

**City of Santa Rosa  
Sonoma County  
Census Data**

**1860-2020**

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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 94-171

**II. 1860-1940**

<b>1860 Census</b> TOTAL POPULATION	1,623
<b>1870 Census</b> TOTAL POPULATION	2,989
<b>1880 Census</b> TOTAL POPULATION	3,616
<b>1890 Census</b> TOTAL POPULATION	5,220
<b>1900 Census</b> TOTAL POPULATION	6,673
<b>1910 Census</b> TOTAL POPULATION	7,817
<b>1920 Census</b> TOTAL POPULATION	8,758
<b>1930 Census</b> TOTAL POPULATION	10,636
<b>1940 Census</b> TOTAL POPULATION	12,605

### III. 1950

#### 1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	17,902	100.0%
In households	17,174	95.9%
RACE		
Native white	16,316	91.1%
Foreign-born white	1,442	8.1%
Negro	43	0.2%
Other races	101	0.6%
Indians	33	0.2%
Japanese	10	0.1%
Chinese	40	0.2%
WHITE PERSONS OF SPANISH SURNAME	176	1.0%
SEX		
Male	8,455	47.5%
Female	9,447	52.8%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,522	8.5%
5 to 17 years	2,827	15.8%
18 to 64 years	11,101	62.0%
65 years and over	2,452	13.7%
Median age	36.7	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total household	6,393	100.0%
Persons per household	2.69	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	6,657	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	6,380	95.8%
Owner occupied	3,537	55.4%
Renter occupied	2,843	44.6%
Vacant	262	3.9%
Median value of 1-unit structures dollars	9,609	X
Median gross rent dollars	40	X
INCOME IN 1949		
Families median income dollars	3,579	X

#### YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED

Population 25 years and over	12,115	100.0%
High school 4 years	3,265	27.0%
College 4 years or more	1,070	8.8%

#### MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP

Employed	6,875	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	878	12.8%
Farmers and farm managers	40	0.6%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	1,222	17.8%
Clerical and kindred	963	14.0%
Sales	875	12.7%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	905	13.2%
Operatives and kindred	748	10.9%
Private household workers	129	1.9%
Service workers, except private household	701	10.2%
Farm laborers	53	0.8%
Laborers, except farm and mine	300	4.4%
Occupation not reported	61	0.9%

## IV. 1960

### 1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	31,027	100.0%
In households	30,320	97.7%
In group quarters	707	2.3%
RACE		
White	30,677	98.9%
Negro	82	0.3%
Other races	24	0.1%
Indian	122	0.4%
Japanese	40	0.1%
Chinese	53	0.2%
Filipino	29	0.1%
SEX		
Male	14,434	46.5%
Female	16,593	53.5%
AGE		
Under 5 years	2,763	8.9%
5 to 17 years	7,094	22.9%
18 to 64 years	16,501	53.2%
65 years and over	4,669	15.0%
Median age	35.3	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Families	8,323	100.0%
With own children under 18	4,379	52.6%
Population per household	2.78	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	11,611	100.0%
All occupied units	10,897	93.9%
Owner occupied	6,786	62.3%
Renter occupied	4,111	37.7%
Vacant	744	6.1%
Median value dollars	14,900	X
Median gross rent dollars	76	X

PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	29,071	93.7%
Foreign born	1,956	6.3%
INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	6,542	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	18,890	100.0%
High school 4 years	5,377	28.5%
College 4 years or more	2,045	10.8%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
All workers	10,803	100.0%
Private automobile or car pool	8,314	77.0%
Railroad, subway or elevated	4	0.0%
Bus or streetcar	218	2.0%
Walked to work	1,182	10.9%
Other means	369	3.4%
Worked at home	377	3.5%
Not reported	339	3.1%
OCCUPATION		
Employed	11,020	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	1,889	17.1%
Farmers and farm managers	57	0.5%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	1,447	13.1%
Clerical and kindred	1,715	15.6%
Sales	1,449	13.1%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	1,198	10.9%
Operatives and kindred	1,140	10.3%
Private household workers	291	2.6%
Service workers, except private household	1,018	9.2%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	58	0.5%
Laborers, except farm and mine	414	3.8%
Occupation not reported	344	3.1%
CLASS OF WORKER		
Self-employed	1,748	15.9%

