



# ILLINOIS

## 2020 Census Snapshot

Total same-sex couples

**40,684**

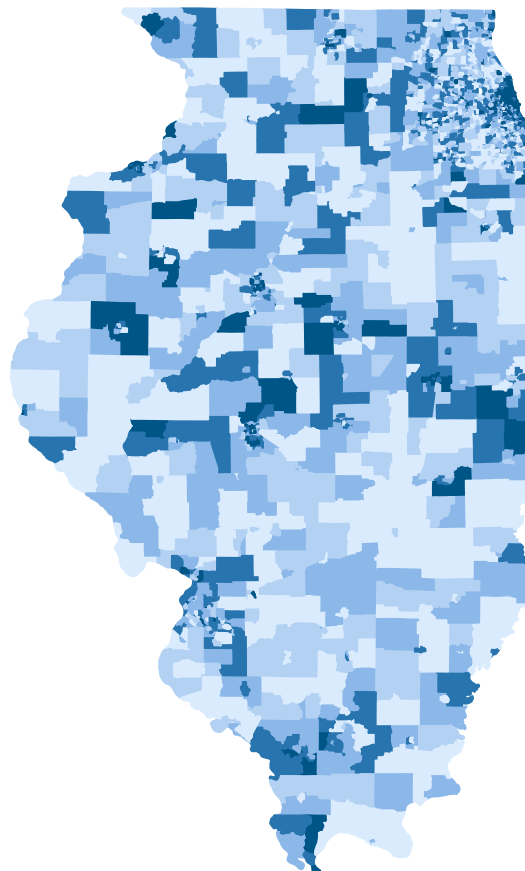
SS couples per 1K households

**8.14**

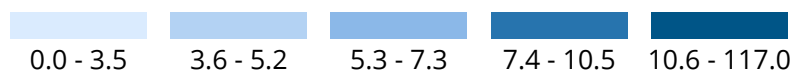
% of SS couples who are married

**56.0%**

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

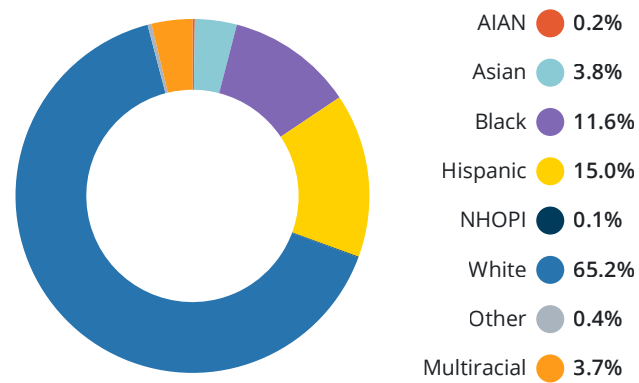


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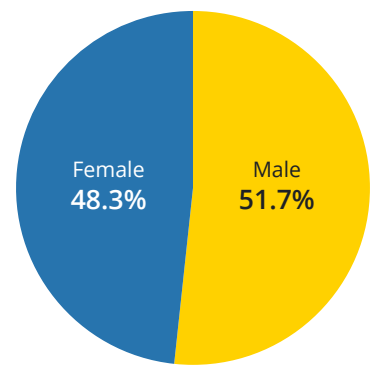


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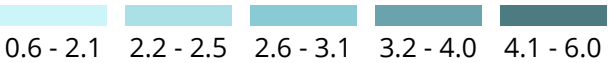
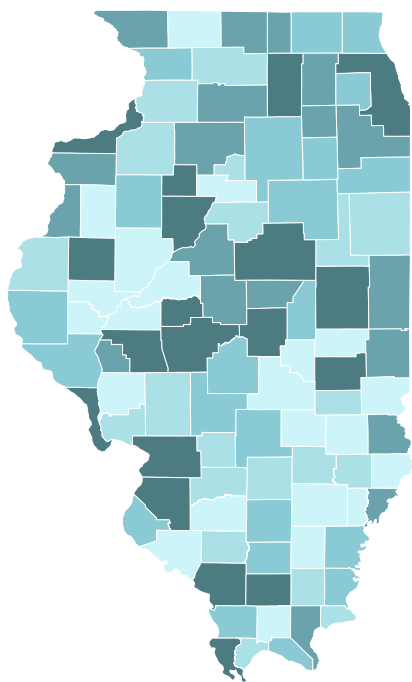
Race/ethnicity of same-sex couples (householder)



