

**City of South San Francisco
San Mateo County
Census Data
1910-2020**

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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. 1910-1940

1910 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

1,989

1920 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

4,411

1930 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

6,193

1940 Census

TOTAL POPULATION

6,629

III. 1950

1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	19,351	100.0%
In households	18,913	97.7%
RACE		
Native white	16,814	86.9%
Foreign-born white	2,203	11.4%
Negro	312	1.6%
Other races	22	0.1%
WHITE PERSONS OF SPANISH SURNAME	1,344	6.9%
SEX		
Male	9,952	51.4%
Female	9,399	48.6%
AGE		
Under 5 years	3,186	16.5%
5 to 17 years	3,260	16.8%
18 to 64 years	12,266	63.4%
65 years and over	639	3.3%
Median age	27.4	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total household	5,663	100.0%
Persons per household	3.34	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	5,886	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	5,637	95.8%
Owner occupied	3,337	59.2%
Renter occupied	2,300	40.8%
Vacant	229	3.9%
Median value of 1-unit structures dollars	11,219	X
Median gross rent dollars	37	X
INCOME IN 1949		
Families median income dollars	4,117	X

YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED

Population 25 years and over	10,950	100.0%
High school 4 years	3,345	30.5%
College 4 years or more	630	5.8%

MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP

Employed	7,473	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	602	8.1%
Farmers and farm managers	43	0.6%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	550	7.4%
Clerical and kindred	1,185	15.9%
Sales	523	7.0%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	1,541	20.6%
Operatives and kindred	1,661	22.2%
Private household workers	76	1.0%
Service workers, except private household	551	7.4%
Farm laborers	72	1.0%
Laborers, except farm and mine	554	7.4%
Occupation not reported	115	1.5%

IV. 1960

1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	39,418	100.0%
In households	39,371	99.9%
In group quarters	47	0.1%
RACE		
White	38,746	98.3%
Negro	119	0.3%
Other races	60	0.2%
Indian	44	0.1%
Japanese	133	0.3%
Chinese	161	0.4%
Filipino	155	0.5%
WHITE, SPANISH SURNAME	3,428	8.7%
SEX		
Male	19,821	50.3%
Female	19,597	49.7%
AGE		
Under 5 years	5,621	14.3%
5 to 17 years	10,708	27.2%
18 to 64 years	21,685	55.0%
65 years and over	1,404	3.6%
Median age	26.6	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Families	10,189	100.0%
With own children under 18	7,058	69.3%
Population per household	3.53	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	11,410	100.0%
All occupied units	11,146	97.7%
Owner occupied	8,621	77.3%
Renter occupied	2,525	22.7%
Vacant	264	2.3%
Median value dollars	16,500	X
Median gross rent dollars	93	X

PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	36,041	91.4%
Foreign born	3,377	8.6%
INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	7,578	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	20,636	100.0%
High school 4 years	7,484	36.3%
College 4 years or more	1,172	5.7%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
All workers	14,792	100.0%
Private automobile or car pool	11,738	79.4%
Railroad, subway or elevated	181	1.2%
Bus or streetcar	1,258	8.5%
Walked to work	630	4.3%
Other means	453	3.1%
Worked at home	135	0.9%
Not reported	397	2.7%
OCCUPATION		
Employed	14,797	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	1,184	8.0%
Farmers and farm managers	35	0.2%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	1,274	8.6%
Clerical and kindred	3,178	21.5%
Sales	1,221	8.3%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	2,824	19.1%
Operatives and kindred	2,757	18.6%
Private household workers	117	0.8%
Service workers, except private household	1,057	7.1%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	49	0.3%
Laborers, except farm and mine	642	4.3%
Occupation not reported	459	3.1%
CLASS OF WORKER		
Self-employed	982	6.6%

V. 1970

1970 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	46,646	100.0%
RACE		
White	43,622	93.5%
Negro	625	1.3%
Indian	214	0.5%
Japanese	362	0.8%
Chinese	548	1.2%
Filipino	642	1.4%
All other	633	1.4%
PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN OR DESCENT	7,174	15.4%
SEX		
Male	23,094	49.5%
Female	23,552	50.5%
AGE		
Under 5 years	4,070	8.7%
5 to 19 years	14,630	31.4%
20 to 64 years	25,616	54.9%
65 years and over	2330	5.0%
Median age	26.8	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	14,078	100.0%
Families	11,992	85.2%
With own children under 18 years	7,384	52.5%
Persons per household	3.31	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	11,153	X
Income of persons	3,678	X
Less than poverty level		5.1%

