

**City of San Rafael
Marin 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	841
1880 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	2,276
1890 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	3,290
1900 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	3,879
1910 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	5,934
1920 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	5,512
1930 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	8,022
1940 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	8,573

III. 1950

1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	13,848	100.0%
In households	12,972	93.7%
RACE		
Native white	12,044	87.0%
Foreign-born white	1,675	12.1%
Negro	55	0.4%
Other races	74	0.5%
Indians	0	0.0%
Japanese	1	0.0%
Chinese	58	0.4%
WHITE PERSONS OF SPANISH SURNAME	209	1.5%
SEX		
Male	6,529	47.1%
Female	7,319	52.9%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,339	9.7%
5 to 17 years	2,061	14.9%
18 to 64 years	9,122	65.9%
65 years and over	1,326	9.6%
Median age	34.7	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total household	4,471	100.0%
Persons per household	2.90	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	4,469	95.5%
Occupied dwelling units	2,614	58.5%
Owner occupied	1,855	41.5%
Renter occupied	194	4.1%
Vacant		
Median value of 1-unit structures dollars	12,644	X
Median gross rent dollars	53	X
INCOME IN 1949		
Families median income dollars	4,519	X

YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED

Population 25 years and over	8,980	100.0%
High school 4 years	3,205	35.7%
College 4 years or more	1,125	12.5%

MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP

Employed	5,648	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	811	14.4%
Farmers and farm managers	11	0.2%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	802	14.2%
Clerical and kindred	1,040	18.4%
Sales	527	9.3%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	891	15.8%
Operatives and kindred	504	8.9%
Private household workers	139	2.5%
Service workers, except private household	561	9.9%
Farm laborers	12	0.2%
Laborers, except farm and mine	309	5.5%
Occupation not reported	41	0.7%

IV. 1960

1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	20,460	100.0%
In households	19,535	95.5%
In group quarters	925	4.5%
RACE		
White	20,268	99.1%
Negro	51	0.2%
Other races	9	0.0%
Indian	16	0.1%
Japanese	34	0.2%
Chinese	50	0.2%
Filipino	32	0.2%
SEX		
Male	9,630	47.1%
Female	10,830	52.9%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,954	9.6%
5 to 17 years	4,353	21.3%
18 to 64 years	12,135	59.3%
65 years and over	2,018	9.9%
Median age	33.0	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Families	5,458	100.0%
With own children under 18	3,012	55.2%
Population per household	2.83	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	7,501	100.0%
All occupied units	6,898	92.0%
Owner occupied	3,927	56.9%
Renter occupied	2,971	43.1%
Vacant	603	8.0%
Median value dollars	20,800	X
Median gross rent dollars	92	X

PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	18,607	90.9%
Foreign born	1,853	9.1%
INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	7,715	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	12,201	100.0%
High school 4 years	3,878	31.8%
College 4 years or more	1,907	15.6%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
All workers	8,523	100.0%
Private automobile or car pool	6,124	71.9%
Railroad, subway or elevated	0	0.0%
Bus or streetcar	460	5.4%
Walked to work	933	10.9%
Other means	199	2.3%
Worked at home	344	4.0%
Not reported	463	5.4%
OCCUPATION		
Employed	8,389	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	1,204	14.4%
Farmers and farm managers	45	0.5%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	1,171	14.0%
Clerical and kindred	1,450	17.3%
Sales	872	10.4%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	1,042	12.4%
Operatives and kindred	753	9.0%
Private household workers	253	3.0%
Service workers, except private household	728	8.7%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	35	0.4%
Laborers, except farm and mine	316	3.8%
Occupation not reported	520	6.2%
CLASS OF WORKER		
Self-employed	1,232	14.7%

V. 1970

1970 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	38,977	100.0%
RACE		
White	37,994	97.5%
Negro	370	0.9%
Indian	74	0.2%
Japanese	166	0.4%
Chinese	185	0.5%
Filipino	68	0.2%
All other	120	0.3%
PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN OR DESCENT	1,170	3.0%
SEX		
Male	18,667	47.9%
Female	20,310	52.1%
AGE		
Under 5 years	2,894	7.4%
5 to 19 years	10,145	26.0%
20 to 64 years	22,396	57.5%
65 years and over	3,542	9.1%
Median age	30.5	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	13,662	100.0%
Families	10,190	74.6%
With own children under 18 years	5,454	39.9%
Persons per household	2.77	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	10,832	X
Income of persons	4,914	X
Less than poverty level		6.7%

