



Together Bay Area (<https://togetherbayarea.org>) and GreenInfo Network (greeninfo.org) have completed an update to the Bay Area Protected Areas Database (BPAD). The information in the database is generally current up to May 2025, this report covers acquisitions through May 2025. The source information is a GIS database.

This document contains tables summarizing acreage information for the following attributes by county and for the region:

- Fee and Easement status (fee, easement)
- Access type (open to public, restricted/open with permits, no public access)
- Agency level (federal, state, county, city, special district, non-profit, mized, private, other/unknown)

Together Bay Area and GreenInfo Network are limited in the support they can offer to answer questions about the data. Users are encouraged to reference the California Protected Areas Database (CPAD) and the California Conservation Easement Databases (CCED), statewide database documentation available at calands.org

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Bay Area Protected Areas Database - 2025 STATISTICS, BY OWNERSHIP TYPE						
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¹Ownership statistics for prior to 2024 were classified differently. For this reason, only totals are provided for previous releases, as well as the change over 2002-2025

Bay Area Protected Areas Database - 2025 STATISTICS, BY ACCESS TYPE						

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	ALAMEDA	CONTRA COSTA	MARIN	NAPA	SAN FRANCISCO	SAN MATEO	SANTA CLARA	SANTA CRUZ	SOLANO	SONOMA	TOTAL	PERCENT OF TOTAL
ACRES BY ACCESS												
Open Access	71,761	94,567	159,719	111,095	5,590	57,777	147,442	64,661	37,761	89,672	840,045	54.0%
Restricted Access	35,583	24,225	1,790	27,870	121	32,543	53,093	5,135	19,808	36,489	236,657	15.2%
Closed - No Access	25,547	49,796	63,575	48,192	118	33,871	74,568	24,013	42,538	116,529	478,747	30.8%
	132,891	168,589	225,084	187,156	5,829	124,191	275,103	93,809	100,107	242,690	1,555,450	100.0%
OWNERSHIP PERCENT BY TYPE												
Open Access	54.0%	56.1%	71.0%	59.4%	95.9%	46.5%	53.6%	68.9%	37.7%	36.9%	54.0%	
Restricted Access	26.8%	14.4%	0.8%	14.9%	2.1%	26.2%	19.3%	5.5%	19.8%	15.0%	15.2%	
Closed - No Access	19.2%	29.5%	28.2%	25.7%	2.0%	27.3%	27.1%	25.6%	42.5%	48.0%	30.8%	
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
HISTORIC OWNERSHIP TOTALS												
2024												
Open Access	67,836	87,732	156,566	109,820	5,591	56,991	143,138	58,605	37,827	82,728	806,833	51.9%
Restricted Access	34,118	23,347	1,701	24,908	121	31,047	51,098	11,230	19,797	32,614	229,981	14.8%
Closed - No Access	30,942	55,921	61,525	50,517	116	35,030	76,786	23,379	40,346	119,659	494,220	31.8%
	132,896	166,999	219,792	185,245	5,828	123,068	271,022	93,213	97,971	235,001	1,531,034	
2016												
Open Access	65,479	87,132	156,987	105,637	5,634	52,887	138,539	58,822	16,604	76,149	763,870	53.8%
Restricted Access	39,511	26,250	3,684	16,189	9	34,279	40,960	6,529	35,770	33,647	236,828	16.7%
No Access	22,681	35,315	54,386	29,582	110	35,612	77,885	24,867	28,635	110,526	419,599	29.5%
Total	127,671	148,697	215,057	151,408	5,753	122,778	257,384	90,218	81,009	220,322	1,420,297	100.0%
2002												
Open Access	66,586	80,647	123,524	78,195	5,127	46,792	129,388		38,593	54,652	623,504	61.1%
Restricted Access	35,677	33,949	24,619	20,212	94	37,166	34,715		9,136	9,421	204,989	20.1%
No Access	3,636	4,227	34,779	18,015		22,287	28,011		15,027	65,615	191,597	18.8%
Total	105,899	118,823	182,922	116,422	5,221	106,245	192,114		62,756	129,688	1,020,090	100.0%
2002-2025 Change												
Open Access	5,175	13,920	36,195	32,900	463	10,985	18,054		-832	35,020	151,881	34.4%
Restricted Access	-94	-9,724	-22,829	7,658	27	-4,623	18,378		10,672	27,068	26,533	6.0%
No Access	21,911	45,569	28,796	30,177	118	11,584	46,557		27,511	50,914	263,137	59.6%
Total	26,992	49,766	42,162	70,734	608	17,946	82,989		37,351	113,002	441,551	

