

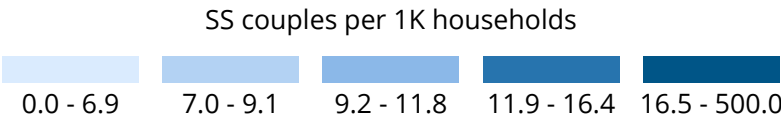
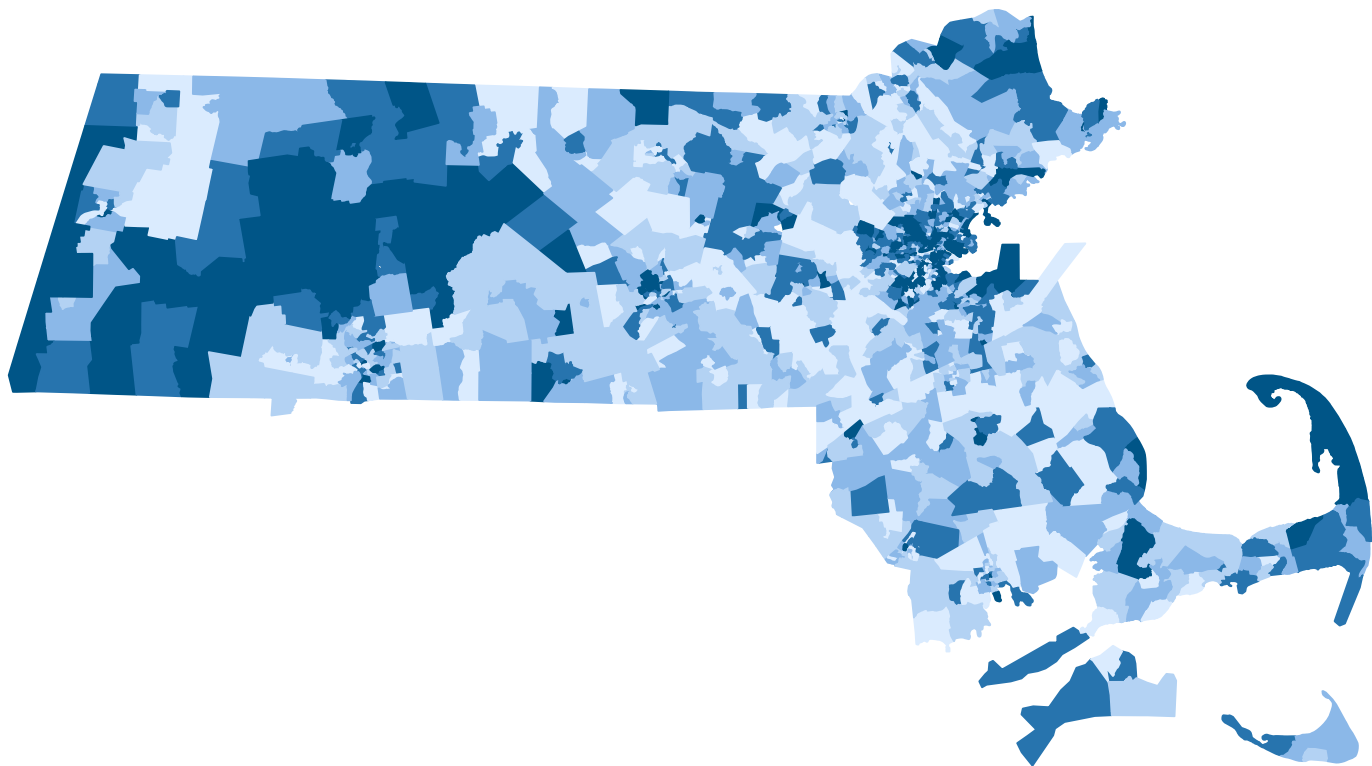


