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2020 Census Snapshot

Total same-sex couples

14,171

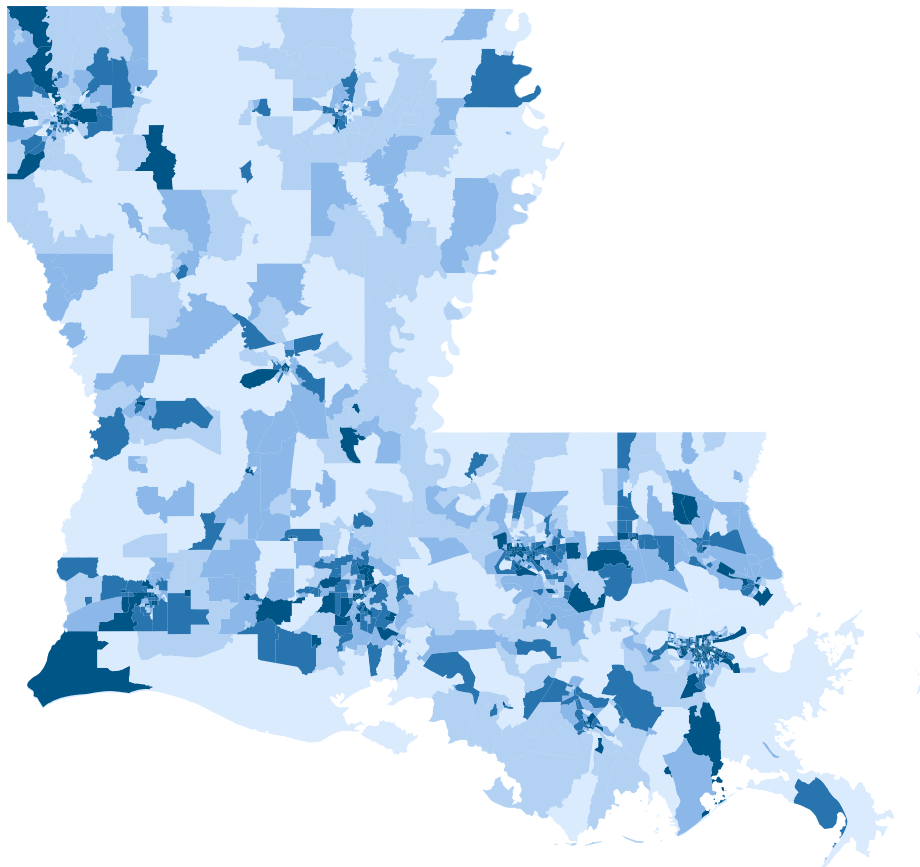
SS couples per 1K households

7.74

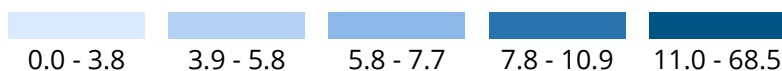
% of SS couples who are married

49.3%

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

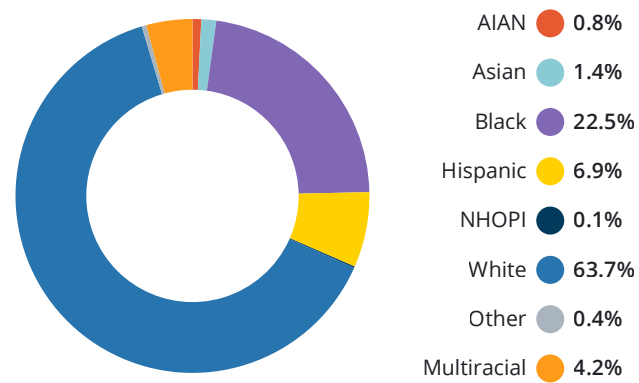


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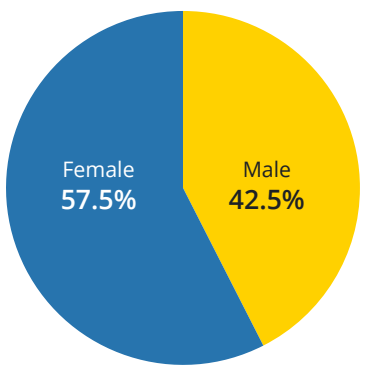


