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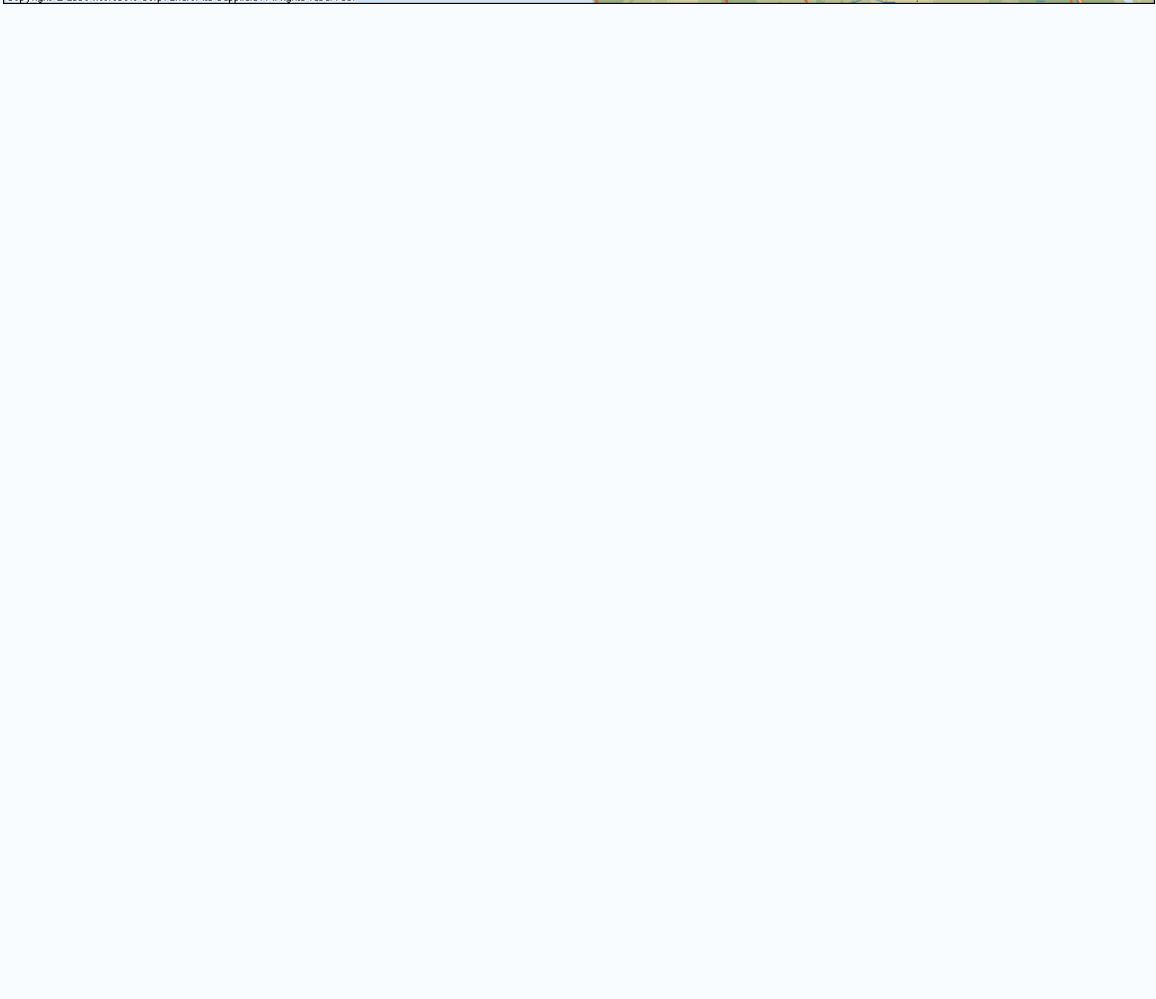
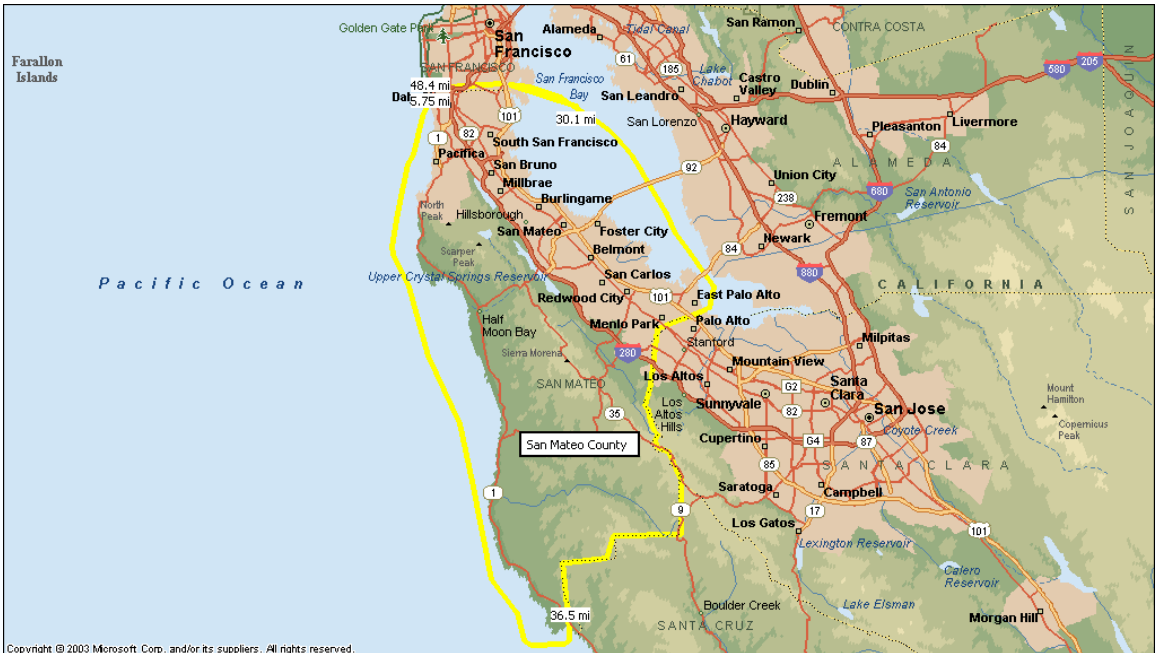
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## Peninsula Relocation Guide

