



**BUSINESS ECONOMIC PROFILE
FOR
SUNNYVALE
SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

JUNE 2009

Sunnyvale's history is based largely on its economy. When Martin Murphy, Sr. arrived in Sunnyvale in 1845, its vast open space and fertile soil were seen as assets to farming, particularly fruit orchards. With the arrival of the railroad in 1864, the industrial base of the community was able to expand. Canneries to process the fruit from surrounding orchards were built near the rail lines. In 1906, Hendy Iron Works relocated from San Francisco to Sunnyvale, thus diversifying the industrial base.

Sunnyvale was incorporated as a city in 1912, with a population of approximately 1,800. By 1940, the population had grown to about 4,400. During World War II, Sunnyvale supplied food and equipment to the troops; the Hendy Iron Works was taken over by Westinghouse to support the war effort. After the war, defense-related industries arrived, capitalizing on the pleasant climate and the Naval Air Station. Lockheed became the city's largest employer. By 1950 the population had grown to 9,900. The 1950s and 1960s were the biggest periods of growth for the community, resulting in a 1960 population of 52,900 and a 1970 population of 96,000.

The defense era gave way to the high-tech era when the microprocessor was introduced in 1971. The population in 1980 was 106,700; 1990 was 117,200, and 2000 was 131,760, respectively. The next and most recent era was related to the internet, with technology companies in Sunnyvale undertaking research and development for this newest industry. The world is now primed for the next great wave of innovation—nanotechnology---and Silicon Valley is well positioned to lead the world in the realms of research and commercialization of this enabling technology.

COMMUNITY

The story has it that Sunnyvale got its name from a local builder looking out over yet another sunny day, shading his eyes, and saying, "Let's call it Sunnyvale." Sunnyvale boasts a very mild climate, with temperatures varying from an average of 48 degrees in January to an average of 68 degrees in July. The rainfall of the winter months usually amounts to around 7 inches. This gorgeous climate naturally leads to an ideal environment for many outdoor activities such as golf and tennis. Sunnyvale is home to two golf courses, 18 neighborhood parks and 123 tennis courts, 68 of which are at our very own world class Municipal Center. Within close proximity are beautiful beaches, spectacular state and national parks, as well as San Francisco and San Jose. Sunnyvale has a solid economic base, and the business revenue generated each year gives us a superb quality of life. The mean household income for a Sunnyvale resident is \$86,622. Poverty levels in Sunnyvale have remained consistently lower than those of Santa Clara County or the state. The City offers affordable housing programs and first-time homebuyer programs. Please contact our Housing Division at housing@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us or 408.730.7250 if you would like information on different housing programs.

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS (2005-2007 AVERAGE)	
Average Household Size	2.57
Average Housing Price (single family homes)	\$901,000
Average Rental Price (3 bedrooms)	\$2,380

ECONOMIC BASE (2008)	
Total City Revenue	113,000,000
Issuer Credit Rating	AA+
Sales Tax Collected (in thousands)	\$30.8

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Sunnyvale, with its Silicon Valley location, has a solid high-tech presence. Transitioning from agricultural to defense to the current high tech economy, Sunnyvale has remained on the cutting edge of Silicon Valley innovation.

BUSINESS (2009)	
Total Number of Businesses (inside City limits)	7,879
Employment Generated by Sunnyvale Businesses (inside City limits) – 2008	81,780
Total Number of Jobs in the City (includes schools, military, etc.) - 2008	93,000
Business Tax – Minimum*	\$30.00
Business Tax – Maximum*	\$9,500.00

* Business Tax is renewed every 2 years. All business licenses are subject to a \$56.00 processing fee.

