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## City of San Jose

Santa Clara County

### Decennial Census data

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1970 Census			1980 Census			1990 Census		
<b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>	445,779	100.0%	<b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>	629,442	100.0%	<b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>	782,225	100.0%
<b>RACE</b>			<b>RACE</b>			<b>RACE</b>		
White	417,346	93.6%	White	470,458	74.7%	White	492,692	63.0%
Negro	10,955	2.5%	Black	28,792	4.6%	Black	36,397	4.7%
Indian	1,941	0.4%	American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut	5,801	0.9%	American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	5,323	0.7%
			Eskimo	46	0.0%	Eskimo	92	0.0%
			Aleut	61	0.0%	Aleut	35	0.0%
			Asian and Pacific Islander	53,205	8.5%	Asian or Pacific Islander	152,926	19.6%
						Asian	149,200	19.1%
Japanese	6,992	1.6%	Japanese	10,432	1.7%	Japanese	12,731	1.6%
Chinese	2,595	0.6%	Chinese	9,802	1.6%	Chinese	31,829	4.1%
Filipino	2,583	0.6%	Filipino	16,549	2.6%	Filipino	37,467	4.8%
			Korean	3,112	0.5%	Korean	7,453	1.0%
			Asian Indian	2,628	0.4%	Asian Indian	9,832	1.3%
			Vietnamese	7,092	1.1%	Vietnamese	41,107	5.3%
						Cambodian	4,553	0.6%
						Hmong	28	0.0%
						Laotian	1,722	0.2%
						Thai	532	0.1%
						Other Asian	1,946	0.2%
						Pacific Islander	3,726	0.5%
						Polynesian	2,512	0.3%
			Hawaiian	740	0.1%	Hawaiian	1,146	0.1%
			Samoan	718	0.1%	Samoan	1,202	0.2%
						Tongan	115	0.0%
						Other Polynesian	49	0.0%

			Guamanian	934	0.1%	Micronesian -- Guamanian	824	0.1%
						Micronesian -- Other	75	0.0%
						Melanesian	230	0.0%
			Other Asian and Pacific Islander	1,198	0.2%	Pacific Islander Not Specified	85	0.0%
All other	3,367	0.8%	Race, n.e.c.	71,186	11.3%	Other Race	94,887	12.1%
<b>PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN OR DESCENT</b>	67,495	15.1%	<b>SPANISH ORIGIN</b>	140,318	22.3%	<b>TOTAL HISPANIC</b>	204,012	26.1%
<b>SEX</b>			<b>SEX</b>			<b>SEX</b>		
Male	219,043	49.1%	Male	311,905	49.6%	Male	396,650	50.7%
Female	226,736	50.9%	Female	317,537	50.4%	Female	385,575	49.3%
<b>AGE</b>			<b>AGE</b>			<b>AGE</b>		
Under 5 years	46,520	10.4%	Under 5 years	51,131	8.1%	Under 5 years	65,162	8.3%
5 to 19 years	140,959	31.6%	5 to 19 years	168,052	26.7%	5 to 17 years	143,760	18.4%
20 to 64 years	233,535	52.4%	20 to 64 years	371,473	59.0%	18 to 64 years	517,743	66.2%
65 years and over	24,765	5.6%	65 years and over	38,786	6.2%	65 years and over	55,560	7.1%
Median age	24.4	X	Median age	27.5	X	Median age	30.6	X
<b>HOUSEHOLDS</b>			<b>HOUSEHOLDS</b>			<b>HOUSEHOLDS</b>		
Head of household	130,607	100.0%	Total households	209,905	100.0%	Households	251,050	100.0%
Families	107,245	82.1%	Families	157,258	74.9%	Total families	186,149	74.1%
With own children under 18 years	70,083	53.7%	With own children under 18 years	93,954	44.8%	With own children under 18 years	96,947	38.6%
Persons per household	3.35	X	Persons per household	2.96	X	Persons per household	3.07	X
			Persons per family	3.43	X	Persons per family	3.50	X
<b>INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1969</b>			<b>INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1979</b>			<b>INCOME AND POVERTY IN 1989</b>		
Income of families and unrelated individuals	10,043	X	Median household income	22,886	X	Median household income	46,206	X
			Median family income	25,598	X	Median family income	50,281	X
Income of persons	3,406	X	Per capita income	8,379	X	Per capita income	16,905	X
		8.7%			8.2%			9.2%

Less than  
poverty level

Below poverty  
level

Below poverty  
level

**COMMUTING TO  
WORK**

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WORK**

Mean travel time  
to work (minutes) 25.3 X

Mean minutes  
traveled to work 25.5 X

Mean travel time  
to work for workers  
traveling 45 or more  
minutes 56.6 X

**MEANS OF  
TRANSPORTATION  
TO WORK**

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TO WORK**

Workers 16 years  
and over 301,334 100.0%

Workers 16 years  
and over 400,932 100.0%

Private vehicle 273,608 90.8%

Car, truck, or van 366,776 91.5%

Drive alone car 189,066 62.7%

Drove alone 308,311 76.9%

Drive alone truck  
or van 28,657 9.5%

Carpooled 58,465 14.6%

Carpool car 48,938 16.2%

Carpooled 58,465 14.6%

Carpool truck or  
van 6,947 2.3%

Public  
transportation 14,084 3.5%

Public  
transportation 10,051 3.3%

Public  
transportation 14,084 3.5%

Bus or streetcar 8,150 2.7%

Bus or trolley  
bus 12,363 3.1%

Streetcar or  
trolley car 266 0.1%

Subway or  
elevated train 116 0.0%

Subway or  
elevated 204 0.1%

Railroad 1,684 0.6%

Railroad 1,168 0.3%

Ferryboat 20 0.0%

Taxicab 101 0.0%

Taxicab 63 0.0%

Motorcycle 3,337 1.1%

Motorcycle 1,473 0.4%

Bicycle 2,727 0.9%

Bicycle 2,486 0.6%

Walked only 6,234 2.1%

Walked 6,495 1.6%

Other means 1,711 0.6%

Other means 1,870 0.5%

Worked at home 3,666 1.2%

Working at home 7,748 1.9%

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