

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

1930-2020

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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. 1930-1940

1930 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

1,132

1940 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

3,520

III. 1950

1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	14,371	100.0%
In households	14,341	99.8%
RACE		
Native white	13,233	92.1%
Foreign-born white	1,117	7.8%
Negro	8	0.1%
Other races	13	0.1%
WHITE PERSONS OF SPANISH SURNAME	322	2.2%
SEX		
Male	7,022	48.9%
Female	7,349	51.1%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,943	13.5%
5 to 17 years	3,024	21.0%
18 to 64 years	8,729	60.7%
65 years and over	675	4.7%
Median age	31.4	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total household	4,303	100.0%
Persons per household	3.33	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	4,443	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	4,299	96.8%
Owner occupied	3,807	88.6%
Renter occupied	492	11.4%
Vacant	135	3.0%
Median value of 1-unit structures dollars	13,918	X
Median gross rent dollars	87	X
INCOME IN 1949		
Families median income dollars	5,041	X

YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED

Population 25 years and over	8,745	100.0%
High school 4 years	3,360	38.4%
College 4 years or more	1,130	12.9%

MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP

Employed	5,296	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	956	18.1%
Farmers and farm managers	12	0.2%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	1,076	20.3%
Clerical and kindred	899	17.0%
Sales	666	12.6%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	840	15.9%
Operatives and kindred	376	7.1%
Private household workers	90	1.7%
Service workers, except private household	228	4.3%
Farm laborers	8	0.2%
Laborers, except farm and mine	121	2.3%
Occupation not reported	24	0.5%

IV. 1960

1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	21,370	100.0%
In households	21,320	99.8%
In group quarters	50	0.2%
RACE		
White	21,345	99.9%
Negro	4	0.0%
Other races	2	0.0%
Indian	2	0.0%
Japanese	9	0.0%
Chinese	6	0.0%
Filipino	2	0.0%
SEX		
Male	10,278	48.1%
Female	11,092	51.9%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,739	8.1%
5 to 17 years	5,501	25.7%
18 to 64 years	12,559	58.8%
65 years and over	1,571	7.4%
Median age	35.4	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Families	6,046	100.0%
With own children under 18	3,287	54.4%
Population per household	3.13	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	7,136	100.0%
All occupied units	6,817	95.5%
Owner occupied	5,445	79.9%
Renter occupied	1,372	20.1%
Vacant	319	4.5%
Median value dollars	20,800	X
Median gross rent dollars	118	X

PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	19,612	91.8%
Foreign born	1,758	8.2%
INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	9,195	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	12,973	100.0%
High school 4 years	4,633	35.7%
College 4 years or more	1,848	14.2%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
All workers	8,797	100.0%
Private automobile or car pool	6,688	76.0%
Railroad, subway or elevated	845	9.6%
Bus or streetcar	464	5.3%
Walked to work	311	3.5%
Other means	153	1.7%
Worked at home	152	1.7%
Not reported	184	2.1%
OCCUPATION		
Employed	8,978	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	1,722	19.2%
Farmers and farm managers	12	0.1%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	1,234	13.7%
Clerical and kindred	1,891	21.1%
Sales	1,131	12.6%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	1,212	13.5%
Operatives and kindred	722	8.0%
Private household workers	105	1.2%
Service workers, except private household	470	5.2%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	8	0.1%
Laborers, except farm and mine	193	2.1%
Occupation not reported	278	3.1%
CLASS OF WORKER		
Self-employed	913	10.2%

V. 1970

1970 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	25,924	100.0%
RACE		
White	25,559	98.6%
Negro	44	0.2%
Indian	25	0.1%
Japanese	125	0.5%
Chinese	97	0.4%
Filipino	18	0.1%
All other	56	0.2%
PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN OR DESCENT	785	3.0%
SEX		
Male	12,441	48.0%
Female	13,483	52.0%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,612	6.2%
5 to 19 years	6,694	25.8%
20 to 64 years	15,208	58.7%
65 years and over	2,410	9.3%
Median age	35.2	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	9,035	100.0%
Families	7,458	82.5%
With own children under 18 years	3,597	39.8%
Persons per household	2.87	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	12,949	X
Income of persons	5,177	X
Less than poverty level		3.6%

