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2020 Census Snapshot

Total same-sex couples

7,623

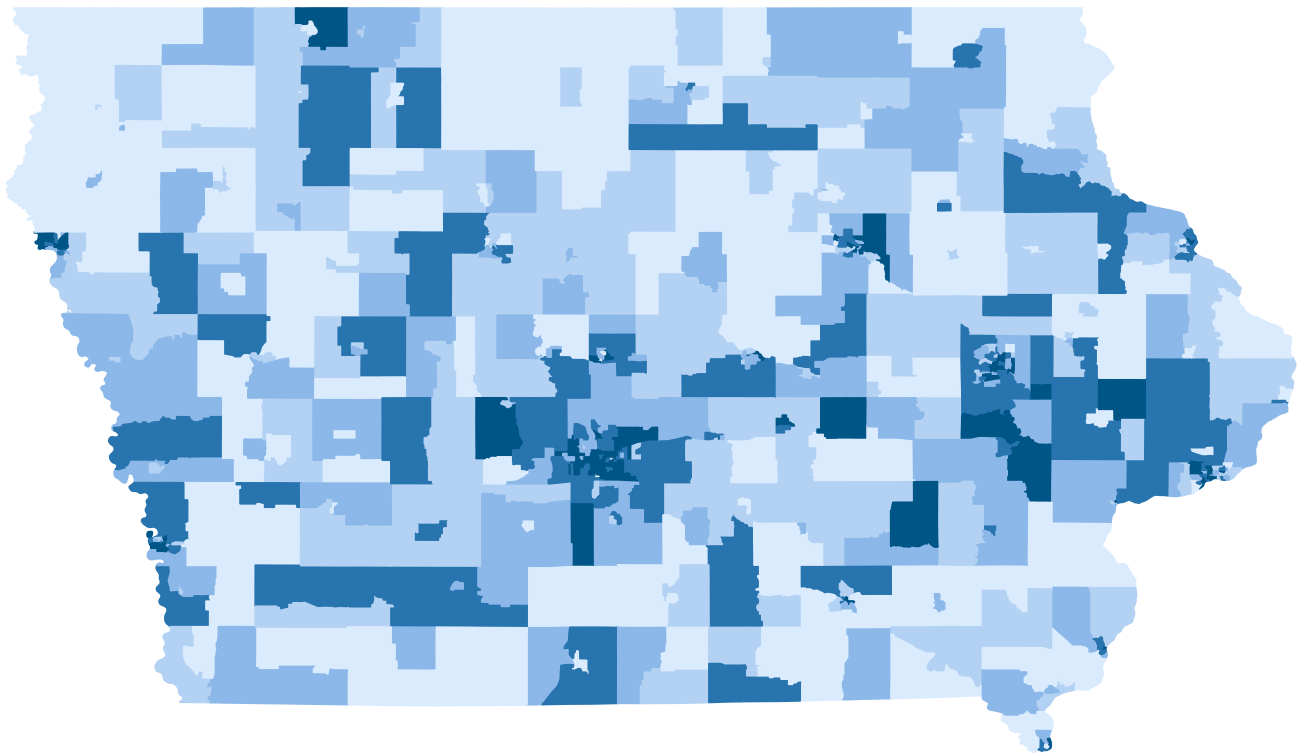
SS couples per 1K households

5.92

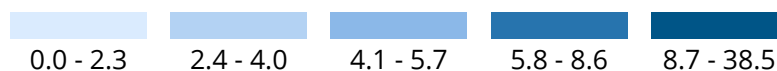
% of SS couples who are married

57.1%

Population density of same-sex couples in Iowa by Census tract

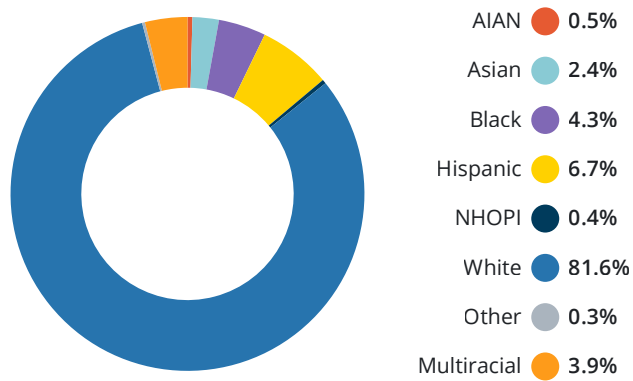


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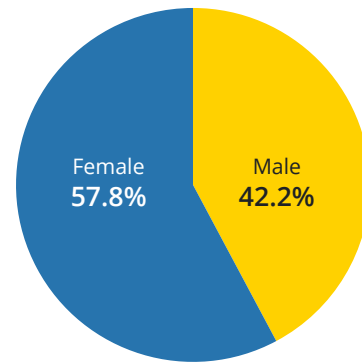