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## 2020 Census Snapshot

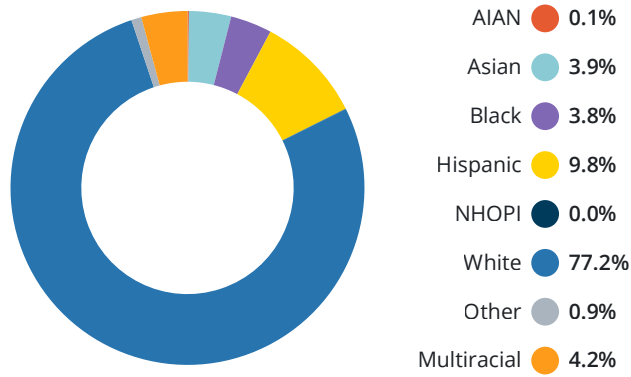
Total same-sex couples	SS couples per 1K households	% of SS couples who are married
33,452	12.17	62.5%

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

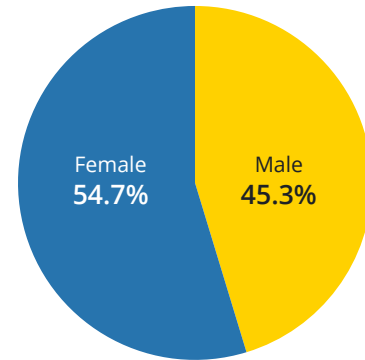


## DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

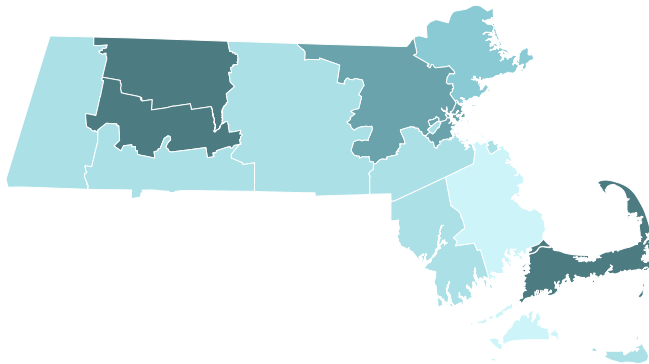
Race/ethnicity of same-sex couples (householder)



Gender of same-sex couples

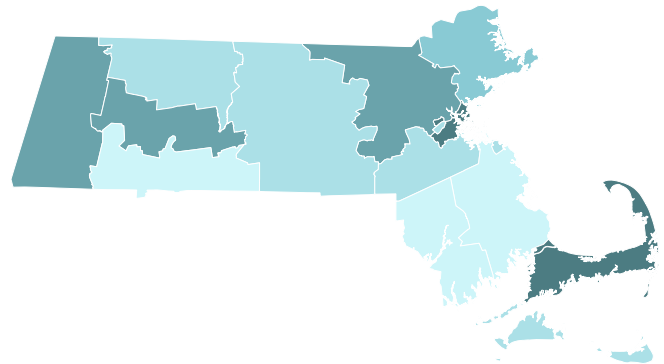


Female SS couples per 1K households by county



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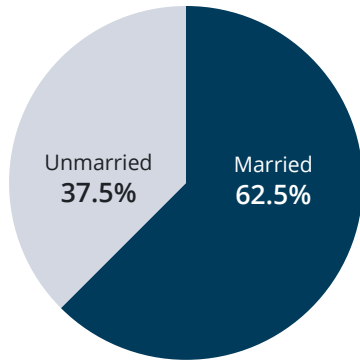
Male SS couples per 1K households by county



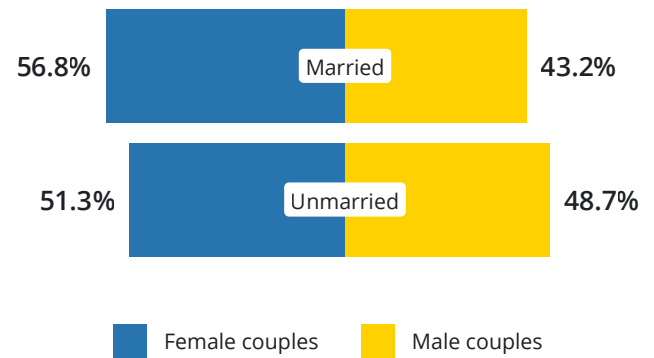
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## FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

