

# 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



in history has a modern imperial city  
been so completely destroyed. San  
Francisco is gone." – Jack London after  
the 1906 earthquake and fire<sup>[36]</sup>





# 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> all 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](#)

*See also:* [List of tallest buildings in San Francisco](#)





## 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.





The lobby of the War Memorial Opera House  
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.