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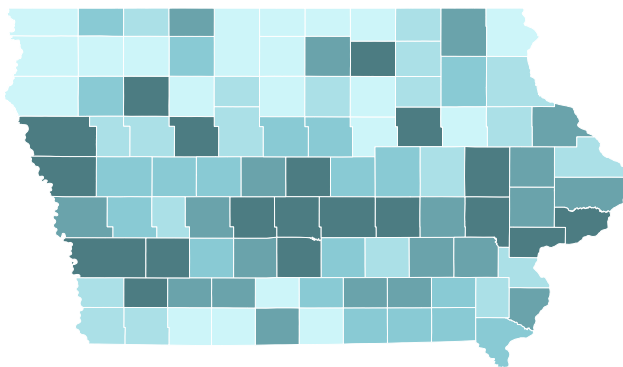
Race/ethnicity of same-sex couples (householder)



Gender of same-sex couples

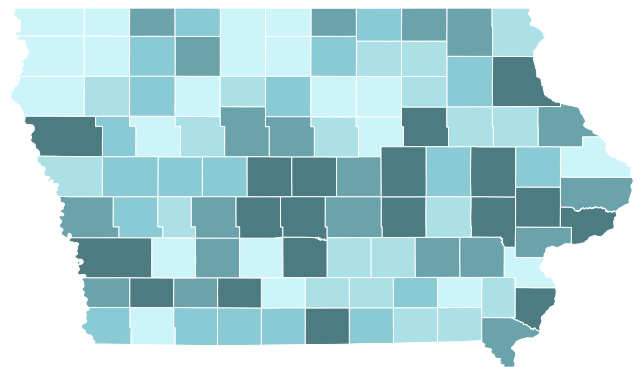


Female SS couples per 1K households by county



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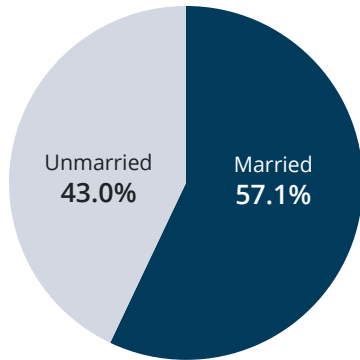
Male SS couples per 1K households by county



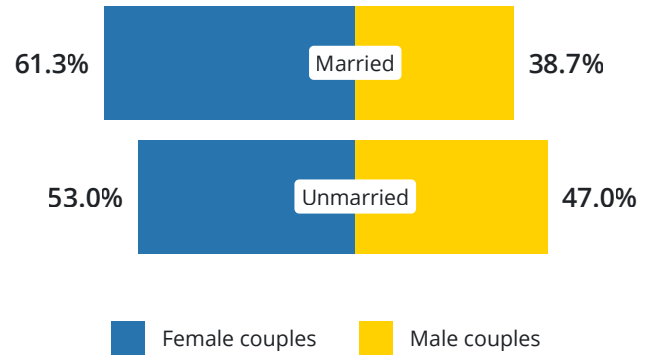
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FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