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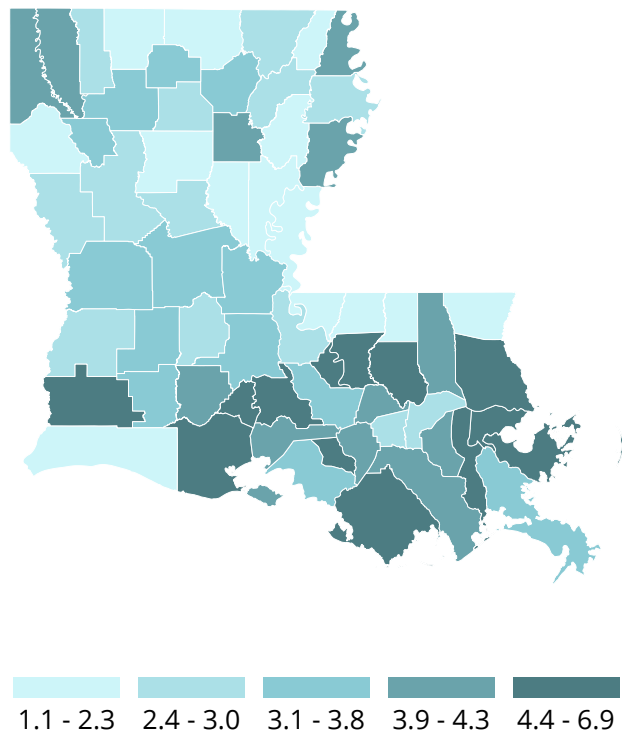
Race/ethnicity of same-sex couples (householder)