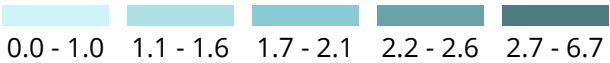
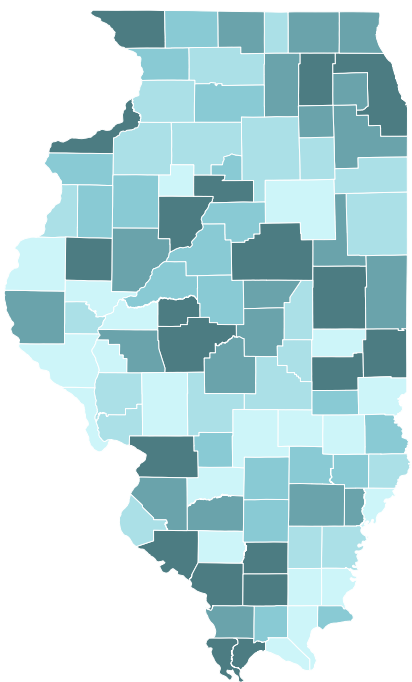
Gender of same-sex couples



Female SS couples per 1K households by county

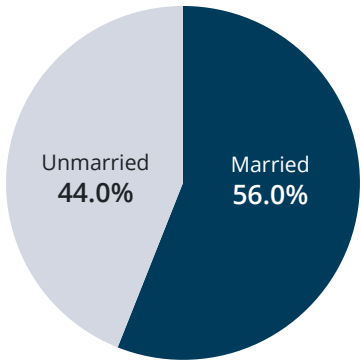


Male SS couples per 1K households by county

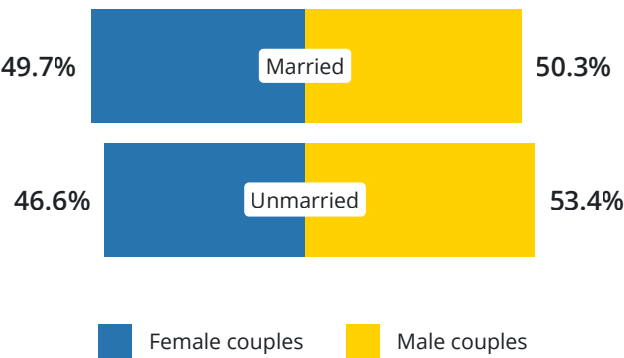


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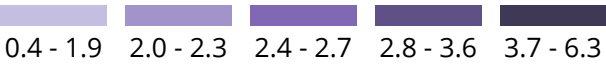
