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2020 Census Snapshot

Total same-sex couples

6,582

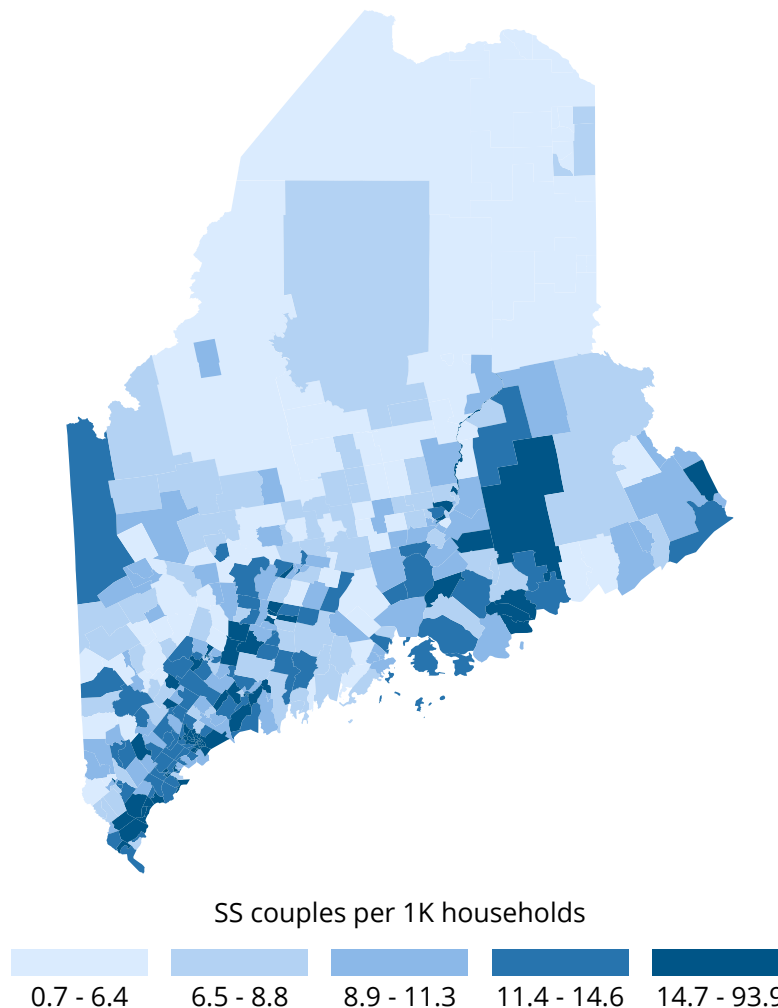
SS couples per 1K households

11.30

% of SS couples who are married

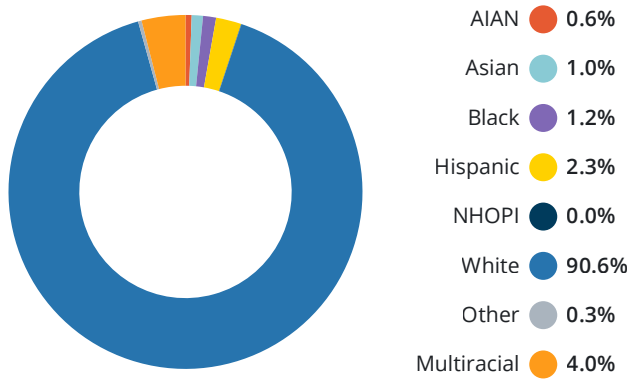
59.0%

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

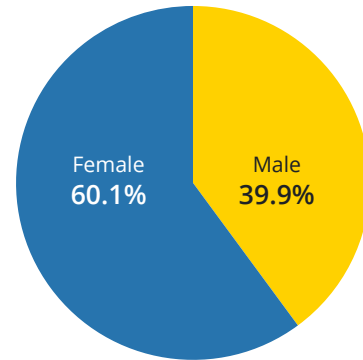


DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

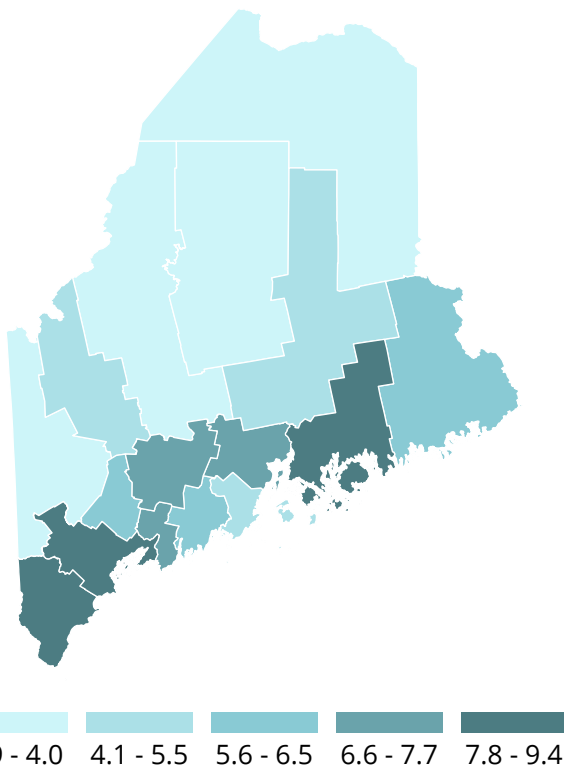
Race/ethnicity of same-sex couples (householder)