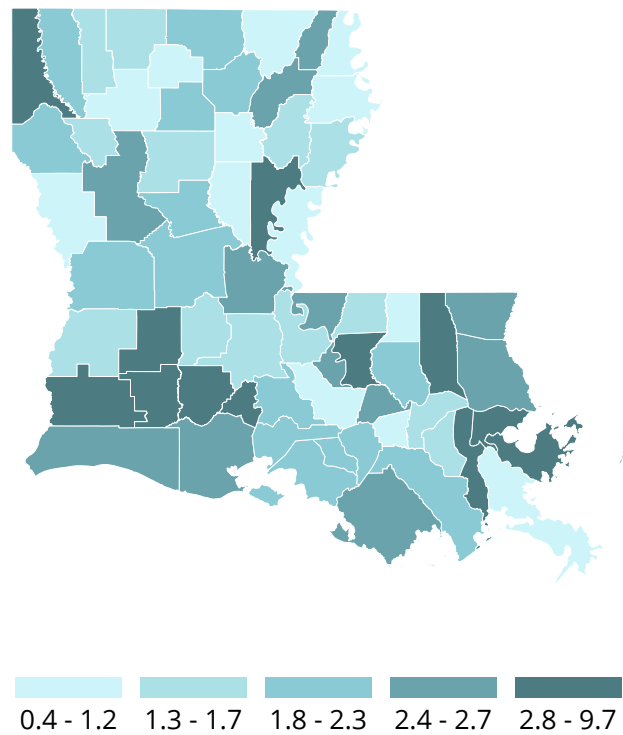
Gender of same-sex couples



Female SS couples per 1K households by county

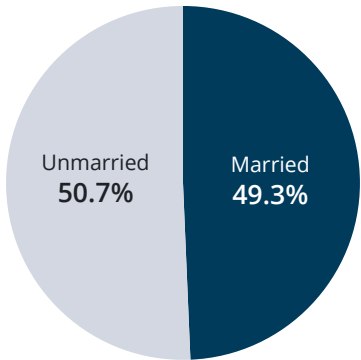


Male SS couples per 1K households by county

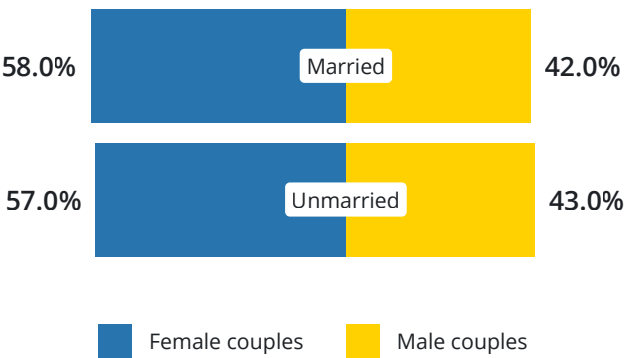


FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

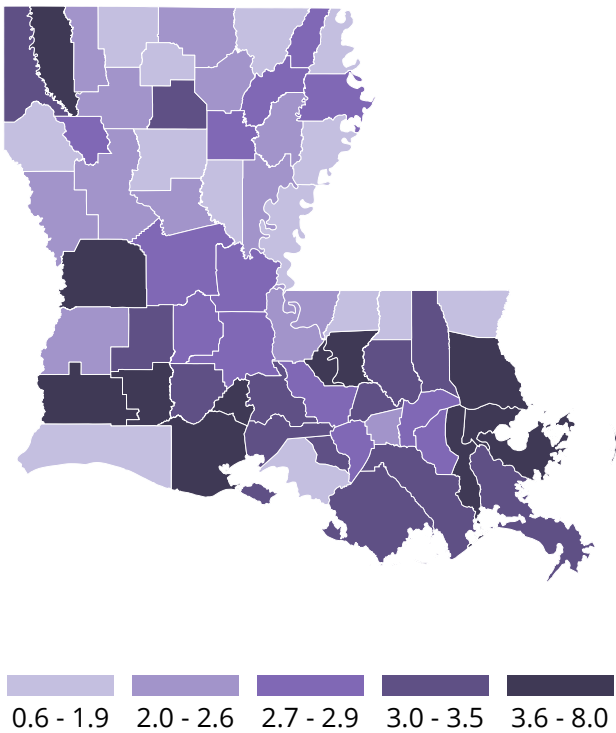
Marital status of same-sex couples



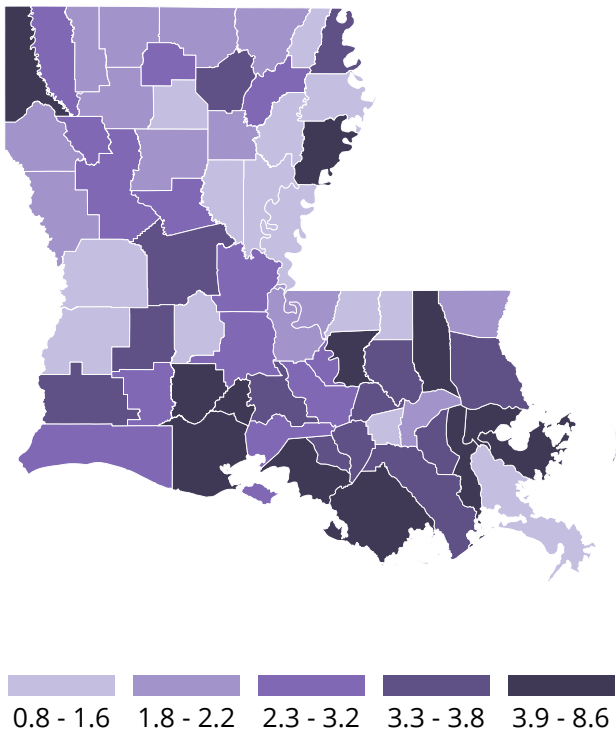
Gender of same-sex couples by marital status



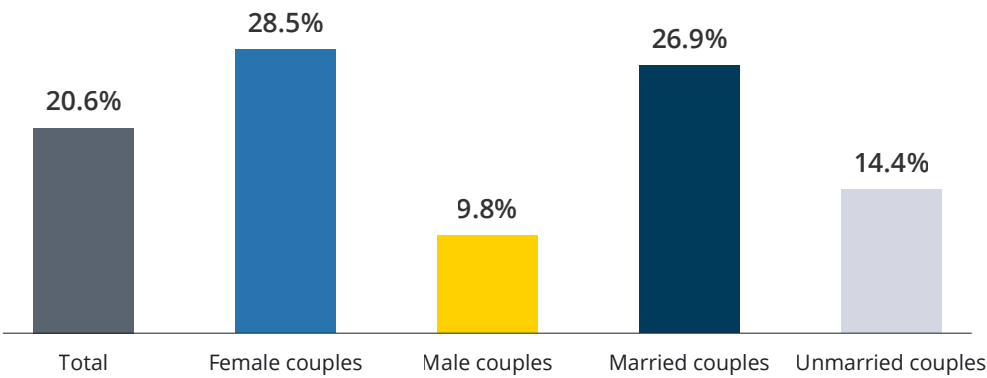
Married SS couples per 1K households by county