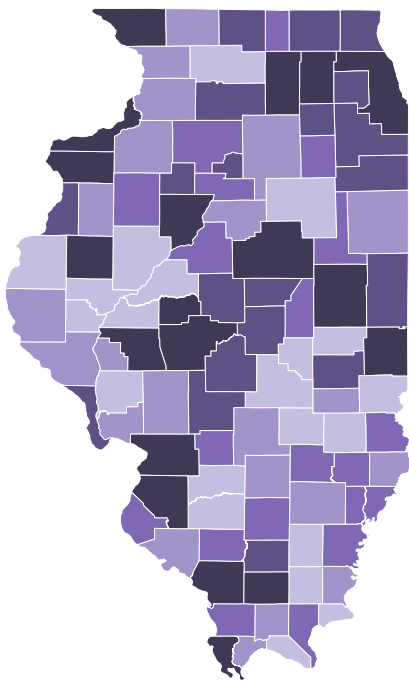
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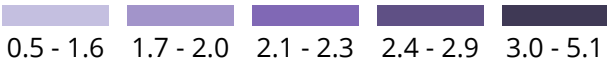
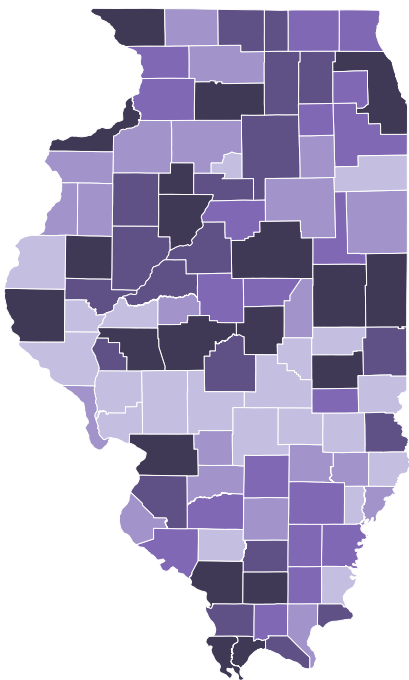
Gender of same-sex couples by marital status



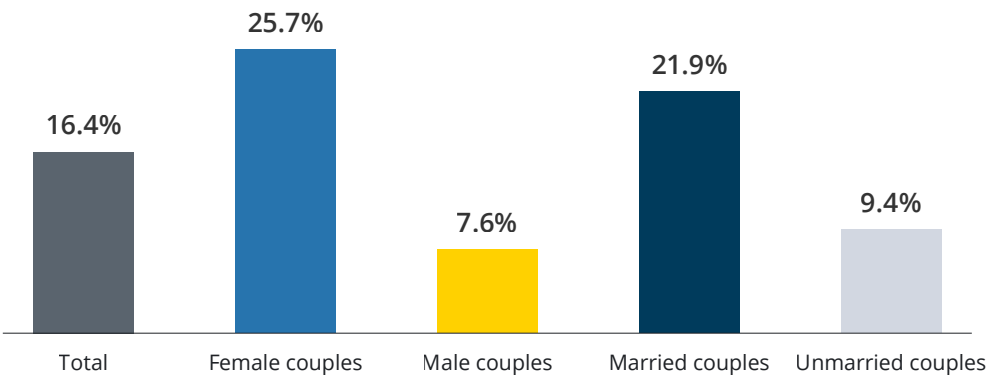
Married SS couples per 1K households by county



