

Beautiful vistas, lovely homes, a happy climate, comfortable living, all combine to spread a romantic aura over the whole community and lend to its distinction.

CLIMATE

San Francisco is a clean city with a cool, bracing, equable, open-all-year-around climate. The daily mean maximum temperature is 62.6 degrees. The daily mean minimum temperature is 50.4 degrees. The average daily temperature range is 12.2 degrees.

The hours of fog over San Francisco Bay recorded by the Lighthouse Service averages only 153 per year.

San Francisco is one of a few of nature's air-conditioned cities, relatively warm in winter and cool in summer. The long-time record of the Weather Bureau reveals that the sun shines in San Francisco during 66 of every 100 possible hours.

POPULATION AND CHARACTERISTICS

San Francisco Residents

The population of San Francisco on April 1, 1950, was 775,357 according to the U. S. Census, or 140,821 above 1940, and ranking San Francisco among the leading cities in the U. S. in numerical population gain. On Jan. 1, 1956, the population was estimated at 807,000. It is the eleventh largest city in the nation, based on population, but ranks close to first in several economic and social developments.

On April 1, 1940, the resident population, reported at 634,536, included 630,785 civilians and only 3,751 military. At about the peak of the nation's war production, on April 1, 1944, the resident civilian population had risen to 683,340 and the resident military had soared to 103,250, bringing the total resident population to 786,590. Near the end of the war, on Aug. 1, 1945, the special U. S. Census reported that San Francisco had 827,400 residents, including 59,753 military, 20,416 seamen on ships registered to San Francisco, and about 30,000 hotel occupants, or nearly 110,000 persons other than those living in owner-occupied and tenant dwellings.

EDUCATION

Fine Facilities for Education and Research

The educational facilities available in San Francisco and the Bay Area cover all fields and are outstanding in the West and in their rank among national institutions. Few cities in the world offer finer or more diversified educational opportunities.

Enrollment in institutions of higher education in northern California is above the national average in relation to the population.

Higher education facilities include the public universities system, state colleges, public junior colleges, private four-year colleges and private junior colleges.

Extensive research activities are carried out by the larger universities of California and Stanford and numerous other northern California organizations with research facilities.

Public Schools

In San Francisco under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education of San Francisco there are 127 schools with a total average daily attendance of 87,235 in 1955.

Other Schools

Several thousand additional students attend private, parochial, non-sectarian, and technical schools in San Francisco. In June, 1955, 26,491 students were attending Catholic schools and 772 were attending Protestant schools.

There are numerous privately-established schools in San Francisco which offer courses of training in practically all phases of business, art, dramatics, and the various trades.

Veterans' Training

Approved to offer training to war veterans under Public Law 346 as amended and Public Law 550 and published in January, 1956, were about 80 educational institutions in San Francisco, 243 in the Bay Region and 307 in northern California. In this group are public and private institutions including universities, colleges, junior colleges, high schools, medical schools and nursing schools. The private vocation schools and professional and semi-professional schools cover thirty fields of learning.

Colleges, Universities and Enrollment—Spring, 1956

The San Francisco State College (8,084), City College of San Francisco (6,603), San Francisco College for Women (488), and the University of San Francisco (3,039) are located in the city. The University of California (all campuses, 37,066—Berkeley, 16,275—San Francisco, 1,630) maintains several branches in San Francisco, including colleges of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and law, and the California School of Fine Arts. Stanford (7,127 total) University's College of Medicine also is located in San Francisco. The University of California, at Berkeley, and Stanford University, at Palo Alto, both are within easy commuting distances of San Francisco. Other colleges and universities in the more immediate area offering standard curricula include Armstrong College of Business Administration, Dominican, Mills, Holy Name, Notre Dame, St. Mary's, University of Santa Clara, San Jose State and Ursuline.