

**City of Walnut Creek  
Contra Costa County  
Census Data**

**1920-2020**

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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. 1920-1940**

**1920 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION

538

**1930 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION

1,014

**1940 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION

1,578

### III. 1950

#### 1950 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	2,420	100.0%
RACE		
Native white	2,217	91.6%
Foreign-born white	202	8.3%
Negro	1	0.0%
Other races	0	0.0%
SEX		
Male	1,194	49.3%
Female	1,226	50.7%
AGE		
Under 5 years	250	10.3%
5 to 64 years	1,954	80.7%
65 years and over	216	8.9%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All dwelling units	842	100.0%
Occupied dwelling units	805	95.6%
Owner occupied	513	63.7%
Renter occupied	292	36.3%
Vacant	37	4.4%
Average value of 1-unit structures dollars	10,641	X
Average contract rent dollars	49	X

#### IV. 1960

##### 1960 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	9,903	100.0%
In households	9,844	99.4%
RACE		
White	9,746	98.4%
Negro	31	0.3%
Other races	126	1.3%
SEX		
Male	4,841	48.9%
Female	5,062	51.1%
AGE		
Under 5 years	1,189	12.0%
5 to 19 years	2,656	26.8%
20 to 64 years	5,334	53.9%
65 years and over	724	7.3%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
All housing units	3,272	100.0%
All occupied units	3,094	94.6%
Owner occupied	2,128	68.8%
Renter occupied	966	31.2%
Vacant	178	5.4%
Median value dollars	19,000	X
Median gross rent dollars	102	X
PLACE OF BIRTH		
Native	9,172	92.6%
Foreign born	731	7.4%
INCOME IN 1959		
Families median income dollars	8,465	X
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
Population 25 years and over	5,641	100.0%
High school 4 years	1,703	30.2%
College 4 years or more	1,211	21.5%

## OCCUPATION

Employed	3,703	100.0%
Professional, technical, and kindred	815	22.0%
Farmers and farm managers	17	0.5%
Managers, officials, and propr's exc. farm	464	12.5%
Clerical and kindred	553	14.9%
Sales	449	12.1%
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred	433	11.7%
Operatives and kindred	296	8.0%
Private household workers	54	1.5%
Service workers, except private household	319	8.6%
Farm laborers and farm foremen	4	0.1%
Laborers, except farm and mine	90	2.4%
Occupation not reported	209	5.6%

**V. 1970**

**1970 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	39,844	100.0%
RACE		
White	39,068	98.1%
Negro	100	0.3%
Indian	45	0.1%
Japanese	263	0.7%
Chinese	232	0.6%
Filipino	49	0.1%
All other	87	0.2%
PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN OR DESCENT	835	2.1%
SEX		
Male	18,948	47.6%
Female	20,896	52.4%
AGE		
Under 5 years	2,697	6.8%
5 to 19 years	10,998	27.6%
20 to 64 years	20,163	50.6%
65 years and over	5,986	15.0%
Median age	33.6	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Head of household	14,029	100.0%
Families	10,861	77.4%
With own children under 18 years	5,600	39.9%
Persons per household	2.81	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	12,375	X
Income of persons	5,040	X
Less than poverty level		3.9%

**VI. 1980**

**1980 Census**

TOTAL POPULATION	53,643	100.0%
<b>RACE</b>		
White	50,689	94.5%
Black	278	0.5%
American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	117	0.2%
Eskimo	0	0.0%
Aleut	0	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander	2,178	4.1%
Japanese	591	1.1%
Chinese	958	1.8%
Filipino	138	0.3%
Korean	223	0.4%
Asian Indian	198	0.4%
Vietnamese	18	0.0%
Hawaiian	23	0.0%
Samoan	0	0.0%
Guamanian	0	0.0%
Other Asian and Pacific Islander	29	0.1%
Race, n.e.c.	381	0.7%
SPANISH ORIGIN	1,771	3.3%
<b>AGE</b>		
Median age	39.3	X
<b>HOUSEHOLDS</b>		
Total households	23,387	100.0%
Families	14,516	62.1%
With own children under 18 years	5,956	25.5%
Persons per household	2.26	X
<b>INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979</b>		
Median household income	24,813	X
Median family income	32,317	X
Per capita income	12,675	X
Below poverty level		4.0%

COMMUTING TO WORK

Mean travel time to work (minutes)	29.9	X
Mean travel time to work for workers traveling 45 or more minutes	57.2	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	24,814	100.0%
Private vehicle	19,679	79.3%
Drive alone car	14,438	58.2%
Drive alone truck or van	1,160	4.7%
Carpool car	3,493	14.1%
Carpool truck or van	588	2.4%
Public transportation	3,255	13.1%
Bus or streetcar	485	2.0%
Subway or elevated train	2,172	8.8%
Railroad	598	2.4%
Taxicab	0	0.0%
Motorcycle	141	0.6%
Bicycle	220	0.9%
Walked only	476	1.9%
Other means	426	1.7%
Worked at home	617	2.5%