## V. 1970

### 1970 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	50,006	100.0%
RACE		
White	48,779	97.5%
Negro	324	0.6%
Indian	343	0.7%
Japanese	88	0.2%
Chinese	145	0.3%
Filipino	74	0.1%
All other	253	0.5%
PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN OR DESCENT	1,270	2.5%
SEX		
Male	23,093	46.2%
Female	26,913	53.8%
AGE		
Under 5 years	3,651	7.3%
5 to 19 years	13,306	26.6%
20 to 64 years	25,642	51.3%
65 years and over	7,407	14.8%
Median age	32.1	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	18,034	100.0%
Families	13,314	73.8%
With own children under 18 years	6,629	36.8%
Persons per household	2.71	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	8,183	X
Income of persons	3,664	X
Less than poverty level		11.3%

## VI. 1980

### 1980 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	83,320	100.0%
RACE		
White	77,831	93.4%
Black	1,224	1.5%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	1,108	1.3%
Eskimo	3	0.0%
Aleut	7	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	1,433	1.7%
Japanese	239	0.3%
Chinese	300	0.4%
Filipino	247	0.3%
Korean	68	0.1%
Asian Indian	182	0.2%
Vietnamese	131	0.2%
Hawaiian	136	0.2%
Samoaan	35	0.0%
Guamanian	68	0.1%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	27	0.0%
Race, n.e.c.	1,724	2.1%
SPANISH ORIGIN	4,690	5.6%
SEX		
Male	38,949	46.7%
Female	44,371	53.3%
AGE		
Under 5 years	5,458	6.6%
5 to 19 years	17,990	21.6%
20 to 64 years	46,752	56.1%
65 years and over	13,120	15.7%
Median age	32.3	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	33,861	100.0%
Families	22,381	66.1%
With own children under 18 years	10,535	31.1%
Persons per household	2.43	X
Persons per family	2.97	X

## INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979

Median household income	17,372	X
Median family income	21,191	X
Per capita income	8,471	X
Below poverty level		9.3%

## COMMUTING TO WORK

Mean travel time to work (minutes)	18.8	X
Mean travel time to work for workers traveling 45 or more minutes	72.6	X

## MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	35,610	100.0%
Private vehicle	30,878	86.7%
Drive alone car	21,701	60.9%
Drive alone truck or van	4,055	11.4%
Carpool car	4,114	11.6%
Carpool truck or van	1,008	2.8%
Public transportation	803	2.3%
Bus or streetcar	783	2.2%
Subway or elevated train	0	0.0%
Railroad	0	0.0%
Taxicab	20	0.1%
Motorcycle	434	1.2%
Bicycle	841	2.4%
Walked only	1,457	4.1%
Other means	324	0.9%
Worked at home	873	2.5%

## VII. 1990

### 1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	113,313	100.0%
RACE		
White	101,387	89.5%
Black	2,101	1.9%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	1,307	1.2%
Eskimo	44	0.0%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3,837	3.4%
Asian	3,687	3.3%
Japanese	347	0.3%
Chinese	792	0.7%
Filipino	654	0.6%
Korean	206	0.2%
Asian Indian	149	0.1%
Vietnamese	539	0.5%
Cambodian	438	0.4%
Hmong	0	0.0%
Laotian	354	0.3%
Thai	45	0.0%
Other Asian	163	0.1%
Pacific Islander	150	0.1%
Polynesian	137	0.1%
Hawaiian	122	0.1%
Samoan	15	0.0%
Tongan	0	0.0%
Other Polynesian	0	0.0%
Micronesian -- Guamanian	13	0.0%
Micronesian -- Other	0	0.0%
Melanesian	0	0.0%
Pacific Islander Not Specified	0	0.0%
Other Race	4,681	4.1%
TOTAL HISPANIC	10,565	9.3%
SEX		
Male	54,118	47.8%
Female	59,195	52.2%