VI. 1980

1980 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	49,393	100.0%
RACE		
White	36,715	74.3%
Black	1,861	3.8%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	216	0.4%
Eskimo	0	0.0%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	7,173	14.5%
Japanese	602	1.2%
Chinese	2,298	4.7%
Filipino	2,605	5.3%
Korean	232	0.5%
Asian Indian	516	1.0%
Vietnamese	47	0.1%
Hawaiian	83	0.2%
Samoan	317	0.6%
Guamanian	80	0.2%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	393	0.8%
Race, n.e.c.	3,428	6.9%
SPANISH ORIGIN	10,949	22.2%
AGE		
Median age	30.5	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	17,534	100.0%
Families	13,086	74.6%
With own children under 18 years	6,762	38.6%
Persons per household	2.82	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979		
Median household income	22,257	X
Median family income	24,947	X
Per capita income	8,478	X
Below poverty level		6.2%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.9	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	25,384	100.0%
Private vehicle	22,064	86.9%
Drive alone car	14,659	57.7%
Drive alone truck or van	2,211	8.7%
Carpool car	4,609	18.2%
Carpool truck or van	585	2.3%
Public transportation	2,065	8.1%
Walked only	537	2.1%
Other means	478	1.9%
Worked at home	240	0.9%

VII. 1990

1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	54,312	100.0%
RACE		
White	33,505	61.7%
Black	2,097	3.9%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	372	0.7%
Eskimo	8	0.0%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	13,449	24.8%
Asian	12,294	22.6%
Japanese	513	0.9%
Chinese	3,672	6.8%
Filipino	6,726	12.4%
Korean	408	0.8%
Asian Indian	389	0.7%
Vietnamese	185	0.3%
Cambodian	27	0.0%
Hmong	0	0.0%
Laotian	0	0.0%
Thai	97	0.2%
Other Asian	277	0.5%
Pacific Islander	1,155	2.1%
Polynesian	874	1.6%
Hawaiian	124	0.2%
Samoan	556	1.0%
Tongan	154	0.3%
Other Polynesian	40	0.1%
Micronesian -- Guamanian	35	0.1%
Micronesian -- Other	14	0.0%
Melanesian	202	0.4%
Pacific Islander Not Specified	30	0.1%
Other Race	4,889	9.0%
TOTAL HISPANIC	14,908	27.4%
SEX		
Male	26,693	49.1%
Female	27,619	50.9%

AGE		
Under 5 years	4,042	7.4%
5 to 17 years	9,027	16.6%
18 to 64 years	35,128	64.7%
65 years and over	6,117	11.3%
Median age	33.5	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	18,588	100.0%
Total families	13,813	74.3%
With own children under 18 years	6,595	35.5%
Persons per household	2.90	X
Persons per family	3.37	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	42,920	X
Median family income	47,623	X
Per capita income	15,857	X
Below poverty level		5.8%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	23.5	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	27,575	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	23,792	86.3%
Drove alone	19,231	69.7%
Carpooled	4,561	16.5%
Public transportation	2,541	9.2%
Bus or trolley bus	1,192	4.3%
Streetcar or trolley car	3	0.0%
Subway or elevated	1,056	3.8%
Railroad	268	1.0%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	22	0.1%
Motorcycle	134	0.5%
Bicycle	89	0.3%
Walked	550	2.0%
Other means	139	0.5%
Working at home	330	1.2%

VIII. 2000

Census 2000

TOTAL POPULATION	60,552	100.0%
In households	60,109	99.3%
In group quarters	443	0.7%
RACE		
White	26,671	44.0%
Black or African American	1,707	2.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	362	0.6%
Asian	17,510	28.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	944	1.6%
Some other race	9,091	15.0%
Two or more races	4,267	7.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	19,282	31.8%
Not Hispanic or Latino	41,270	68.2%
White	18,487	30.5%
Black or African American	1,621	2.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	197	0.3%
Asian	17,312	28.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	896	1.5%
Some other race	264	0.4%
Two or more races	2,493	4.1%
SEX		
Male	30,009	49.6%
Female	30,543	50.4%
AGE		
Under 5 years	3,914	6.5%
5 to 17 years	10,752	17.8%
18 to 64 years	38,254	63.2%
65 years and over	7,632	12.6%
Median age	35.7	X

HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	19,677	100.0%
Family households	14,650	74.5%
Families with children under 18	6,935	35.2%
Average household size	3.05	X
Average family size	3.51	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	20,138	100.0%
Occupied housing units	19,677	97.7%
Owner-occupied housing units	12,303	62.5%
Renter-occupied housing units	7,374	37.5%
Vacant housing units	461	2.3%
1 unit, detached housing	11,829	58.7%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	352,900	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,057	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	36,988	60.9%
Foreign born	23,739	39.1%
Naturalized citizen	13,264	21.8%
Not a citizen	10,475	17.2%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999		
Median household income (dollars)	61,764	X
Median family income (dollars)	66,598	X
Per capita income (dollars)	23,562	X
Individuals in poverty	3,151	5.2%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	40,422	100.0%
High school graduate	9,703	24.0%
Bachelor's degree	7,816	19.3%
Graduate or professional degree	2,375	5.9%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.7	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	29,049	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	24,722	85.1%
Drove alone	19,807	68.2%
Carpooled	4,915	16.9%
Public transportation	2,680	9.2%
Bus or trolley bus	1,328	4.6%
Streetcar or trolley car	18	0.1%
Subway or elevated	1,114	3.8%
Railroad	202	0.7%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	18	0.1%
Motorcycle	55	0.2%
Bicycle	118	0.4%
Walked	752	2.6%
Other means	209	0.7%
Worked at home	513	1.8%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	29,796	100.0%
Management, professional and related	8,973	30.1%
Service	4,321	14.5%
Sales and office	9,546	32.0%
Farming, fishing & forestry	121	0.4%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	2,879	9.7%
Production, transportation, and material moving	3,956	13.3%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	1,639	5.5%
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IX. 2010

Census 2010

TOTAL POPULATION	63,632	100.0%
In households	63,053	99.1%
In group quarters	579	0.9%
RACE		
White	23,760	37.3%
Black or African American	1,625	2.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	395	0.6%
Asian	23,293	36.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1,111	1.7%
Some other race	9,598	15.1%
Two or more races	3,850	6.1%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	21,645	34.0%
Not Hispanic or Latino	41,987	66.0%
White	14,016	22.0%
Black or African American	1,480	2.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	138	0.2%
Asian	22,923	36.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1,054	1.7%
Some other race	287	0.5%
Two or more races	2,089	3.3%
SEX		
Male	31,435	49.4%
Female	32,197	50.6%
AGE		
Under 5 years	3,924	6.2%
5 to 17 years	9,863	15.5%
18 to 64 years	41,516	65.2%
65 years and over	8,329	13.1%
Median age	38.1	X

HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	20,938	100.0%
Family households	15,330	73.2%
Families with children under 18	6,559	31.3%
Average household size	3.01	X
Average family size	3.45	X

HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	21,814	100.0%
Occupied housing units	20,938	96.0%
Owner-occupied housing units	12,614	60.2%
Renter-occupied housing units	8,324	39.8%
Vacant housing units	876	4.0%

X. 2010 American Community Survey

2006-2010 American Community Survey

TOTAL POPULATION	62,016	100.0%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	21,576	100.0%
Occupied housing units	20,831	96.5%
Owner-occupied housing units	12,669	60.8%
Renter-occupied housing units	8,162	39.2%
Vacant housing units	745	3.5%
1 unit, detached housing	12,905	59.8%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	648,500	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,423	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	36,350	58.6%
Foreign born	25,666	41.4%
Naturalized citizen	16,679	26.9%
Not a citizen	8,987	14.5%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Median household income (dollars)	74,158	X
Median family income (dollars)	82,003	X
Per capita income (dollars)	31,163	X
Individuals in poverty	3,867	6.3%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	42,678	100.0%
High school graduate		23.6%
Bachelor's degree		23.2%
Graduate or professional degree		8.3%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.5	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	30,850	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	25,147	81.5%
Drove alone	20,736	67.2%
Carpooled	4,411	14.3%
Public transportation	3,286	10.7%
Bus or trolley bus	1,246	4.0%
Streetcar or trolley car	0	0.0%
Subway or elevated	1,756	5.7%
Railroad	284	0.9%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	0	0.0%
Motorcycle	76	0.2%
Bicycle	157	0.5%
Walked	1,089	3.5%
Other means	150	0.5%
Worked at home	945	3.1%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	31,869	100.0%
Management, professional and related	10,976	34.4%
Service	5,135	16.1%
Sales and office	9,840	30.9%
Farming, fishing & forestry		Included in following category
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	2,339	7.3%
Production, transportation, and material moving	3,579	11.2%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	2,026	6.4%
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XI. 2020

2020 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	66,105	100.0%
In households	65,703	99.4%
In group quarters	402	0.6%
RACE		
Population of one race:	57,269	86.6%
White alone	14,584	22.1%
Black or African American alone	1,311	2.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	732	1.1%
Asian alone	27,369	41.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	1,058	1.6%
Some Other Race alone	12,215	18.5%
Population of two races	8,058	12.2%
Population of three races	698	1.1%
Population of four races	76	0.1%
Population of five races	4	0.0%
Population of six races	0	0.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	21,650	32.8%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	22,683	100.0%
Occupied housing units	21,803	96.1%
Vacant housing units	880	3.9%