



# KENTUCKY

## 2020 Census Snapshot

Total same-sex couples

**13,419**

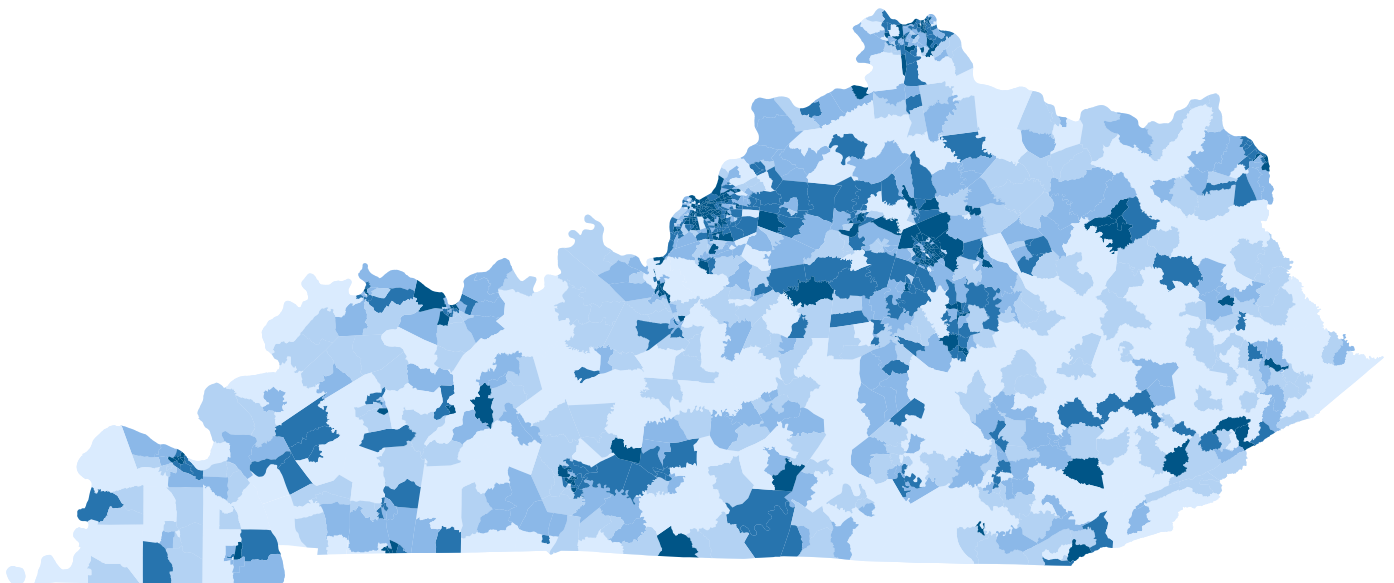
SS couples per 1K households

**7.46**

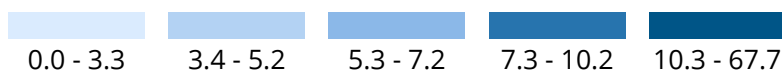
% of SS couples who are married

**51.3%**

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

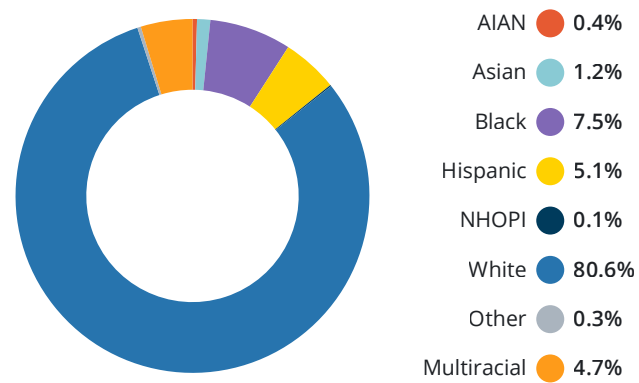


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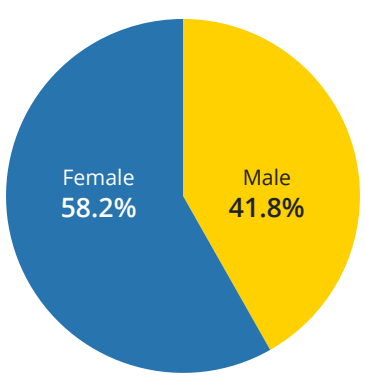


