

**City of Santa Clara
Santa Clara County
Census Data**

1880-2020

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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. 1880-1940

1880 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	2,416
1890 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	2,891
1900 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	3,650
1910 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	4,348
1920 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	5,220
1930 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	6,302
1940 Census	
TOTAL POPULATION	6,650

III. 1950

1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	11,702	100.0%
In households	10,813	92.4%
RACE		
Native white	10,114	86.4%
Foreign-born white	1,486	12.7%
Negro	14	0.1%
Other races	88	0.8%
Indians	5	0.0%
Japanese	42	0.4%
Chinese	18	0.2%
WHITE PERSONS OF SPANISH SURNAME	2,178	18.6%
SEX		
Male	6,087	52.0%
Female	5,615	48.0%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,244	10.6%
5 to 17 years	1,995	17.0%
18 to 64 years	7,623	65.1%
65 years and over	840	7.2%
Median age	28.2	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total household	3,319	100.0%
Persons per household	3.26	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	3,411	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	3,307	97.0%
Owner occupied	2,155	65.2%
Renter occupied	1,152	34.8%
Vacant	101	3.0%
Median value of 1-unit structures dollars	9,711	X
Median gross rent dollars	39	X
INCOME IN 1949		
Families median income dollars	3,721	X

YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED

Population 25 years and over	6,690	100.0%
High school 4 years	1,720	25.7%
College 4 years or more	620	9.3%

MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP

Employed	4,200	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	438	10.4%
Farmers and farm managers	46	1.1%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	334	8.0%
Clerical and kindred	555	13.2%
Sales	336	8.0%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	653	15.5%
Operatives and kindred	911	21.7%
Private household workers	39	0.9%
Service workers, except private household	394	9.4%
Farm laborers	111	2.6%
Laborers, except farm and mine	349	8.3%
Occupation not reported	34	0.8%

IV. 1960

1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	58,880	100.0%
In households	54,603	92.7%
In group quarters	4,277	7.3%
RACE		
White	57,891	98.3%
Negro	112	0.2%
Other races	49	0.1%
Indian	34	0.1%
Japanese	508	0.9%
Chinese	121	0.2%
Filipino	165	0.3%
SEX		
Male	28,937	49.1%
Female	29,943	50.9%
AGE		
Under 5 years	8,243	14.0%
5 to 17 years	15,083	25.6%
18 to 64 years	32,157	54.6%
65 years and over	3,397	5.8%
Median age	26.5	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Families	13,813	100.0%
With own children under 18	9,836	71.2%
Population per household	3.61	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	16,280	100.0%
All occupied units	15,146	93.0%
Owner occupied	11,365	75.0%
Renter occupied	3,781	25.0%
Vacant	1,134	7.0%
Median value dollars	16,500	X
Median gross rent dollars	98	X

PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	54,984	93.4%
Foreign born	3,896	6.6%
INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	7,472	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	30,718	100.0%
High school 4 years	9,765	31.8%
College 4 years or more	3,145	10.2%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
All workers	19,258	100.0%
Private automobile or car pool	16,040	83.3%
Railroad, subway or elevated	368	1.9%
Bus or streetcar	545	2.8%
Walked to work	739	3.8%
Other means	389	2.0%
Worked at home	299	1.6%
Not reported	878	4.6%
OCCUPATION		
Employed	19,356	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	3,614	18.7%
Farmers and farm managers	50	0.3%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	1,424	7.4%
Clerical and kindred	3,070	15.9%
Sales	1,421	7.3%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	3,514	18.2%
Operatives and kindred	2,992	15.5%
Private household workers	263	1.4%
Service workers, except private household	1,271	6.6%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	94	0.5%
Laborers, except farm and mine	686	3.5%
Occupation not reported	957	4.9%
CLASS OF WORKER		
Self-employed	1,101	5.7%

V. 1970

1970 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	87,717	100.0%
RACE		
White	83,725	95.4%
Negro	687	0.8%
Indian	413	0.5%
Japanese	971	1.1%
Chinese	479	0.5%
Filipino	766	0.9%
All other	676	0.8%
PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN OR DESCENT	10,198	11.6%
SEX		
Male	43,135	49.2%
Female	44,582	50.8%
AGE		
Under 5 years	7,610	8.7%
5 to 19 years	27,346	31.2%
20 to 64 years	48,182	54.9%
65 years and over	4,579	5.2%
Median age	25.1	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	26,566	100.0%
Families	21,562	81.2%
With own children under 18 years	13,406	50.5%
Persons per household	3.18	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	9,881	X
Income of persons	3,572	X
Less than poverty level		6.5%