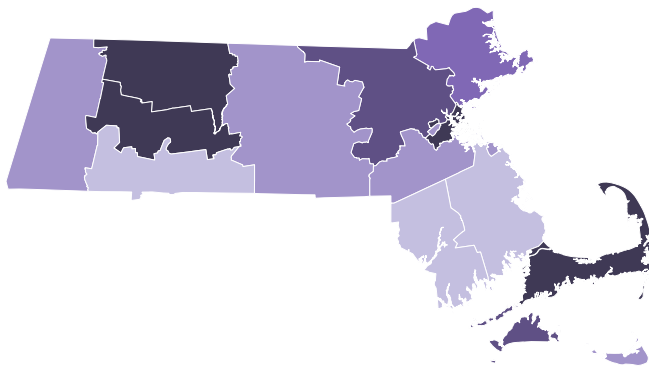
Marital status of same-sex couples



Gender of same-sex couples by marital status

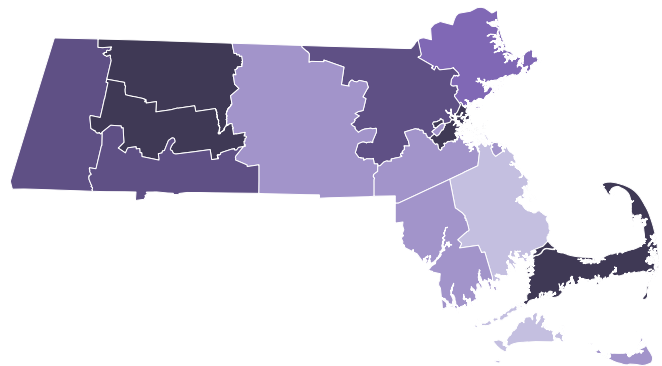


Married SS couples per 1K households by county



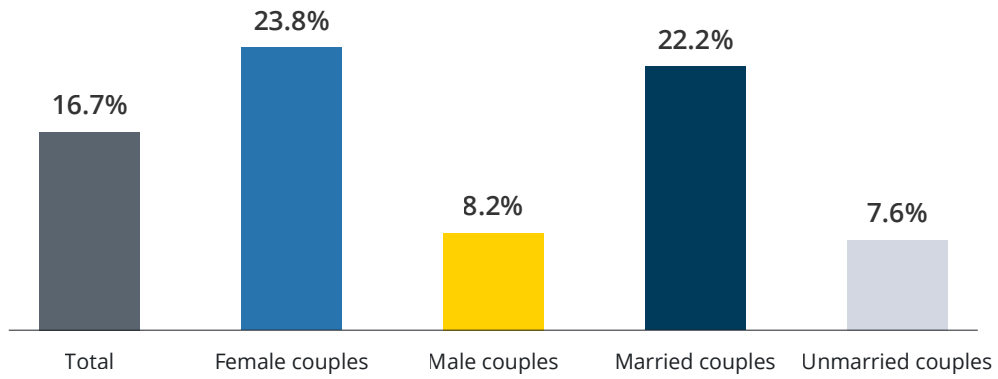
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Unmarried SS couples per 1K households by county

