A secondary (2°) benzylic carbocation is a benzylic carbocation in which the benzylic carbon bearing the formal charge of +1 is a secondary carbon.

eg. 1:

[Diagram of benzylic carbocation with formal charge indicated and marked as secondary carbon]

eg. 2:

[Diagram of benzylic carbocation with formal charge indicated and marked as secondary carbon]

See also primary benzylic carbocation and tertiary benzylic carbocation.

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