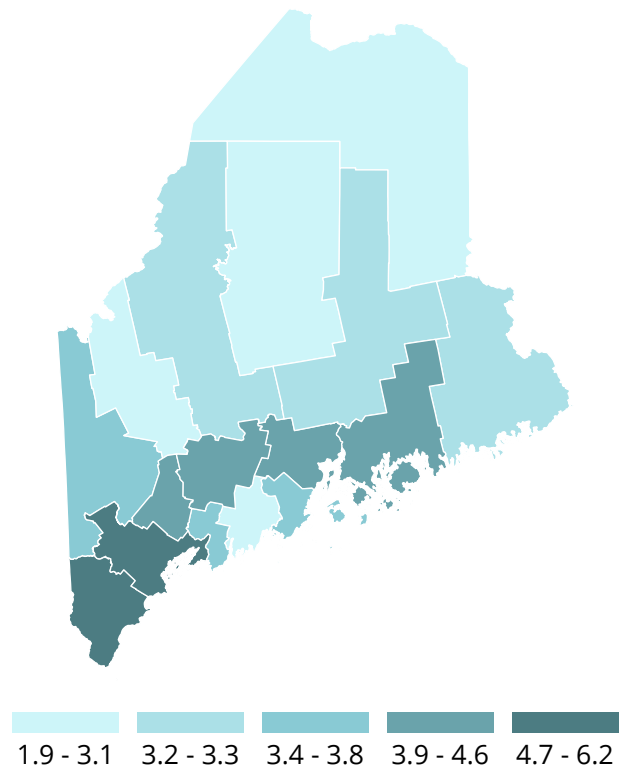
Gender of same-sex couples



Female SS couples per 1K households by county

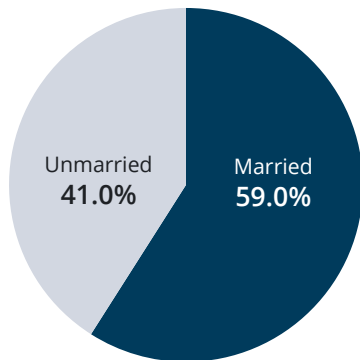


Male SS couples per 1K households by county

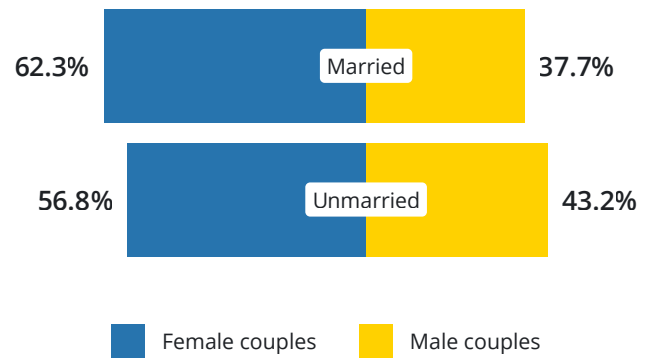


FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