VI. 1980

1980 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	44,690	100.0%
RACE		
White	41,464	92.8%
Black	1,022	2.3%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	196	0.4%
Eskimo	6	0.0%
Aleut	10	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	1,266	2.8%
Japanese	292	0.7%
Chinese	460	1.0%
Filipino	104	0.2%
Korean	12	0.0%
Asian Indian	65	0.1%
Vietnamese	207	0.5%
Hawaiian	32	0.1%
Samoan	31	0.1%
Guamanian	12	0.0%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	51	0.1%
Race, n.e.c.	742	1.7%
SPANISH ORIGIN	2,213	5.0%
AGE		
Median age	34.0	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	18,757	100.0%
Families	11,164	59.5%
With own children under 18 years	5,035	26.8%
Persons per household	2.32	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979		
Median household income	21,411	X
Median family income	28,814	X
Per capita income	11,542	X
Below poverty level		7.7%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.2	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	23,936	100.0%
Private vehicle	18,771	78.4%
Drive alone car	13,355	55.8%
Drive alone truck or van	1,426	6.0%
Carpool car	3,487	14.6%
Carpool truck or van	503	2.1%
Public transportation	2,823	11.8%
Walked only	979	4.1%
Other means	865	3.6%
Worked at home	498	2.1%

VII. 1990

1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	48,404	100.0%
RACE		
White	40,563	83.8%
Black	1,491	3.1%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut		
Aleut	135	0.3%
Eskimo	12	0.0%
Aleut	13	0.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2,562	5.3%
Asian	2,524	5.2%
Japanese	360	0.7%
Chinese	937	1.9%
Filipino	217	0.4%
Korean	141	0.3%
Asian Indian	224	0.5%
Vietnamese	442	0.9%
Cambodian	0	0.0%
Hmong	0	0.0%
Laotian	85	0.2%
Thai	57	0.1%
Other Asian	61	0.1%
Pacific Islander	38	0.1%
Polynesian	32	0.1%
Hawaiian	32	0.1%
Samoan	0	0.0%
Tongan	0	0.0%
Other Polynesian	0	0.0%
Micronesian -- Guamanian	0	0.0%
Micronesian -- Other	0	0.0%
Melanesian	0	0.0%
Pacific Islander Not Specified	6	0.0%
Other Race	3,653	7.5%
TOTAL HISPANIC	6,517	13.5%
SEX		
Male	23,770	49.1%
Female	24,634	50.9%

AGE		
Under 5 years	2,863	5.9%
5 to 17 years	5,614	11.6%
18 to 64 years	33,054	68.3%
65 years and over	6,873	14.2%
Median age	37.4	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	20,389	100.0%
Total families	12,003	58.9%
With own children under 18 years	4,770	23.4%
Persons per household	2.31	X
Persons per family	2.86	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	41,922	X
Median family income	53,778	X
Per capita income	24,230	X
Below poverty level		7.9%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	26.0	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	26,083	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	20,394	78.2%
Drove alone	17,120	65.6%
Carpooled	3,274	12.6%
Public transportation	2,993	11.5%
Bus or trolley bus	2,372	9.1%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	0	0.0%
Railroad	0	0.0%
Ferryboat	607	2.3%
Taxicab	14	0.1%
Motorcycle	144	0.6%
Bicycle	165	0.6%
Walked	948	3.6%
Other means	159	0.6%
Working at home	1,280	4.9%

VIII. 2000

Census 2000

TOTAL POPULATION	56,063	100.0%
In households	54,043	96.4%
In group quarters	2,020	3.6%
RACE		
White	42,472	75.8%
Black or African American	1,257	2.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native	312	0.6%
Asian	3,133	5.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	95	0.2%
Some other race	6,256	11.2%
Two or more races	2,538	4.5%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	13,070	23.3%
Not Hispanic or Latino	42,993	76.7%
White	36,960	65.9%
Black or African American	1,175	2.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native	117	0.2%
Asian	3,095	5.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	76	0.1%
Some other race	168	0.3%
Two or more races	1,402	2.5%
SEX		
Male	27,777	49.5%
Female	28,286	50.5%
AGE		
Under 5 years	3,271	5.8%
5 to 17 years	7,666	13.7%
18 to 64 years	37,071	66.1%
65 years and over	8,055	14.4%
Median age	38.5	X

HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	22,371	100.0%
Family households	12,776	57.1%
Families with children under 18	5,780	25.8%
Average household size	2.42	X
Average family size	2.99	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	22,948	100.0%
Occupied housing units	22,371	97.5%
Owner-occupied housing units	12,025	53.8%
Renter-occupied housing units	10,346	46.2%
Vacant housing units	577	2.5%
1 unit, detached housing	10,490	45.7%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	477,100	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,040	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	40,386	71.9%
Foreign born	15,746	28.1%
Naturalized citizen	4,633	8.3%
Not a citizen	11,113	19.8%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999		
Median household income (dollars)	60,994	X
Median family income (dollars)	74,398	X
Per capita income (dollars)	35,762	X
Individuals in poverty	5,587	10.2%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	40,684	100.0%
High school graduate	5,802	14.3%
Bachelor's degree	10,845	26.7%
Graduate or professional degree	6,895	16.9%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	30.7	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	28,460	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	21,519	75.6%
Drove alone	18,166	63.8%
Carpooled	3,353	11.8%
Public transportation	3,519	12.4%
Bus or trolley bus	2,861	10.1%
Streetcar or trolley car	15	0.1%
Subway or elevated	21	0.1%
Railroad	19	0.1%
Ferryboat	580	2.0%
Taxicab	23	0.1%
Motorcycle	90	0.3%
Bicycle	330	1.2%
Walked	904	3.2%
Other means	244	0.9%
Worked at home	1,854	6.5%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	29,076	100.0%
Management, professional and related	13,102	45.1%
Service	4,842	16.7%
Sales and office	7,319	25.2%
Farming, fishing & forestry	15	0.1%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	2,068	7.1%
Production, transportation, and material moving	1,730	5.9%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	4,343	14.9%
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IX. 2010

Census 2010

TOTAL POPULATION	57,713	100.0%
In households	55,594	96.3%
In group quarters	2,119	3.7%
RACE		
White	40,734	70.6%
Black or African American	1,154	2.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	709	1.2%
Asian	3,513	6.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	126	0.2%
Some other race	8,513	14.8%
Two or more races	2,964	5.1%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	17,302	30.0%
Not Hispanic or Latino	40,411	70.0%
White	34,031	59.0%
Black or African American	1,024	1.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	107	0.2%
Asian	3,463	6.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	93	0.2%
Some other race	193	0.3%
Two or more races	1,500	2.6%
SEX		
Male	28,814	49.9%
Female	28,899	50.1%
AGE		
Under 5 years	3,590	6.2%
5 to 17 years	7,542	13.1%
18 to 64 years	37,445	64.9%
65 years and over	9,136	15.8%
Median age	40.2	X

HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	22,764	100.0%
Family households	12,982	57.0%
Families with children under 18	5,902	25.9%
Average household size	2.44	X
Average family size	3.02	X

HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	24,011	100.0%
Occupied housing units	22,764	94.8%
Owner-occupied housing units	11,909	52.3%
Renter-occupied housing units	10,855	47.7%
Vacant housing units	1,247	5.2%

X. 2010 American Community Survey

2006-2010 American Community Survey

TOTAL POPULATION	56,930	100.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	24,763	100.0%
Occupied housing units	23,379	94.4%
Owner-occupied housing units	12,610	53.9%
Renter-occupied housing units	10,769	46.1%
Vacant housing units	1,384	5.6%
1 unit, detached housing	11,443	46.2%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	811,000	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,362	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	41,348	72.6%
Foreign born	15,582	27.4%
Naturalized citizen	4,539	8.0%
Not a citizen	11,043	19.4%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Median household income (dollars)	72,326	X
Median family income (dollars)	94,480	X
Per capita income (dollars)	41,968	X
Individuals in poverty	5,638	10.3%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	41,313	100.0%
High school graduate		14.3%
Bachelor's degree		27.4%
Graduate or professional degree		18.4%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.1	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	29,299	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	21,802	74.4%
Drove alone	18,275	62.4%
Carpooled	3,527	12.0%
Public transportation	3,282	11.2%
Bus or trolley bus	2,656	9.1%
Streetcar or trolley car	24	0.1%
Subway or elevated	30	0.1%
Railroad	41	0.1%
Ferryboat	531	1.8%
Taxicab	9	0.0%
Motorcycle	92	0.3%
Bicycle	245	0.8%
Walked	1,449	4.9%
Other means	329	1.1%
Worked at home	2,091	7.1%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	29,886	100.0%
Management, professional and related	12,487	41.8%
Service	6,962	23.3%
Sales and office	6,220	20.8%
Farming, fishing & forestry		Included in following category
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	2,787	9.3%
Production, transportation, and material moving	1,430	4.8%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	4,757	15.9%
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XI. 2020

Census 2020

TOTAL POPULATION	61,271	100.0%
In households	59,470	97.1%
In group quarters	1,801	2.9%
RACE		
Population of one race:	53,688	87.6%
White alone	33,427	54.6%
Black or African American alone	1,065	1.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	2,246	3.7%
Asian alone	4,073	6.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	156	0.3%
Some Other Race alone	12,721	20.8%
Population of two races	7,031	11.5%
Population of three races	514	0.8%
Population of four races	33	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)	21,038	34.3%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	24,502	100.0%
Occupied housing units	23,339	95.3%
Vacant housing units	1,163	4.7%