

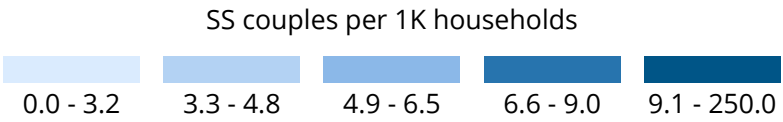


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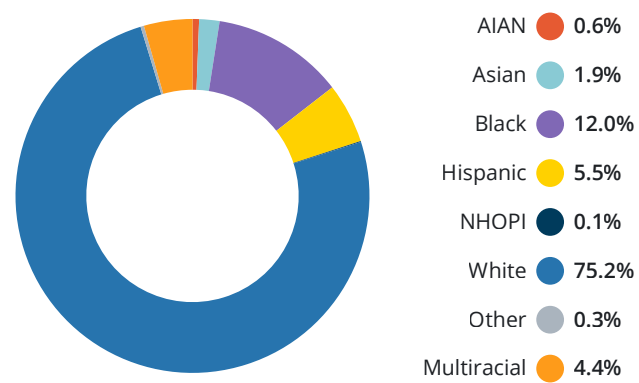
Total same-sex couples	SS couples per 1K households	% of SS couples who are married
26,181	6.48	53.0%

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

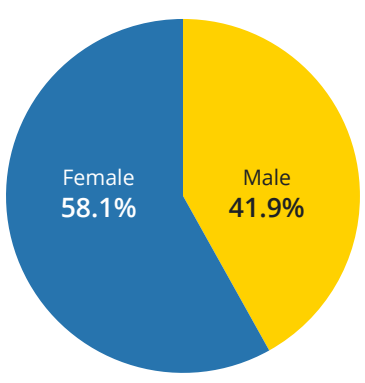


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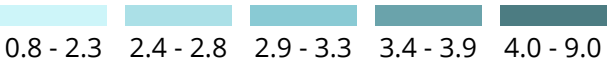
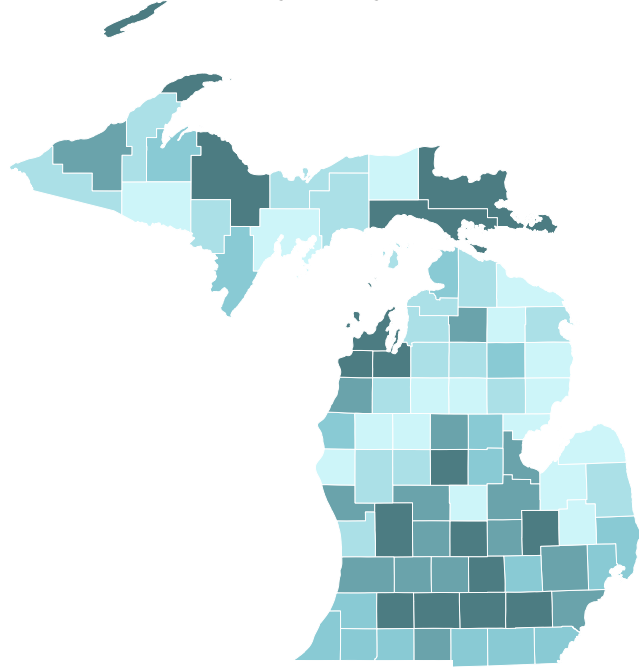
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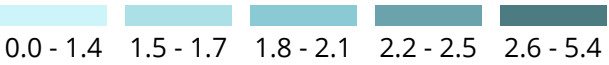
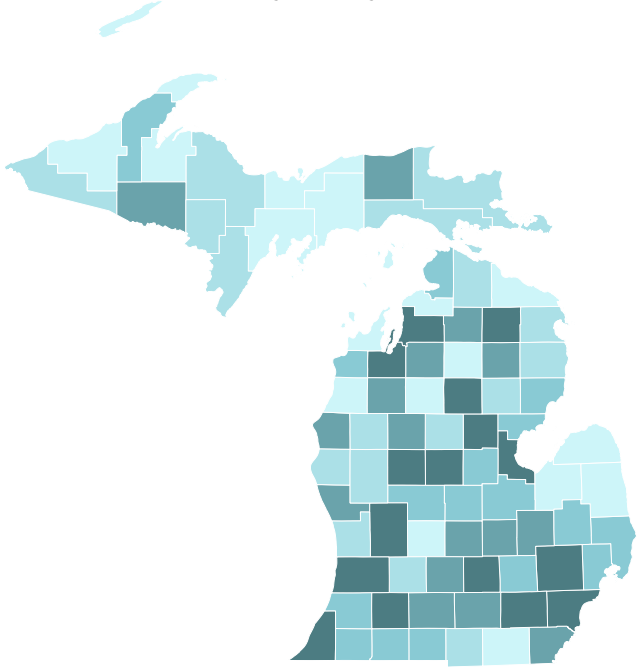
Gender of same-sex couples