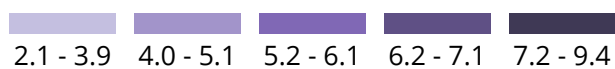
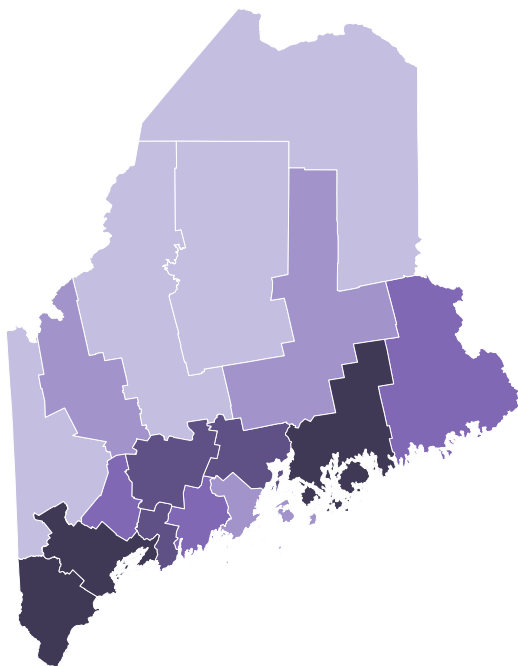
Marital status of same-sex couples



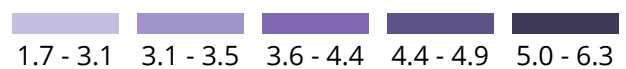
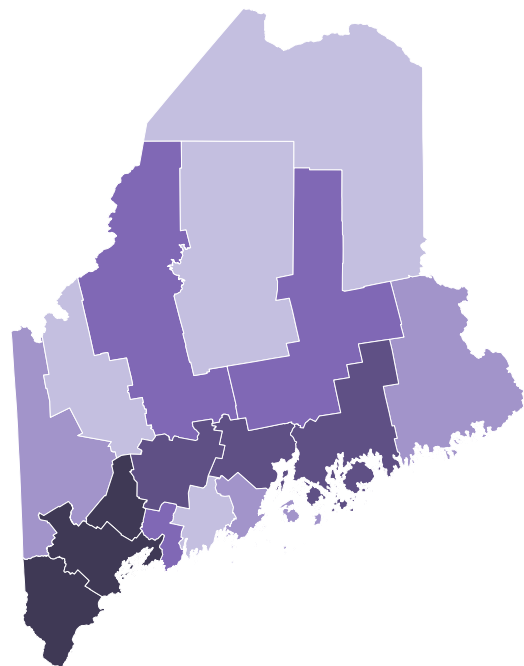
Gender of same-sex couples by marital status



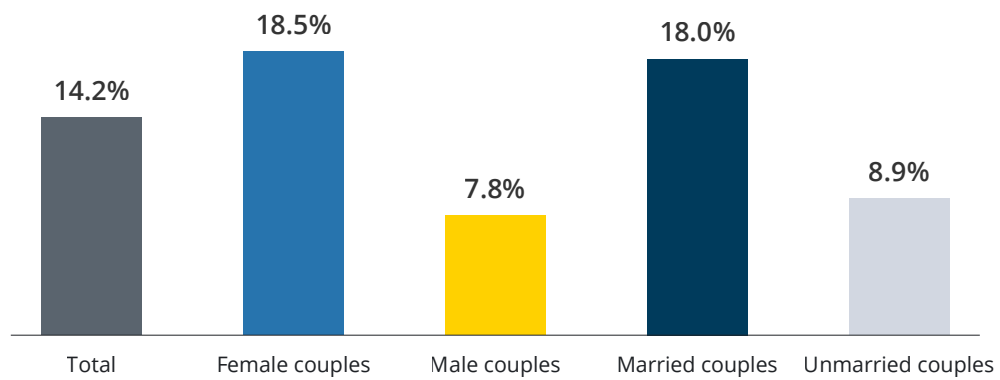
Married SS couples per 1K households by county



