

City of Sebastopol Demographics
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This demographic report is a breakdown of the population of Sebastopol. The report covers an array of important topics including total population, age, gender, race/ethnicity, housing and income. Each of these topics is an important ingredient in the makeup of Sebastopol; this report provides knowledge and understanding about Sebastopol and its people.

Total Population

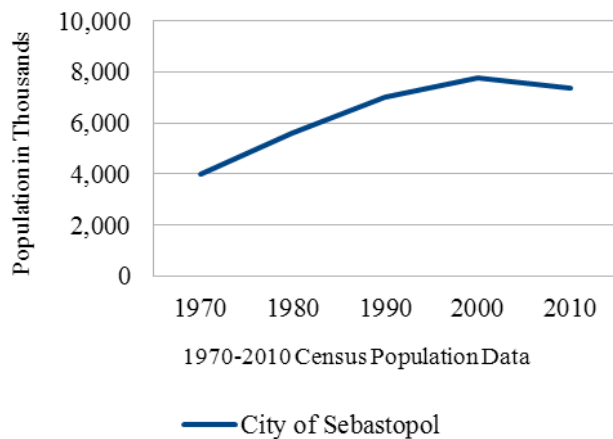
Total population is the number of people who consider Sebastopol their primary residence. It does not include persons residing here less than half the year, or persons who are here temporarily. The data was collected by the U.S. Census Bureau for the 2010 census.

The population of Sebastopol increased at a steady rate over the last four censuses, (1970-2000) however in this most recent census (2010) the population of Sebastopol has experienced its first decrease in population, from 7,774 people in 2000 to 7,379 people in 2010. This was in spite of a modest increase in housing of 144 dwelling units.

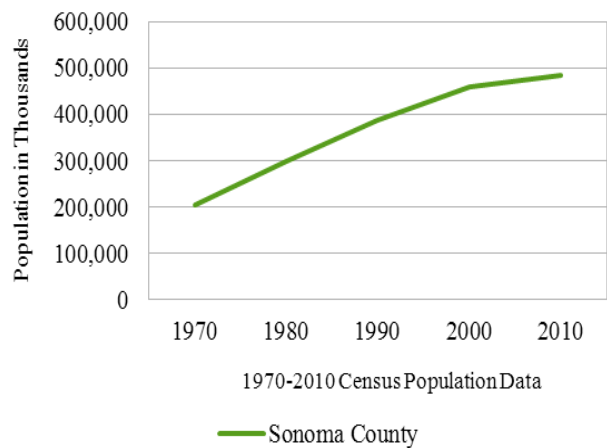
Although Sebastopol showed a 5.1% decrease in population, both Sonoma County and California experienced an increase in population at 5.2% and 9.1% respectively. Sebastopol population shifts are running counter to broader trends.

Population Estimates							
	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	Numerical Change 2000-2010	Percent Change 2000-2010
City of Sebastopol	3,993	5,595	7,004	7,774	7,379	395 decrease	5.1% decrease
Sonoma County	204,885	299,681	388,222	458,616	483,878	25,262 increase	5.2% increase
California	19,953,134	23,667,902	29,760,021	33,871,648	37,253,956	3,382,308 increase	9.1% increase

Sebastopol Population Estimates



Sonoma County Population Estimates



Age Distribution

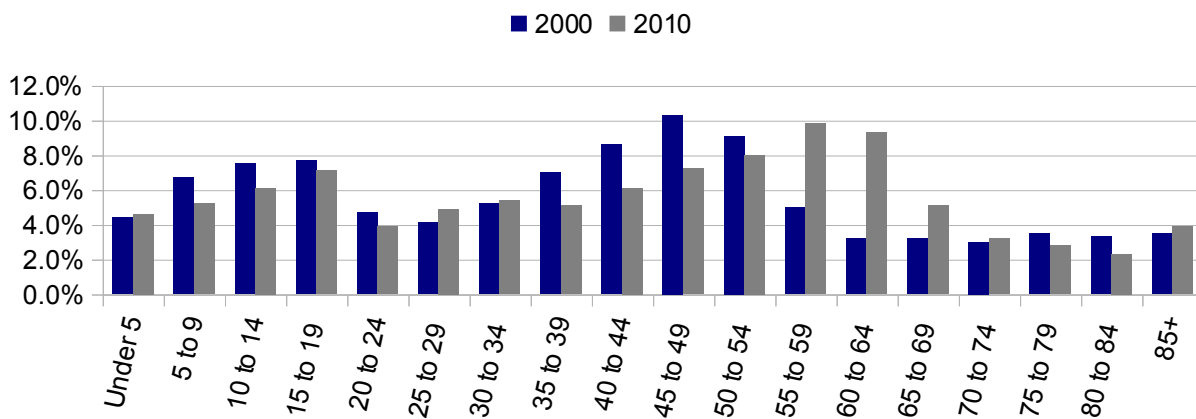
The median age of Sebastopol has increased from the 2000 census. The median age has increased from 41.5 to 46.1 years. This means that the town's population is getting older. It also means that young people (20-39 years) are less in abundance within the city. The population of 20-39 year olds was 1,638 according to the 2000 census; the population has dropped by more than 200 bringing the population of 20-39 years old to 1,432 in 2010. The population of 40-49 years has also decreased from 1,468 in 2000 to 978 in 2010. In contrast, there has been an increase in population within the 50-69 age groups. The population of 50-59 years has increased by more than 300, from 1,095 in 2000 to 1,311 in 2010. The population of 60-69 years has increased by 560, from 499 in 2000 to 1059 in 2010.

