# California
# 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 PL 94-171

## II. 1860-1990

| | |
|---|---|
| **1860 Census** | |
| TOTAL POPULATION | 379,994 |
| **1870 Census** | |
| TOTAL POPULATION | 560,247 |
| **1880 Census** | |
| TOTAL POPULATION | 864,694 |
| **1890 Census** | |
| TOTAL POPULATION | 1,213,398 |
| **1900 Census** | |
| TOTAL POPULATION | 1,485,053 |
| **1910 Census** | |
| TOTAL POPULATION | 2,377,549 |
| **1920 Census** | |
| TOTAL POPULATION | 3,426,861 |
| **1930 Census** | |
| TOTAL POPULATION | 5,677,251 |
| **1940 Census** | |
| TOTAL POPULATION | 6,907,387 |
| **1950 Census** | |
| TOTAL POPULATION | 10,586,223 |
| **1960 Census** | |
| TOTAL POPULATION | 15,717,204 |
| **1970 Census** | |
| TOTAL POPULATION | 19,971,069 |
| **1980 Census** | |
| TOTAL POPULATION | 23,667,764 |
| **1990 Census** | |
| TOTAL POPULATION | 29,760,021 |

## III. 2000

**Census 2000**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TOTAL POPULATION | 33,871,648 | 100.0% |
| In households | 33,051,894 | 97.6% |
| In group quarters | 819,754 | 2.4% |
| | | |
| RACE | | |
| White | 20,170,059 | 59.5% |
| Black or African American | 2,263,882 | 6.7% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 333,346 | 1.0% |
| Asian | 3,697,513 | 10.9% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 116,961 | 0.3% |
| Some other race | 5,682,241 | 16.8% |
| Two or more races | 1,607,646 | 4.7% |
| | | |
| HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE | | |
| Hispanic or Latino (of any race) | 10,966,556 | 32.4% |
| Not Hispanic or Latino | 22,905,092 | 67.6% |
| White | 15,816,790 | 46.7% |
| Black or African American | 2,181,926 | 6.4% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 178,984 | 0.5% |
| Asian | 3,648,860 | 10.8% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 103,736 | 0.3% |
| Some other race | 71,681 | 0.2% |
| Two or more races | 903,115 | 2.7% |
| | | |
| SEX | | |
| Male | 16,874,892 | 49.8% |
| Female | 16,996,756 | 50.2% |
| | | |
| AGE | | |
| Under 5 years | 2,486,981 | 7.3% |
| 5 to 17 years | 6,762,848 | 20.0% |
| 18 to 64 years | 21,026,161 | 62.1% |
| 65 years and over | 3,595,658 | 10.6% |
| Median age | 33.3 | X |

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|---|---|---|
| HOUSEHOLDS | | |
| Total households | 11,502,870 | 100.0% |
| Family households | 7,920,049 | 68.9% |
| Families with children under 18 | 4,117,036 | 35.8% |
| Average household size | 2.87 | X |
| Average family size | 3.43 | X |
| | | |
| HOUSING OCCUPANCY | | |
| Total housing units | 12,214,549 | 100.0% |
| Occupied housing units | 11,502,870 | 94.2% |
| Owner-occupied housing units | 6,546,334 | 56.9% |
| Renter-occupied housing units | 4,956,536 | 43.1% |
| Vacant housing units | 711,679 | 5.8% |
| 1 unit, detached housing | 6,883,493 | 56.4% |
| Median value owner occupied unit (dollars) | 211,500 | X |
| Median gross rent (dollars) | 747 | X |
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| PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS | | |
| Native | 25,007,393 | 73.8% |
| Foreign born | 8,864,255 | 26.2% |
| Naturalized citizen | 3,473,266 | 10.3% |
| Not a citizen | 5,390,989 | 15.9% |
| | | |
| INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1999 | | |
| Median household income (dollars) | 47,493 | X |
| Median family income (dollars) | 53,025 | X |
| Per capita income (dollars) | 22,711 | X |
| Individuals in poverty | 4,706,130 | 14.2% |
| | | |
| EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT | | |
| Population 25 and over | 21,298,900 | 100.0% |
| High school graduate | 4,288,452 | 20.1% |
| Bachelor's degree | 3,640,157 | 17.1% |
| Graduate or professional degree | 2,029,809 | 9.5% |
| | | |
| COMMUTING TO WORK | | |
| Mean travel time to work (minutes) | 27.7 | X |

| MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total | 14,525,322 | 100.0% |
| Car, truck, or van: | 12,545,775 | 86.4% |
| Drove alone | 10,432,462 | 71.8% |
| Carpooled | 2,113,313 | 14.5% |
| Public transportation | 736,037 | 5.1% |
| Bus or trolley bus | 549,425 | 3.8% |
| Streetcar or trolley car | 21,158 | 0.1% |
| Subway or elevated | 107,711 | 0.7% |
| Railroad | 41,022 | 0.3% |
| Ferryboat | 6,831 | 0.0% |
| Taxicab | 9,890 | 0.1% |
| Motorcycle | 36,262 | 0.2% |
| Bicycle | 120,567 | 0.8% |
| Walked | 414,581 | 2.9% |
| Other means | 115,064 | 0.8% |
| Worked at home | 557,036 | 3.8% |

| LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION | | |
|---|---|---|
| Employed civilian population 16 years and over | 14,718,928 | 100.0% |
| Management, professional and related | 5,295,069 | 36.0% |
| Service | 2,173,874 | 14.8% |
| Sales and office | 3,939,383 | 26.8% |
| Farming, fishing & forestry | 196,695 | 1.3% |
| Construction, extraction, and maintenance | 1,239,160 | 8.4% |
| Production, transportation, and material moving | 1,874,747 | 12.7% |

| CLASS OF WORKER | | |
|---|---|---|
| Self-employed workers | 1,249,530 | 8.5% |

## IV. 2010

### Census 2010

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TOTAL POPULATION | 37,253,956 | 100.0% |
| In households | 36,434,140 | 97.8% |
| In group quarters | 819,816 | 2.2% |
| | | |
| RACE | | |
| White | 21,453,934 | 57.6% |
| Black or African American | 2,299,072 | 6.2% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 362,801 | 1.0% |
| Asian | 4,861,007 | 13.0% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 144,386 | 0.4% |
| Some other race | 6,371,372 | 17.0% |
| Two or more races | 1,815,384 | 4.9% |
| | | |
| HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE | | |
| Hispanic or Latino (of any race) | 14,013,719 | 37.6% |
| Not Hispanic or Latino | 23,240,237 | 62.4% |
| White | 14,956,253 | 40.1% |
| Black or African American | 2,163,804 | 5.8% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 162,250 | 0.4% |
| Asian | 4,775,070 | 12.8% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 128,577 | 0.3% |
| Some other race | 85,587 | 0.2% |
| Two or more races | 968,696 | 2.6% |
| | | |
| SEX | | |
| Male | 18,517,830 | 49.7% |
| Female | 18,736,126 | 50.3% |
| | | |
| AGE | | |
| Under 5 years | 2,531,333 | 6.8% |
| 5 to 17 years | 6,763,707 | 18.2% |
| 18 to 64 years | 23,712,402 | 63.7% |
| 65 years and over | 4,246,514 | 11.4% |
| Median age | 35.2 | X |

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|---|---|---|
| HOUSEHOLDS | | |
| Total households | 12,577,498 | 100.0% |
| Family households | 8,642,473 | 68.7% |
| Families with children under 18 | 4,150,523 | 33.0% |
| Average household size | 2.90 | X |
| Average family size | 3.45 | X |
| | | |
| HOUSING OCCUPANCY | | |
| Total housing units | 13,680,081 | 100.0% |
| Occupied housing units | 12,577,498 | 91.9% |
| Owner-occupied housing units | 7,035,371 | 55.9% |
| Renter-occupied housing units | 5,542,127 | 44.1% |
| Vacant housing units | 1,102,583 | 8.1% |

