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Alameda County
Census Data**

1860-2020

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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. 1860-1930

1860 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	1,543
1870 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	10,500
1880 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	34,555
1890 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	48,682
1900 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	66,960
1910 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	150,174
1920 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	216,261
1930 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	284,063

III. 1940

1940 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	302,163	100.0%
RACE		
White	287,936	95.3%
Non white	14,227	4.7%
Negro	8,462	2.8%
Other races	5,765	1.9%
COUNTRY OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN WHITE		
All countries	42,661	100.0%
England and Wales	4,255	10.0%
Germany	3,682	8.6%
Italy	5,707	13.4%
Spain and Portugal	3,709	8.7%
Asia	565	1.3%
Canada - French	341	0.8%
Canada - other	4,205	9.9%
Mexico	1,565	3.7%
SEX		
Male	149,227	49.4%
Female	152,936	50.6%
AGE		
Under 5 years	17,337	5.7%
5 to 19 years	57,471	19.0%
20 to 64 years	201,779	66.8%
65 years and over	25,576	8.5%
HOUSEHOLDS		
Population per occupied dwelling unit	3.04	X

HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	103,709	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	99,325	95.8%
Owner occupied	42,593	42.9%
Tenant occupied	56,732	57.1%
Vacant	4,069	3.9%
All dwelling units 1-family detached	61,122	58.9%
All owner occupied average value dollars	4,414	X
All owner occupied median value dollars	4,012	X
Median gross monthly rent dollars	28.92	X

YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	202,575	100.0%
High school 4 years	49,927	24.6%
College 4 years or more	12,334	6.1%

EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION		
Employed	113,972	100.0%
Professional workers	8,334	7.3%
Semiprofessional workers	1,931	1.7%
Proprietors, managers, and officials	13,718	12.0%
Clerical, sales and kindred	30,465	26.7%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	17,478	15.3%
Operatives and kindred	18,872	16.6%
Domestic service	2,799	2.5%
Service except domestic	11,308	9.9%
Laborers	8,129	7.1%
Occupation not reported	938	0.8%

EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
Persons 14 years and over	253,978	100.0%
In labor force	134,746	53.1%
Employed	113,972	44.9%
Seeking work	12,701	5.0%
Not in labor force	119,232	46.9%

IV. 1950

1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	384,575	100.0%
In households	365,668	95.1%
RACE		
Native white	290,605	75.6%
Foreign-born white	38,192	9.9%
Negro	47,562	12.4%
Other races	8,216	2.1%
Indians	168	0.0%
Japanese	1,250	0.3%
Chinese	5,531	1.4%
WHITE PERSONS OF SPANISH SURNAME	16,466	4.3%
SEX		
Male	188,120	48.9%
Female	196,455	51.1%
AGE		
Under 5 years	35,256	9.2%
5 to 17 years	55,812	14.5%
18 to 64 years	257,100	66.9%
65 years and over	36,407	9.5%
Median age	34.6	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total household	128,839	100.0%
Persons per household	2.84	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	133,263	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	128,885	96.7%
Owner occupied	63,303	49.1%
Renter occupied	65,582	50.9%
Vacant	4,378	3.3%
Median value of 1-unit structures dollars	10,487	X
Median gross rent dollars	42	X
INCOME IN 1949		
Families median income dollars	3,820	X

YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED

Population 25 years and over	254,555	100.0%
High school 4 years	71,690	28.2%
College 4 years or more	19,880	7.8%

MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP

Employed	154,170	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	15,823	10.3%
Farmers and farm managers	207	0.1%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	17,920	11.6%
Clerical and kindred	27,054	17.5%
Sales	14,571	9.5%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	24,180	15.7%
Operatives and kindred	23,505	15.2%
Private household workers	3,295	2.1%
Service workers, except private household	15,123	9.8%
Farm laborers	254	0.2%
Laborers, except farm and mine	11,019	7.1%
Occupation not reported	1,219	0.8%