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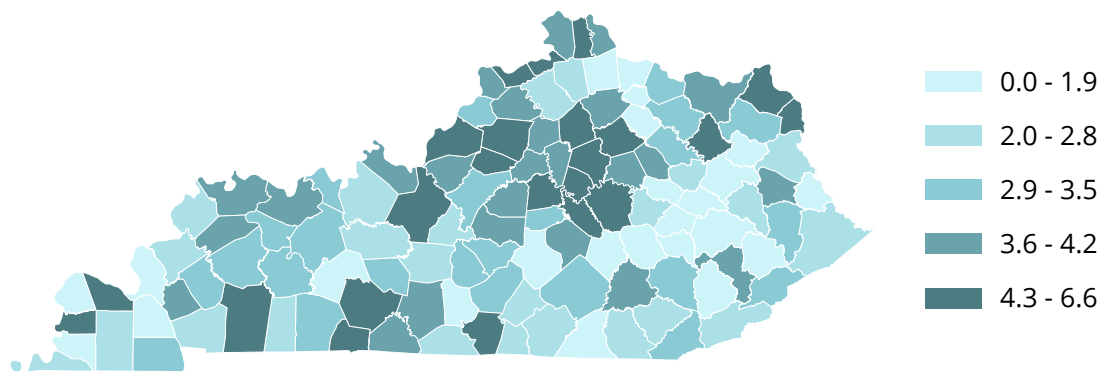
Race/ethnicity of same-sex couples (householder)



