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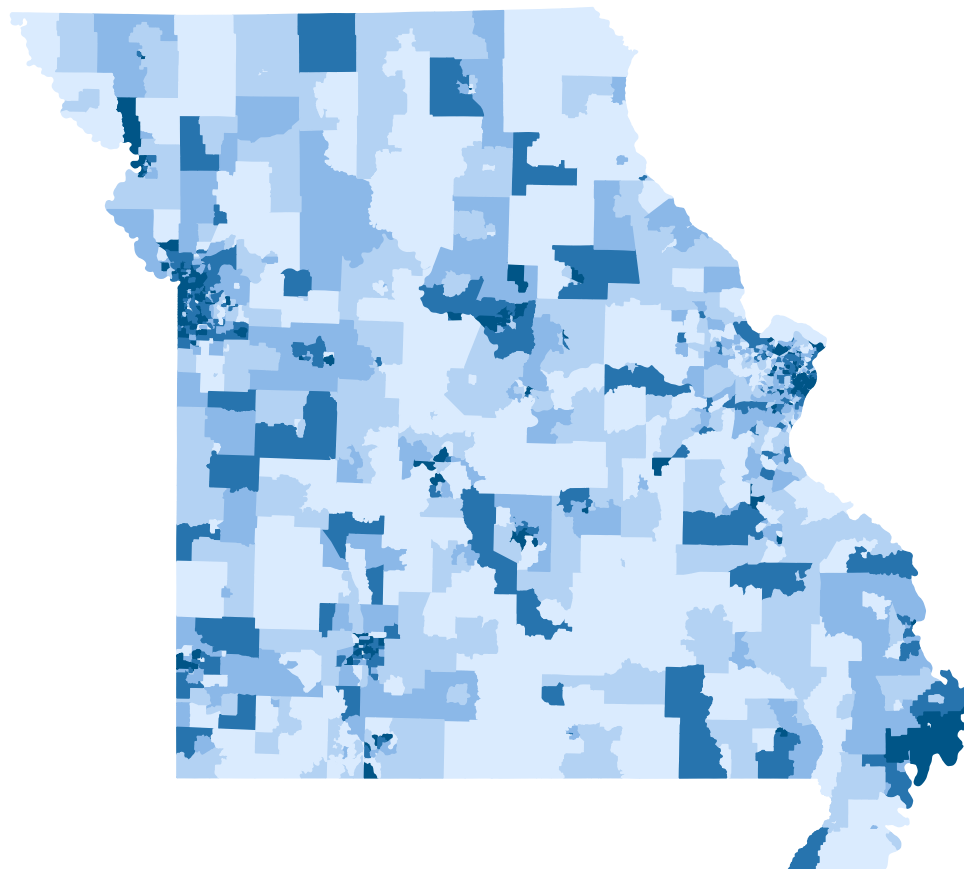
## 2020 Census Snapshot

Total same-sex couples  
**18,780**

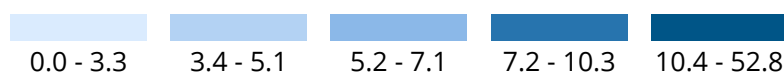
SS couples per 1K households  
**7.58**

% of SS couples who are married  
**51.3%**

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

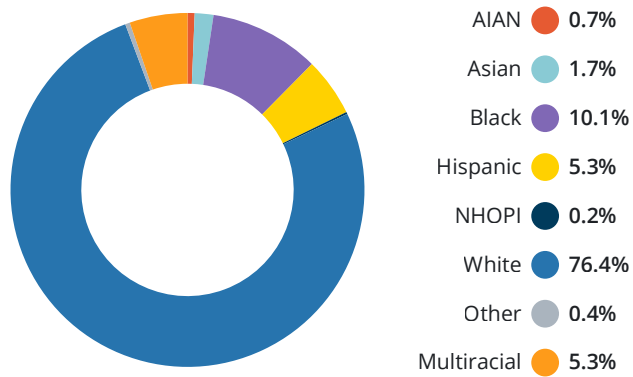


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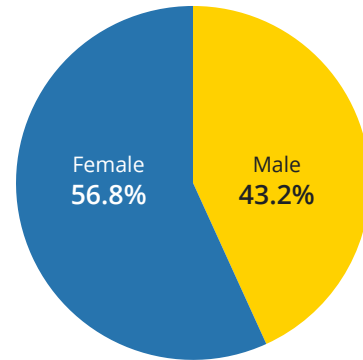


## DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

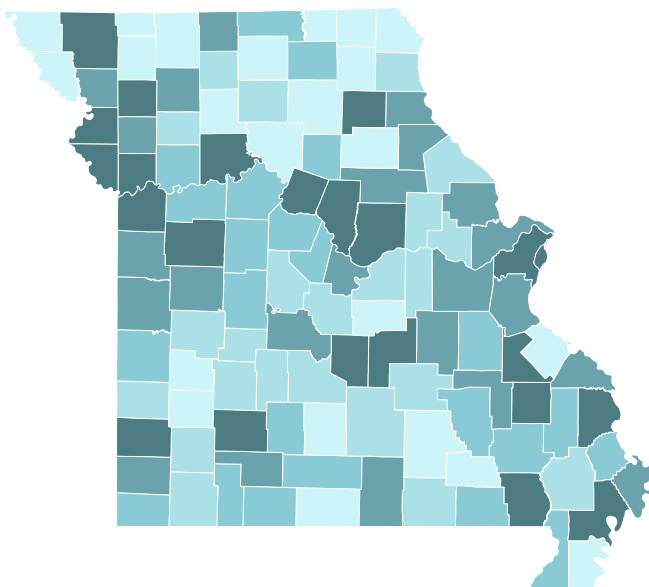
Race/ethnicity of same-sex couples (householder)



Gender of same-sex couples

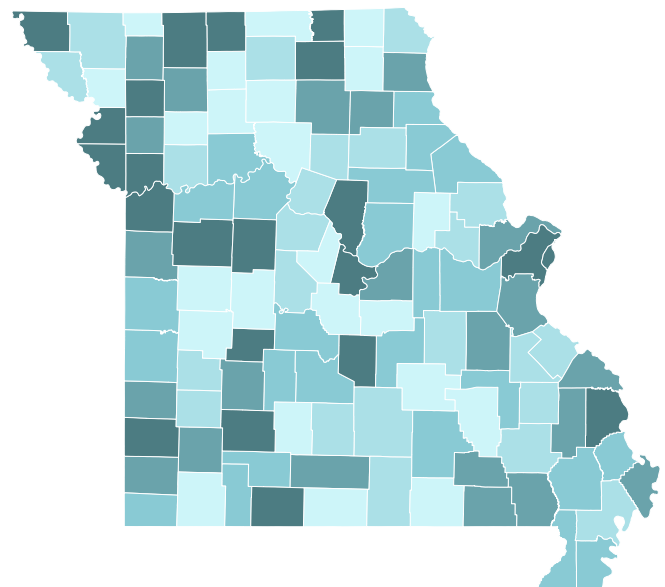


Female SS couples per 1K households by county



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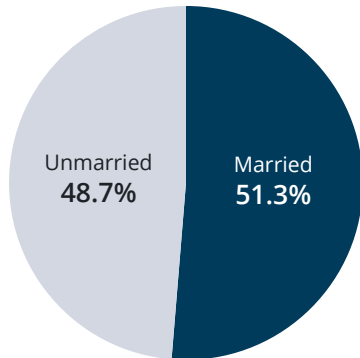
Male SS couples per 1K households by county



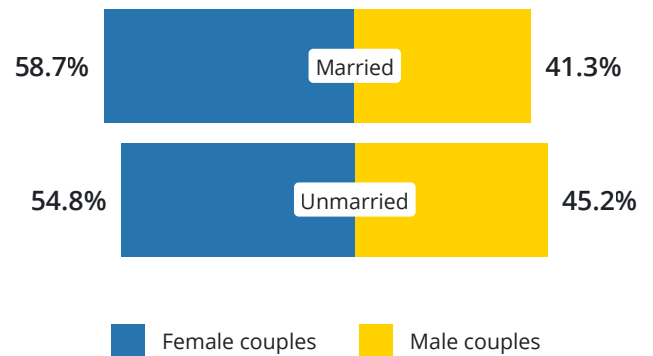
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## FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