Lands in fee title that also have an easement may have reported different public access. Whenever reported, the most restrictive category was applied to those lands.

For example, a property reported as "Restricted Access" in CPAD and "No Access" in CCED would be reported as No Access						
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CCED values of "Closed" are reported under "No Access"									
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Bay Area Protected Areas Database - 2025 STATISTICS, BY AGENCY TYPE											
Run date: 7/11/2024											
	ALAMEDA	CONTRA COSTA	MARIN	NAPA	SAN FRANCISCO	SAN MATEO	SANTA CLARA	SANTA CRUZ	SOLANO	SONOMA	TOTAL
ACRES BY ACCESS											
Federal	13,426	1,752	82,967	63,433	2,229	10,825	8,974	6,112	4,593	35,090	229,403
State	19,133	36,591	30,944	44,208	271	19,259	76,006	53,979	45,351	43,046	368,788
County	24,401	418	2,886	2,745	641	36,070	57,787	3,753	2,676	7,401	138,780
City	8,468	8,825	3,065	10,351	2,658	4,301	11,600	6,658	11,505	2,573	70,004
Special District	54,025	98,321	42,679	2,000	23	30,006	60,009	2,912	2,608	73,914	366,499
Non-Profit	7,865	10,019	59,919	55,423	4	17,953	43,010	18,782	29,211	35,150	277,334
Mixed	4,983	12,238	855	8,995	0	5,777	17,118	1,534	2,382	44,956	98,837
Private	434	424	0	0	3	0	598	79	1,783	372	3,692
Other/Unknown	156	0	1,770	0	0	0	0	0	0	187	2,113
	132,891	168,589	225,084	187,156	5,829	124,191	275,103	93,809	100,107	242,690	1,555,450
OWNERSHIP PERCENT BY TYPE											
Federal	10.1%	1.0%	36.9%	33.9%	38.2%	8.7%	3.3%	6.5%	4.6%	14.5%	14.7%
State	14.4%	21.7%	13.7%	23.6%	4.6%	15.5%	27.6%	57.5%	45.3%	17.7%	23.7%
County	18.4%	0.2%	1.3%	1.5%	11.0%	29.0%	21.0%	4.0%	2.7%	3.0%	8.9%
City	6.4%	5.2%	1.4%	5.5%	45.6%	3.5%	4.2%	7.1%	11.5%	1.1%	4.5%
Special District	40.7%	58.3%	19.0%	1.1%	0.4%	24.2%	21.8%	3.1%	2.6%	30.5%	23.6%
Non-Profit	5.9%	5.9%	26.6%	29.6%	0.1%	14.5%	15.6%	20.0%	29.2%	14.5%	17.8%
Mixed	3.7%	7.3%	0.4%	4.8%	99.1%	13.8%	0.6%	2.5%	44.9%	#REF!	6.4%
Private	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	1.8%	0.2%	0.2%
Other/Unknown	0.1%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	199.1%	109.1%	94.3%	100.9%	142.5%	#REF!	100.0%
HISTORIC OWNERSHIP TOTALS											
2024											
Federal	13,426	1,719	80,642	63,425	2,225	10,593	8,995	6,114	4,593	35,216	226,948
State	19,095	37,142	30,990	44,300	271	19,336	73,721	54,390	42,918	42,584	364,746
County	24,397	103	2,810	732	641	36,069	59,087	3,619	2,669	10,182	140,310
City	8,196	8,553	3,037	10,357	2,661	4,301	11,572	6,658	11,528	2,568	69,430
Special District	7,682	9,908	58,640	54,516	4	16,343	44,488	17,791	26,957	33,948	270,275
Non-Profit	54,453	98,098	42,930	3,031	23	30,021	52,044	2,861	2,591	62,720	348,773
Mixed	5,087	11,471	743	7,973		6,405	20,518	1,702	4,930	46,074	104,905
Private	404	6			3		598	79	1,784	372	3,244
Other/Unknown	156			911						1,337	2,404
	132,896	166,999	219,792	185,245	5,828	123,068	271,022	93,213	97,971	235,001	1,531,034