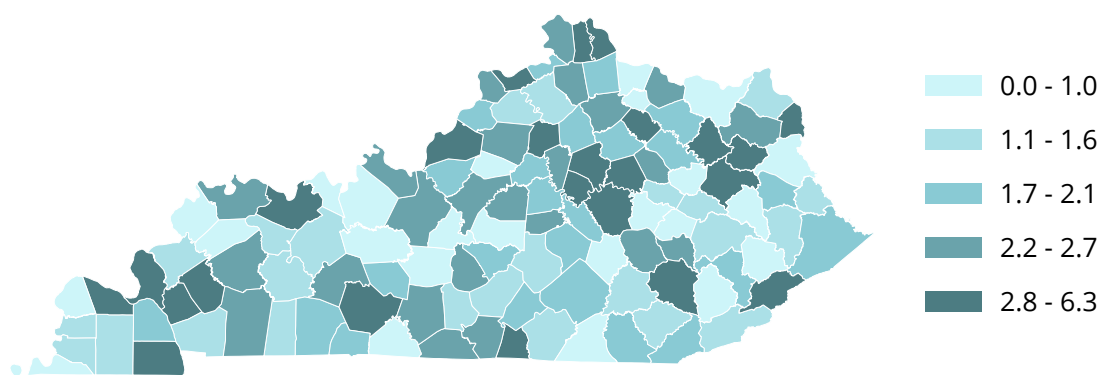
Gender of same-sex couples



Female SS couples per 1K households by county

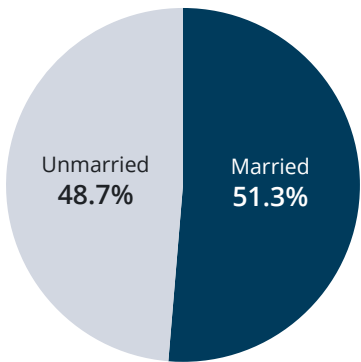


Male SS couples per 1K households by county

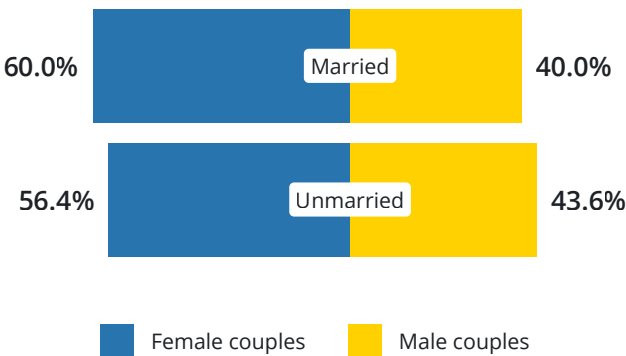


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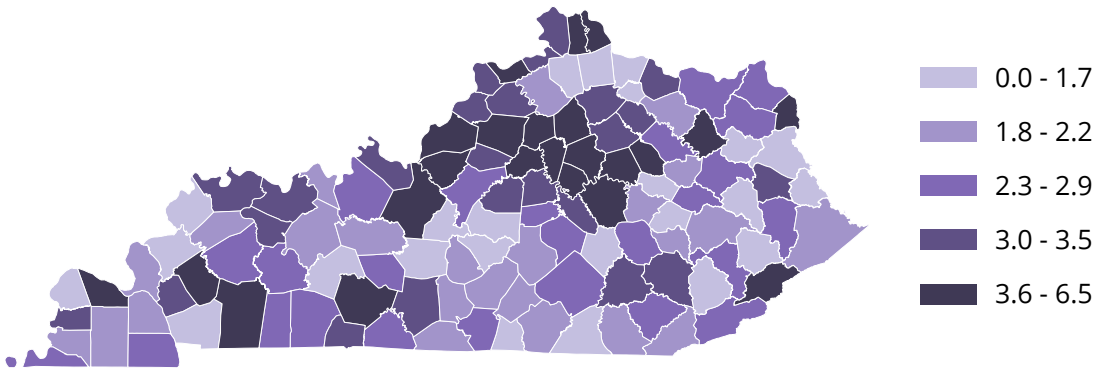
Marital status of same-sex couples



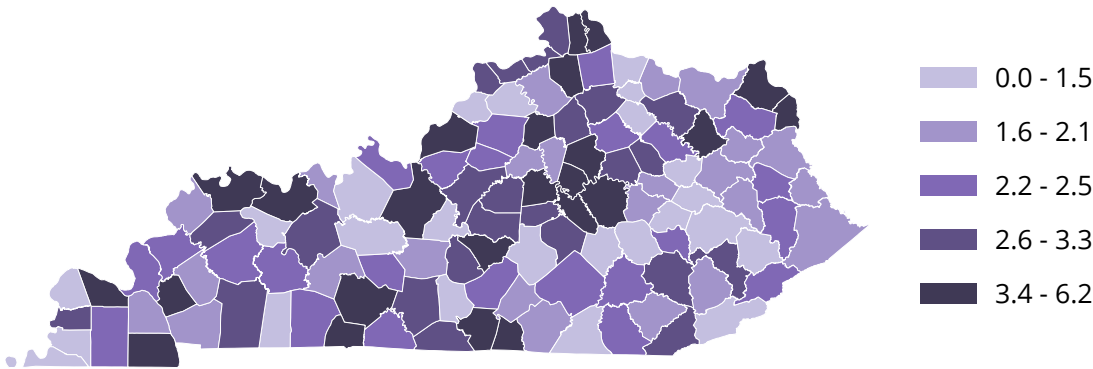
Gender of same-sex couples by marital status



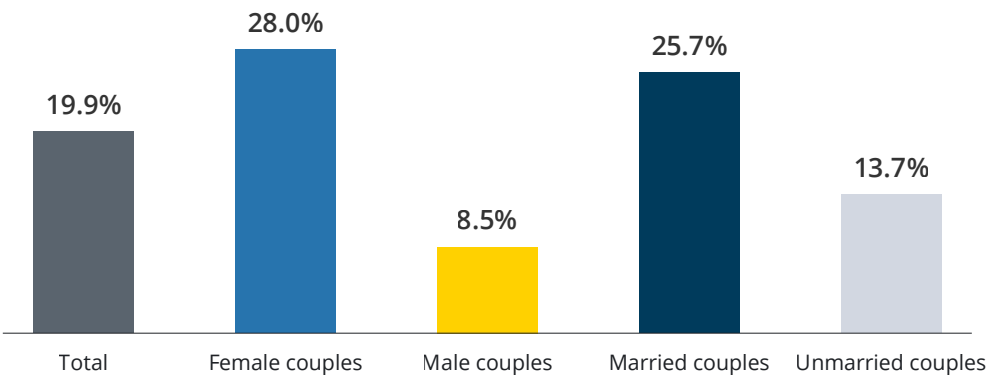
Married SS couples per 1K households by county