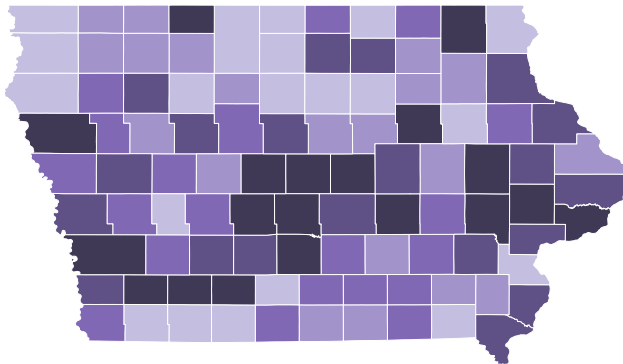
Marital status of same-sex couples



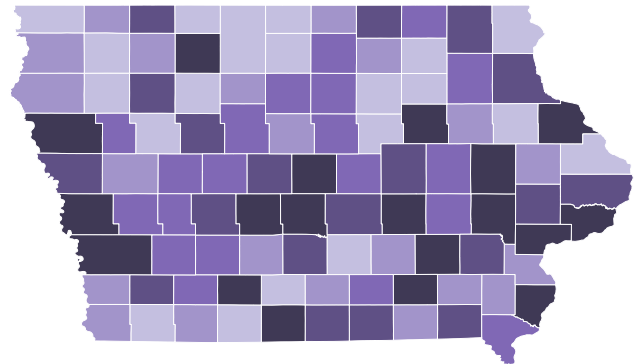
Gender of same-sex couples by marital status



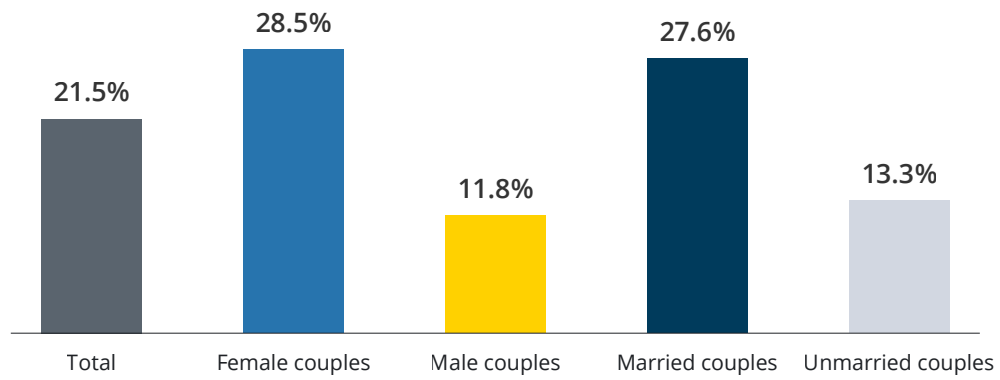
Married SS couples per 1K households by county