V. 1960

1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	367,548	100.0%
In households	360,453	98.1%
In group quarters	7,095	1.9%
 RACE		
White	270,523	73.6%
Negro	83,618	22.8%
Other races	565	0.2%
Indian	1,166	0.3%
Japanese	2,206	0.6%
Chinese	7,658	2.1%
Filipino	1,812	0.5%
 WHITE, SPANISH SURNAME	23,729	6.5%
 SEX		
Male	175,449	47.7%
Female	192,099	52.3%
 AGE		
Under 5 years	34,771	9.5%
5 to 17 years	72,314	19.7%
18 to 64 years	214,476	58.4%
65 years and over	45,987	12.5%
Median age	35.7	X
 HOUSEHOLDS		
Families	97,193	100.0%
With own children under 18	44,446	45.7%
Population per household	2.69	X
 HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	141,537	100.0%
All occupied units	133,843	94.6%
Owner occupied	63,581	47.5%
Renter occupied	70,262	52.5%
Vacant	7,694	5.4%
Median value dollars	14,200	X
Median gross rent dollars	73	X

PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	332,369	90.4%
Foreign born	35,179	9.6%
INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	6,303	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	230,076	100.0%
High school 4 years	61,081	26.5%
College 4 years or more	19,136	8.3%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
All workers	142,720	100.0%
Private automobile or car pool	93,843	65.8%
Railroad, subway or elevated	65	0.0%
Bus or streetcar	21,562	15.1%
Walked to work	10,637	7.5%
Other means	1,815	1.3%
Worked at home	2,990	2.1%
Not reported	11,808	8.3%
OCCUPATION		
Employed	144,618	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	16,205	11.2%
Farmers and farm managers	302	0.2%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	12,171	8.4%
Clerical and kindred	26,111	18.1%
Sales	11,052	7.6%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	17,376	12.0%
Operatives and kindred	20,455	14.1%
Private household workers	4,280	3.0%
Service workers, except private household	13,584	9.4%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	340	0.2%
Laborers, except farm and mine	9,048	6.3%
Occupation not reported	13,694	9.5%
CLASS OF WORKER		
Self-employed	12,238	8.5%

VI. 1970

1970 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	361,561	100.0%
RACE		
White	213,512	59.1%
Negro	124,710	34.5%
Indian	2,890	0.8%
Japanese	2,405	0.7%
Chinese	11,335	3.1%
Filipino	3,633	1.0%
All other	3,076	0.9%
PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN OR DESCENT	24,168	6.7%
SEX		
Male	173,693	48.0%
Female	187,868	52.0%
AGE		
Under 5 years	26,543	7.3%
5 to 19 years	84,395	23.3%
20 to 64 years	203,015	56.1%
65 years and over	47,608	13.2%
Median age	31.4	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	138,831	100.0%
Families	89,233	64.3%
With own children under 18 years	40,593	29.2%
Persons per household	2.53	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	9,626	X
Income of persons	3,651	X
Less than poverty level		16.6%

VII. 1980

1980 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	339,337	100.0%
RACE		
White	131,127	38.6%
Black	159,351	47.0%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	2,754	0.8%
Eskimo	41	0.0%
Aleut	5	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	28,053	8.3%
Japanese	2,397	0.7%
Chinese	15,325	4.5%
Filipino	5,637	1.7%
Korean	930	0.3%
Asian Indian	571	0.2%
Vietnamese	1,360	0.4%
Hawaiian	305	0.1%
Samoan	211	0.1%
Guamanian	256	0.1%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	1,061	0.3%
Race, n.e.c.	18,052	5.3%
SPANISH ORIGIN	32,133	9.5%
SEX		
Male	161,308	47.5%
Female	178,029	52.5%
AGE		
Under 5 years	22,963	6.8%
5 to 19 years	69,563	20.5%
20 to 64 years	202,454	59.7%
65 years and over	44,357	13.1%
Median age	31.4	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	142,417	100.0%
Families	80,624	56.6%
With own children under 18 years	39,958	28.1%
Persons per household	2.33	X
Persons per family	3.12	X

INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979

Median household income	13,780	X
Median family income	17,651	X
Per capita income	7,701	X
Below poverty level		18.5%

COMMUTING TO WORK

Mean travel time to work (minutes)	24.8	X
Mean travel time to work for workers traveling 45 or more minutes	57.1	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	139,117	100.0%
Private vehicle	96,349	69.3%
Drive alone car	70,277	50.5%
Drive alone truck or van	6,691	4.8%
Carpool car	17,294	12.4%
Carpool truck or van	2,087	1.5%
Public transportation	30,041	21.6%
Bus or streetcar	26,379	19.0%
Subway or elevated train	3,392	2.4%
Railroad	163	0.1%
Taxicab	107	0.1%
Motorcycle	859	0.6%
Bicycle	892	0.6%
Walked only	7,023	5.0%
Other means	1,525	1.1%
Worked at home	2,428	1.7%