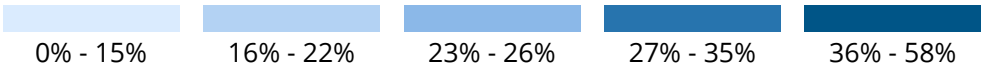
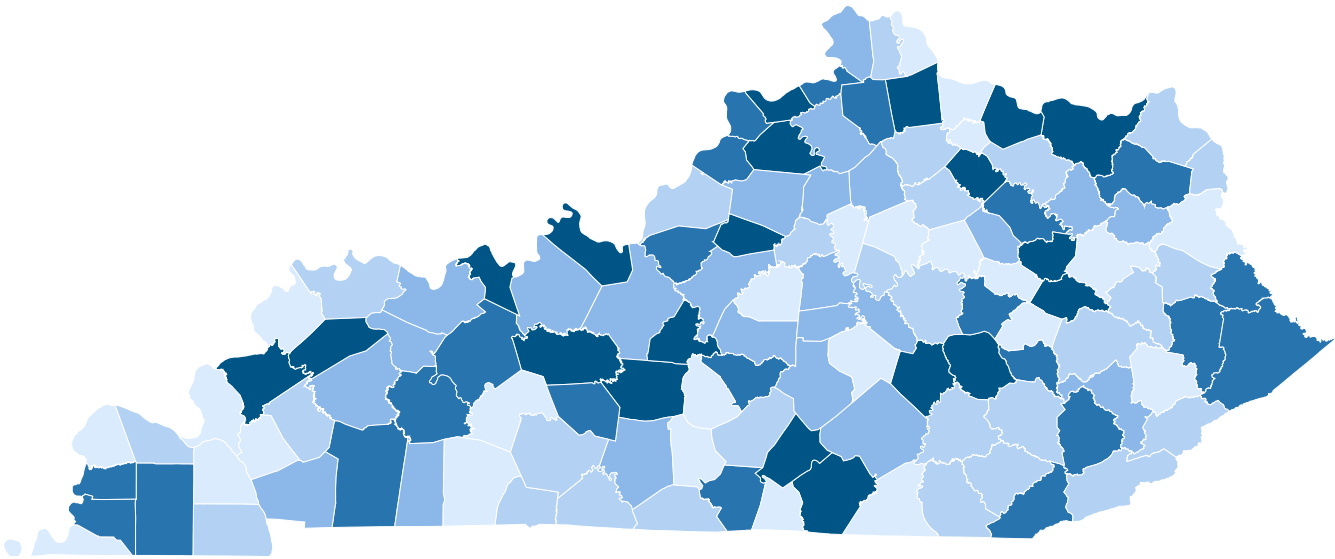
Unmarried SS couples per 1K households by county



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	69	Fayette County	1,716	12.76	871	845	15%
2	120	Jefferson County	3,648	11.12	1,959	1,689	16%
3	172	Rowan County	92	10.08	59	33	23%
4	201	Madison County	353	9.77	240	113	21%
5	213	Kenton County	652	9.64	361	291	18%
6	330	Boyd County	165	8.55	109	56	16%
7	370	Jessamine County	158	8.13	103	55	22%
8	395	Franklin County	174	7.97	88	86	26%
9	411	McCracken County	227	7.85	136	91	19%
10	416	Campbell County	301	7.83	162	139	11%
11	423	Christian County	206	7.79	139	67	30%
12	444	Warren County	395	7.68	219	176	16%
13	456	Hardin County	327	7.62	213	114	25%
14	488	Daviess County	307	7.47	170	137	25%
15	497	Shelby County	132	7.42	87	45	26%
16	520	Scott County	156	7.30	113	43	25%
17	610	Henderson County	126	6.87	77	49	18%
18	617	Clark County	102	6.84	52	50	15%
19	683	Mercer County	61	6.62	43	18	23%
20	696	Montgomery County	73	6.57	45	28	25%
21	748	Boone County	312	6.34	189	123	23%
22	764	Greenup County	91	6.31	71	20	19%
23	796	Calloway County	94	6.22	51	43	16%
24	803	Barren County	110	6.21	67	43	25%
25	827	Bullitt County	193	6.14	132	61	27%
26	854	Woodford County	65	6.05	38	27	15%
27	876	Letcher County	54	5.97	28	26	22%
28	958	Nelson County	106	5.74	59	47	26%
29	972	Meade County	63	5.70	39	24	37%
30	998	Anderson County	53	5.66	34	19	17%
31	1,006	Johnson County	52	5.63	33	19	21%
32	1,055	Perry County	63	5.49	41	22	24%
33	1,064	Boyle County	64	5.45	39	25	25%
34	1,081	Laurel County	131	5.40	93	38	22%
35	1,099	Lincoln County	52	5.35	34	18	15%
36	1,134	Carter County	56	5.25	32	24	29%
37	1,145	Hopkins County	97	5.22	58	39	24%

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38	1,154	Logan County	57	5.18	38	19	7%
39	1,166	Bell County	51	5.14	33	18	35%
40	1,252	Taylor County	50	4.92	31	19	28%
41	1,264	Muhlenberg County	58	4.85	41	17	29%
42	1,269	Oldham County	107	4.83	69	38	27%
43	1,304	Pulaski County	125	4.73	80	45	23%
44	1,322	Floyd County	70	4.68	52	18	31%
45	1,447	Whitley County	57	4.13	35	22	18%
46	1,478	Graves County	58	3.93	39	19	31%
47	1,490	Pike County	94	3.83	54	40	32%
48	1,498	Marshall County	50	3.74	23	27	8%