This age increase, coupled with the population decrease, suggests that young people and younger households may be shifting out of the city. This could be caused by their lack of ability to locate affordable housing in the city, lack of employment opportunities, or other factors. Meanwhile the population of people closer to retirement age has increased, suggesting an aging population, and/or people may be moving into the city for retirement-related reasons.

Another cause for the decrease in Sebastopol's population may be from children of baby boomers relocating out of Sebastopol. In 2000 the 10-19 age group was 1,185. Ten years later in 2010 the 20-29 age group was 647, a drop in population of 538, which may be partly related to a generation of young people leaving Sebastopol for educational or career opportunities.

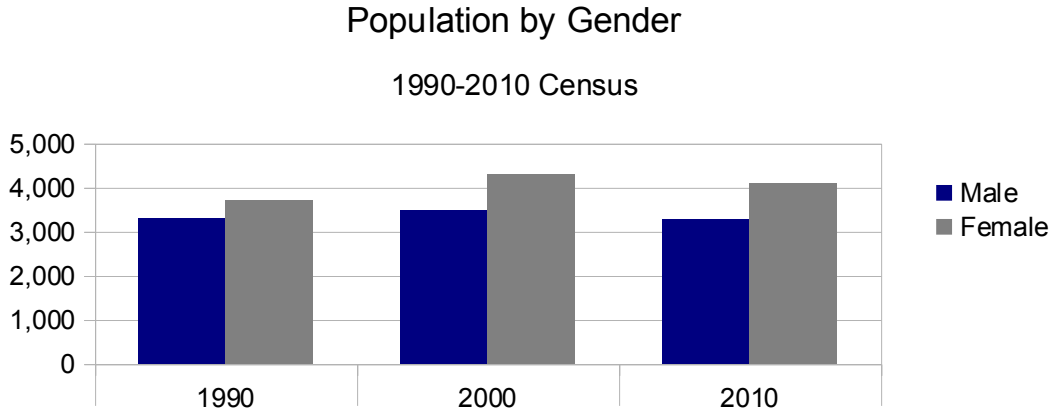
	2000	2010
Total population	7774	7379
Under 5	340	343
5 to 9	519	385
10 to 14	585	451
15 to 19	600	522
20 to 24	365	285
25 to 29	319	362
30 to 34	406	396
35 to 39	548	380
40 to 44	670	449
45 to 49	798	529
50 to 54	704	590
55 to 59	391	721
60 to 64	250	685
65 to 69	249	374
70 to 74	232	238
75 to 79	275	208
80 to 84	256	173
85 and older	267	288
Median age (years)	41.5	46.1

Percent of Total Population by Age



Population by Gender

In each of the last two censuses (1990 and 2000) the female population is larger than the male population. In 1990 there were 420 more females than males, and in 2000 there were 812 more females than males. This trend holds true for the 2010 census where again the female population is larger than the male, with a difference of 823 more females than males.



