

# Relocating to Santa Clara County

Living in Santa Clara County is considered one of the top locations to live, work and play. Santa Clara County is known as “Silicon Valley” because of its influence on technology. Silicon Valley is a catchphrase for innovation. Living here comes at a high cost however at 123% higher than the nation average.

The population of Santa Clara County is nearly 2 million and the 6<sup>th</sup> largest in the state and the largest of all the Bay Area counties. The cities in the county include, San Jose, Sunnyvale, Saratoga, Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View & Palo Alto. The largest by far being San Jose. Known as the “capital of Silicon Valley” with 1,809,000 residents.

The county is defined by its high quality of life, diverse residents, and indestructible economic spunk. People are attracted to living here from throughout the world because of the suburban lifestyle and the many outdoor activities close to the countryside and nature.

The climate here is Mediterranean with moderate year round temperatures because of its location near the Pacific Ocean. Averaging about 15 inches of rain on average with nearly 300 days of sunshine the climate is nearly perfect. The summer time high is around 80 degrees and the winters low in January is 42 degrees.

Currently, The County provides for more than 25% of all jobs in the Bay Area. It also maintains the highest average family earnings in all of the country, with a wide assortment of philosophies, credentials and aptitudes. The county continues to entice people from all over the planet.

Apple Inc, Alphabet/Google LLC, Cisco, HP, Yahoo, Adobe, AMD, Applied Materials, Intel, Ebay Inc. and many more including the County of Santa Clara are some of the County's largest employers.

The location is perfect with a short 45+ minute drive to San Francisco & to many of the area's popular beaches along the Pacific Ocean; Santa Cruz, Capitola, Half Moon Bay, Carmel and Monterey.

Currently, approximately 35% of the population is White, 32% Asian Pacific Islander, 25% Latino/Hispanic, 2% African American. Many of the people who live in the County were not born in the United States.

As far as sports go, the county is home to the San Jose Sharks, The San Francisco 49ers (The stadium is located in the City of Santa Clara), and the San Jose Earthquakes. There are many public and private golf courses here. In addition the County operates 28 parks covering over 50,000 acres of lakes, streams, hiking and biking trails.

The area hosts many cultural festivals including the Obon Festival, Cinco de Mayo Festival, Chinese Summer Festival, Portuguese Heritage Fall Festival, Filipino Heritage Festival, Italian Family Festival & the Vietnamese Tet Festival, San Jose International Mariachi Festival and many other ethnic chambers of commerce activity involvement.

Schools in the area produce thousands of engineering and computer science graduates into the local economy every year with San Jose producing more U.S. patents than any other city.

The county is home to Stanford, Santa Clara, San Jose State universities and many superb community colleges such as De Anza, San Jose and Mission.

There are many venture capital funds in Santa Clara County (about 35% of all in the U.S. are invested here) with the San Jose metro ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> as the national leader in exports and its strong economic ties to countries around the world.

There are many local museums and art galleries including the Tech Museum of Innovation, Rosicrucian Museum, the Children's Discovery Museum, San Jose Museum of Art, Triton Museum, Intel Corp Museum, 49ers Museum, De Saisset Museum, Harris-Lass Historic and many more. Performing arts venues include the opera, symphonies, musical theater, Repertory Theater, concerts and children's musical theater.

Local Theme parks include Gilroy Gardens, Raging Waters and Paramount's Great America.

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