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY	PERCENTAGE	EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY	PERCENTAGE
Information Services	25	Services	8.2
Retail Trade	10	Recreation/Hospitality	3.5
Wholesale Trade	.9	Public Administration	1
Manufacturing	24	Misc./Undefined	13.2
Construction	2.2		

Note: Figures based on December 2005 Employment Development Data (www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)

LABOR MARKET		
	Sunnyvale	Santa Clara County
Labor Force		
April 2009	76,100	891,700
June 2007	73,200	849,600
March 2006	69,900	817,300
March 2005	69,900	818,800
April 2004	73,830	867,300
2003 Average	75,940	895,100
2002 Average	80,020	943,600
Employment		
April 2009	69,000	795,200
June 2007	70,300	809,500
March 2006	66,900	776,100
March 2005	66,600	772,600
April 2004	69,920	812,500
2003 Average	70,610	821,600
2002 Average	74,230	863,800
Unemployment		
April 2009	7,100	96,500
June 2007	2,900	40,100
March 2006	3,000	41,200
March 2005	3,300	46,200
April 2004	3,910	54,700
2003 Average	5,330	73,500
2002 Average	5,790	79,800
Unemployment Rate		
April 2009	9.3%	10.8%
March 2008	4.3%	4.7%
March 2006	4.3%	5.0%
March 2005	4.8%	5.6%
April 2004	5.3%	6.3%
2003 Average	7.0%	8.2%
2002 Average	7.2%	8.5%

RENTAL LOCATIONS/ TYPES	HISTORICAL ASKING RATES (\$/SF/MONTH)
R&D	\$1.45
Industrial	\$0.87
Warehouse	\$0.75
Office	\$3.32
Sunnyvale Vacancy Rate	11.24%

*Rental rates information updated 4th Quarter 2008. Information collected by average from: Cornish & Carey – www.ccarey.com; NAI BT Commercial – www.btcommercial.com; & Colliers International – www.colliers.com. Please contact Economic Development via e-mail at econdev@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us or (408) 730-7607 for updated information

PEOPLE

Sunnyvale is a diverse community, with a highly educated population. The population in 2008 for Sunnyvale is 137,538 and 1,808,056 in Santa Clara County. Leading research facilities and national labs in and near the city attract residents from around the world. These prestigious institutions include Stanford University, UC Berkeley, NASA Ames Research Center, Onizuka Air Force Base & Satellite tracking facility, Santa Clara University, and San Jose State University.

HOUSEHOLD	
2009 Total Population	138,826
2005-2007 (Average) Single Parent Household (Female)	4,900

RACE 2005-2007 Census Update –Community Survey (Average)		
	Sunnyvale	Santa Clara County
Race		
White	64,832 (46.7%)	973,393
Black/African American	4,165 (3.0%)	50,155
American Indian/Alaska Native	416 (.3%)	9,288
Asian	49,839 (35.9%)	553,571
Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander	694 (.5%)	7,058
Other Race	14,160 (10.2%)	204,338
Two or more races	4,720 (3.4%)	59,443

SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS 2005-2007 Census Data (Average)		
	Sunnyvale	Santa Clara County
Foreign Born Population	58,708	683,604
Naturalized Citizen	51,365	358,521
Not a Citizen	87,460	373,381

LANGUAGE SPOKEN IN HOUSEHOLD 2005 Census Data	
Number of Households	52,135
English*	59,267
Spanish*	16,652
Other Indo-European language*	13,514
Asian/Pacific Islander language*	30,994
Other language*	1,664

*per person per household

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (FOR POPULATION 25 YEARS AND OLDER) 2005-2007 Updated Census Data –Community Survey (Average)		
	Sunnyvale*	Santa Clara County
Population 25 years and older	97,456	1,153,689
No Schooling	n/a	n/a
Less than High School Diploma	4,775	166,131
High School Graduate	14,229	204,203
Some College	14,229	190,359
Associate Degree	5,945	87,680
Bachelor Degree	28,847	289,573
Graduate or Professional Degree	23,974	215,740
% High School Graduate or higher	94.4%	86.5%
% Bachelor Degree or higher	54.2%	43.8%
% Graduate/Professional Degree	24.6%	19%

* Data was obtained by calculating percentages of County estimate

DISABLED POPULATION 2005		
	Sunnyvale	Santa Clara County
Total Population 25 – 64 years	78,437 (2005-2007 Average)	1,018,987
With a disability (of total population)	10,686	143,946

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