,362	5.0%
Asian	2,263	4.8%
Japanese	311	0.7%
Chinese	847	1.1%
Filipino	344	0.7%
Korean	171	0.4%
Asian Indian	233	0.5%
Vietnamese	179	0.4%
Cambodian	45	0.1%
Hmong	0	0.0%
Laotian	17	0.0%
Thai	29	0.1%
Other Asian	87	0.2%
Pacific Islander	99	0.2%
Polynesian	80	0.2%
Hawaiian	77	0.2%
Samoan	3	0.0%
Tongan	0	0.0%
Other Polynesian	0	0.0%
Micronesian -- Guamanian	19	0.0%
Micronesian -- Other	0	0.0%
Melanesian	0	0.0%
Pacific Islander Not Specified	0	0.0%
Other Race	955	2.0%
TOTAL HISPANIC	3,537	7.4%
SEX		
Male	23,130	48.6%
Female	24,455	51.4%

AGE		
Under 5 years	3,645	7.7%
5 to 17 years	8,275	17.4%
18 to 64 years	31,031	65.2%
65 years and over	4,634	9.7%
Median age	34.4	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	18,359	100.0%
Total families	13,169	71.7%
With own children under 18 years	6,603	36.0%
Persons per household	2.58	X
Persons per family	3.01	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	45,890	X
Median family income	51,741	X
Per capita income	21,518	X
Below poverty level		4.1%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	30.3	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	26,101	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	22,289	85.4%
Drove alone	18,209	69.8%
Carpooled	4,080	15.6%
Public transportation	1,988	7.6%
Bus or trolley bus	1,802	6.9%
Streetcar or trolley car	10	0.0%
Subway or elevated	5	0.0%
Railroad	0	0.0%
Ferryboat	160	0.6%
Taxicab	11	0.0%
Motorcycle	123	0.5%
Bicycle	189	0.7%
Walked	448	1.7%
Other means	147	0.6%
Working at home	917	3.5%

VII. 2000

Census 2000

TOTAL POPULATION	47,630	100.0%
In households	46,648	97.9%
In group quarters	982	2.1%
RACE		
White	39,414	82.8%
Black or African American	948	2.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	246	0.5%
Asian	2,479	5.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	82	0.2%
Some other race	2,587	5.4%
Two or more races	1,874	3.9%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	6,229	13.1%
Not Hispanic or Latino	41,401	86.9%
White	36,336	76.3%
Black or African American	893	1.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native	113	0.2%
Asian	2,442	5.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	71	0.1%
Some other race	147	0.3%
Two or more races	1,399	2.9%
SEX		
Male	23,033	48.4%
Female	24,597	51.6%
AGE		
Under 5 years	2,802	5.9%
5 to 17 years	8,195	17.2%
18 to 64 years	30,439	63.9%
65 years and over	6,194	13.0%
Median age	39.6	X

HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	18,524	100.0%
Family households	12,419	67.0%
Families with children under 18	5,952	32.1%
Average household size	2.52	X
Average family size	3.01	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	18,994	100.0%
Occupied housing units	18,524	97.5%
Owner-occupied housing units	12,515	67.6%
Renter-occupied housing units	6,009	32.4%
Vacant housing units	470	2.5%
1 unit, detached housing	10,928	57.6%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	381,400	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,146	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	39,597	82.8%
Foreign born	8,198	17.2%
Naturalized citizen	3,568	7.5%
Not a citizen	4,630	9.7%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999		
Median household income (dollars)	63,453	X
Median family income (dollars)	74,434	X
Per capita income (dollars)	32,402	X
Individuals in poverty	2,622	5.6%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	33,603	100.0%
High school graduate	6,029	17.9%
Bachelor's degree	8,333	24.8%
Graduate or professional degree	4,111	12.2%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	34.8	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	24,588	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	20,435	83.1%
Drove alone	17,287	70.3%
Carpooled	3,148	12.8%
Public transportation	2,063	8.4%
Bus or trolley bus	1,749	7.1%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	16	0.1%
Railroad	0	0.0%
Ferryboat	281	1.1%
Taxicab	17	0.1%
Motorcycle	106	0.4%
Bicycle	89	0.4%
Walked	401	1.6%
Other means	119	0.5%
Worked at home	1,375	5.6%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	24,873	100.0%
Management, professional and related	10,800	43.4%
Service	3,553	14.3%
Sales and office	6,985	28.1%
Farming, fishing & forestry	14	0.1%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	1,919	7.7%
Production, transportation, and material moving	1,602	6.4%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	2,783	11.2%
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VIII. 2010