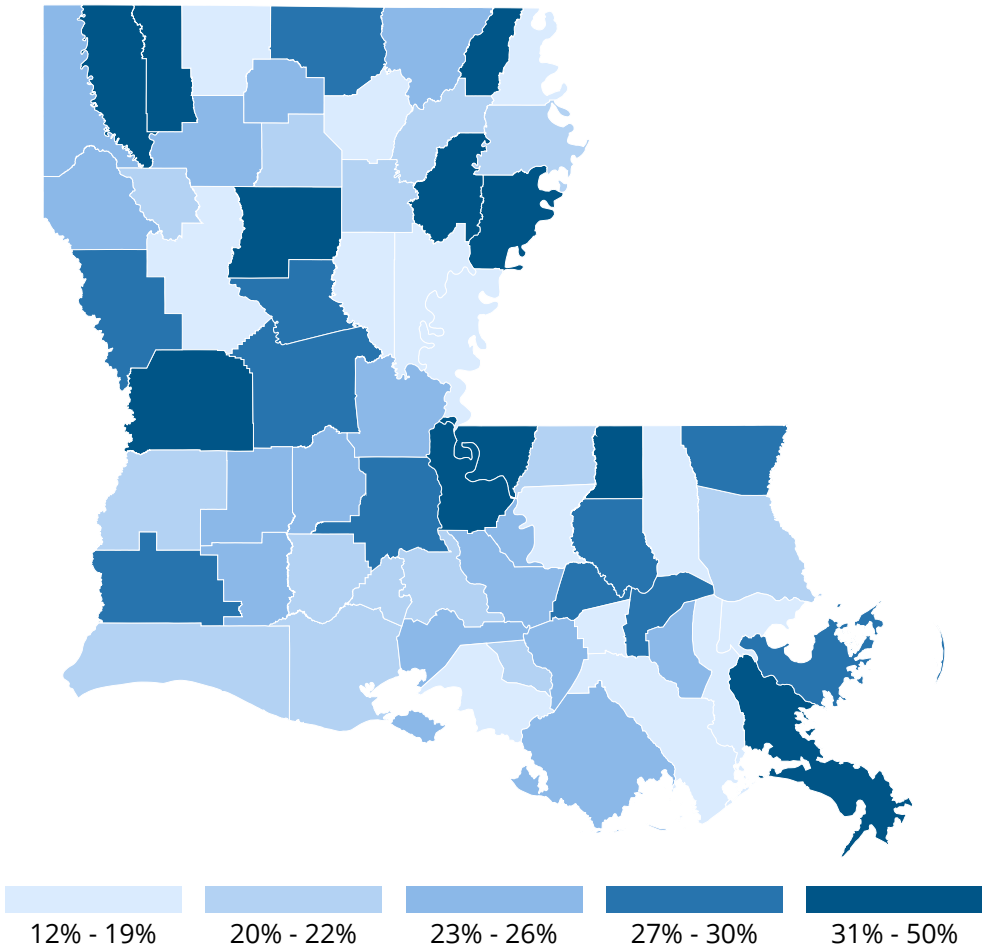
Unmarried SS couples per 1K households by county