## VII. 1990

### 1990 Census

TOTAL POPULATION	60,569	100.0%
RACE		
White	54,986	90.8%
Black	507	0.8%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	123	0.2%
Eskimo	0	0.0%
Aleut	9	0.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	4,072	6.7%
Asian	4,030	6.7%
Japanese	779	1.3%
Chinese	1,695	2.8%
Filipino	522	0.9%
Korean	404	0.7%
Asian Indian	395	0.7%
Vietnamese	48	0.1%
Cambodian	0	0.0%
Hmong	0	0.0%
Laotian	8	0.0%
Thai	9	0.0%
Other Asian	170	0.3%
Pacific Islander	42	0.1%
Polynesian	18	0.0%
Hawaiian	11	0.0%
Samoan	0	0.0%
Tongan	7	0.0%
Other Polynesian	0	0.0%
Micronesian -- Guamanian	8	0.0%
Micronesian -- Other	0	0.0%
Melanesian	16	0.0%
Pacific Islander Not Specified	0	0.0%
Other Race	881	1.5%
TOTAL HISPANIC	2,774	4.6%
SEX		
Male	28,037	46.3%
Female	32,532	53.7%

AGE		
Under 5 years	2,699	4.5%
5 to 17 years	7,351	12.1%
18 to 64 years	36,755	60.7%
65 years and over	13,764	22.7%
Median age	41.8	X
HOUSEHOLDS		
Households	28,340	100.0%
Total families	16,234	57.3%
With own children under 18 years	5,755	20.3%
Persons per household	2.11	X
Persons per family	2.75	X
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989		
Median household income	45,529	X
Median family income	60,046	X
Per capita income	26,354	X
Below poverty level		3.8%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean minutes traveled to work	28.4	X
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	30,645	100.0%
Car, truck, or van	24,692	80.6%
Drove alone	21,479	70.1%
Carpooled	3,213	10.5%
Public transportation	3,707	12.1%
Bus or trolley bus	283	0.9%
Streetcar or trolley car	48	0.2%
Subway or elevated	2,859	9.3%
Railroad	485	1.6%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	32	0.1%
Motorcycle	74	0.2%
Bicycle	169	0.6%
Walked	636	2.1%
Other means	187	0.6%
Working at home	1,180	3.9%

## VIII. 2000

### Census 2000

TOTAL POPULATION	64,296	100.0%
In households	63,332	98.5%
In group quarters	964	1.5%
RACE		
White	53,937	83.9%
Black or African American	688	1.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native	210	0.3%
Asian	6,017	9.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	94	0.1%
Some other race	1,263	2.0%
Two or more races	2,087	3.2%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3,851	6.0%
Not Hispanic or Latino	60,445	94.0%
White	51,834	80.6%
Black or African American	666	1.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	148	0.2%
Asian	5,968	9.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	91	0.1%
Some other race	148	0.2%
Two or more races	1,590	2.5%
SEX		
Male	29,683	46.2%
Female	34,613	53.8%
AGE		
Under 5 years	2,854	4.4%
5 to 17 years	8,455	13.2%
18 to 64 years	36,706	57.1%
65 years and over	16,281	25.3%
Median age	45.1	X

HOUSEHOLDS		
Total households	30,301	100.0%
Family households	16,551	54.6%
Families with children under 18	6,321	20.9%
Average household size	2.09	X
Average family size	2.78	X
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	31,425	100.0%
Occupied housing units	30,301	96.4%
Owner-occupied housing units	20,708	68.3%
Renter-occupied housing units	9,593	31.7%
Vacant housing units	1,124	3.6%
1 unit, detached housing	12,054	38.3%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	391,200	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,024	X
PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS		
Native	52,836	81.8%
Foreign born	11,747	18.2%
Naturalized citizen	6,266	9.7%
Not a citizen	5,481	8.5%
INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999		
Median household income (dollars)	63,238	X
Median family income (dollars)	83,794	X
Per capita income (dollars)	39,875	X
Individuals in poverty	2,353	3.7%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 and over	49,986	100.0%
High school graduate	6,290	12.6%
Bachelor's degree	16,705	33.4%
Graduate or professional degree	10,266	20.5%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	32.8	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	29,901	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	23,056	77.1%
Drove alone	20,744	69.4%
Carpooled	2,312	7.7%
Public transportation	4,138	13.8%
Bus or trolley bus	288	1.0%
Streetcar or trolley car	32	0.1%
Subway or elevated	3,415	11.4%
Railroad	367	1.2%
Ferryboat	9	0.0%
Taxicab	27	0.1%
Motorcycle	56	0.2%
Bicycle	182	0.6%
Walked	601	2.0%
Other means	161	0.5%
Worked at home	1,707	5.7%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	30,386	100.0%
Management, professional and related	16,878	55.5%
Service	2,748	9.0%
Sales and office	8,393	27.6%
Farming, fishing & forestry	17	0.1%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	1,257	4.1%
Production, transportation, and material moving	1,093	3.6%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	3,204	10.5%
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## IX. 2010