VIII. 1990

1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	372,242	100.0%
RACE		
White	120,855	32.5%
Black	163,526	43.9%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	2,325	0.6%
Eskimo	19	0.0%
Aleut	11	0.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	55,332	14.9%
Asian	54,012	14.5%
Japanese	2,683	0.7%
Chinese	26,704	7.2%
Filipino	8,309	2.2%
Korean	1,850	0.5%
Asian Indian	814	0.2%
Vietnamese	6,771	1.8%
Cambodian	3,560	1.0%
Hmong	20	0.0%
Laotian	2,341	0.6%
Thai	130	0.0%
Other Asian	830	0.2%
Pacific Islander	1,320	0.4%
Polynesian	1,061	0.3%
Hawaiian	403	0.1%
Samoan	256	0.1%
Tongan	358	0.1%
Other Polynesian	44	0.0%
Micronesian -- Guamanian	184	0.0%
Micronesian -- Other	11	0.0%
Melanesian	42	0.0%
Pacific Islander Not Specified	22	0.0%
Other Race	30,204	8.1%
TOTAL HISPANIC	49,267	13.2%
SEX		
Male	177,711	47.7%
Female	194,531	52.3%

AGE		
Under 5 years	29,676	8.0%
5 to 17 years	62,811	16.9%
18 to 64 years	234,524	63.0%
65 years and over	45,231	12.2%
Median age	32.9	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	144,766	100.0%
Total families	85,011	58.7%
With own children under 18 years	42,434	29.3%
Persons per household	2.52	X
Persons per family	3.28	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	27,095	X
Median family income	31,755	X
Per capita income	14,676	X
Below poverty level		18.5%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	25.8	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	160,160	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	113,760	71.0%
Drove alone	91,214	57.0%
Carpooled	22,546	14.1%
Public transportation	28,637	17.9%
Bus or trolley bus	18,446	11.5%
Streetcar or trolley car	289	0.2%
Subway or elevated	9,395	5.9%
Railroad	293	0.2%
Ferryboat	112	0.1%
Taxicab	102	0.1%
Motorcycle	708	0.4%
Bicycle	1,758	1.1%
Walked	7,787	4.9%
Other means	1,668	1.0%
Working at home	5,842	3.6%

IX. 2000

Census 2000

TOTAL POPULATION	399,484	100.0%
In households	392,309	98.2%
In group quarters	7,175	1.8%
RACE		
White	125,013	31.3%
Black or African American	142,460	35.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,655	0.7%
Asian	60,851	15.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	2,002	0.5%
Some other race	46,592	11.7%
Two or more races	19,911	5.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	87,467	21.9%
Not Hispanic or Latino	312,017	78.1%
White	93,953	23.5%
Black or African American	140,139	35.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,471	0.4%
Asian	60,393	15.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1,866	0.5%
Some other race	1,229	0.3%
Two or more races	12,966	3.2%
SEX		
Male	192,757	48.3%
Female	206,727	51.7%
AGE		
Under 5 years	28,292	7.1%
5 to 17 years	71,467	17.9%
18 to 64 years	257,937	64.6%
65 years and over	41,788	10.4%
Median age	33.3	X

HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	150,790	100.0%
Family households	86,347	57.3%
Families with children under 18	43,152	28.6%
Average household size	2.60	X
Average family size	3.38	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	157,508	100.0%
Occupied housing units	150,790	95.7%
Owner-occupied housing units	62,489	41.4%
Renter-occupied housing units	88,301	58.6%
Vacant housing units	6,718	4.3%
1 unit, detached housing	71,424	45.3%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	235,500	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	696	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	293,361	73.4%
Foreign born	106,116	26.6%
Naturalized citizen	37,783	9.5%
Not a citizen	68,333	17.1%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999		
Median household income (dollars)	40,055	X
Median family income (dollars)	44,384	X
Per capita income (dollars)	21,936	X
Individuals in poverty	76,489	19.4%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	261,402	100.0%
High school graduate	46,164	17.7%
Bachelor's degree	47,077	18.0%
Graduate or professional degree	33,700	12.9%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	31.1	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	170,503	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	122,721	72.0%
Drove alone	94,333	55.3%
Carpooled	28,388	16.6%
Public transportation	29,728	17.4%
Bus or trolley bus	15,402	9.0%
Streetcar or trolley car	160	0.1%
Subway or elevated	13,030	7.6%
Railroad	714	0.4%
Ferryboat	197	0.1%
Taxicab	225	0.1%
Motorcycle	703	0.4%
Bicycle	2,085	1.2%
Walked	6,355	3.7%
Other means	1,973	1.2%
Worked at home	6,938	4.1%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	174,743	100.0%
Management, professional and related	68,465	39.2%
Service	27,570	15.8%
Sales and office	43,913	25.1%
Farming, fishing & forestry	338	0.2%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	12,885	7.4%
Production, transportation, and material moving	21,572	12.3%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	14,362	8.2%
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X. 2010

