

**City of San Bruno
San Mateo County
Census Data**

1920-2020

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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. 1920-1940

1920 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

1,562

1930 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

3,610

1940 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

6,519

III. 1950

1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	12,478	100.0%
In households	12,367	99.1%
RACE		
Native white	11,330	90.8%
Foreign-born white	1,095	8.8%
Negro	28	0.2%
Other races	25	0.2%
WHITE PERSONS OF SPANISH SURNAME	381	3.1%
SEX		
Male	6,245	50.0%
Female	6,233	50.0%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,627	13.0%
5 to 17 years	2,396	19.2%
18 to 64 years	7,826	62.7%
65 years and over	629	5.0%
Median age	30.9	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total household	3,829	100.0%
Persons per household	3.23	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	3,999	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	3,844	96.1%
Owner occupied	2,939	76.5%
Renter occupied	905	23.5%
Vacant	146	3.7%
Median value of 1-unit structures dollars	11,125	X
Median gross rent dollars	51	X
INCOME IN 1949		
Families median income dollars	4,331	X

YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED

Population 25 years and over	7,400	100.0%
High school 4 years	2,665	36.0%
College 4 years or more	555	7.5%

MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP

Employed	4,909	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	455	9.3%
Farmers and farm managers	13	0.3%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	498	10.1%
Clerical and kindred	849	17.3%
Sales	459	9.4%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	1,212	24.7%
Operatives and kindred	679	13.8%
Private household workers	34	0.7%
Service workers, except private household	349	7.1%
Farm laborers	22	0.4%
Laborers, except farm and mine	306	6.2%
Occupation not reported	33	0.7%

IV. 1960

1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	29,063	100.0%
In households	28,930	99.5%
In group quarters	133	0.5%
RACE		
White	28,921	99.5%
Negro	6	0.0%
Other races	11	0.0%
Indian	10	0.0%
Japanese	13	0.0%
Chinese	35	0.1%
Filipino	67	0.2%
WHITE, SPANISH SURNAME	1,500	5.2%
SEX		
Male	14,308	49.2%
Female	14,683	50.5%
AGE		
Under 5 years	3,903	13.4%
5 to 17 years	7,280	25.0%
18 to 64 years	16,435	56.5%
65 years and over	1,445	5.0%
Median age	28.8	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Families	7,832	100.0%
With own children under 18	5,074	64.8%
Population per household	3.38	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	8,815	100.0%
All occupied units	8,570	97.2%
Owner occupied	6,803	79.4%
Renter occupied	1,767	20.6%
Vacant	245	2.8%
Median value dollars	18,000	X
Median gross rent dollars	101	X

PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	26,654	91.7%
Foreign born	2,409	8.3%
INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	7,963	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	15,992	100.0%
High school 4 years	5,729	35.8%
College 4 years or more	1,483	9.3%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
All workers	11,035	100.0%
Private automobile or car pool	8,840	80.1%
Railroad, subway or elevated	471	4.3%
Bus or streetcar	634	5.7%
Walked to work	536	4.9%
Other means	186	1.7%
Worked at home	101	0.9%
Not reported	267	2.4%
OCCUPATION		
Employed	11,165	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	1,340	12.0%
Farmers and farm managers	3	0.0%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	935	8.4%
Clerical and kindred	2,380	21.3%
Sales	1,247	11.2%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	2,227	19.9%
Operatives and kindred	1,298	11.6%
Private household workers	134	1.2%
Service workers, except private household	889	8.0%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	35	0.3%
Laborers, except farm and mine	372	3.3%
Occupation not reported	305	2.7%
CLASS OF WORKER		
Self-employed	786	7.0%

V. 1970

1970 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	36,254	100.0%
RACE		
White	34,784	95.9%
Negro	142	0.4%
Indian	67	0.2%
Japanese	185	0.5%
Chinese	210	0.6%
Filipino	334	0.9%
All other	532	1.5%
PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN OR DESCENT	3,170	8.7%
SEX		
Male	17,758	49.0%
Female	18,496	51.0%
AGE		
Under 5 years	3,317	9.1%
5 to 19 years	10,684	29.5%
20 to 64 years	20,320	56.0%
65 years and over	1,933	5.3%
Median age	27.6	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	11,153	100.0%
Families	9,659	86.6%
With own children under 18 years	5,859	52.5%
Persons per household	3.24	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	11,751	X
Income of persons	3,911	X
Less than poverty level		4.6%