Female SS couples per 1K households by county

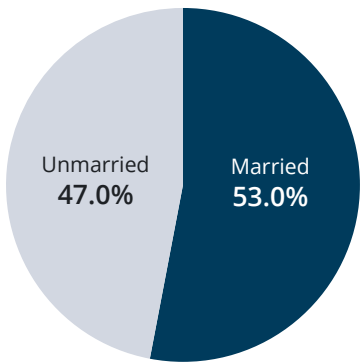


Male SS couples per 1K households by county

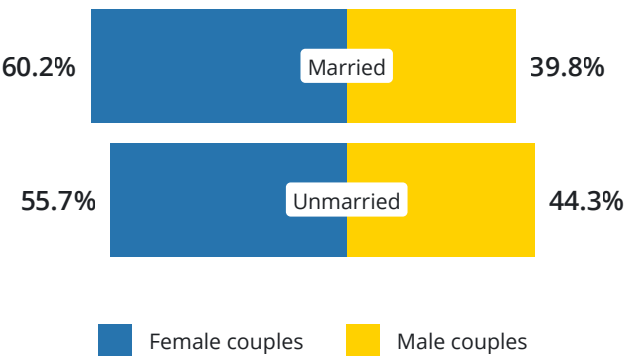


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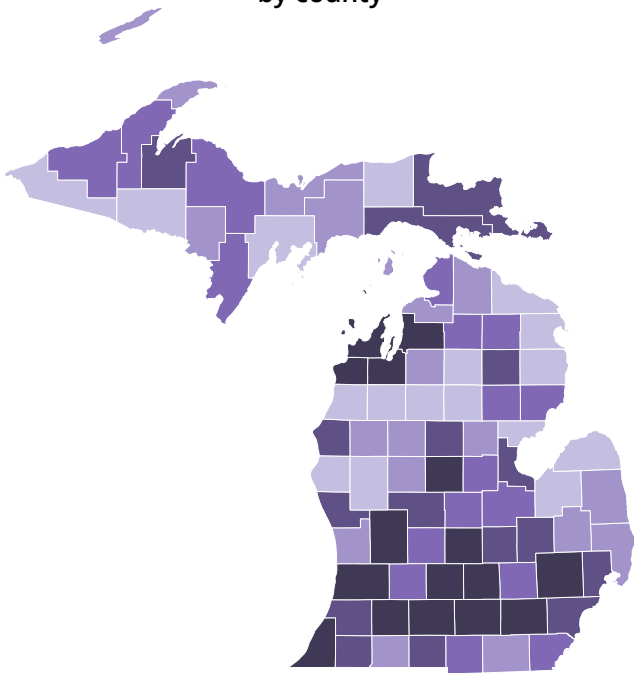
Marital status of same-sex couples



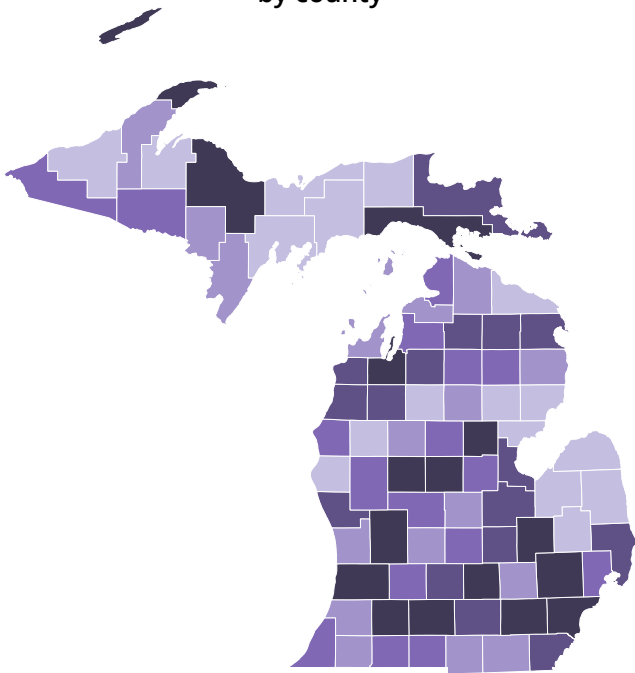
Gender of same-sex couples by marital status