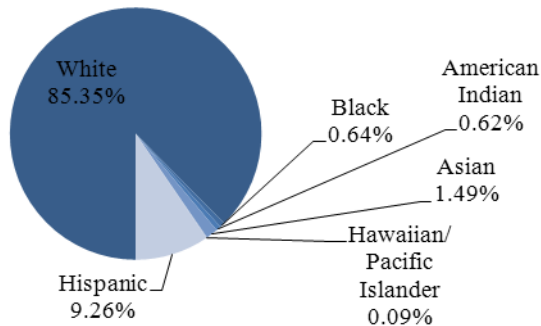
Population by Race/Ethnicity

Race and ethnicity of a population is self-determined, meaning that individuals identify their own race or ethnicity in the census. There are six race categories: American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, White, Hawaiian, Other Pacific Islander, Hispanic or Latino. There two less descriptive categories; Some Other Race and Two or more races.

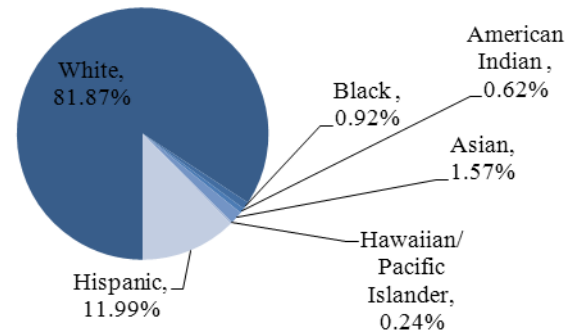
The total quantity of each race/ethnicity category changed slightly from the 2000 census. In the 2010 census every category has experienced an increase with the exception of the white category which diminished in size. However despite the change in total population and change in population of race/ethnicity members the overall percentages have stayed pretty much the same.

Population by Race/Ethnicity		
	2000	2010
Total Population	7,774	7,379
White	6,635	6,041
Black or African American	50	68
American Indian and Alaska Native	48	46
Asian	116	116
Hawaiian, Other Pacific Islander	7	18
Some other race	18	14
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	720	885
Two or more races	180	191

Percent of Population by Race/Ethnicity in 2000



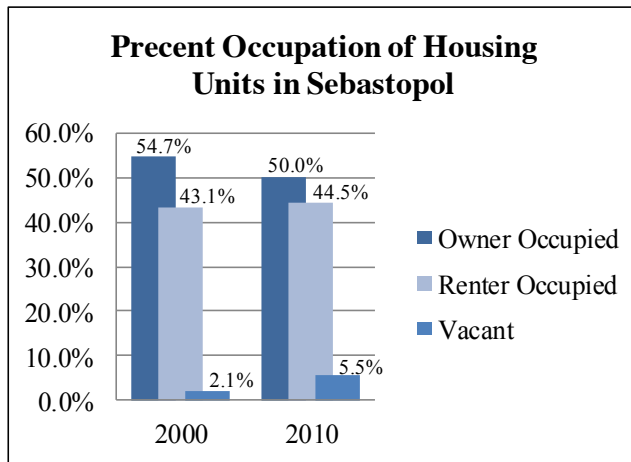
Percent of Population by Race/Ethnicity in 2010



Housing in Sebastopol

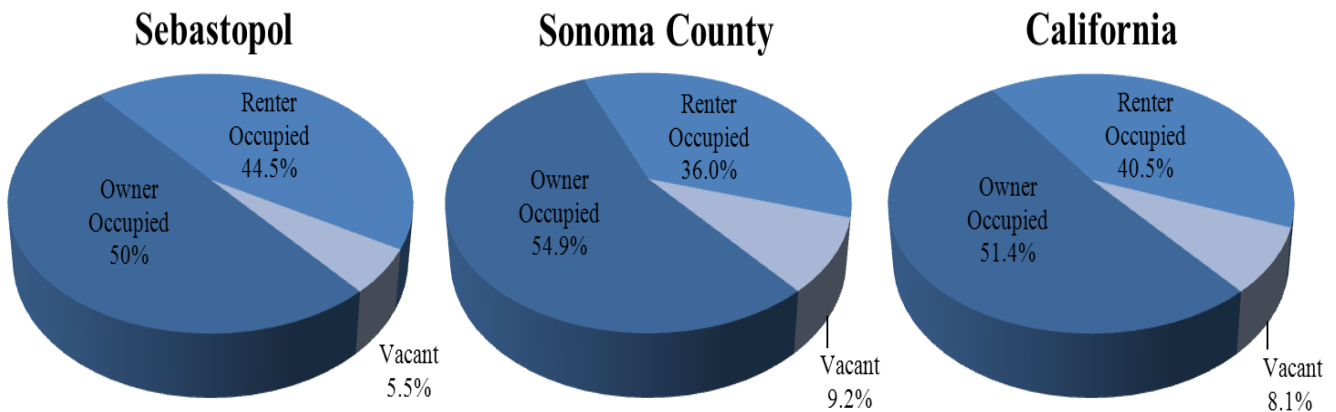
Housing units are categorized as single and multiple family dwellings including mobile homes and other dwelling units located within the boundaries of the city. Sebastopol is home to 3,465 housing units, an increase of 144 units from the 2000 census. The total number of occupied housing units is 3,276, an increase from 3,250 from 2000. The occupation of the housing units is split between owner-occupied 1,734, a decrease from 1,818 in 2000, and renter-occupied 1,542, an increase from 1,432 in 2000.