VI. 1980

1980 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	35,417	100.0%
RACE		
White	29,705	83.9%
Black	904	2.6%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	206	0.6%
Eskimo	7	0.0%
Aleut	13	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	3,269	9.2%
Japanese	645	1.8%
Chinese	741	2.1%
Filipino	732	2.1%
Korean	170	0.5%
Asian Indian	412	1.2%
Vietnamese	7	0.0%
Hawaiian	91	0.3%
Samoan	103	0.3%
Guamanian	8	0.0%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	360	1.0%
Race, n.e.c.	1,333	3.8%
SPANISH ORIGIN	5,011	14.1%
AGE		
Median age	31.1	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	13,757	100.0%
Families	9,477	68.9%
With own children under 18 years	4,633	33.7%
Persons per household	2.57	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979		
Median household income	22,671	X
Median family income	25,785	X
Per capita income	9,655	X
Below poverty level		5.0%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.6	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	19,303	100.0%
Private vehicle	16,888	87.5%
Drive alone car	11,830	61.3%
Drive alone truck or van	1,775	9.2%
Carpool car	2,927	15.2%
Carpool truck or van	356	1.8%
Public transportation	1,404	7.3%
Walked only	496	2.6%
Other means	405	2.1%
Worked at home	110	0.6%

VII. 1990

1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	38,961	100.0%
RACE		
White	27,990	71.8%
Black	1,450	3.7%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	397	1.0%
Eskimo	29	0.1%
Aleut	35	0.1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	7,011	18.0%
Asian	5,719	14.7%
Japanese	631	1.6%
Chinese	1,630	4.2%
Filipino	2,373	6.1%
Korean	464	1.2%
Asian Indian	490	1.3%
Vietnamese	51	0.1%
Cambodian	0	0.0%
Hmong	0	0.0%
Laotian	0	0.0%
Thai	18	0.0%
Other Asian	62	0.2%
Pacific Islander	1,292	3.3%
Polynesian	636	1.6%
Hawaiian	116	0.3%
Samoan	261	0.7%
Tongan	251	0.6%
Other Polynesian	8	0.0%
Micronesian -- Guamanian	59	0.2%
Micronesian -- Other	0	0.0%
Melanesian	561	1.4%
Pacific Islander Not Specified	36	0.1%
Other Race	2,113	5.4%
TOTAL HISPANIC	7,008	18.0%
SEX		
Male	19,770	50.7%
Female	19,191	49.3%

AGE		
Under 5 years	2,565	6.6%
5 to 17 years	5,871	15.1%
18 to 64 years	26,481	68.0%
65 years and over	4,044	10.4%
Median age	33.4	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	14,660	100.0%
Total families	9,629	65.7%
With own children under 18 years	4,398	30.0%
Persons per household	2.58	X
Persons per family	3.21	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	42,019	X
Median family income	48,112	X
Per capita income	18,289	X
Below poverty level		4.6%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	22.2	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	20,757	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	18,331	88.3%
Drove alone	15,519	74.8%
Carpooled	2,812	13.5%
Public transportation	1,288	6.2%
Bus or trolley bus	493	2.4%
Streetcar or trolley car	17	0.1%
Subway or elevated	445	2.1%
Railroad	318	1.5%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	15	0.1%
Motorcycle	128	0.6%
Bicycle	121	0.6%
Walked	365	1.8%
Other means	113	0.5%
Working at home	411	2.0%

VIII. 2000

Census 2000

TOTAL POPULATION	40,165	100.0%
In households	39,944	99.4%
In group quarters	221	0.6%
RACE		
White	23,156	57.7%
Black or African American	807	2.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	189	0.5%
Asian	7,506	18.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1,156	2.9%
Some other race	4,346	10.8%
Two or more races	3,005	7.5%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	9,686	24.1%
Not Hispanic or Latino	30,479	75.9%
White	18,822	46.9%
Black or African American	753	1.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native	103	0.3%
Asian	7,393	18.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1,118	2.8%
Some other race	211	0.5%
Two or more races	2,079	5.2%
SEX		
Male	19,822	49.4%
Female	20,343	50.6%
AGE		
Under 5 years	2,440	6.1%
5 to 17 years	6,789	16.9%
18 to 64 years	26,424	65.8%
65 years and over	4,512	11.2%
Median age	36.3	X

HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	14,677	100.0%
Family households	9,917	67.6%
Families with children under 18	4,607	31.4%
Average household size	2.72	X
Average family size	3.29	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	14,980	100.0%
Occupied housing units	14,677	98.0%
Owner-occupied housing units	9,252	63.0%
Renter-occupied housing units	5,425	37.0%
Vacant housing units	303	2.0%
1 unit, detached housing	9,040	60.5%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	385,100	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,162	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	27,143	67.6%
Foreign born	13,021	32.4%
Naturalized citizen	6,791	16.9%
Not a citizen	6,230	15.5%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999		
Median household income (dollars)	62,081	X
Median family income (dollars)	70,251	X
Per capita income (dollars)	26,360	X
Individuals in poverty	1,774	4.4%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	27,680	100.0%
High school graduate	6,121	22.1%
Bachelor's degree	5,096	18.4%
Graduate or professional degree	2,143	7.7%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.2	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	20,958	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	18,100	86.4%
Drove alone	15,084	72.0%
Carpooled	3,016	14.4%
Public transportation	1,656	7.9%
Bus or trolley bus	673	3.2%
Streetcar or trolley car	29	0.1%
Subway or elevated	496	2.4%
Railroad	451	2.2%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	7	0.0%
Motorcycle	60	0.3%
Bicycle	112	0.5%
Walked	457	2.2%
Other means	63	0.3%
Worked at home	510	2.4%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	21,364	100.0%
Management, professional and related	6,887	32.2%
Service	3,373	15.8%
Sales and office	6,902	32.3%
Farming, fishing & forestry	27	0.1%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	2,002	9.4%
Production, transportation, and material moving	2,173	10.2%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	1,341	6.3%
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IX. 2010

Census 2010

TOTAL POPULATION	41,114	100.0%
In households	40,716	99.0%
In group quarters	398	1.0%
RACE		
White	20,350	49.5%
Black or African American	942	2.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	246	0.6%
Asian	10,423	25.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1,377	3.3%
Some other race	5,075	12.3%
Two or more races	2,701	6.6%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	12,016	29.2%
Not Hispanic or Latino	29,098	70.8%
White	14,781	36.0%
Black or African American	841	2.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	89	0.2%
Asian	10,228	24.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1,342	3.3%
Some other race	260	0.6%
Two or more races	1,557	3.8%
SEX		
Male	20,256	49.3%
Female	20,858	50.7%
AGE		
Under 5 years	2,478	6.0%
5 to 17 years	6,154	15.0%
18 to 64 years	27,268	66.3%
65 years and over	5,214	12.7%
Median age	38.8	X

HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	14,701	100.0%
Family households	10,044	68.3%
Families with children under 18	4,288	29.2%
Average household size	2.77	X
Average family size	3.31	X

HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	15,356	100.0%
Occupied housing units	14,701	95.7%
Owner-occupied housing units	8,938	60.8%
Renter-occupied housing units	5,763	39.2%
Vacant housing units	655	4.3%

X. 2010 American Community Survey

2006-2010 American Community Survey

TOTAL POPULATION	40,231	100.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	15,655	100.0%
Occupied housing units	14,909	95.2%
Owner-occupied housing units	8,960	60.1%
Renter-occupied housing units	5,949	39.9%
Vacant housing units	746	4.8%
1 unit, detached housing	9,168	58.6%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	648,400	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,455	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	25,159	62.5%
Foreign born	15,072	37.5%
Naturalized citizen	9,430	23.4%
Not a citizen	5,642	14.0%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Median household income (dollars)	75,576	X
Median family income (dollars)	82,107	X
Per capita income (dollars)	33,496	X
Individuals in poverty	2,894	7.2%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	28,280	100.0%
High school graduate		23.9%
Bachelor's degree		25.7%
Graduate or professional degree		8.1%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.4	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	20,859	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	17,717	84.9%
Drove alone	14,847	71.2%
Carpooled	2,870	13.8%
Public transportation	1,716	8.2%
Bus or trolley bus	617	3.0%
Streetcar or trolley car	9	0.0%
Subway or elevated	1,000	4.8%
Railroad	90	0.4%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	0	0.0%
Motorcycle	31	0.1%
Bicycle	74	0.4%
Walked	574	2.8%
Other means	125	0.6%
Worked at home	622	3.0%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	21,761	100.0%
Management, professional and related	7,284	33.5%
Service	3,909	18.0%
Sales and office	6,321	29.0%
Farming, fishing & forestry		Included in following category
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	1,972	9.1%
Production, transportation, and material moving	2,275	10.5%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	1,456	6.7%
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XI. 2020

Census 2020

TOTAL POPULATION	43,908	100.0%
In households	43,618	99.3%
In group quarters	290	0.7%
RACE		
Population of one race:	37,834	86.2%
White alone	14,822	33.8%
Black or African American alone	771	1.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	458	1.0%
Asian alone	14,148	32.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	1,156	2.6%
Some Other Race alone	6,479	14.8%
Population of two races	5,519	12.6%
Population of three races	494	1.1%
Population of four races	56	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)	12,282	28.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	16,622	100.0%
Occupied housing units	15,938	95.9%
Vacant housing units	684	4.1%