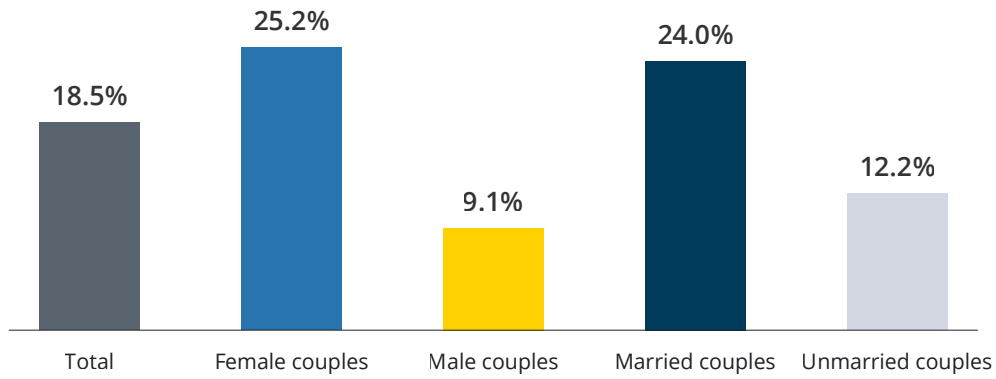
Married SS couples per 1K households by county



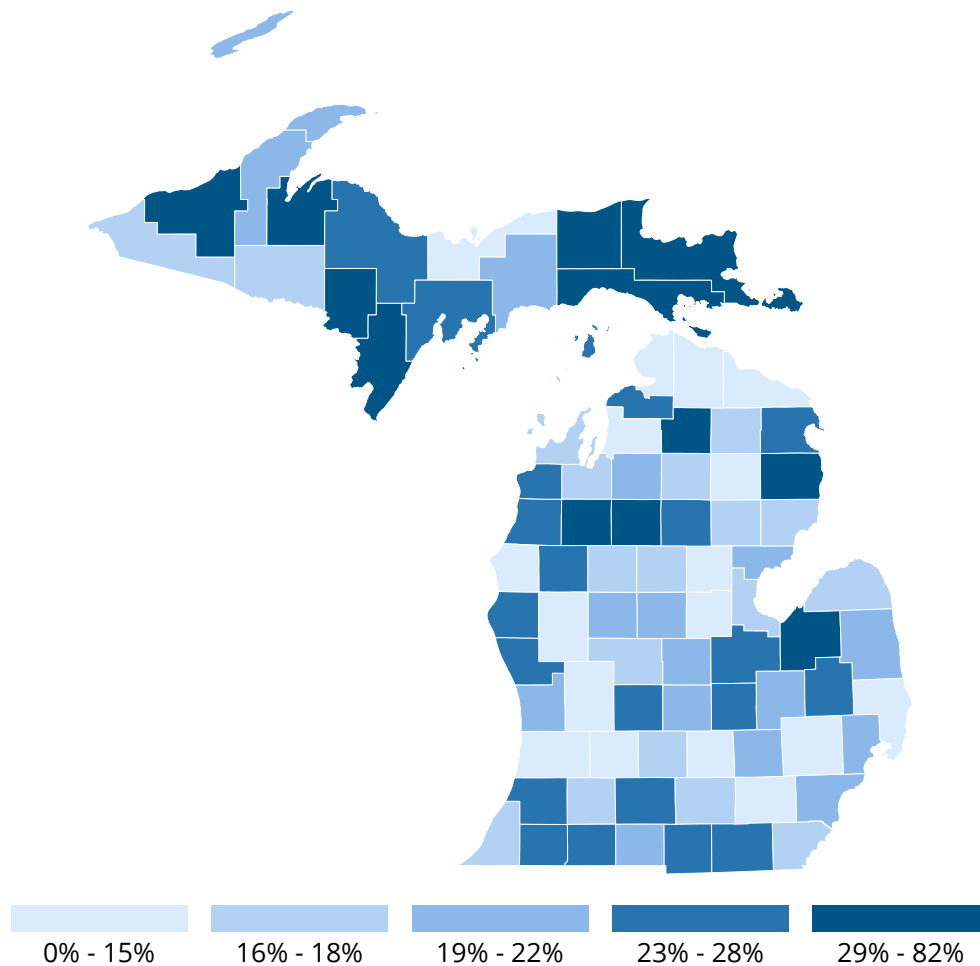
Unmarried SS couples per 1K households by county



