

San Francisco

This article is about the city and county in California. For other uses, see [San Francisco \(disambiguation\)](#).



San Francisco from the Marin Headlands, with the Golden Gate Bridge in the foreground







History

Mission San Francisco de Asís

(Mission Dolores)



Portsmouth Square in 1851



San Francisco is gone." Jack London "Not
in history has a modern imperial city
been so completely destroyed. San
Francisco is gone." – Jack London after
the 1906 earthquake and fire [36]



THE Palace of Fine Arts THE PALACE OF
Fine Arts at the 1915 Panama-Pacific
Exposition



The USS San Francisco
steams under
the Golden Gate Bridge
in 1942, during
World War II.





Geography

The San Francisco Peninsula

Cars navigate
Lombard
Street Cars
navigate
Lombard
Street to
descend
Russian Hill.



Climate

Fog is a regular feature of San Francisco summers.



Climate data for San Francisco (downtown, 1971–2000)

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Average high °F (°C)	58.1 (14.5)	61.4 (16.33)	62.5 (16.94)	64.5 (18.06)	65.4 (18.56)	67.7 (19.83)	68.2 (20.11)	69.2 (20.67)	71.3 (21.83)	70.4 (21.33)	64.1 (17.83)	58.6 (14.78)	65.1 (18.39)
Average low °F (°C)	46.4 (8)	48.5 (9.17)	49.2 (9.56)	50.1 (10.06)	51.4 (10.78)	53.2 (11.78)	54.4 (12.44)	55.6 (13.11)	56.1 (13.39)	54.6 (12.56)	50.8 (10.44)	46.7 (8.17)	51.4 (10.78)
<u>Rainfall</u> inches (mm)	4.72 (119.9)	4.15 (105.4)	3.40 (86.4)	1.25 (31.8)	0.54 (13.7)	0.13 (3.3)	0.04 (1)	0.09 (2.3)	0.28 (7.1)	1.19 (30.2)	3.31 (84.1)	3.18 (80.8)	22.28 (565.9)
Avg. rainy days (≥ 0.01 in)	11.4	10.8	11.2	6.2	3.3	1.4	0.4	0.9	2.1	4.1	8.7	9.6	70.1

Cityscape

Central San Francisco from Twin Peaks



San Francisco's Chinatown is the oldest and one of the largest in North America.

Main article:

[Neighborhoods in San Francisco](#)

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Beaches and parks

The Conservatory of Flowers The
Conservatory of Flowers in Golden
Gate Park



Culture and contemporary life

Boutiques along Fillmore Street Boutiques along Fillmore Street in Pacific Heights



flag, symbol of LGBTThe rainbow flag, symbol of LGBT pride, originated in San Francisco; banners like this one decorate streets in The Castro.



House The lobby of the War Memorial Opera House, one of the last buildings erected in Beaux Arts style in the United States



Yerba Buena Gardens.

The Art Deco The red brick and central circular structure of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art as seen from Yerba Buena Gardens. The Art Deco-style PacBell Building (1925) rises behind the museum.



Economy

Alcatraz receives 1.5 million visitors per year. [\[113\]](#)

See also: [List of companies headquartered in San Francisco](#)



framed by the Transamerica Pyramid The San Francisco Financial District skyline framed by the Transamerica Pyramid and the Bank of America building.