*San Mateo County Description and Information*



# San Mateo County, California

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## County of San Mateo, California



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**Location**



**San Mateo County** is a [county](#) located in the [San Francisco Bay Area](#) of the [U.S. state of California](#). It covers most of the [San Francisco Peninsula](#) just south of [San Francisco](#) and north of [Santa Clara County](#). [San Francisco International Airport](#) is located at the northern end of the county, and [Silicon Valley](#) begins at the southern end. As of 2000 the population was 707,161. The [county seat](#) is [Redwood City](#).

## History

San Mateo County was formed from parts of [San Francisco County](#) and [Santa Cruz County](#) in 1856.

The county bears the [Spanish](#) name for [Saint Matthew](#). As a place name, St. Matthew appears as early as 1776, and the [arroyo](#), the point and the settlement at the unofficial San Mateo Mission are all so designated on the early maps. Until about 1850, the name appeared as *San Matheo*.

## Geography

According to the [U.S. Census Bureau](#), the county has a total area of 1,919 [km<sup>2</sup>](#) (741 [mi<sup>2</sup>](#)). 1,163 [km<sup>2</sup>](#) (449 [mi<sup>2</sup>](#)) of it is land and 756 [km<sup>2</sup>](#) (292 [mi<sup>2</sup>](#)) of it (39.40%) is water.

## Major Highways

[Interstate 280](#) (Junipero Serra Freeway)

[Interstate 380](#)

[U.S. Route 101](#) (Bayshore Freeway)

[California State Route 1](#)

[California State Highway 92](#) (J. Arthur Younger Freeway, [San Mateo Bridge](#))

## Adjacent Counties

[San Francisco County, California](#) north

[Alameda County, California](#) east

[Santa Clara County, California](#) southeast

[Santa Cruz County, California](#) south

## Demographics

As of the [census](#)<sup>2</sup> of 2000, there were 707,161 people, 254,103 households, and 171,265 families residing in the county. The [population density](#) was 608/km<sup>2</sup> (1,575/mi<sup>2</sup>). There were 260,576 housing units at an average density of 224/km<sup>2</sup> (580/mi<sup>2</sup>). The racial makeup of the county was 59.49% [White](#), 3.51% [Black](#) or [African American](#), 0.44% [Native American](#), 20.04% [Asian](#), 1.33% [Pacific Islander](#), 10.17% from [other races](#), and 5.02% from two or more races. 21.88% of the population were [Hispanic](#) or [Latino](#) of any race.



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There were 254,103 households out of which 31.10% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 53.00% were [married couples](#) living together, 10.10% had a female householder with no husband present, and 32.60% were non-families. 24.60% of all households were made up of individuals and 8.40% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.74 and the average family size was 3.29.

In the county the population was spread out with 22.90% under the age of 18, 7.90% from 18 to 24, 33.20% from 25 to 44, 23.50% from 45 to 64, and 12.50% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 37 years. For every 100 females there were 97.80 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 95.60 males.

The median income for a household in the county was \$70,819, and the median income for a family was \$80,737. Males had a median income of \$51,342 versus \$40,383 for females. The [per capita income](#) for the county was \$36,045. About 3.50% of families and 5.80% of the population were below the [poverty line](#), including 6.00% of those under age 18 and 5.10% of those age 65 or over.

## Environmental features

San Mateo County encompasses a variety of habitats including [estuarine](#), marine, oak woodland, redwood forest, coastal scrub and oak savannah. There are numerous species of [wildlife](#) present, especially along the [San Francisco Bay](#) estuarine shoreline, [San Bruno Mountain](#), [Fitzgerald Marine Reserve](#) and the forests on the Montara Mountain block.

The county is home to several [endangered species](#) including the [San Francisco garter snake](#) and the [San Bruno elfin butterfly](#), both of which are endemic to San Mateo County. The endangered [California clapper rail](#) is also found on the shores of San Francisco Bay, in the cities of [Belmont](#) and [San Mateo](#). the endangered wildflower [Hickman's potentilla](#) is found near the Pacific Ocean on the lower slopes of Montara Mountain.

## Politics

### Presidential elections results

Year	<a href="#">GOP</a>	<a href="#">Dems</a>
<a href="#">2004</a>	29.2% 83,315	<b>69.5%</b> 197,922
<a href="#">2000</a>	31.0% 80,296	<b>64.3%</b> 166,757
<a href="#">1996</a>	29.2% 73,508	<b>60.6%</b> 152,304
<a href="#">1992</a>	27.2% 75,080	<b>54.0%</b> 149,232
<a href="#">1988</a>	42.9% 109,261	<b>55.7%</b> 141,859
<a href="#">1984</a>	<b>51.9%</b> 135,185	46.9% 122,268
<a href="#">1980</a>	<b>48.8%</b> 116,491	36.6% 87,335
<a href="#">1976</a>	<b>50.6%</b> 117,338	44.4% 102,896
<a href="#">1972</a>	<b>52.8%</b> 135,377	42.8% 109,745

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