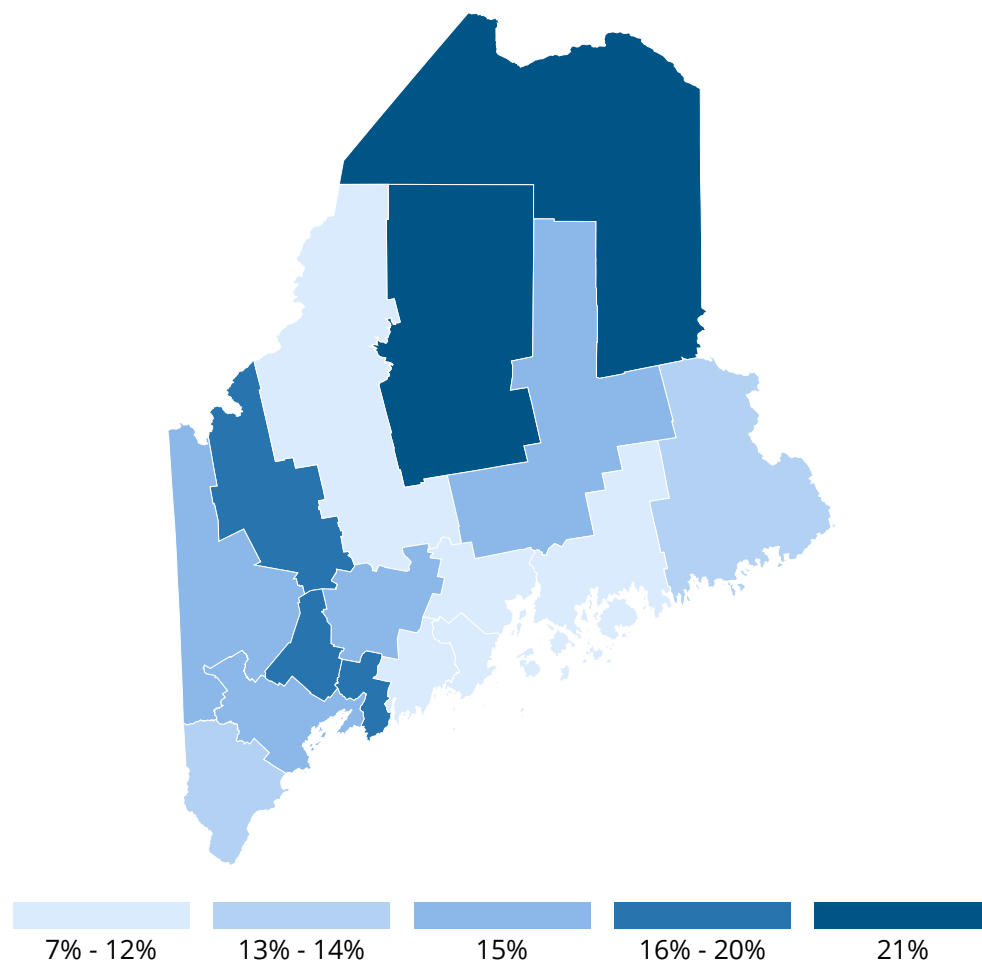
Unmarried SS couples per 1K households by county



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	32	Cumberland County	2,008	15.68	1,210	798	15%
2	49	York County	1,213	13.64	708	505	13%
3	85	Hancock County	300	12.03	192	108	7%
4	94	Kennebec County	625	11.74	380	245	15%
5	104	Sagadahoc County	186	11.53	124	62	19%
6	119	Androscoggin County	506	11.15	297	209	17%
7	131	Waldo County	185	10.79	115	70	11%
8	271	Washington County	124	9.01	78	46	14%
9	300	Penobscot County	565	8.79	351	214	15%
10	319	Lincoln County	137	8.67	88	49	12%
11	337	Knox County	151	8.44	84	67	9%
12	486	Franklin County	96	7.48	69	27	20%
13	545	Somerset County	158	7.21	88	70	12%
14	554	Oxford County	177	7.16	93	84	15%
15	1,495	Aroostook County	112	3.76	55	57	21%

Counties with <50 same-sex couples

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
Piscataquis County	39	5.12	22	17	21%

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	92	Portland	708	21.85
2	104	South Portland	245	20.78
3	205	Westbrook	143	16.25
4	210	Biddeford	153	16.09
5	239	Augusta	138	15.46
6	300	Bath	61	14.72
7	301	Brunswick	106	14.69
8	396	Old Orchard Beach	64	13.49
9	441	Saco	112	13.03
10	507	Auburn	124	12.36
11	511	Bangor	180	12.32
12	567	Lewiston	183	11.97
13	728	Waterville	75	11.11
14	825	Sanford	97	10.61

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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