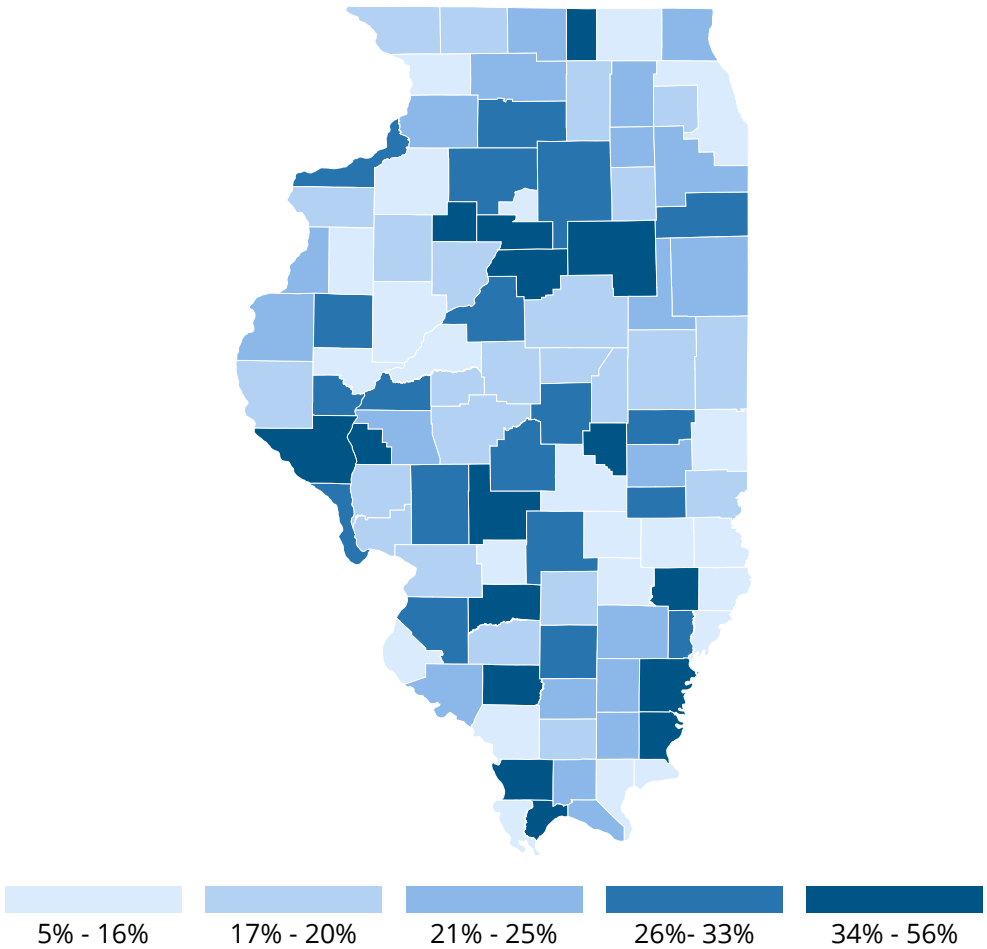
Unmarried SS couples per 1K households by county



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	109	Cook County	23,666	11.34	9,678	13,988	13%
2	216	Champaign County	810	9.59	503	307	19%
3	259	Jackson County	213	9.18	132	81	16%
4	326	Sangamon County	724	8.58	411	313	20%
5	364	Williamson County	230	8.17	136	94	20%
6	385	McLean County	553	8.00	335	218	17%
7	391	Rock Island County	485	7.99	281	204	26%
8	392	Peoria County	605	7.98	328	277	18%
9	482	McDonough County	86	7.49	52	34	27%
10	496	Jo Daviess County	73	7.43	38	35	19%
11	543	Madison County	783	7.21	477	306	19%
12	594	Morgan County	94	6.96	63	31	21%
13	605	Edgar County	50	6.90	28	22	14%
14	640	Macon County	301	6.76	193	108	27%
15	642	Coles County	134	6.75	81	53	25%
16	682	DeKalb County	255	6.63	161	94	18%
17	710	St. Clair County	671	6.51	419	252	28%
18	739	Kane County	1,151	6.38	609	542	23%
19	845	Winnebago County	702	6.08	415	287	23%
20	878	Lee County	81	5.96	54	27	26%
21	919	Vermilion County	178	5.82	102	76	17%
22	936	Franklin County	94	5.78	46	48	23%
23	1,015	Lake County	1,419	5.60	763	656	22%
24	1,029	Adams County	152	5.57	83	69	18%
25	1,041	DuPage County	1,923	5.52	1,073	850	18%
26	1,052	Kendall County	239	5.49	138	101	21%
27	1,086	Will County	1,294	5.39	750	544	21%
28	1,095	McHenry County	613	5.36	352	261	16%
29	1,119	Logan County	57	5.30	39	18	19%
30	1,185	Tazewell County	274	5.08	185	89	26%
31	1,200	Christian County	69	5.03	39	30	28%
32	1,239	Knox County	103	4.94	64	39	18%
33	1,289	Boone County	91	4.76	65	26	37%
34	1,353	Kankakee County	190	4.58	126	64	26%
35	1,360	Marion County	71	4.55	39	32	18%
36	1,370	Woodford County	66	4.52	36	30	36%
37	1,371	LaSalle County	204	4.51	134	70	26%
38	1,384	Bureau County	63	4.44	44	19	32%