## 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
Bourbon County	49	5.96	35	14	22%
Simpson County	48	6.32	36	12	21%
Knox County	47	3.90	29	18	17%
Garrard County	46	6.99	35	11	26%
Grant County	46	5.11	25	21	28%
Harrison County	45	6.11	27	18	18%
Clay County	44	5.79	23	21	18%
Ohio County	41	4.42	28	13	27%
Allen County	40	4.99	33	7	22%
Caldwell County	39	7.39	16	23	21%
Spencer County	39	5.48	35	4	36%
Harlan County	36	3.20	24	12	22%
Mason County	36	5.04	21	15	36%
Marion County	35	4.51	29	6	23%
Adair County	33	4.48	23	10	21%
Grayson County	33	3.16	25	8	42%
Carroll County	32	7.82	21	11	41%
Henry County	30	4.92	22	8	53%
Fleming County	29	4.89	18	11	21%
Washington County	29	6.20	18	11	7%
Wayne County	29	3.59	17	12	41%
Breckinridge County	27	3.37	19	8	26%
Russell County	27	3.62	15	12	37%
Edmonson County	26	5.32	16	10	31%
Webster County	25	4.97	21	4	36%

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
Hart County	24	3.24	17	7	58%
Lyon County	24	7.21	14	10	12%
Bath County	23	4.72	14	9	30%
Green County	23	4.99	13	10	4%
Monroe County	23	5.05	12	11	17%
Clinton County	22	5.58	10	12	5%
Lewis County	22	4.20	19	3	55%
Cumberland County	21	8.12	15	6	29%
Estill County	21	3.57	16	5	29%
Gallatin County	21	6.56	15	6	29%
Jackson County	21	4.00	8	13	38%
Morgan County	21	4.34	7	14	14%
Trigg County	21	3.64	14	7	24%
Pendleton County	20	3.61	10	10	40%
Trimble County	20	5.89	12	8	35%
Casey County	19	3.03	10	9	26%
Butler County	17	3.46	6	11	12%
Larue County	17	2.89	12	5	47%
Lawrence County	17	2.64	13	4	12%
Livingston County	17	4.49	6	11	12%
McLean County	17	4.55	12	5	24%
Owen County	17	3.91	11	6	24%
Todd County	17	3.72	11	6	24%
Union County	16	3.02	11	5	6%
Breathitt County	15	2.62	8	7	20%
Magoffin County	15	3.12	11	4	20%
Hancock County	14	3.96	12	2	43%
Rockcastle County	14	2.14	11	3	43%
Carlisle County	13	6.49	10	3	31%
Crittenden County	13	3.61	9	4	38%
Knott County	13	2.26	7	6	15%
Powell County	13	2.57	6	7	15%
Martin County	12	2.97	7	5	33%
Nicholas County	12	4.06	4	8	42%
Leslie County	11	2.59	8	3	27%
Fulton County	9	3.30	7	2	11%
McCreary County	9	1.49	8	1	11%
Metcalfe County	9	2.17	4	5	11%
Elliott County	8	3.19	0	8	25%
Menifee County	8	3.23	6	2	38%

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
Bracken County	7	2.10	5	2	14%
Owsley County	7	4.03	3	4	29%
Hickman County	6	3.13	3	3	33%
Wolfe County	6	2.28	3	3	50%
Ballard County	4	1.24	1	3	0%
Lee County	4	1.47	2	2	0%
Robertson County	1	1.13	1	0	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	246	Covington	278	15.36
2	271	Louisville	1,636	15.14
3	319	Newport	93	14.43
4	445	Richmond	186	13.01
5	470	Lexington-Fayette urban county	1,716	12.76
6	513	St. Matthews	107	12.30
7	652	Radcliff	105	11.47
8	727	Berea	66	11.11
9	753	Paducah	129	10.95
10	957	Lyndon	56	10.06
11	1,218	Bowling Green	258	9.16
12	1,224	Ashland	84	9.13
13	1,297	Independence	88	8.90
14	1,341	Nicholasville	103	8.75
15	1,393	Louisville/Jefferson County metro government	1,331	8.60
16	1,435	Frankfort	108	8.51
17	1,452	Winchester	68	8.48
18	1,557	Henderson	98	8.19
19	1,617	Owensboro	201	8.01
20	1,666	Elizabethtown	103	7.87
21	1,701	Erlanger	61	7.79
22	1,744	Murray	52	7.69
23	1,774	Jeffersontown	92	7.61
24	1,883	Georgetown	103	7.37
25	2,095	Florence	88	6.77
26	2,156	Hopkinsville	86	6.61
27	2,235	Madisonville	52	6.36

## 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.

### 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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