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	66	Washtenaw County	1,913	12.94	1,146	767	15%
2	164	Ingham County	1,182	10.23	669	513	15%
3	242	Kalamazoo County	999	9.34	595	404	18%
4	264	Allegan County	416	9.13	169	247	12%
5	305	Kent County	2,203	8.75	1,184	1,019	15%
6	308	Isabella County	220	8.73	121	99	19%
7	551	Grand Traverse County	286	7.18	164	122	18%
8	579	Oakland County	3,692	7.05	1,910	1,782	14%
9	618	Benzie County	53	6.84	38	15	25%
10	694	Calhoun County	358	6.58	236	122	23%
11	707	Genesee County	1,089	6.52	702	387	20%
12	708	Jackson County	408	6.52	259	149	18%
13	765	Wayne County	4,470	6.30	2,528	1,942	21%
14	775	Eaton County	282	6.27	177	105	17%
15	776	Clinton County	195	6.27	128	67	19%
16	801	Marquette County	172	6.21	130	42	24%
17	867	Muskegon County	411	5.99	264	147	23%
18	880	Berrien County	381	5.96	200	181	17%
19	881	Bay County	268	5.95	152	116	16%
20	905	Leelanau County	57	5.86	48	9	18%
21	907	Chippewa County	81	5.85	58	23	31%
22	945	Otsego County	60	5.77	34	26	37%
23	967	Antrim County	58	5.72	27	31	14%
24	974	Shiawassee County	159	5.70	92	67	28%
25	1,005	Gladwin County	62	5.63	34	28	8%
26	1,043	Mason County	68	5.52	39	29	13%
27	1,076	Montcalm County	131	5.42	82	49	16%
28	1,094	Mecosta County	86	5.37	42	44	20%
29	1,096	Branch County	90	5.36	58	32	21%
30	1,103	Clare County	71	5.35	51	20	17%
31	1,109	Saginaw County	418	5.33	263	155	24%
32	1,141	Macomb County	1,847	5.23	1,153	694	20%
33	1,142	Monroe County	325	5.23	188	137	16%
34	1,199	St. Clair County	331	5.04	205	126	15%
35	1,221	Barry County	120	4.98	83	37	15%
36	1,223	Emmet County	74	4.98	47	27	12%
37	1,230	Midland County	170	4.96	100	70	15%

STATE RANK	US RANK	COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
38	1,258	Cass County	101	4.88	62	39	25%
39	1,267	St. Joseph County	114	4.84	71	43	28%
40	1,278	Ionia County	111	4.80	86	25	25%
41	1,298	Houghton County	68	4.76	39	29	19%
42	1,311	Manistee County	50	4.72	41	9	26%
43	1,313	Van Buren County	139	4.71	87	52	27%
44	1,332	Wexford County	63	4.63	33	30	33%
45	1,339	Livingston County	343	4.62	213	130	21%
46	1,361	Lenawee County	175	4.54	122	53	27%
47	1,376	Hillsdale County	81	4.48	56	25	25%
48	1,401	Ottawa County	469	4.37	299	170	21%
49	1,408	Gratiot County	64	4.33	33	31	19%
50	1,454	Newaygo County	79	4.07	46	33	15%
51	1,469	Lapeer County	136	3.97	77	59	25%
52	1,475	Alpena County	51	3.95	31	20	27%
53	1,527	Delta County	56	3.44	34	22	23%
54	1,538	Sanilac County	54	3.22	39	15	19%
55	1,543	Tuscola County	68	3.14	40	28	31%