VI. 1980

1980 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	24,710	100.0%
RACE		
White	23,521	95.2%
Black	133	0.5%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	41	0.2%
Eskimo	0	0.0%
Aleut	5	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	758	3.1%
Japanese	259	1.0%
Chinese	308	1.2%
Filipino	51	0.2%
Korean	93	0.4%
Asian Indian	11	0.0%
Vietnamese	4	0.0%
Hawaiian	11	0.0%
Samoan	18	0.1%
Guamanian	3	0.0%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Race, n.e.c.	257	1.0%
SPANISH ORIGIN	1,293	5.2%
AGE		
Median age	37.0	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	10,123	100.0%
Families	7,034	69.5%
With own children under 18 years	2,896	28.6%
Persons per household	2.42	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979		
Median household income	25,293	X
Median family income	29,324	X
Per capita income	11,746	X
Below poverty level		2.9%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.4	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	13,408	100.0%
Private vehicle	11,776	87.8%
Drive alone car	9,083	67.7%
Drive alone truck or van	1,139	8.5%
Carpool car	1,319	9.8%
Carpool truck or van	235	1.8%
Public transportation	742	5.5%
Walked only	392	2.9%
Other means	263	2.0%
Worked at home	235	1.8%

VII. 1990

1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	26,167	100.0%
RACE		
White	23,909	91.4%
Black	288	1.1%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	84	0.3%
Eskimo	0	0.0%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1,564	6.0%
Asian	1,448	5.5%
Japanese	303	1.2%
Chinese	692	2.6%
Filipino	272	1.0%
Korean	54	0.2%
Asian Indian	32	0.1%
Vietnamese	10	0.0%
Cambodian	0	0.0%
Hmong	0	0.0%
Laotian	0	0.0%
Thai	17	0.1%
Other Asian	68	0.3%
Pacific Islander	116	0.4%
Polynesian	92	0.4%
Hawaiian	48	0.2%
Samoan	13	0.0%
Tongan	27	0.1%
Other Polynesian	4	0.0%
Micronesian -- Guamanian	0	0.0%
Micronesian -- Other	0	0.0%
Melanesian	24	0.1%
Pacific Islander Not Specified	0	0.0%
Other Race	322	1.2%
TOTAL HISPANIC	1,648	6.3%
SEX		
Male	12,706	48.6%
Female	13,461	51.4%

AGE		
Under 5 years	1,585	6.1%
5 to 17 years	3,275	12.5%
18 to 64 years	17,254	65.9%
65 years and over	4,053	15.5%
Median age	38.8	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	11,159	100.0%
Total families	7,618	68.3%
With own children under 18 years	2,822	25.3%
Persons per household	2.34	X
Persons per family	2.79	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	54,658	X
Median family income	63,337	X
Per capita income	28,161	X
Below poverty level		2.7%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	24.1	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	14,859	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	13,282	89.4%
Drove alone	12,145	81.7%
Carpooled	1,137	7.7%
Public transportation	601	4.0%
Bus or trolley bus	140	0.9%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	20	0.1%
Railroad	410	2.8%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	31	0.2%
Motorcycle	70	0.5%
Bicycle	97	0.7%
Walked	290	2.0%
Other means	47	0.3%
Working at home	472	3.2%

VIII. 2000

Census 2000

TOTAL POPULATION	27,718	100.0%
In households	27,535	99.3%
In group quarters	183	0.7%
RACE		
White	23,434	84.5%
Black or African American	209	0.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	53	0.2%
Asian	2,182	7.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	110	0.4%
Some other race	664	2.4%
Two or more races	1,066	3.8%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	2,133	7.7%
Not Hispanic or Latino	25,585	92.3%
White	22,234	80.2%
Black or African American	193	0.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	37	0.1%
Asian	2,155	7.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	105	0.4%
Some other race	56	0.2%
Two or more races	805	2.9%
SEX		
Male	13,326	48.1%
Female	14,392	51.9%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,951	7.0%
5 to 17 years	4,172	15.1%
18 to 64 years	17,619	63.6%
65 years and over	3,976	14.3%
Median age	39.9	X

HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	11,455	100.0%
Family households	7,608	66.4%
Families with children under 18	3,401	29.7%
Average household size	2.40	X
Average family size	2.93	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	11,691	100.0%
Occupied housing units	11,455	98.0%
Owner-occupied housing units	8,331	72.7%
Renter-occupied housing units	3,124	27.3%
Vacant housing units	236	2.0%
1 unit, detached housing	8,161	70.4%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	626,400	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,181	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	23,365	84.4%
Foreign born	4,332	15.6%
Naturalized citizen	2,439	8.8%
Not a citizen	1,893	6.8%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999		
Median household income (dollars)	88,460	X
Median family income (dollars)	103,971	X
Per capita income (dollars)	46,628	X
Individuals in poverty	744	2.7%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	20,393	100.0%
High school graduate	3,151	15.5%
Bachelor's degree	6,102	29.9%
Graduate or professional degree	4,050	19.9%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.1	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	14,887	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	13,213	88.8%
Drove alone	12,292	82.6%
Carpooled	921	6.2%
Public transportation	557	3.7%
Bus or trolley bus	123	0.8%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	48	0.3%
Railroad	386	2.6%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	0	0.0%
Motorcycle	49	0.3%
Bicycle	86	0.6%
Walked	215	1.4%
Other means	61	0.4%
Worked at home	706	4.7%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	15,128	100.0%
Management, professional and related	8,486	56.1%
Service	1,219	8.1%
Sales and office	3,914	25.9%
Farming, fishing & forestry	0	0.0%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	828	5.5%
Production, transportation, and material moving	681	4.5%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	1,436	9.5%
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IX. 2010

Census 2010

TOTAL POPULATION	28,406	100.0%
In households	28,315	99.7%
In group quarters	91	0.3%
RACE		
White	22,497	79.2%
Black or African American	233	0.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	65	0.2%
Asian	3,267	11.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	70	0.2%
Some other race	827	2.9%
Two or more races	1,447	5.1%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	2,855	10.1%
Not Hispanic or Latino	25,551	89.9%
White	20,786	73.2%
Black or African American	214	0.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	32	0.1%
Asian	3,234	11.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	67	0.2%
Some other race	108	0.4%
Two or more races	1,110	3.9%
SEX		
Male	13,730	48.3%
Female	14,676	51.7%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,884	6.6%
5 to 17 years	4,815	17.0%
18 to 64 years	17,660	62.2%
65 years and over	4,047	14.2%
Median age	42.6	X

HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	11,524	100.0%
Family households	7,827	67.9%
Families with children under 18	3,729	32.4%
Average household size	2.46	X
Average family size	2.99	X

HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	12,018	100.0%
Occupied housing units	11,524	95.9%
Owner-occupied housing units	8,282	71.9%
Renter-occupied housing units	3,242	28.1%
Vacant housing units	494	4.1%

X. 2010 American Community Survey

2006-2010 American Community Survey

TOTAL POPULATION	27,830	100.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	11,657	100.0%
Occupied housing units	11,332	97.2%
Owner-occupied housing units	8,276	73.0%
Renter-occupied housing units	3,056	27.0%
Vacant housing units	325	2.8%
1 unit, detached housing	8,062	69.2%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	941,000	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,454	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	22,687	81.5%
Foreign born	5,143	18.5%
Naturalized citizen	3,269	11.7%
Not a citizen	1,874	6.7%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Median household income (dollars)	110,929	X
Median family income (dollars)	141,667	X
Per capita income (dollars)	58,020	X
Individuals in poverty	920	3.3%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	20,186	100.0%
High school graduate		11.3%
Bachelor's degree		32.9%
Graduate or professional degree		26.2%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.1	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	13,661	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	11,835	86.6%
Drove alone	10,888	79.7%
Carpooled	947	6.9%
Public transportation	650	4.8%
Bus or trolley bus	161	1.2%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	104	0.8%
Railroad	385	2.8%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	0	0.0%
Motorcycle	23	0.2%
Bicycle	144	1.1%
Walked	296	2.2%
Other means	79	0.6%
Worked at home	634	4.6%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	14,121	100.0%
Management, professional and related	8,461	59.9%
Service	1,311	9.3%
Sales and office	3,259	23.1%
Farming, fishing & forestry		Included in following category
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	580	4.1%
Production, transportation, and material moving	510	3.6%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	1,445	10.2%
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XI. 2020

Census 2020

TOTAL POPULATION	30,722	100.0%
In households	30,658	99.8%
In group quarters	64	0.2%
RACE		
Population of one race:	26,891	87.5%
White alone	19,476	63.4%
Black or African American alone	268	0.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	99	0.3%
Asian alone	5,876	19.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	82	0.3%
Some Other Race alone	1,090	3.5%
Population of two races	3,563	11.6%
Population of three races	244	0.8%
Population of four races	23	0.1%
Population of five races	1	0.0%
Population of six races	0	0.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3,416	11.1%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	12,244	100.0%
Occupied housing units	11,791	96.3%
Vacant housing units	453	3.7%