VI. 1980

1980 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	87,746	100.0%
RACE		
White	73,048	83.2%
Black	1,617	1.8%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	623	0.7%
Eskimo	18	0.0%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	7,882	9.0%
Japanese	1,264	1.4%
Chinese	1,260	1.4%
Filipino	2,499	2.8%
Korean	835	1.0%
Asian Indian	578	0.7%
Vietnamese	1,131	1.3%
Hawaiian	123	0.1%
Samoan	42	0.0%
Guamanian	68	0.1%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	82	0.1%
Race, n.e.c.	4,576	5.2%
SPANISH ORIGIN	12,858	14.7%
SEX		
Male	43,113	49.1%
Female	44,633	50.9%
AGE		
Under 5 years	4,688	5.3%
5 to 19 years	18,663	21.3%
20 to 64 years	57,296	65.3%
65 years and over	7,099	8.1%
Median age	29.6	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	34,090	100.0%
Families	21,685	63.6%
With own children under 18 years	10,122	29.7%
Persons per household	2.49	X
Persons per family	3.12	X

INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979

Median household income	21,717	X
Median family income	25,487	X
Per capita income	9,356	X
Below poverty level		5.8%

COMMUTING TO WORK

Mean travel time to work (minutes)	18.8	X
Mean travel time to work for workers traveling 45 or more minutes	60.4	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	48,283	100.0%
Private vehicle	43,270	89.6%
Drive alone car	31,400	65.0%
Drive alone truck or van	4,533	9.4%
Carpool car	6,518	13.5%
Carpool truck or van	819	1.7%
Public transportation	1,358	2.8%
Bus or streetcar	1,057	2.2%
Subway or elevated train	16	0.0%
Railroad	265	0.5%
Taxicab	20	0.0%
Motorcycle	527	1.1%
Bicycle	876	1.8%
Walked only	1,499	3.1%
Other means	219	0.5%
Worked at home	534	1.1%

VII. 1990

1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	93,613	100.0%
RACE		
White	69,330	74.1%
Black	2,316	2.5%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	448	0.5%
Eskimo	8	0.0%
Aleut	32	0.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	17,390	18.6%
Asian	17,057	18.2%
Japanese	1,682	1.8%
Chinese	2,913	3.1%
Filipino	4,533	4.8%
Korean	1,708	1.8%
Asian Indian	2,249	2.4%
Vietnamese	3,481	3.7%
Cambodian	7	0.0%
Hmong	0	0.0%
Laotian	62	0.1%
Thai	83	0.1%
Other Asian	339	0.4%
Pacific Islander	333	0.4%
Polynesian	206	0.2%
Hawaiian	118	0.1%
Samoan	25	0.0%
Tongan	34	0.0%
Other Polynesian	8	0.0%
Micronesian -- Guamanian	122	0.1%
Micronesian -- Other	0	0.0%
Melanesian	5	0.0%
Pacific Islander Not Specified	21	0.0%
Other Race	4,129	4.4%
TOTAL HISPANIC	13,589	14.5%
SEX		
Male	47,564	50.8%
Female	46,049	49.2%

AGE		
Under 5 years	5,800	6.2%
5 to 17 years	11,764	12.6%
18 to 64 years	66,771	71.3%
65 years and over	9,278	9.9%
Median age	32.4	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	36,548	100.0%
Total families	22,418	61.3%
With own children under 18 years	9,347	25.6%
Persons per household	2.49	X
Persons per family	3.05	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	44,707	X
Median family income	49,460	X
Per capita income	19,676	X
Below poverty level		6.0%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	19.1	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	53,687	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	48,457	90.3%
Drove alone	42,845	79.8%
Carpooled	5,612	10.5%
Public transportation	1,313	2.4%
Bus or trolley bus	983	1.8%
Streetcar or trolley car	25	0.0%
Subway or elevated	31	0.1%
Railroad	227	0.4%
Ferryboat	14	0.0%
Taxicab	33	0.1%
Motorcycle	343	0.6%
Bicycle	680	1.3%
Walked	1,735	3.2%
Other means	210	0.4%
Working at home	949	1.8%

VIII. 2000

Census 2000

TOTAL POPULATION	102,361	100.0%
In households	99,574	97.3%
In group quarters	2,787	2.7%
RACE		
White	56,903	55.6%
Black or African American	2,341	2.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	542	0.5%
Asian	29,966	29.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	437	0.4%
Some other race	7,102	6.9%
Two or more races	5,070	5.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	16,364	16.0%
Not Hispanic or Latino	85,997	84.0%
White	49,392	48.3%
Black or African American	2,237	2.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native	275	0.3%
Asian	29,791	29.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	416	0.4%
Some other race	275	0.3%
Two or more races	3,611	3.5%
SEX		
Male	52,086	50.9%
Female	50,275	49.1%
AGE		
Under 5 years	6,688	6.5%
5 to 17 years	13,707	13.4%
18 to 64 years	71,066	69.4%
65 years and over	10,900	10.7%
Median age	33.4	X

HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	38,526	100.0%
Family households	24,100	62.6%
Families with children under 18	10,563	27.4%
Average household size	2.58	X
Average family size	3.14	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	39,630	100.0%
Occupied housing units	38,526	97.2%
Owner-occupied housing units	17,763	46.1%
Renter-occupied housing units	20,763	53.9%
Vacant housing units	1,104	2.8%
1 unit, detached housing	17,633	44.5%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	396,500	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,238	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	66,410	65.0%
Foreign born	35,694	35.0%
Naturalized citizen	13,057	12.8%
Not a citizen	22,637	22.2%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999		
Median household income (dollars)	69,466	X
Median family income (dollars)	77,189	X
Per capita income (dollars)	31,755	X
Individuals in poverty	7,786	7.8%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	70,097	100.0%
High school graduate	11,990	17.1%
Bachelor's degree	18,076	25.8%
Graduate or professional degree	11,612	16.6%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.8	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	54,676	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	49,076	89.8%
Drove alone	42,835	78.3%
Carpooled	6,241	11.4%
Public transportation	1,587	2.9%
Bus or trolley bus	1,076	2.0%
Streetcar or trolley car	25	0.0%
Subway or elevated	82	0.1%
Railroad	374	0.7%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	30	0.1%
Motorcycle	77	0.1%
Bicycle	788	1.4%
Walked	1,730	3.2%
Other means	176	0.3%
Worked at home	1,242	2.3%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	55,528	100.0%
Management, professional and related	28,498	51.3%
Service	5,142	9.3%
Sales and office	12,862	23.2%
Farming, fishing & forestry	94	0.2%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	3,033	5.5%
Production, transportation, and material moving	5,899	10.6%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	2,612	4.7%
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IX. 2010

Census 2010

TOTAL POPULATION	116,468	100.0%
In households	113,272	97.3%
In group quarters	3,196	2.7%
RACE		
White	52,359	45.0%
Black or African American	3,154	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	579	0.5%
Asian	43,889	37.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	651	0.6%
Some other race	9,624	8.3%
Two or more races	6,212	5.3%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	22,589	19.4%
Not Hispanic or Latino	93,879	80.6%
White	42,026	36.1%
Black or African American	2,929	2.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native	240	0.2%
Asian	43,531	37.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	604	0.5%
Some other race	321	0.3%
Two or more races	4,228	3.6%
SEX		
Male	58,810	50.5%
Female	57,658	49.5%
AGE		
Under 5 years	9,092	7.8%
5 to 17 years	15,682	13.5%
18 to 64 years	80,015	68.7%
65 years and over	11,679	10.0%
Median age	34.1	X

HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	43,021	100.0%
Family households	27,936	64.9%
Families with children under 18	13,386	31.1%
Average household size	2.63	X
Average family size	3.18	X

HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	45,147	100.0%
Occupied housing units	43,021	95.3%
Owner-occupied housing units	19,747	45.9%
Renter-occupied housing units	23,274	54.1%
Vacant housing units	2,126	4.7%

X. 2010 American Community Survey

2006-2010 American Community Survey

TOTAL POPULATION	112,466	100.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	44,598	100.0%
Occupied housing units	42,323	94.9%
Owner-occupied housing units	19,363	45.8%
Renter-occupied housing units	22,960	54.2%
Vacant housing units	2,275	5.1%
1 unit, detached housing	18,930	42.4%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	643,800	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,413	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	68,157	60.6%
Foreign born	44,309	39.4%
Naturalized citizen	19,572	17.4%
Not a citizen	24,737	22.0%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Median household income (dollars)	85,294	X
Median family income (dollars)	101,908	X
Per capita income (dollars)	38,422	X
Individuals in poverty	9,368	8.6%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	76,703	100.0%
High school graduate		16.2%
Bachelor's degree		27.8%
Graduate or professional degree		21.0%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.1	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	55,251	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	48,633	88.0%
Drove alone	43,904	79.5%
Carpooled	4,729	8.6%
Public transportation	1,800	3.3%
Bus or trolley bus	1,152	2.1%
Streetcar or trolley car	51	0.1%
Subway or elevated	148	0.3%
Railroad	449	0.8%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	6	0.0%
Motorcycle	169	0.3%
Bicycle	659	1.2%
Walked	1,599	2.9%
Other means	396	0.7%
Worked at home	1,989	3.6%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	57,175	100.0%
Management, professional and related	30,778	53.8%
Service	7,755	13.6%
Sales and office	11,696	20.5%
Farming, fishing & forestry		Included in following category
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	3,274	5.7%
Production, transportation, and material moving	3,672	6.4%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	3,064	5.4%
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XI. 2020

Census 2020

TOTAL POPULATION	127,647	100.0%
In households	124,157	97.3%
In group quarters	3,490	2.7%
RACE		
Population of one race:	115,178	90.2%
White alone	39,504	30.9%
Black or African American alone	2,839	2.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	993	0.8%
Asian alone	60,002	47.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	450	0.4%
Some Other Race alone	11,390	8.9%
Population of two races	11,513	9.0%
Population of three races	862	0.7%
Population of four races	92	0.1%
Population of five races	2	0.0%
Population of six races	0	0.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	22,550	17.7%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	50,229	100.0%
Occupied housing units	47,004	93.6%
Vacant housing units	3,225	6.4%