

**City of Redwood City
San Mateo 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	727
1880 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	1,383
1890 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	1,572
1900 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	1,653
1910 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	2,442
1920 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	4,020
1930 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	8,962
1940 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	12,453

III. 1950

1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	25,544	100.0%
In households	25,142	98.4%
RACE		
Native white	21,932	85.9%
Foreign-born white	2,953	11.6%
Negro	410	1.6%
Other races	249	1.0%
Indians	3	0.0%
Japanese	189	0.7%
Chinese	48	0.2%
WHITE PERSONS OF SPANISH SURNAME	1,067	4.2%
SEX		
Male	12,610	49.4%
Female	12,934	50.6%
AGE		
Under 5 years	2,964	11.6%
5 to 17 years	4,673	18.3%
18 to 64 years	15,984	62.6%
65 years and over	1,923	7.5%
Median age	31.9	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total household	7,907	100.0%
Persons per household	3.18	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	8,349	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	7,907	94.7%
Owner occupied	5,604	70.9%
Renter occupied	2,303	29.1%
Vacant	413	4.9%
Median value of 1-unit structures dollars	11,756	X
Median gross rent dollars	59	X
INCOME IN 1949		
Families median income dollars	4,044	X

YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED

Population 25 years and over	16,010	100.0%
High school 4 years	4,510	28.2%
College 4 years or more	1,455	9.1%

MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP

Employed	9,938	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	1,194	12.0%
Farmers and farm managers	60	0.6%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	1,054	10.6%
Clerical and kindred	1,498	15.1%
Sales	934	9.4%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	2,079	20.9%
Operatives and kindred	1,301	13.1%
Private household workers	182	1.8%
Service workers, except private household	841	8.5%
Farm laborers	84	0.8%
Laborers, except farm and mine	603	6.1%
Occupation not reported	108	1.1%

IV. 1960

1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	46,290	100.0%
In households	45,918	99.2%
In group quarters	372	0.8%
RACE		
White	45,198	97.6%
Negro	600	1.3%
Other races	28	0.1%
Indian	50	0.1%
Japanese	320	0.7%
Chinese	71	0.2%
Filipino	23	0.0%
WHITE, SPANISH SURNAME	2,448	5.3%
SEX		
Male	22,657	48.9%
Female	23,633	51.1%
AGE		
Under 5 years	4,920	10.6%
5 to 17 years	11,140	24.1%
18 to 64 years	26,525	57.3%
65 years and over	3,705	8.0%
Median age	31.3	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Families	12,450	100.0%
With own children under 18	7,280	58.5%
Population per household	3.09	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	15,525	100.0%
All occupied units	14,872	95.8%
Owner occupied	9,654	64.9%
Renter occupied	5,218	35.1%
Vacant	653	4.2%
Median value dollars	17,700	X
Median gross rent dollars	104	X

PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	41,216	89.0%
Foreign born	5,074	11.0%
INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	7,749	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	26,541	100.0%
High school 4 years	8,391	31.6%
College 4 years or more	2,711	10.2%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
All workers	18,988	100.0%
Private automobile or car pool	15,208	80.1%
Railroad, subway or elevated	917	4.8%
Bus or streetcar	726	3.8%
Walked to work	937	4.9%
Other means	495	2.6%
Worked at home	282	1.5%
Not reported	583	3.1%
OCCUPATION		
Employed	19,420	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	2,812	14.5%
Farmers and farm managers	98	0.5%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	1,725	8.9%
Clerical and kindred	3,429	17.7%
Sales	1,534	7.9%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	3,438	17.7%
Operatives and kindred	2,673	13.8%
Private household workers	366	1.9%
Service workers, except private household	1,716	8.8%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	53	0.3%
Laborers, except farm and mine	659	3.4%
Occupation not reported	917	4.7%
CLASS OF WORKER		
Self-employed	1,544	8.0%

V. 1970

1970 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	55,686	100.0%
RACE		
White	53,495	96.1%
Negro	948	1.7%
Indian	148	0.3%
Japanese	447	0.8%
Chinese	194	0.3%
Filipino	124	0.2%
All other	330	0.6%
PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN OR DESCENT	4,229	7.6%
SEX		
Male	27,194	48.8%
Female	28,492	51.2%
AGE		
Under 5 years	4,300	7.7%
5 to 19 years	13,167	23.6%
20 to 64 years	33,329	59.9%
65 years and over	4,890	8.8%
Median age	30.0	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	20,562	100.0%
Families	15,272	74.3%
With own children under 18 years	7,538	36.7%
Persons per household	2.68	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	10,027	X
Income of persons	4,274	X
Less than poverty level		6.0%