Counties with <50 same-sex couples

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
Menominee County	49	4.57	31	18	29%
Cheboygan County	48	4.25	29	19	10%
Dickinson County	47	4.06	29	18	36%
Iosco County	45	3.86	21	24	18%
Roscommon County	43	3.77	13	30	28%
Charlevoix County	42	3.73	27	15	26%
Osceola County	39	4.26	19	20	18%
Ogemaw County	38	4.13	24	14	18%
Huron County	37	2.63	18	19	16%
Kalkaska County	37	4.97	21	16	22%
Mackinac County	31	6.15	24	7	42%
Gogebic County	29	4.22	19	10	17%
Oceana County	25	2.42	10	15	28%
Arenac County	23	3.47	10	13	22%
Iron County	23	4.17	10	13	17%
Montmorency County	23	5.32	4	19	17%
Crawford County	22	3.88	15	7	18%
Oscoda County	21	5.63	12	9	14%

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
Missaukee County	20	3.38	12	8	50%
Alcona County	18	3.67	10	8	39%
Lake County	18	3.54	11	7	28%
Baraga County	14	4.21	10	4	64%
Schoolcraft County	14	3.83	9	5	21%
Alger County	13	3.60	9	4	0%
Ontonagon County	11	3.71	11	0	82%
Keweenaw County	9	9.00	9	0	22%
Luce County	7	2.99	2	5	29%
Presque Isle County	7	1.16	5	2	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	13	Pleasant Ridge	59	53.11
2	35	Ferndale	329	32.80
3	79	Ypsilanti	198	23.02
4	171	Hazel Park	120	17.42
5	356	Royal Oak	411	14.00
6	375	Ann Arbor	685	13.71
7	382	Lansing	675	13.64
8	444	Grand Rapids	1,040	13.02
9	515	Kalamazoo	367	12.30
10	597	Oak Park	146	11.78
11	616	Westwood	52	11.69
12	622	Mount Pleasant	93	11.65
13	720	Berkley	75	11.15
14	973	East Lansing	149	10.01
15	1,121	Madison Heights	126	9.47
16	1,180	Walker	97	9.26
17	1,231	Jackson	116	9.11
18	1,233	Muskegon	133	9.10
19	1,236	Haslett	82	9.09
20	1,239	Birmingham	86	9.09
21	1,272	Bay City	128	8.97
22	1,289	Wyoming	257	8.92
23	1,333	Waverly	98	8.78
24	1,389	Owosso	54	8.62
25	1,453	Hamtramck	69	8.48
26	1,466	Cutlerville	58	8.44

STATE RANK	US RANK	CITY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH
27	1,569	Pontiac	196	8.17
28	1,586	Flint	272	8.11
29	1,664	Burton	98	7.88
30	1,714	Eastpointe	102	7.77
31	1,806	Taylor	193	7.54
32	1,840	Wyandotte	84	7.46
33	1,864	Saginaw	134	7.40
34	1,901	Southgate	99	7.33
35	1,904	Traverse City	54	7.32
36	1,910	Mount Clemens	51	7.30
37	1,952	Romulus	70	7.21
38	2,001	Marquette	59	7.05
39	2,005	Allen Park	83	7.04
40	2,009	Kentwood	150	7.03
41	2,024	Detroit	1,779	7.00
42	2,029	Port Huron	86	6.98
43	2,033	St. Clair Shores	190	6.97
44	2,051	Holt	72	6.89
45	2,078	Portage	141	6.82
46	2,101	Battle Creek	145	6.75
47	2,116	Roseville	135	6.72
48	2,201	Lincoln Park	101	6.47
49	2,279	Warren	341	6.21
50	2,292	Okemos	63	6.16
51	2,298	Inkster	62	6.12
52	2,338	Southfield	208	5.96
53	2,353	Westland	223	5.92
54	2,426	Midland	100	5.53
55	2,435	Livonia	213	5.42
56	2,477	Holland	66	5.18
57	2,493	Garden City	57	5.07
58	2,507	Dearborn	184	4.98
59	2,511	Dearborn Heights	114	4.98
60	2,521	Auburn Hills	50	4.88
61	2,524	Farmington Hills	172	4.87
62	2,576	Sterling Heights	220	4.27
63	2,583	Troy	138	4.19
64	2,584	Rochester Hills	124	4.17
65	2,590	Novi	108	4.08

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.

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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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