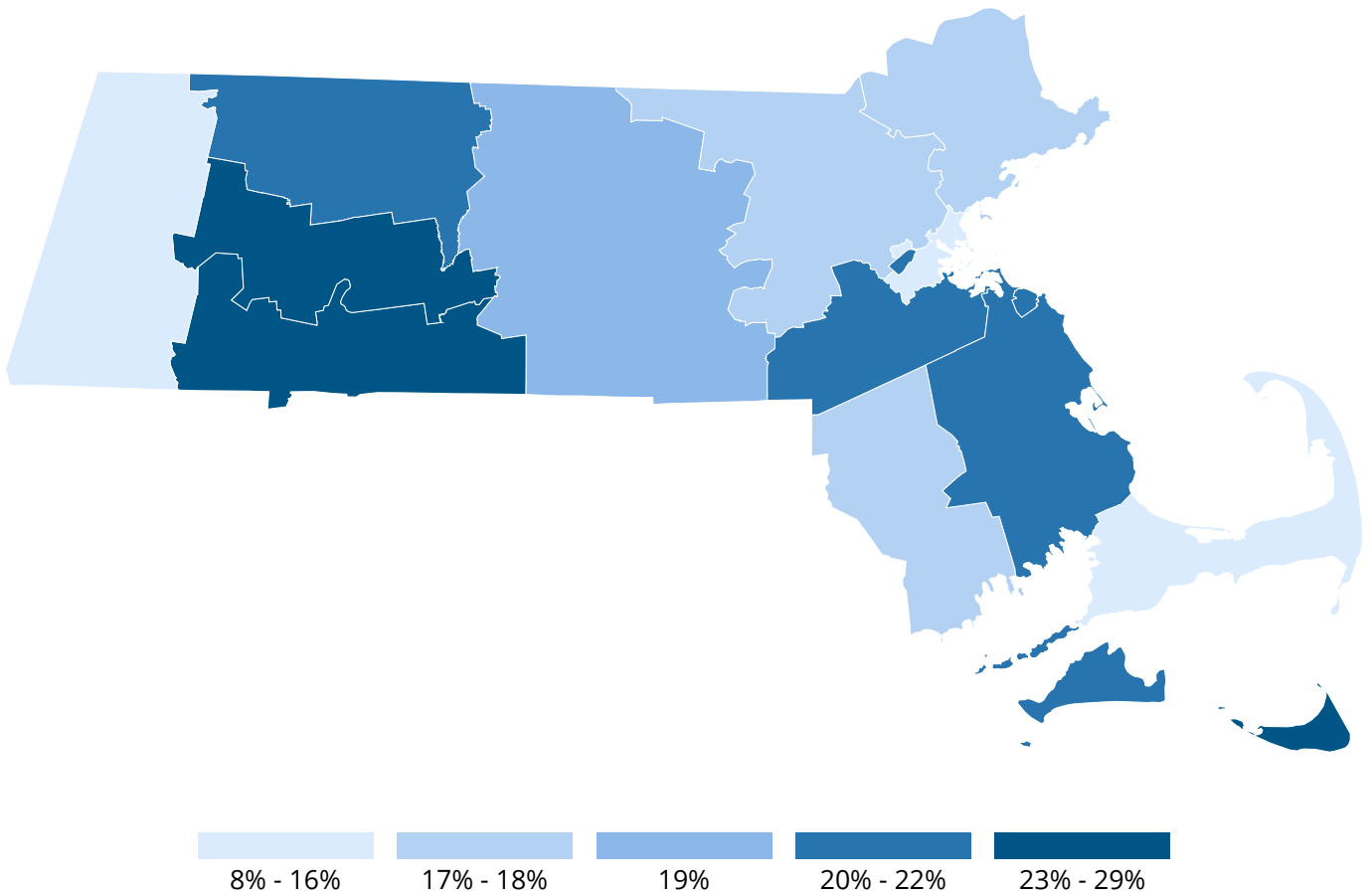


2.4 - 2.9   3.0 - 3.8   3.9   4.0 - 4.6   4.7 - 8.2

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	4	Hampshire County	1,558	25.22	1,232	326	25%
2	10	Suffolk County	6,483	19.97	2,556	3,927	10%
3	15	Franklin County	552	17.62	418	134	20%
4	29	Barnstable County	1,648	15.94	874	774	8%
5	74	Middlesex County	7,807	12.47	4,300	3,507	17%
6	129	Berkshire County	616	10.80	335	281	16%
7	138	Essex County	3,304	10.69	1,885	1,419	18%
8	165	Nantucket County	56	10.22	31	25	29%
9	202	Norfolk County	2,713	9.75	1,496	1,217	20%
10	203	Hampden County	1,804	9.75	1,121	683	23%
11	248	Worcester County	3,082	9.29	1,812	1,270	19%
12	249	Dukes County	83	9.29	45	38	22%
13	278	Bristol County	2,056	8.97	1,201	855	18%
14	328	Plymouth County	1,690	8.57	1,001	689	20%

