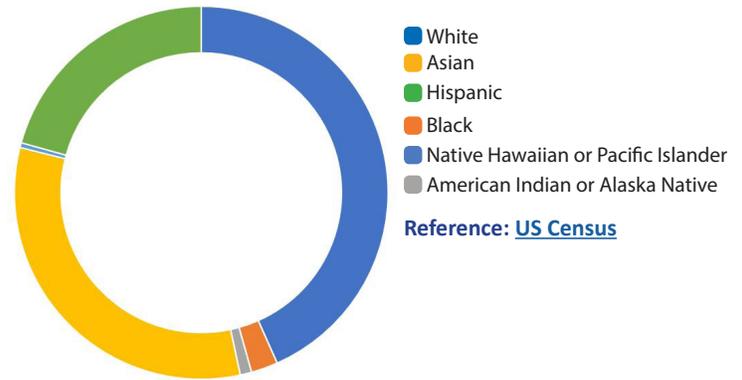


ABOUT THE COUNTY

Santa Clara County, sometimes referred to as “Silicon Valley,” is unique for its geographic attractiveness and social diversity. With its numerous natural amenities and one of the highest standards of living in the country, it has long been considered one of the best areas in the United States to live and work.

The County’s population of is 1.92 million the largest in Northern California, one of the State’s most heterogeneous, rich in ethnic and cultural diversity, and enjoys access to all of the attractions of the San Francisco Bay Area. The elected Board of Supervisors establish policies to address issues that affect the day-to-day operation of County government and is responsible for an annual operating and capital improvement budget of more than \$9 billion. It adopts ordinances that affect unincorporated communities and oversees the budget. The County operates under a “charter” form of government, which gives the County substantial responsibility and authority. Under this charter, the Board appoints a County Executive to administer County Government. Santa Clara County is the third largest employer in Silicon Valley with approximately 22,000 employees.

Santa Clara County is made up of people from diverse cultures, nationalities, and racial groups. Over 100 languages and dialects spoken. A large percentage of the population in the County was born outside of the United States.



Much like the communities it serves, the County of Santa Clara’s workforce is also highly diverse, with an ethnic distribution that closely approximates that of the county as a whole. Additionally, the County’s workforce is widely distributed across age groups, with employees ranging from 18 to 80. This wide range provides the County with diverse perspectives and allows for better representation across the many generations we serve.

RESOURCES

- Santa Clara County Website www.sccgov.org
- San Jose Neighborhoods www.sanjose.org/neighborhoods
- Housing www.sccaor.com/housing-stats
- Schools publicschooldirectory.sccoe.org
- San Jose Convention and Visitors Bureau www.sanjose.org
- Santa Clara County Parks www.parkhere.org
- About Santa Clara County www.sccgov.org/sites/scc/pages/about-the-county.aspx

