

Fairfax, California

Fairfax is an incorporated town in Marin County, California, United States. Fairfax is located 3.25 miles (5.2 km) west-northwest of San Rafael,^[7] at an elevation of 115 feet (35 m).^[1] The population is 7,441 at the 2010 census. Fairfax is the only town in America that holds a Green Party majority in the town council.

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Geography

According to the United States Census Bureau, the town has a total area of 2.2 square miles (5.7 km²), all of it land. The geography of Fairfax consists mostly of hills and valleys.

Demographics

2010

The 2010 United States Census^[9] reported that Fairfax had a population of 7,441. The population density was 3,376.9 people per square mile (1,303.8/km²). The racial makeup of Fairfax was 6,617 (88.9%) White, 110 (1.5%) African American, 36 (0.5%) Native American, 204 (2.7%) Asian, 4 (0.1%) Pacific Islander, 174 (2.3%) from other races, and 296 (4.0%) from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 504 persons (6.8%).

The Census reported that 7,419 people (99.7% of the population) lived in households, 12 (0.2%) lived in non-institutionalized group quarters, and 10 (0.1%) were institutionalized.

Town of Fairfax

Town



Downtown Fairfax (The Parkade)



Location of Fairfax in Marin County, California.



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Location in the United States

Coordinates: 37°59′14″N 122°35′20″W^[1]

There were 3,379 households, out of which 939 (27.8%) had children under the age of 18 living in them, 1,422 (42.1%) were opposite-sex married couples living together, 319 (9.4%) had a female householder with no husband present, 134 (4.0%) had a male householder with no wife present. There were 267 (7.9%) unmarried opposite-sex partnerships, and 52 (1.5%) same-sex married couples or partnerships. 1,076 households (31.8%) were made up of individuals and 320 (9.5%) had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.20. There were 1,875 families (55.5% of all households); the average family size was 2.77.

The population was spread out with 1,436 people (19.3%) under the age of 18, 342 people (4.6%) aged 18 to 24, 1,806 people (24.3%) aged 25 to 44, 2,907 people (39.1%) aged 45 to 64, and 950 people (12.8%) who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 45.9 years. For every 100 females there were 94.2 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 92.9 males.

There were 3,585 housing units at an average density of 1,626.9 per square mile (628.2/km²), of which 2,103 (62.2%) were owner-occupied, and 1,276 (37.8%) were occupied by renters. The homeowner vacancy rate was 0.9%; the rental vacancy rate was 4.9%. 4,917 people (66.1% of the population) lived in owner-occupied housing units and 2,502 people (33.6%) lived in rental housing units.

2000

As of the census^[10] of 2000, there were 7,319 people, 3,306 households, and 1,811 families residing in the town. The population density was 3,441.2 people per square mile (1,326.7/km²). There were 3,418 housing units at an average density of 1,607.0 per square mile (619.6/km²). The racial makeup of the town in 2010 was 85.4% non-Hispanic White, 1.4% non-Hispanic Black or African American, 0.3% Native American, 2.7% Asian, 0.1% Pacific Islander, 0.4% from other races, and 3.1% from two or more races. 6.8% of the population were Hispanic or Latino of any race.

There were 3,306 households out of which 27.4% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 41.2% were married couples living together, 10.0% had a female householder with no husband present, and 45.2% were non-families. 31.1% of all households were made up of individuals and 7.4% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.20 and the average family size was 2.76.

In the town the population was spread out with 19.2% under the age of 18, 4.7% from 18 to 24, 33.5% from 25 to 44, 33.1% from 45 to 64, and 9.5% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 42 years. For every 100 females there were 91.9 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 89.2 males.