## V. 2010 American Community Survey

### 2006-2010 American Community Survey

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TOTAL POPULATION | 36,637,290 | 100.0% |
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| HOUSING OCCUPANCY | | |
| Total housing units | 13,552,624 | 100.0% |
| Occupied housing units | 12,392,852 | 91.4% |
| Owner-occupied housing units | 7,112,650 | 57.4% |
| Renter-occupied housing units | 5,280,802 | 42.6% |
| Vacant housing units | 1,159,772 | 8.6% |
| 1 unit, detached housing | 7,877,273 | 58.1% |
| Median value owner occupied unit (dollars) | 458,500 | X |
| Median gross rent (dollars) | 1,147 | X |
| | | |
| PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP STATUS | | |
| Native | 26,674,818 | 72.8% |
| Foreign born | 9,962,472 | 27.2% |
| Naturalized citizen | 4,472,020 | 12.2% |
| Not a citizen | 5,490,452 | 15.0% |
| | | |
| INCOME AND POVERTY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS | | |
| Median household income (dollars) | 60,883 | X |
| Median family income (dollars) | 69,322 | X |
| Per capita income (dollars) | 29,188 | X |
| Individuals in poverty | 4,919,945 | 13.7% |
| | | |
| EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT | | |
| Population 25 and over | 23,497,945 | 100.0% |
| High school graduate | | 21.5% |
| Bachelor's degree | | 19.2% |
| Graduate or professional degree | | 10.8% |
| | | |
| COMMUTING TO WORK | | |
| Mean travel time to work (minutes) | 26.9 | X |

| MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total | 16,271,905 | 100.0% |
| Car, truck, or van: | 13,810,537 | 84.9% |
| Drove alone | 11,870,741 | 73.0% |
| Carpooled | 1,939,796 | 11.9% |
| Public transportation | 834,363 | 5.1% |
| Bus or trolley bus | 621,218 | 3.8% |
| Streetcar or trolley car | 22,738 | 0.1% |
| Subway or elevated | 130,197 | 0.8% |
| Railroad | 54,758 | 0.3% |
| Ferryboat | 5,452 | 0.0% |
| Taxicab | 7,341 | 0.0% |
| Motorcycle | 54,856 | 0.3% |
| Bicycle | 152,260 | 0.9% |
| Walked | 450,439 | 2.8% |
| Other means | 156,290 | 1.0% |
| Worked at home | 805,819 | 5.0% |
| | | |
| LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION | | |
| Employed civilian population 16 years and over | 16,632,466 | 100.0% |
| Management, professional and related | 6,022,109 | 36.2% |
| Service | 2,897,320 | 17.4% |
| Sales and office | 4,221,411 | 25.4% |
| Farming, fishing & forestry | Included in following category | |
| Construction, extraction, and maintenance | 1,651,688 | 9.9% |
| Production, transportation, and material moving | 1,839,938 | 11.1% |
| | | |
| CLASS OF WORKER | | |
| Self-employed workers | 1,444,135 | 8.7% |

## VI. 2020

### Census 2020

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TOTAL POPULATION | 39,538,223 | 100.0% |
| In households | 38,620,291 | 97.7% |
| In group quarters | 917,932 | 2.3% |
| | | |
| RACE | | |
| Population of one race: | 33,777,988 | 85.4% |
| White alone | 16,296,122 | 41.2% |
| Black or African American alone | 2,237,044 | 5.7% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native alone | 631,016 | 1.6% |
| Asian alone | 6,085,947 | 15.4% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone | 157,263 | 0.4% |
| Some Other Race alone | 8,370,596 | 21.2% |
| Population of two races | 5,380,042 | 13.6% |
| Population of three races | 341,027 | 0.9% |
| Population of four races | 34,609 | 0.1% |
| Population of five races | 4,107 | 0.0% |
| Population of six races | 450 | 0.0% |
| | | |
| HISPANIC OR LATINO | | |
| Hispanic or Latino (of any race) | 15,579,652 | 39.4% |
| | | |
| HOUSING OCCUPANCY | | |
| Total housing units | 14,392,140 | 100.0% |
| Occupied housing units | 13,475,623 | 93.6% |
| Vacant housing units | 916,517 | 6.4% |