2016											
Federal	13,214	2,378	80,311	63,186	2,251	11,107	9,662	6,085	6,204	34,390	228,788
State	20,411	36,647	31,923	43,227	206	19,828	76,747	54,581	37,137	47,855	368,562
County	23,413	323	2,850	929	642	36,901	65,404	4,009	1,870	11,328	147,669
City	7,588	8,161	3,327	11,503	2,631	4,326	11,305	7,082	11,580	4,725	72,228
Special District	57,836	94,093	44,711	4,678	23	27,440	50,395	3,758	2,555	60,417	345,906
Non-Profit	5,205	7,097	51,936	25,550	0	23,176	42,123	14,623	21,657	58,622	249,989
Private	4						1,748	79	5	357	2,193
Other/Unknown				2,336						2,628	4,964
Total	127,671	148,699	215,058	151,409	5,753	122,778	257,384	90,217	81,008	220,322	1,420,299
2002											
Federal	13,314	389	78,796	60,701	2,100	4,871	5,863		11,841	8,591	186,466
State	4,337	31,665	29,626	18,573	134	17,738	58,335		22,744	53,002	236,154
County	19,409		898		509	37,700	55,565		123	5,317	119,521
City	4,250	7,150	999	8,501	2,477	2,600	9,143		11,461	909	47,490
Special District	61,338	77,505	37,885	695		16,777	32,243		1,943	50,775	279,161
Non-Profit	3,251	2,114	34,718	27,953		26,559	30,962		14,644	11,095	151,296
Total	105,899	118,823	182,922	116,423	5,220	106,245	192,111		62,756	129,689	1,020,088
2002-2025 Change											
Federal	112	1,363	4,171	2,732	129	5,954	3,111	6,112	-7,248	26,499	42,937
State	14,796	4,926	1,318	25,635	137	1,521	17,671	53,979	22,607	-9,956	132,634
County	4,992	418	1,988	2,745	132	-1,630	2,222	3,753	2,553	2,084	19,259
City	4,218	1,675	2,066	1,850	181	1,701	2,457	6,658	44	1,664	22,514
Special District	-7,313	20,816	4,794	1,305	23	13,229	27,766	2,912	665	23,139	87,338
Non-Profit	4,614	7,905	25,201	27,470	4	-8,606	12,048	18,782	14,567	24,055	126,038
Mixed	4,983	12,238	855	8,995	5,777	17,118	1,534	2,382	44,956	#REF!	#REF!
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Other/Unknown	156	0	1,770	0	0	0	0	0	0	187	2,113
	26,992	49,766	42,162	70,733	6,386	29,287	67,408	94,657	79,926	#REF!	#REF!
Lands in fee title that also have an easement holder typically have a mix of agency types. Lands with owners/easement holders of different types are reported under "Mixed".											
For example, a property owned by a owned in fee title by the County, with an easement held by a Non-Profit is reported as "Mixed".											
Joint Power Authority agencies are reported under "Special District"											
Home owner associations are reported under "Private"											

	ALAMEDA	CONTRA COSTA	MARIN	NAPA	SAN FRANCISCO	SAN MATEO	SANTA CLARA	SANTA CRUZ	SOLANO	SONOMA	TOTAL
Ownership	132,891	168,589	225,085	187,156	5,829	124,191	275,103	93,809	100,107	242,690	1,555,450
Access	132,891	168,589	225,084	187,156	5,829	124,191	275,103	93,809	100,107	242,690	1,555,450
Agency Type	132,891	168,589	225,084	187,156	5,829	124,191	275,103	93,809	100,107	242,690	1,555,450