Country	 United States
State	 California
County	Marin
Incorporated	March 2, 1931 ^[2]
Government	
 • Town Council ^[4]	Barbara Coler (Mayor) Renee Goddard (Vice-Mayor) David Weinsoff John Reed Peter Lacques
 • County Board	District 2 Katie Rice
 • Town Manager	Judy Anderson
 • Representation	Sen. Mike McGuire (D) Asm. Marc Levine (D) Rep. Jared Huffman (D) ^[3]
Area ^[5]	
 • Total	2.20 sq mi (5.72 km ²)
 • Land	2.20 sq mi (5.72 km ²)
 • Water	0.00 sq mi (0.00 km ²) 0%
Elevation ^[1]	115 ft (35 m)
Population (2010)	
 • Total	7,441
 • Estimate (2016) ^[6]	7,598
 • Density	3,447.37/sq mi (1,331.33/km ²)
Time zone	PST (UTC-8)
 • Summer (DST)	PDT (UTC-7)
ZIP codes	94930, 94978
Area codes	415/628
FIPS code	06-23168 (https://factfinder.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/DEC/10_DP/DPDP1/1600000US0623168)
GNIS feature IDs	277511 (https://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/f?p=gnispq:3:::NO::P3_FID:277511,,2412609)

The median income for a household in the town was \$58,465, and the median income for a family was \$68,308. Males had a median income of \$51,457 versus \$40,815 for females. The per capita income for the town was \$34,080. About 4.3% of families and 6.5% of the population were below the poverty line, including 6.6% of those under age 18 and 7.6% of those age 65 or over.

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Website	www.town-of-fairfax.org (http://www.town-of-fairfax.org)

Environmental factors

Soils in the Fairfax area mostly belong to the Tocaloma Series as classified by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.^[11] These soils consist of moderately deep, well drained soils on uplands. These soils are typically formed from sandstone and shale and often occur on slopes ranging above 15 percent.

History

The Coast Miwok Native Americans occupied stretches along local creeks, spring and seep areas; moreover prehistoric habitations were usually chosen near permanent and seasonal drainages, typically along flat ridges and terraces.

The first post office opened in 1910.^[7] Fairfax became an incorporated town in 1931.^[7] The town was named for Lord Charles Snowden Fairfax.^[7]

Fairfax was the site of the last political duel in California, in 1861. Daniel Showalter and Charles W. Piercy, both former assemblymen in the state legislature^[12] , decided to settle a political dispute at the home of Lord Fairfax, a mutual friend of both. Although Fairfax provided lunch to both men and tried to talk them out of it, they eventually headed to an open field nearby and dueled, with Showalter killing Piercy.^[13]

On May 16, 1946 a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber, crashed on White's Hill just west of Fairfax.

Culture

In the mid-1960s, a softball game between Jefferson Airplane and the Grateful Dead took place at Central Field (also known as Contratti Park), a public downtown baseball field.^{[14][15][16]}

Irving Berlin used to serenade from a treetop piano at Pastori's Hotel, formerly Bird's Nest Glen, the home of Lord Charles Snowden Fairfax, and later known as the Marin Town & Country Club.^[17]

Politics

The town of Fairfax is the most Democratic political subdivision in heavily Democratic Marin County. According to the California Secretary of State, as of October 22, 2012, Fairfax has 5,441 registered voters. Of those, 3,496 (64.3%) are registered Democrats, 391 (7.2%) are registered Republicans, 1,145 (21.0%) have declined to state a political party, 257 (4.7%) are registered with the Green Party, and 152 are registered with other parties.^[18]

Notable people

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Historical population

Census	Pop.	%±
1940	2,198	—
1950	4,078	85.5%
1960	5,813	42.5%
1970	7,661	31.8%
1980	7,391	−3.5%
1990	6,931	−6.2%
2000	7,319	5.6%
2010	7,441	1.7%
Est. 2016	7,598 ^[6]	2.1%
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External links

- Official website (<http://www.town-of-fairfax.org>)
- Fairfax Library (<http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/lb/main/fairfax/index.cfm>)
- Fairfax Historical Society (<http://marindirect.com/fxhistory/>)
- Marin Town & Country Club (<http://www.marindirect.com/mtcc/>)
- Sustainable Fairfax (<http://www.sustainablefairfax.org>)

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