Census 2010

TOTAL POPULATION	51,904	100.0%
In households	51,278	98.8%
In group quarters	626	1.2%
RACE		
White	39,443	76.0%
Black or African American	1,419	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	286	0.6%
Asian	3,428	6.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	117	0.2%
Some other race	4,693	9.0%
Two or more races	2,518	4.9%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	11,046	21.3%
Not Hispanic or Latino	40,858	78.7%
White	34,141	65.8%
Black or African American	1,321	2.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native	108	0.2%
Asian	3,367	6.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	103	0.2%
Some other race	174	0.3%
Two or more races	1,644	3.2%
SEX		
Male	25,088	48.3%
Female	26,816	51.7%
AGE		
Under 5 years	3,079	5.9%
5 to 17 years	8,690	16.7%
18 to 64 years	32,012	61.7%
65 years and over	8,123	15.7%
Median age	42.6	X

HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	20,279	100.0%
Family households	13,484	66.5%
Families with children under 18	6,226	30.7%
Average household size	2.53	X
Average family size	3.04	X

HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	21,158	100.0%
Occupied housing units	20,279	95.8%
Owner-occupied housing units	13,591	67.0%
Renter-occupied housing units	6,688	33.0%
Vacant housing units	879	4.2%

IX. 2010 American Community Survey

2006-2010 American Community Survey

TOTAL POPULATION	50,488	100.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	20,853	100.0%
Occupied housing units	19,902	95.4%
Owner-occupied housing units	13,752	69.1%
Renter-occupied housing units	6,150	30.9%
Vacant housing units	951	4.6%
1 unit, detached housing	12,240	58.7%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	686,400	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,455	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	39,874	79.0%
Foreign born	10,614	21.0%
Naturalized citizen	5,381	10.7%
Not a citizen	5,233	10.4%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Median household income (dollars)	80,250	X
Median family income (dollars)	98,234	X
Per capita income (dollars)	41,573	X
Individuals in poverty	3,745	7.4%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	35,771	100.0%
High school graduate		17.5%
Bachelor's degree		27.6%
Graduate or professional degree		15.2%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	30.9	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	24,606	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	20,726	84.2%
Drove alone	17,995	73.1%
Carpooled	2,731	11.1%
Public transportation	1,193	4.8%
Bus or trolley bus	1,119	4.5%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	0	0.0%
Railroad	0	0.0%
Ferryboat	74	0.3%
Taxicab	0	0.0%
Motorcycle	85	0.3%
Bicycle	237	1.0%
Walked	361	1.5%
Other means	175	0.7%
Worked at home	1,829	7.4%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	25,302	100.0%
Management, professional and related	10,843	42.9%
Service	4,328	17.1%
Sales and office	6,653	26.3%
Farming, fishing & forestry		Included in following category
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	2,279	9.0%
Production, transportation, and material moving	1,199	4.7%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	3,889	15.4%
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X. 2020

Census 2020

TOTAL POPULATION	53,225	100.0%
In households	52,587	98.8%
In group quarters	638	1.2%
RACE		
Population of one race:	46,078	86.6%
White alone	32,509	61.1%
Black or African American alone	1,435	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	961	1.8%
Asian alone	3,966	7.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	108	0.2%
Some Other Race alone	7,099	13.3%
Population of two races	6,656	12.5%
Population of three races	443	0.8%
Population of four races	45	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)	13,615	25.6%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	21,271	100.0%
Occupied housing units	20,564	96.7%
Vacant housing units	707	3.3%