VI. 1980

1980 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	54,951	100.0%
RACE		
White	48,244	87.8%
Black	1,422	2.6%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	218	0.4%
Eskimo	0	0.0%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	1,928	3.5%
Japanese	548	1.0%
Chinese	578	1.1%
Filipino	405	0.7%
Korean	110	0.2%
Asian Indian	126	0.2%
Vietnamese	32	0.1%
Hawaiian	35	0.1%
Samoan	16	0.0%
Guamanian	30	0.1%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	48	0.1%
Race, n.e.c.	3,139	5.7%
SPANISH ORIGIN	8,607	15.7%
SEX		
Male	26,851	48.9%
Female	28,100	51.1%
AGE		
Under 5 years	3,505	6.4%
5 to 19 years	10,069	18.3%
20 to 64 years	35,160	64.0%
65 years and over	6,207	11.3%
Median age	32.4	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	23,040	100.0%
Families	14,573	63.3%
With own children under 18 years	6,492	28.2%
Persons per household	2.36	X
Persons per family	2.93	X

INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979

Median household income	19,517	X
Median family income	24,794	X
Per capita income	9,720	X
Below poverty level		7.2%

COMMUTING TO WORK

Mean travel time to work (minutes)	19.9	X
Mean travel time to work for workers traveling 45 or more minutes	60.8	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	29,184	100.0%
Private vehicle	25,977	89.0%
Drive alone car	18,607	63.8%
Drive alone truck or van	2,762	9.5%
Carpool car	3,783	13.0%
Carpool truck or van	825	2.8%
Public transportation	1,275	4.4%
Bus or streetcar	767	2.6%
Subway or elevated train	8	0.0%
Railroad	480	1.6%
Taxicab	20	0.1%
Motorcycle	334	1.1%
Bicycle	336	1.2%
Walked only	806	2.8%
Other means	75	0.3%
Worked at home	381	1.3%

VII. 1990

1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	66,072	100.0%
RACE		
White	54,659	82.7%
Black	2,437	3.7%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	260	0.4%
Eskimo	0	0.0%
Aleut	74	0.1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	4,196	6.4%
Asian	3,674	5.6%
Japanese	644	1.0%
Chinese	1,157	1.8%
Filipino	842	1.3%
Korean	203	0.3%
Asian Indian	329	0.5%
Vietnamese	287	0.4%
Cambodian	0	0.0%
Hmong	0	0.0%
Laotian	45	0.1%
Thai	7	0.0%
Other Asian	160	0.2%
Pacific Islander	522	0.8%
Polynesian	481	0.7%
Hawaiian	88	0.1%
Samoan	132	0.2%
Tongan	261	0.4%
Other Polynesian	0	0.0%
Micronesian -- Guamanian	0	0.0%
Micronesian -- Other	0	0.0%
Melanesian	41	0.1%
Pacific Islander Not Specified	0	0.0%
Other Race	4,520	6.8%
TOTAL HISPANIC	15,919	24.1%
SEX		
Male	33,167	50.2%
Female	32,905	49.8%

AGE		
Under 5 years	5,249	7.9%
5 to 17 years	9,204	13.9%
18 to 64 years	44,101	66.7%
65 years and over	7,518	11.4%
Median age	33.2	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	25,572	100.0%
Total families	16,534	64.7%
With own children under 18 years	7,856	30.7%
Persons per household	2.51	X
Persons per family	3.06	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	42,962	X
Median family income	49,851	X
Per capita income	20,292	X
Below poverty level		8.1%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	21.9	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	35,807	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	31,409	87.7%
Drove alone	27,165	75.9%
Carpooled	4,244	11.9%
Public transportation	1,371	3.8%
Bus or trolley bus	768	2.1%
Streetcar or trolley car	8	0.0%
Subway or elevated	25	0.1%
Railroad	532	1.5%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	38	0.1%
Motorcycle	247	0.7%
Bicycle	395	1.1%
Walked	1,207	3.4%
Other means	175	0.5%
Working at home	1,003	2.8%

VIII. 2000

Census 2000

TOTAL POPULATION	75,402	100.0%
In households	73,475	97.4%
In group quarters	1,927	2.6%
RACE		
White	52,008	69.0%
Black or African American	1,916	2.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native	384	0.5%
Asian	6,715	8.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	663	0.9%
Some other race	10,535	14.0%
Two or more races	3,181	4.2%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	23,557	31.2%
Not Hispanic or Latino	51,845	68.8%
White	40,656	53.9%
Black or African American	1,791	2.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native	165	0.2%
Asian	6,604	8.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	635	0.8%
Some other race	163	0.2%
Two or more races	1,831	2.4%
SEX		
Male	37,930	50.3%
Female	37,472	49.7%
AGE		
Under 5 years	5,679	7.5%
5 to 17 years	11,812	15.7%
18 to 64 years	50,220	66.6%
65 years and over	7,691	10.2%
Median age	34.8	X

HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	28,060	100.0%
Family households	17,902	63.8%
Families with children under 18	8,785	31.3%
Average household size	2.62	X
Average family size	3.20	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	28,921	100.0%
Occupied housing units	28,060	97.0%
Owner-occupied housing units	14,861	53.0%
Renter-occupied housing units	13,199	47.0%
Vacant housing units	861	3.0%
1 unit, detached housing	13,496	46.7%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	517,800	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,105	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	52,776	70.0%
Foreign born	22,671	30.0%
Naturalized citizen	7,730	10.2%
Not a citizen	14,941	19.8%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999		
Median household income (dollars)	66,748	X
Median family income (dollars)	73,798	X
Per capita income (dollars)	34,042	X
Individuals in poverty	4,418	6.0%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	51,677	100.0%
High school graduate	9,053	17.5%
Bachelor's degree	11,181	21.6%
Graduate or professional degree	7,256	14.0%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.0	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	39,189	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	33,953	86.6%
Drove alone	28,976	73.9%
Carpooled	4,977	12.7%
Public transportation	1,899	4.8%
Bus or trolley bus	944	2.4%
Streetcar or trolley car	8	0.0%
Subway or elevated	43	0.1%
Railroad	887	2.3%
Ferryboat	7	0.0%
Taxicab	10	0.0%
Motorcycle	130	0.3%
Bicycle	697	1.8%
Walked	1,097	2.8%
Other means	257	0.7%
Worked at home	1,156	2.9%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	40,100	100.0%
Management, professional and related	16,972	42.3%
Service	6,022	15.0%
Sales and office	9,623	24.0%
Farming, fishing & forestry	113	0.3%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	3,711	9.3%
Production, transportation, and material moving	3,659	9.1%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	3,616	9.0%
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IX. 2010

Census 2010

TOTAL POPULATION	76,815	100.0%
In households	75,268	98.0%
In group quarters	1,547	2.0%
RACE		
White	46,255	60.2%
Black or African American	1,881	2.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native	511	0.7%
Asian	8,216	10.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	795	1.0%
Some other race	14,967	19.5%
Two or more races	4,190	5.5%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	29,810	38.8%
Not Hispanic or Latino	47,005	61.2%
White	33,801	44.0%
Black or African American	1,655	2.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native	152	0.2%
Asian	8,063	10.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	732	1.0%
Some other race	291	0.4%
Two or more races	2,311	3.0%
SEX		
Male	38,246	49.8%
Female	38,569	50.2%
AGE		
Under 5 years	5,762	7.5%
5 to 17 years	12,431	16.2%
18 to 64 years	50,510	65.8%
65 years and over	8,112	10.6%
Median age	36.7	X

HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	27,957	100.0%
Family households	18,242	65.3%
Families with children under 18	9,223	33.0%
Average household size	2.69	X
Average family size	3.26	X

HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	29,167	100.0%
Occupied housing units	27,957	95.9%
Owner-occupied housing units	14,160	50.6%
Renter-occupied housing units	13,797	49.4%
Vacant housing units	1,210	4.1%

X. 2010 American Community Survey

2006-2010 American Community Survey

TOTAL POPULATION	75,193	100.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	29,247	100.0%
Occupied housing units	27,801	95.1%
Owner-occupied housing units	14,797	53.2%
Renter-occupied housing units	13,004	46.8%
Vacant housing units	1,446	4.9%
1 unit, detached housing	13,990	47.8%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	808,600	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,340	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	50,967	67.8%
Foreign born	24,226	32.2%
Naturalized citizen	9,227	12.3%
Not a citizen	14,999	19.9%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Median household income (dollars)	75,231	X
Median family income (dollars)	88,081	X
Per capita income (dollars)	39,245	X
Individuals in poverty	7,098	9.6%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	51,125	100.0%
High school graduate		19.9%
Bachelor's degree		23.9%
Graduate or professional degree		15.8%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.1	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	37,168	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	31,570	84.9%
Drove alone	27,876	75.0%
Carpooled	3,694	9.9%
Public transportation	1,290	3.5%
Bus or trolley bus	811	2.2%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	61	0.2%
Railroad	381	1.0%
Ferryboat	37	0.1%
Taxicab	0	0.0%
Motorcycle	212	0.6%
Bicycle	534	1.4%
Walked	1,124	3.0%
Other means	420	1.1%
Worked at home	2,018	5.4%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	37,869	100.0%
Management, professional and related	15,678	41.4%
Service	7,501	19.8%
Sales and office	8,274	21.8%
Farming, fishing & forestry		Included in following category
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	3,561	9.4%
Production, transportation, and material moving	2,855	7.5%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	4,960	13.1%
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XI. 2020

Census 2020

TOTAL POPULATION	84,292	100.0%
In households	81,966	97.2%
In group quarters	2,326	2.8%
RACE		
Population of one race:	72,452	86.0%
White alone	37,487	44.5%
Black or African American alone	1,531	1.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1,330	1.6%
Asian alone	13,693	16.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	669	0.8%
Some Other Race alone	17,742	21.0%
Population of two races	11,001	13.1%
Population of three races	771	0.9%
Population of four races	63	0.1%
Population of five races	5	0.0%
Population of six races	0	0.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	30,104	35.7%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	32,373	100.0%
Occupied housing units	30,620	94.6%
Vacant housing units	1,753	5.4%