AGE		
Under 5 years	8,025	7.1%
5 to 17 years	18,835	16.6%
18 to 64 years	67,957	60.0%
65 years and over	18,496	16.3%
Median age	35.0	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	45,901	100.0%
Total families	29,409	64.1%
With own children under 18 years	14,032	30.6%
Persons per household	2.44	X
Persons per family	2.97	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	35,237	X
Median family income	41,148	X
Per capita income	17,259	X
Below poverty level		8.2%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	20.1	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	54,459	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	48,057	88.2%
Drove alone	41,833	76.8%
Carpooled	6,224	11.4%
Public transportation	1,246	2.3%
Bus or trolley bus	1,217	2.2%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	0	0.0%
Railroad	0	0.0%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	29	0.1%
Motorcycle	233	0.4%
Bicycle	875	1.6%
Walked	1,591	2.9%
Other means	414	0.8%
Working at home	2,043	3.8%

## VIII. 2000

### Census 2000

TOTAL POPULATION	147,595	100.0%
In households	143,789	97.4%
In group quarters	3,806	2.6%
RACE		
White	114,527	77.6%
Black or African American	3,177	2.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,099	1.4%
Asian	5,675	3.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	382	0.3%
Some other race	15,180	10.3%
Two or more races	6,555	4.4%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	28,318	19.2%
Not Hispanic or Latino	119,277	80.8%
White	104,581	70.9%
Black or African American	3,023	2.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,406	1.0%
Asian	5,542	3.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	333	0.2%
Some other race	260	0.2%
Two or more races	4,132	2.8%
SEX		
Male	72,078	48.8%
Female	75,517	51.2%
AGE		
Under 5 years	9,606	6.5%
5 to 17 years	26,199	17.8%
18 to 64 years	91,214	61.8%
65 years and over	20,576	13.9%
Median age	36.2	X

<b>HOUSEHOLDS</b>		
Total households	56,036	100.0%
Family households	35,117	62.7%
Families with children under 18	17,339	30.9%
Average household size	2.57	X
Average family size	3.14	X
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Total housing units	57,578	100.0%
Occupied housing units	56,036	97.3%
Owner-occupied housing units	32,798	58.5%
Renter-occupied housing units	23,238	41.5%
Vacant housing units	1,542	2.7%
1 unit, detached housing	34,120	59.3%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	245,000	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	862	X
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS</b>		
Native	123,517	83.7%
Foreign born	24,015	16.3%
Naturalized citizen	7,472	5.1%
Not a citizen	16,543	11.2%
<b>INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999</b>		
Median household income (dollars)	50,931	X
Median family income (dollars)	59,659	X
Per capita income (dollars)	24,495	X
Individuals in poverty	12,391	8.5%
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>		
Population 25 and over	97,503	100.0%
High school graduate	20,069	20.6%
Bachelor's degree	18,018	18.5%
Graduate or professional degree	8,910	9.1%
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.1	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	70,867	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	63,358	89.4%
Drove alone	54,606	77.1%
Carpooled	8,752	12.3%
Public transportation	1,555	2.2%
Bus or trolley bus	1,462	2.1%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	53	0.1%
Railroad	0	0.0%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	40	0.1%
Motorcycle	118	0.2%
Bicycle	613	0.9%
Walked	1,593	2.2%
Other means	512	0.7%
Worked at home	3,118	4.4%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	72,513	100.0%
Management, professional and related	24,762	34.1%
Service	11,565	15.9%
Sales and office	20,084	27.7%
Farming, fishing & forestry	647	0.9%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	6,461	8.9%
Production, transportation, and material moving	8,994	12.4%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	6,991	9.6%
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## IX. 2010

