A benzylic carbocation is a resonance-stabilized carbocation in each of the two equally stable major resonance forms of which the formal charge of +1 is on a benzylic carbon.

eg:

![Diagram of benzylic carbocation]

The lightest benzylic carbocation 1 is called the benzyl carbocation.

![Diagram of benzyl carbocation]

see also primary benzylic carbocation, secondary benzylic carbocation, tertiary benzylic carbocation

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