STATE RANK	US RANK	COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
39	1,389	Fulton County	62	4.42	30	32	10%
40	1,390	Jefferson County	66	4.42	41	25	33%
41	1,416	Grundy County	86	4.29	58	28	20%
42	1,417	Monroe County	59	4.29	38	21	14%
43	1,419	Randolph County	50	4.28	18	32	24%
44	1,466	Whiteside County	94	3.99	58	36	24%
45	1,492	Henry County	77	3.79	49	28	16%
46	1,504	Stephenson County	71	3.70	37	34	20%
47	1,516	Livingston County	52	3.61	38	14	35%
48	1,521	Ogle County	73	3.50	47	26	25%
49	1,530	Macoupin County	63	3.35	47	16	32%

## Counties with &lt;50 same-sex couples

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
Montgomery County	47	4.21	32	15	43%
Crawford County	42	5.62	26	16	12%
Clinton County	41	2.88	31	10	41%
Iroquois County	40	3.58	27	13	22%
De Witt County	38	5.74	21	17	18%
Effingham County	37	2.62	23	14	8%
Menard County	36	7.05	21	15	17%
Union County	36	5.16	19	17	39%
Mercer County	35	5.32	22	13	17%
Saline County	33	3.30	24	9	24%
Wayne County	30	4.43	13	17	23%
Carroll County	29	4.46	17	12	14%
Fayette County	29	3.65	23	6	31%
Richland County	29	4.38	16	13	38%
Jersey County	28	3.24	19	9	18%
Bond County	27	4.38	15	12	11%
Perry County	27	3.37	20	7	41%
Piatt County	27	3.96	18	9	19%
Warren County	27	4.02	14	13	15%
White County	27	4.62	18	9	56%
Ford County	26	4.61	13	13	23%
Marshall County	24	4.82	8	16	42%
Hancock County	23	3.04	17	6	22%
Mason County	23	4.07	12	11	13%
Clay County	22	4.00	12	10	5%
Massac County	22	3.75	17	5	23%

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
Washington County	21	3.67	8	13	19%
Douglas County	20	2.58	14	6	30%
Shelby County	20	2.24	11	9	15%
Alexander County	19	7.97	10	9	16%
Moultrie County	19	3.36	12	7	42%
Wabash County	19	4.07	16	3	16%
Johnson County	18	3.93	9	9	22%
Cumberland County	17	3.98	10	7	29%
Lawrence County	17	3.05	8	9	12%
Pike County	17	2.77	16	1	35%
Greene County	15	2.98	8	7	20%
Henderson County	14	4.94	11	3	21%
Cass County	13	2.55	9	4	31%
Pulaski County	13	5.73	5	8	38%
Stark County	13	5.84	11	2	46%
Edwards County	11	4.08	5	6	27%
Putnam County	11	4.53	6	5	9%
Clark County	10	1.54	4	6	20%
Scott County	10	4.76	8	2	50%
Calhoun County	9	4.92	9	0	33%
Hamilton County	9	2.70	5	4	22%
Gallatin County	8	3.72	6	2	38%
Jasper County	8	2.10	7	1	12%
Schuyler County	8	2.85	6	2	12%
Hardin County	7	4.12	4	3	14%
Pope County	7	4.13	6	1	14%
Brown County	6	3.06	3	3	33%

#### 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	195	Oak Park	396	16.56
2	236	Chicago	17,770	15.55
3	259	Evanston	479	15.24
4	276	Forest Park	114	15.05
5	432	Berwyn	257	13.09
6	517	Alton	138	12.29
7	614	Urbana	188	11.70
8	617	Westchester	81	11.69
9	682	Rock Island	172	11.33
10	946	Champaign	370	10.12