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	2	Provincetown	420	211.27
2	17	Northampton	613	47.89
3	32	Easthampton Town	255	33.92
4	73	Somerville	803	23.31
5	80	Greenfield	185	22.79
6	86	Salem	427	22.11
7	105	Boston	5,806	20.77
8	119	Hull	95	20.03
9	120	Watertown Town	323	20.02
10	141	Cambridge	922	18.60
11	152	Chelsea	252	18.27
12	155	Arlington	356	18.09
13	159	Medford	439	17.98
14	181	Maynard	78	17.11
15	232	Amherst Town	153	15.64
16	240	Newburyport	123	15.43
17	257	Malden	397	15.26
18	261	Holyoke	236	15.22
19	308	Waltham	367	14.60

STATE RANK	US RANK	CITY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH
20	349	Swampscott	85	14.05
21	354	Melrose	170	14.00
22	386	Revere	313	13.58
23	397	Haverhill	360	13.49
24	398	Winthrop Town	112	13.47
25	426	Brookline	350	13.20
26	485	Southbridge Town	92	12.56
27	486	Framingham	346	12.56
28	491	Weymouth Town	305	12.50
29	520	Quincy	548	12.26
30	525	Dedham	121	12.18
31	535	Newton	385	12.14
32	566	Abington	79	11.98
33	630	Belmont	119	11.61
34	655	Springfield	674	11.46
35	669	Milton	108	11.39
36	675	Gloucester	151	11.35
37	678	Beverly	193	11.34
38	680	Attleboro	207	11.34
39	686	Worcester	895	11.31
40	726	Marlborough	186	11.12
41	733	Lowell	457	11.08
42	759	Everett	188	10.92
43	806	Amesbury Town	80	10.71
44	812	Randolph Town	133	10.67
45	878	North Adams	61	10.36
46	923	Wakefield	111	10.20
47	925	Pittsfield	201	10.19
48	935	Reading	97	10.16
49	944	Lynn	358	10.13
50	945	Norwood	132	10.13
51	972	New Bedford	419	10.01
52	1,000	Woburn	164	9.89
53	1,006	Chicopee	238	9.87
54	1,011	Gardner	86	9.86
55	1,025	Fall River	402	9.80
56	1,050	Marblehead	81	9.73
57	1,062	Stoneham	95	9.69
58	1,072	Fitchburg	156	9.66
59	1,085	Taunton	228	9.61

STATE RANK	US RANK	CITY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH
60	1,179	Barnstable Town	191	9.27
61	1,242	Bridgewater Town	82	9.08
62	1,247	Leominster	162	9.06
63	1,256	Longmeadow	52	9.04
64	1,267	Methuen Town	174	9.00
65	1,298	Saugus	97	8.90
66	1,413	Hudson	56	8.55
67	1,414	Braintree Town	124	8.55
68	1,570	Milford	84	8.17
69	1,650	Somerset	57	7.93
70	1,665	Westfield	125	7.87
71	1,683	Brockton	280	7.83
72	1,760	Wilmington	62	7.64
73	1,780	Danvers	85	7.61
74	1,797	Winchester	59	7.56
75	1,891	West Springfield Town	90	7.35
76	1,908	Agawam Town	87	7.31
77	1,975	Franklin Town	86	7.16
78	2,008	Peabody	157	7.04
79	2,057	Lawrence	199	6.87
80	2,172	Needham	74	6.56
81	2,304	Burlington	60	6.11
82	2,361	North Attleborough Town	71	5.89
83	2,537	Lexington	56	4.73

## 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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