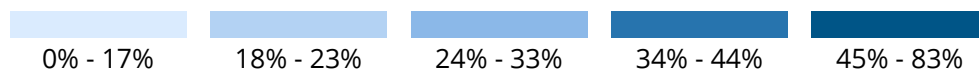
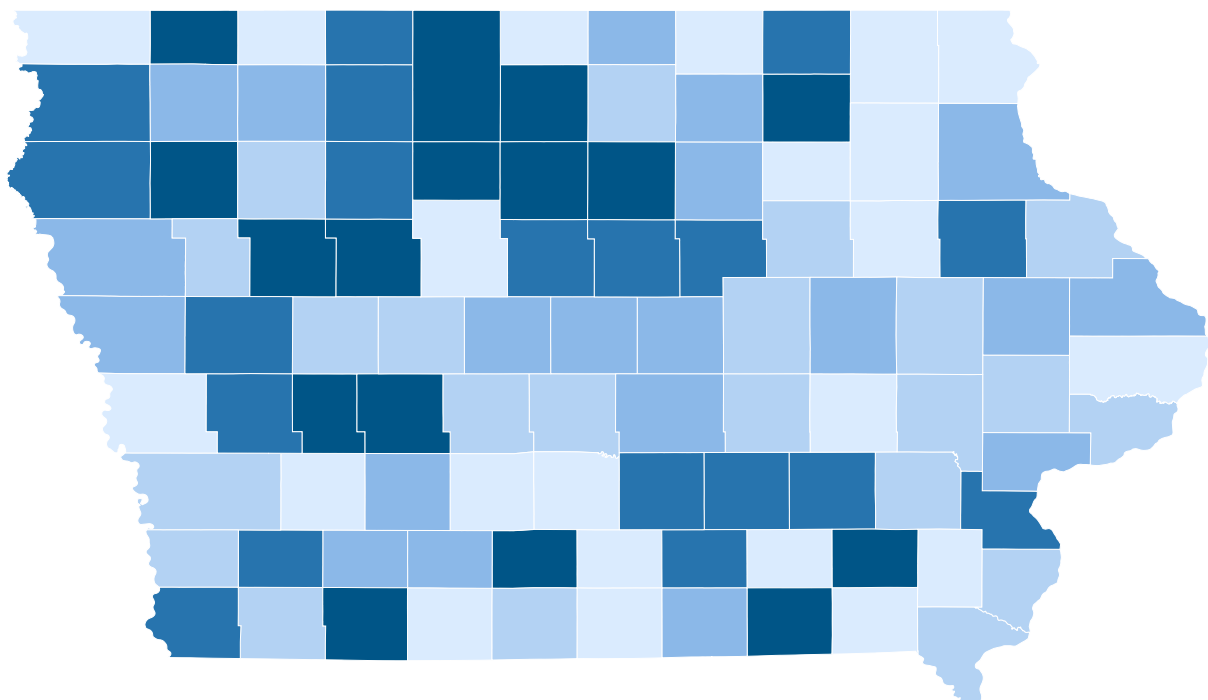
Unmarried SS couples per 1K households by county



Percent of same-sex couples raising own children



Percent of SS couples raising own children by county



TABLES

Counties with 50+ same-sex couples ranked by SS per 1K households

STATE RANK	US RANK	COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
1	84	Johnson County	740	12.06	453	287	19%
2	181	Polk County	1,953	9.92	1,024	929	18%
3	413	Poweshiek County	59	7.83	32	27	19%
4	562	Linn County	676	7.13	389	287	20%
5	601	Dallas County	265	6.92	125	140	23%
6	633	Woodbury County	271	6.79	164	107	30%
7	652	Scott County	480	6.70	287	193	19%
8	725	Pottawattamie County	240	6.44	133	107	19%
9	755	Story County	242	6.32	145	97	25%
10	779	Warren County	123	6.27	76	47	16%
11	800	Black Hawk County	337	6.22	200	137	21%
12	1,051	Des Moines County	92	5.49	47	45	22%
13	1,090	Boone County	59	5.37	31	28	27%
14	1,181	Muscatine County	86	5.09	57	29	28%
15	1,188	Jasper County	76	5.07	52	24	24%
16	1,204	Dubuque County	200	5.01	111	89	20%
17	1,224	Clinton County	97	4.98	53	44	11%
18	1,335	Marshall County	71	4.62	36	35	32%
19	1,369	Wapello County	64	4.52	45	19	17%
20	1,412	Cerro Gordo County	83	4.32	57	26	22%
21	1,457	Lee County	57	4.06	32	25	19%
22	1,526	Webster County	52	3.46	26	26	13%

Counties with <50 same-sex couples

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
Washington County	44	4.93	28	16	18%
Cedar County	42	5.53	23	19	21%
Winneshiek County	42	5.14	24	18	17%
Marion County	38	2.89	30	8	37%
Buena Vista County	33	4.43	24	9	18%
Union County	33	6.38	16	17	24%
Benton County	30	2.92	15	15	33%
Carroll County	30	3.42	21	9	20%
Clayton County	30	4.10	12	18	30%
Harrison County	30	5.04	17	13	10%
Tama County	30	4.42	14	16	23%