### Census 2010

TOTAL POPULATION	167,815	100.0%
In households	164,405	98.0%
In group quarters	3,410	2.0%
RACE		
White	119,158	71.0%
Black or African American	4,079	2.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,808	1.7%
Asian	8,746	5.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	810	0.5%
Some other race	23,723	14.1%
Two or more races	8,491	5.1%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	47,970	28.6%
Not Hispanic or Latino	119,845	71.4%
White	100,126	59.7%
Black or African American	3,660	2.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,511	0.9%
Asian	8,521	5.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	750	0.4%
Some other race	356	0.2%
Two or more races	4,921	2.9%
SEX		
Male	81,846	48.8%
Female	85,969	51.2%
AGE		
Under 5 years	11,432	6.8%
5 to 17 years	27,785	16.6%
18 to 64 years	105,918	63.1%
65 years and over	22,680	13.5%
Median age	36.7	X

## HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	63,590	100.0%
Family households	39,231	61.7%
Families with children under 18	18,703	29.4%
Average household size	2.59	X
Average family size	3.18	X

## HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	67,396	100.0%
Occupied housing units	63,590	94.4%
Owner-occupied housing units	34,427	54.1%
Renter-occupied housing units	29,163	45.9%
Vacant housing units	3,806	5.6%

**X. 2010 American Community Survey**

**2006-2010 American Community Survey**

TOTAL POPULATION	162,647	100.0%
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Total housing units	66,913	100.0%
Occupied housing units	62,558	93.5%
Owner-occupied housing units	35,173	56.2%
Renter-occupied housing units	27,385	43.8%
Vacant housing units	4,355	6.5%
1 unit, detached housing	40,169	60.0%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	468,600	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,141	X
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS</b>		
Native	130,785	80.4%
Foreign born	31,862	19.6%
Naturalized citizen	10,722	6.6%
Not a citizen	21,140	13.0%
<b>INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>		
Median household income (dollars)	59,326	X
Median family income (dollars)	70,761	X
Per capita income (dollars)	29,794	X
Individuals in poverty	19,573	12.2%
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>		
Population 25 and over	107,906	100.0%
High school graduate		21.3%
Bachelor's degree		18.9%
Graduate or professional degree		10.4%
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.8	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	75,183	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	65,047	86.5%
Drove alone	56,102	74.6%
Carpooled	8,945	11.9%
Public transportation	1,658	2.2%
Bus or trolley bus	1,658	2.2%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	0	0.0%
Railroad	0	0.0%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	24	0.0%
Motorcycle	267	0.4%
Bicycle	1,023	1.4%
Walked	2,025	2.7%
Other means	483	0.6%
Worked at home	4,656	6.2%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	77,480	100.0%
Management, professional and related	24,520	31.6%
Service	16,042	20.7%
Sales and office	20,338	26.2%
Farming, fishing & forestry		Included in following category
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	8,177	10.6%
Production, transportation, and material moving	8,403	10.8%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	7,640	9.9%
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## XI. 2020

### Census 2020

TOTAL POPULATION	178,127	100.0%
In households	174,822	98.1%
In group quarters	3,305	1.9%
RACE		
Population of one race:	153,394	86.1%
White alone	99,224	55.7%
Black or African American alone	4,062	2.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	4,039	2.3%
Asian alone	10,938	6.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	1,033	0.6%
Some Other Race alone	34,098	19.1%
Population of two races	22,887	12.8%
Population of three races	1,713	1.0%
Population of four races	117	0.1%
Population of five races	16	0.0%
Population of six races	0	0.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	61,082	34.3%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	70,300	100.0%
Occupied housing units	66,843	95.1%
Vacant housing units	3,457	4.9%