

# **WASHINGTON D.C.**

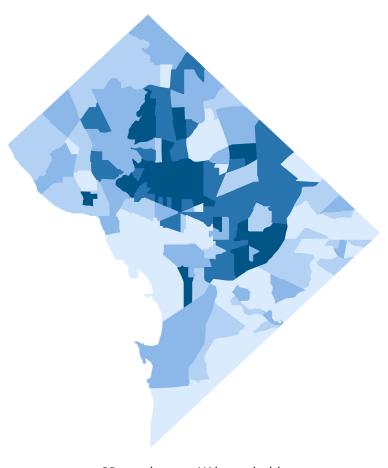
# 2020 Census Snapshot

Total same-sex couples 8,052

SS couples per 1K households **25.77** 

% of SS couples who are married 54.9%

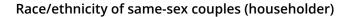
Population density of same-sex couples in Washington D.C. by Census tract

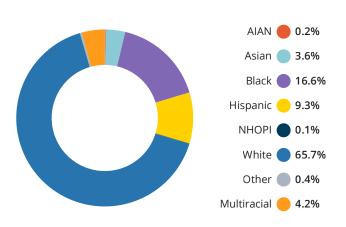


SS couples per 1K households

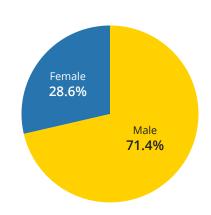
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## **DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS**

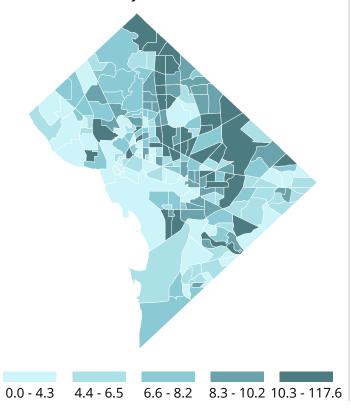




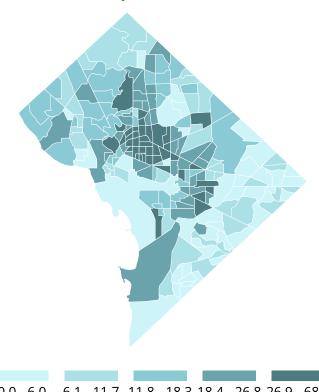
## Gender of same-sex couples



Female SS couples per 1K households by Census tract



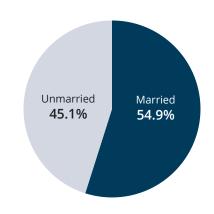
Male SS couples per 1K households by Census tract



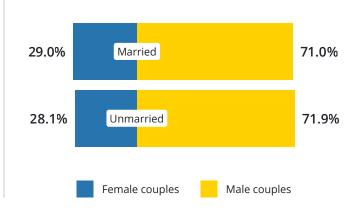
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## **FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS**

## Marital status of same-sex couples



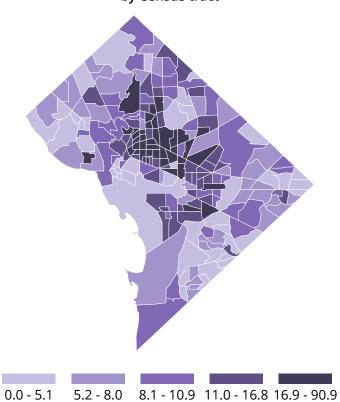
## Gender of same-sex couples by marital status



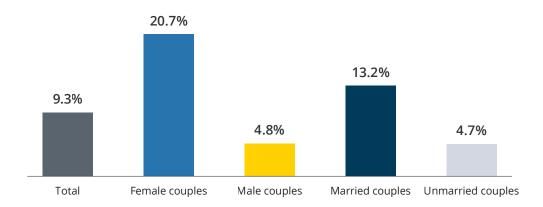
Married SS couples per 1K households by Census tract



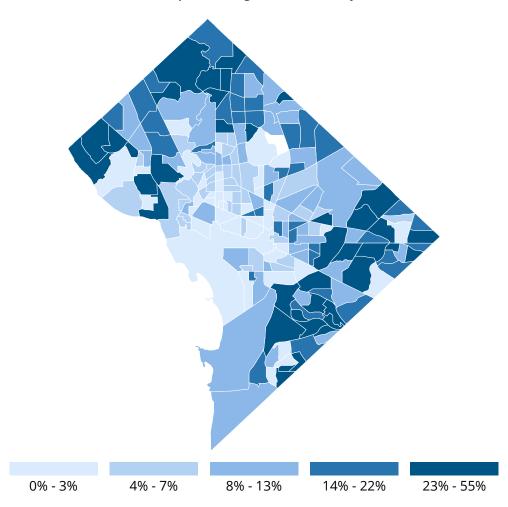
Unmarried SS couples per 1K households by Census tract



## Percent of same-sex couples raising own children



# Percent of SS couples raising own children by Census tract



## Same-sex couples ranked by SS per 1K households

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	1	2	District of Columbia	8,052	25.77	2,303	5,749	9%

## **METHODOLOGY**

Data was compiled using the US Census Bureau's state, county, city, and Census tract counts for same-sex couples found here. In this analysis, the authors combined incorporated places, independent cities, and consolidated cities to create the "city" category. Geographies listed as "independent cities" (such as Richmond City, VA) are included in both the "county" and "city" designation in this analysis. "Independent cities" are cities that are outside the jurisdiction of any county and are recognized as "county equivalents" by the U.S. Census Bureau. They are assigned a Federal Information Processing Series (FIPS) code. Despite their equivalence to counties, they are also still recognized as cities (as they often have comparable populations to cities of similar geographic size). Independent cities are only located in Virginia, Maryland, Nevada, and Missouri.

The householder is the person, or one of the people, who primarily own or rent the house. Same-sex couples are identified in households where householder describes their relationship with another adult of the same sex as either a "husband/wife" or "unmarried partner". In addition, we utilized the 2020 Census Privacy Protected Microdata Files (PPMF) to identify the race/ethnicity of the householder and the presence of the householder's own child/children.

### Disclosure Avoidance Processes

In order to preserve the privacy of individuals in the PPMF data, 2020 Census utilized a differential privacy approach to inject noise into the data at smaller demographics and geographies, then conducted postprocessing steps to ensure that the noised data matched data in the public use tables. This top-down algorithm preserves data reliability at larger universe sizes while maintaining trust in data privacy. Due to the disclosure avoidance process, use caution when interpreting findings from smaller geographies or populations.

We include all values at the national, state, county, city, and Census tract levels. When ranking counties and cities by the number of same sex couples per 1,000 households, the authors only ranked counties with 50 or more same-sex couples. Cities with fewer than 50 same-sex couples were not listed. For our full methodology note, see here.

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