Census 2010

TOTAL POPULATION	390,724	100.0%
In households	382,586	97.9%
In group quarters	8,138	2.1%
RACE		
White	134,925	34.5%
Black or African American	109,471	28.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3,040	0.8%
Asian	65,811	16.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	2,222	0.6%
Some other race	53,378	13.7%
Two or more races	21,877	5.6%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	99,068	25.4%
Not Hispanic or Latino	291,656	74.6%
White	101,308	25.9%
Black or African American	106,637	27.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,214	0.3%
Asian	65,127	16.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	2,081	0.5%
Some other race	1,213	0.3%
Two or more races	14,076	3.6%
SEX		
Male	189,519	48.5%
Female	201,205	51.5%
AGE		
Under 5 years	26,099	6.7%
5 to 17 years	57,021	14.6%
18 to 64 years	264,045	67.6%
65 years and over	43,559	11.1%
Median age	36.2	X

HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	153,791	100.0%
Family households	83,718	54.4%
Families with children under 18	38,618	25.1%
Average household size	2.49	X
Average family size	3.27	X

HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	169,710	100.0%
Occupied housing units	153,791	90.6%
Owner-occupied housing units	63,142	41.1%
Renter-occupied housing units	90,649	58.9%
Vacant housing units	15,919	9.4%

XI. 2010 American Community Survey

2006-2010 American Community Survey

TOTAL POPULATION	386,909	100.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	173,851	100.0%
Occupied housing units	154,854	89.1%
Owner-occupied housing units	65,644	42.4%
Renter-occupied housing units	89,210	57.6%
Vacant housing units	18,997	10.9%
1 unit, detached housing	75,707	43.5%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	528,600	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,000	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	276,919	71.6%
Foreign born	109,990	28.4%
Naturalized citizen	44,254	11.4%
Not a citizen	65,736	17.0%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Median household income (dollars)	49,721	X
Median family income (dollars)	56,926	X
Per capita income (dollars)	30,671	X
Individuals in poverty	71,599	18.7%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	265,578	100.0%
High school graduate		18.5%
Bachelor's degree		20.6%
Graduate or professional degree		15.7%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	27.5	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	178,254	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	121,077	67.9%
Drove alone	101,986	57.2%
Carpooled	19,021	10.7%
Public transportation	29,741	16.7%
Bus or trolley bus	13,735	7.7%
Streetcar or trolley car	465	0.3%
Subway or elevated	14,910	8.4%
Railroad	551	0.3%
Ferryboat	80	0.0%
Taxicab	156	0.1%
Motorcycle	624	0.4%
Bicycle	3,429	1.9%
Walked	7,883	4.4%
Other means	3,113	1.7%
Worked at home	12,301	6.9%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	183,285	100.0%
Management, professional and related	75,776	41.3%
Service	35,337	19.3%
Sales and office	38,124	20.8%
Farming, fishing & forestry		Included in following category
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	15,516	8.5%
Production, transportation, and material moving	18,532	10.1%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	19,097	10.4%
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XII. 2020

Census 2020

TOTAL POPULATION	440,646	100.0%
In households	423,240	96.0%
In group quarters	17,406	4.0%
RACE		
Population of one race:	388,841	88.2%
White alone	132,297	30.0%
Black or African American alone	93,820	21.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	8,530	1.9%
Asian alone	70,806	16.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	2,884	0.7%
Some Other Race alone	80,504	18.3%
Population of two races	45,968	10.4%
Population of three races	5,086	1.2%
Population of four races	658	0.1%
Population of five races	79	0.0%
Population of six races	14	0.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	126,843	28.8%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	178,469	100.0%
Occupied housing units	167,909	94.1%
Vacant housing units	10,560	5.9%