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
Jones County	29	3.57	20	9	28%
Montgomery County	29	6.51	15	14	34%
Dickinson County	27	3.39	13	14	11%
Fayette County	27	3.30	16	11	15%
Floyd County	26	3.90	22	4	31%
Crawford County	24	3.84	15	9	42%
Iowa County	23	3.38	18	5	13%
Mahaska County	23	2.61	14	9	35%
Hamilton County	22	3.50	12	10	36%
Madison County	22	3.42	19	3	14%
Sioux County	22	1.80	16	6	41%
Hardin County	21	2.97	15	6	38%
Mills County	21	3.81	9	12	19%
Bremer County	20	2.07	15	5	10%
Henry County	20	2.58	13	7	5%
Keokuk County	20	4.79	12	8	40%
Cass County	19	3.27	19	0	0%
Guthrie County	19	4.20	12	7	47%
Appanoose County	18	3.38	10	8	33%
Calhoun County	18	4.42	14	4	72%
Clay County	18	2.49	8	10	28%
Jefferson County	18	2.61	15	3	50%
Shelby County	18	3.61	12	6	44%
Delaware County	17	2.38	12	5	35%
Emmet County	17	4.28	12	5	35%
Plymouth County	17	1.67	12	5	35%
Jackson County	16	1.93	12	4	31%
Monona County	16	4.17	14	2	25%
Palo Alto County	15	3.92	7	8	40%
Cherokee County	14	2.80	9	5	50%
Adair County	13	4.04	6	7	31%
Decatur County	13	4.35	9	4	23%
Howard County	13	3.30	7	6	38%
Buchanan County	12	1.46	7	5	17%
Chickasaw County	12	2.39	7	5	67%
Wright County	12	2.22	6	6	50%
Greene County	11	2.89	7	4	18%
Mitchell County	11	2.51	6	5	0%
O'Brien County	11	1.88	8	3	27%
Humboldt County	10	2.46	7	3	50%

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
Monroe County	10	3.21	8	2	40%
Page County	10	1.61	10	0	20%
Davis County	9	2.76	6	3	56%
Grundy County	9	1.78	7	2	44%
Ida County	9	3.06	5	4	22%
Lucas County	9	2.49	7	2	0%
Sac County	9	2.11	7	2	67%
Worth County	9	2.88	2	7	33%
Allamakee County	8	1.38	5	3	0%
Franklin County	8	1.93	6	2	62%
Fremont County	8	2.94	4	4	38%
Louisa County	8	1.91	7	1	38%
Van Buren County	8	2.68	6	2	12%
Wayne County	8	3.09	1	7	0%
Adams County	7	4.34	4	3	29%
Audubon County	6	2.40	4	2	83%
Butler County	6	1.00	4	2	33%
Kossuth County	6	0.93	4	2	67%
Lyon County	6	1.34	4	2	17%
Osceola County	6	2.31	5	1	50%
Pocahontas County	5	1.62	4	1	40%
Taylor County	5	2.00	2	3	60%
Winnebago County	5	1.11	3	2	0%
Clarke County	4	1.03	4	0	50%
Hancock County	4	0.87	3	1	50%
Ringgold County	2	1.03	0	2	0%

Cities with 50+ same-sex couples ranked by SS per 1K households

STATE RANK	US RANK	CITY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH
1	416	Iowa City	404	13.34
2	434	Des Moines	1,151	13.09
3	522	Coralville	118	12.24
4	621	North Liberty	92	11.65
5	1,021	Grimes	56	9.81
6	1,104	West Des Moines	287	9.54
7	1,553	Davenport	350	8.20
8	1,579	Cedar Rapids	473	8.14
9	1,818	Council Bluffs	190	7.52
10	1,849	Sioux City	239	7.43

STATE RANK	US RANK	CITY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH
11	1,870	Ames	189	7.39
12	1,930	Waukee	66	7.25
13	1,965	Waterloo	208	7.18
14	2,014	Urbandale	123	7.02
15	2,134	Burlington	71	6.68
16	2,273	Marion	105	6.22
17	2,274	Ankeny	164	6.22
18	2,377	Cedar Falls	92	5.81
19	2,379	Dubuque	146	5.81
20	2,414	Muscatine	54	5.61
21	2,472	Clinton	55	5.27
22	2,496	Ottumwa	51	5.05
23	2,551	Mason City	56	4.56
24	2,577	Bettendorf	67	4.27

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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