Housing in Sebastopol		
	2000	2010
Total Housing Units	3,321	3,465
Occupied Units	3,250	3,276
Owner Occupied	1,818	1,734
Renter Occupied	1,432	1,542
Vacant	71	189



There appears to be a change in the housing unit trends in Sebastopol. People appear to be moving away from owning homes and switching to renter status. This is potentially due to the construction of several multi-family unit properties. The housing change is also likely related to the current economic condition. An increase in vacant units may also be related to the general economy, including foreclosure and short sale.

Housing Numbers in 2010						
	Sebastopol		Sonoma County		California	
	2010	100%	2010	100%	2010	100%
Total Housing Units	3,465	100%	204,572	100%	13,680,081	100%
Occupied Units	3,276	94.5%	185,825	90.8%	12,577,498	91.9%
Owner Occupied	1,734	50.0%	112,280	54.9%	7,035,371	51.4%
Renter Occupied	1,542	44.5%	73,545	36.0%	5,542,127	40.5%
Vacant	189	5.5%	18,747	9.2%	1,102,583	8.1%



Income and Poverty in Sebastopol

Personal income is the basis for several other income indicators. Growing personal income is a good indicator of a growing economy.

Income and Poverty in Sebastopol					
	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
Median household income	\$4,883	\$14,647	\$33,005	\$46,436	\$61,753
Median family income	*	\$19,542	\$41,375	\$55,792	\$74,698
Per capita income	\$2,908	\$7,383	\$15,899	\$22,881	\$30,510
Below poverty level	13.2%	9.1%	5.9%	6.9%	*

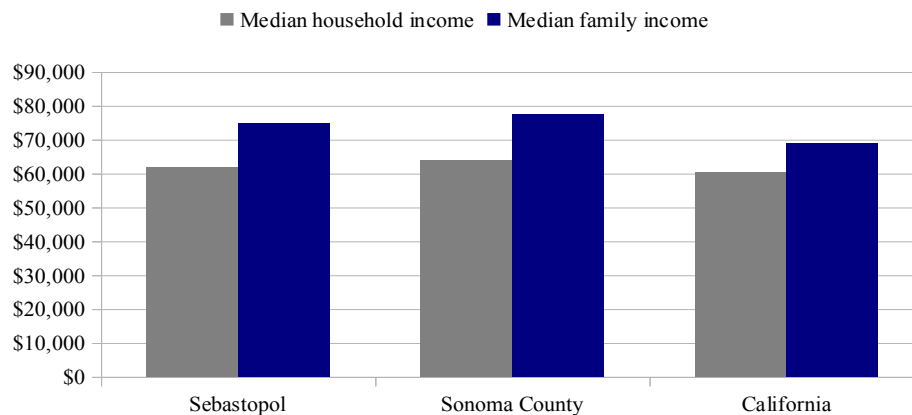
*Data not yet available.

The median household and median family income has been increasing from the time of the 1970 census. The median household and median family income for Sebastopol in 2010 was \$61,753/\$74,698 compared to \$60,392/\$68,909 for all California in 2010. Sebastopol has somewhat higher incomes and greater spending power than the rest of California, although lower than Sonoma County. A higher proportion of renter households affect Sebastopol's income statistics.

2010 Income			
	Sebastopol	Sonoma County	California
Median household income	\$61,753	\$63,848	\$60,392
Median family income	\$74,698	\$77,566	\$68,909

Like Sebastopol Sonoma County's median household and median family income for 2010 is larger than California, this means that Sonoma County is one of the wealthier counties in California.

Income 2010



These demographic changes have important implications not only for the local economy, but also for schools, community services, and the character of Sebastopol. The sheer decline in population generally is believed to translate into less economic activity. In addition, older persons have different consumer spending patterns and need different services than younger persons. Sebastopol schools are facing challenges with declining enrollment necessitating school closures.