STATE RANK	US RANK	CITY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH
11	1,029	North Aurora	68	9.79
12	1,063	Springfield	496	9.68
13	1,117	Peoria	451	9.50
14	1,134	Bloomington	316	9.42
15	1,145	Round Lake	57	9.39
16	1,197	Carbondale	90	9.23
17	1,313	Maywood	67	8.85
18	1,374	Belleville	156	8.67
19	1,426	DeKalb	130	8.52
20	1,433	Collinsville	91	8.51
21	1,468	Skokie	204	8.44
22	1,563	Elgin	317	8.19
23	1,613	Edwardsville	76	8.02
24	1,639	Cicero	193	7.96
25	1,678	Streamwood	105	7.84
26	1,694	Hanover Park	89	7.81
27	1,706	Carpentersville	89	7.78
28	1,733	Park Forest	68	7.72
29	1,742	Charleston	54	7.70
30	1,757	Lombard	138	7.65
31	1,779	North Chicago	52	7.61
32	1,783	Moline	141	7.60
33	1,796	Chicago Heights	70	7.56
34	1,802	Godfrey	56	7.55
35	1,804	East Peoria	74	7.54
36	1,869	Loves Park	75	7.39
37	1,918	Decatur	227	7.28
38	1,937	Normal	145	7.23
39	1,938	Melrose Park	60	7.23
40	1,951	Romeoville	94	7.22
41	1,992	Danville	83	7.09
42	1,993	Fairview Heights	51	7.09
43	1,997	Bolingbrook	167	7.07
44	2,004	Rolling Meadows	66	7.04
45	2,007	Woodstock	69	7.04
46	2,047	Rockford	416	6.91
47	2,053	Marion	52	6.89
48	2,064	Quincy	117	6.86
49	2,093	Grayslake	55	6.77
50	2,115	Elk Grove Village	91	6.73

STATE RANK	US RANK	CITY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH
51	2,123	Waukegan	201	6.70
52	2,169	Aurora	395	6.57
53	2,174	Joliet	330	6.56
54	2,196	Glendale Heights	74	6.48
55	2,199	Gurnee	77	6.47
56	2,205	Woodridge	87	6.46
57	2,218	Hoffman Estates	119	6.43
58	2,249	Lisle	65	6.32
59	2,251	Highland Park	73	6.32
60	2,260	Downers Grove	128	6.28
61	2,336	Kankakee	55	5.98
62	2,337	O'Fallon	75	5.97
63	2,339	Oak Forest	62	5.96
64	2,345	Addison	73	5.94
65	2,346	Palatine	164	5.94
66	2,349	Des Plaines	140	5.93
67	2,364	Wheeling	90	5.88
68	2,366	Westmont	62	5.87
69	2,372	Granite	68	5.85
70	2,394	St. Charles	76	5.73
71	2,418	Mount Prospect	122	5.59
72	2,432	Elmwood Park	52	5.45
73	2,481	Galesburg	64	5.15
74	2,482	Pekin	69	5.15
75	2,483	Bartlett	73	5.14
76	2,487	Naperville	272	5.11
77	2,510	Schaumburg	159	4.98
78	2,512	Arlington Heights	158	4.97
79	2,526	Elmhurst	79	4.84
80	2,532	Carol Stream	68	4.76
81	2,536	Mundelein	54	4.73
82	2,545	Crystal Lake	69	4.67
83	2,554	Park Ridge	67	4.55
84	2,556	Wheaton	90	4.51
85	2,568	Plainfield	60	4.38
86	2,588	Orland Park	94	4.10
87	2,595	Calumet City	57	3.92
88	2,601	Oak Lawn	80	3.57
89	2,602	Glenview	62	3.47
90	2,604	Tinley Park	68	3.09

## METHODOLOGY

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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.

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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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