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	24	Orleans Parish	2,743	16.61	1,137	1,606	12%
2	148	St. Bernard Parish	171	10.54	106	65	30%
3	197	Lafayette Parish	953	9.78	574	379	18%
4	288	Calcasieu Parish	746	8.90	474	272	30%
5	345	East Baton Rouge Parish	1,517	8.36	819	698	18%
6	420	Jefferson Parish	1,391	7.81	851	540	18%
7	434	Vermilion Parish	172	7.75	114	58	22%
8	493	West Baton Rouge Parish	77	7.45	53	24	23%
9	494	Caddo Parish	737	7.44	430	307	23%
10	512	Acadia Parish	162	7.35	95	67	22%
11	523	St. Tammany Parish	744	7.29	472	272	21%
12	542	Tangipahoa Parish	368	7.22	208	160	18%
13	561	Terrebonne Parish	295	7.14	194	101	26%
14	592	Livingston Parish	366	6.96	260	106	27%
15	650	St. Martin Parish	136	6.72	94	42	22%
16	681	Ascension Parish	304	6.63	198	106	27%
17	713	Allen Parish	51	6.50	27	24	25%
18	715	Jefferson Davis Parish	79	6.48	37	42	25%
19	795	Bossier Parish	312	6.23	199	113	32%
20	809	Assumption Parish	52	6.18	33	19	25%
21	847	Lafourche Parish	226	6.08	145	81	20%
22	860	Iberia Parish	163	6.03	106	57	26%
23	865	St. Charles Parish	115	5.99	82	33	23%
24	903	Vernon Parish	110	5.86	72	38	33%
25	912	Ouachita Parish	366	5.84	231	135	19%
26	918	Rapides Parish	299	5.83	183	116	27%
27	956	St. Mary Parish	111	5.75	74	37	19%
28	1,017	Avoyelles Parish	85	5.60	48	37	25%
29	1,042	Natchitoches Parish	84	5.52	45	39	13%
30	1,150	St. Landry Parish	169	5.20	120	49	28%
31	1,275	Iberville Parish	54	4.82	42	12	26%
32	1,364	Webster Parish	71	4.53	47	24	34%
33	1,387	Lincoln Parish	80	4.43	62	18	26%
34	1,403	St. John the Baptist Parish	69	4.37	46	23	28%
35	1,426	Evangeline Parish	54	4.24	36	18	24%
36	1,462	Washington Parish	72	4.01	27	45	29%
37	1,507	Beauregard Parish	51	3.70	34	17	20%

Counties with <50 same-sex couples

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
Richland Parish	42	5.47	21	21	21%
De Soto Parish	38	3.56	15	23	26%
Union Parish	38	4.34	20	18	29%
Grant Parish	37	4.73	22	15	27%
Sabine Parish	37	4.02	27	10	30%
Plaquemines Parish	35	4.27	27	8	31%
Pointe Coupee Parish	35	4.05	23	12	31%
Morehouse Parish	31	3.01	27	4	26%
St. James Parish	28	3.64	19	9	14%
Jackson Parish	27	4.45	15	12	22%
Franklin Parish	25	3.24	14	11	44%
Bienville Parish	23	4.21	17	6	26%
East Feliciana Parish	23	3.34	12	11	22%
Concordia Parish	19	2.63	11	8	16%
Caldwell Parish	18	4.80	15	3	22%
West Carroll Parish	17	4.16	7	10	35%
West Feliciana Parish	16	4.11	7	9	31%
Winn Parish	16	3.09	9	7	31%
Claiborne Parish	15	2.73	6	9	13%
Red River Parish	15	4.93	11	4	20%
Catahoula Parish	14	3.99	4	10	14%
Madison Parish	14	3.75	10	4	21%
St. Helena Parish	12	2.74	10	2	50%
East Carroll Parish	11	4.63	10	1	18%
LaSalle Parish	11	2.14	6	5	19%
Tensas Parish	10	5.66	7	3	40%
Cameron Parish	9	4.24	4	5	22%

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	157	Elmwood	59	18.03
2	193	New Orleans	2,743	16.61
3	277	Gardere	76	15.05
4	790	Sulphur	92	10.79
5	819	Chalmette	85	10.63
6	910	Jefferson	54	10.23
7	916	Broussard	52	10.22
8	967	Lafayette	524	10.03

STATE RANK	US RANK	CITY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH
9	1,019	Lake Charles	339	9.83
10	1,045	Gretna	71	9.75
11	1,156	Baton Rouge	851	9.35
12	1,265	Terrytown	83	9.00
13	1,308	River Ridge	53	8.87
14	1,404	Hammond	62	8.57
15	1,421	Bayou Cane	66	8.52
16	1,508	Metairie	519	8.30
17	1,516	Slidell	93	8.28
18	1,674	Alexandria	143	7.85
19	1,854	Shreveport	586	7.42
20	1,990	New Iberia	81	7.10
21	2,011	Houma	93	7.03
22	2,090	Shenandoah	52	6.79
23	2,105	Bossier City	169	6.74
24	2,158	Prairieville	76	6.61
25	2,237	Kenner	160	6.35
26	2,308	Harvey	53	6.09
27	2,344	Monroe	112	5.94
28	2,378	Ruston	50	5.81
29	2,398	Marrero	72	5.68
30	2,502	Laplace	53	5.01

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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