



Millbrae is a city in [San Mateo County, California, United States](#), just west of [San Francisco Bay](#). The population was 20,718 at the 2000 census.

History

[Darius Ogden Mills](#) purchased land in the 1860s from the Sanchez family to build a country estate. The former Mills estate was bordered by what is now: Skyline Boulevard, Bayshore Highway [U.S. Route 101](#), Millbrae Avenue and Trousdale Drive.

The estate became known as "Millbrae" from "Mills" and the Scottish word "brae," which means "rolling hills."