### Census 2010

TOTAL POPULATION	64,173	100.0%
In households	63,171	98.4%
In group quarters	1,002	1.6%
RACE		
White	50,487	78.7%
Black or African American	1,035	1.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	155	0.2%
Asian	8,027	12.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	125	0.2%
Some other race	1,624	2.5%
Two or more races	2,720	4.2%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	5,540	8.6%
Not Hispanic or Latino	58,633	91.4%
White	47,170	73.5%
Black or African American	996	1.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	99	0.2%
Asian	7,954	12.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	114	0.2%
Some other race	148	0.2%
Two or more races	2,152	3.4%
SEX		
Male	29,740	46.3%
Female	34,433	53.7%
AGE		
Under 5 years	2,633	4.1%
5 to 17 years	8,086	12.6%
18 to 64 years	36,389	56.7%
65 years and over	17,065	26.6%
Median age	47.9	X

## HOUSEHOLDS

Total households	30,443	100.0%
Family households	16,220	53.3%
Families with children under 18	6,074	20.0%
Average household size	2.08	X
Average family size	2.79	X

## HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	32,681	100.0%
Occupied housing units	30,443	93.2%
Owner-occupied housing units	20,262	66.6%
Renter-occupied housing units	10,181	33.4%
Vacant housing units	2,238	6.8%

**X. 2010 American Community Survey**

**2006-2010 American Community Survey**

TOTAL POPULATION	63,808	100.0%
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Total housing units	32,407	100.0%
Occupied housing units	30,310	93.5%
Owner-occupied housing units	21,018	69.3%
Renter-occupied housing units	9,292	30.7%
Vacant housing units	2,097	6.5%
1 unit, detached housing	12,357	38.1%
Median value owner occupied unit (dollars)	622,900	X
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,393	X
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS</b>		
Native	50,941	79.8%
Foreign born	12,867	20.2%
Naturalized citizen	8,079	12.7%
Not a citizen	4,788	7.5%
<b>INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>		
Median household income (dollars)	80,734	X
Median family income (dollars)	110,823	X
Per capita income (dollars)	51,307	X
Individuals in poverty	2,777	4.4%
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>		
Population 25 and over	49,436	100.0%
High school graduate		13.5%
Bachelor's degree		35.1%
Graduate or professional degree		23.2%
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	28.7	X

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER

Total	29,426	100.0%
Car, truck, or van:	21,620	73.5%
Drove alone	19,805	67.3%
Carpooled	1,815	6.2%
Public transportation	4,000	13.6%
Bus or trolley bus	375	1.3%
Streetcar or trolley car	50	0.2%
Subway or elevated	3,065	10.4%
Railroad	510	1.7%
Ferryboat	0	0.0%
Taxicab	0	0.0%
Motorcycle	95	0.3%
Bicycle	420	1.4%
Walked	1,040	3.5%
Other means	96	0.3%
Worked at home	2,155	7.3%

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Employed civilian population 16 years and over	30,499	100.0%
Management, professional and related	17,260	56.6%
Service	3,842	12.6%
Sales and office	7,212	23.6%
Farming, fishing & forestry		Included in following category
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	1,119	3.7%
Production, transportation, and material moving	1,066	3.5%

CLASS OF WORKER

Self-employed workers	3,324	10.9%
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## XI. 2020

### Census 2020

TOTAL POPULATION	70,127	100.0%
In households	69,208	98.7%
In group quarters	919	1.3%
RACE		
Population of one race:	62,514	89.1%
White alone	46,478	66.3%
Black or African American alone	1,564	2.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	214	0.3%
Asian alone	11,684	16.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	111	0.2%
Some Other Race alone	2,463	3.5%
Population of two races	6,980	10.0%
Population of three races	552	0.8%
Population of four races	67	0.1%
Population of five races	12	0.0%
Population of six races	2	0.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	7,304	10.4%
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	34,251	100.0%
Occupied housing units	32,246	94.1%
Vacant housing units	2,005	5.9%