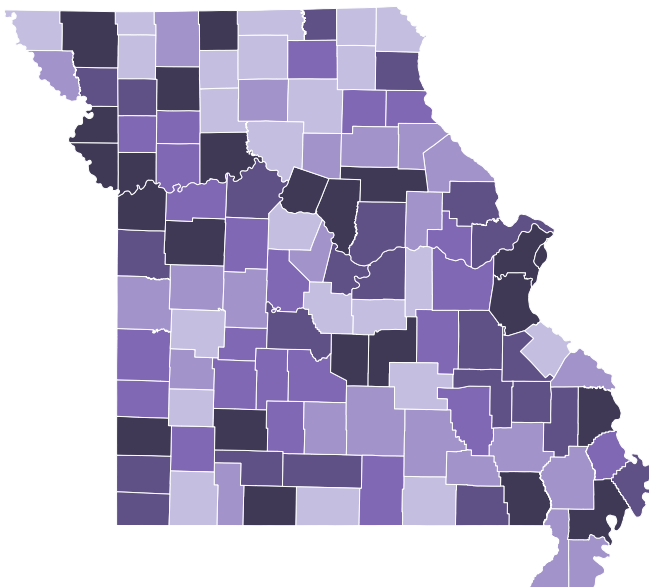
Marital status of same-sex couples



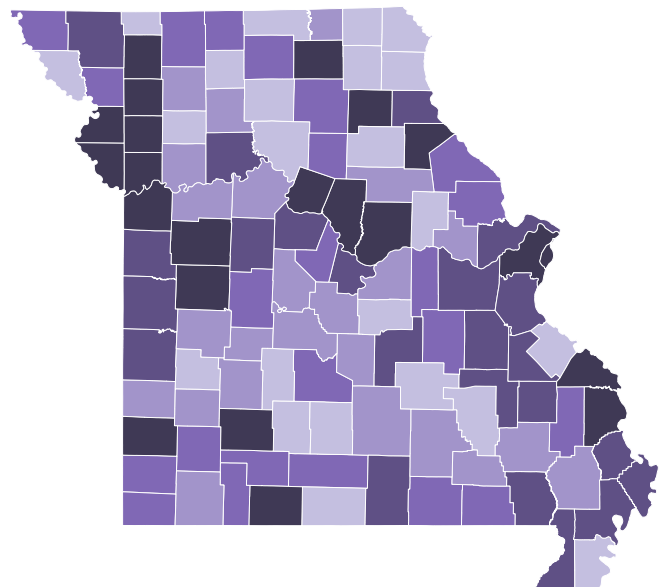
Gender of same-sex couples by marital status



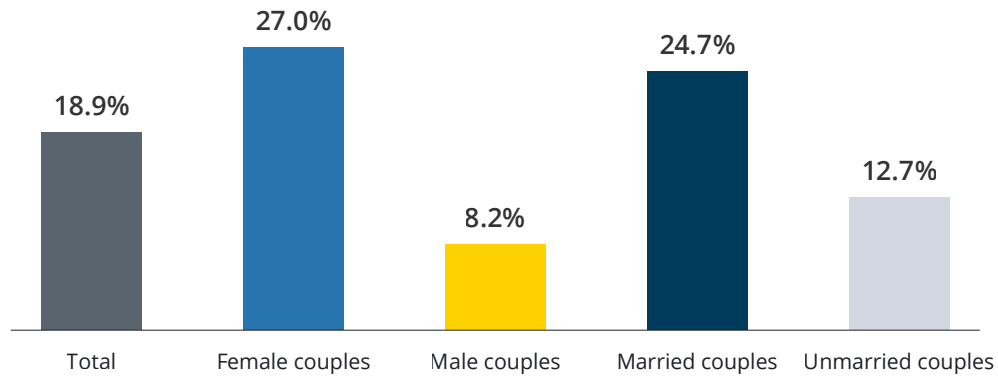
Married SS couples per 1K households by county



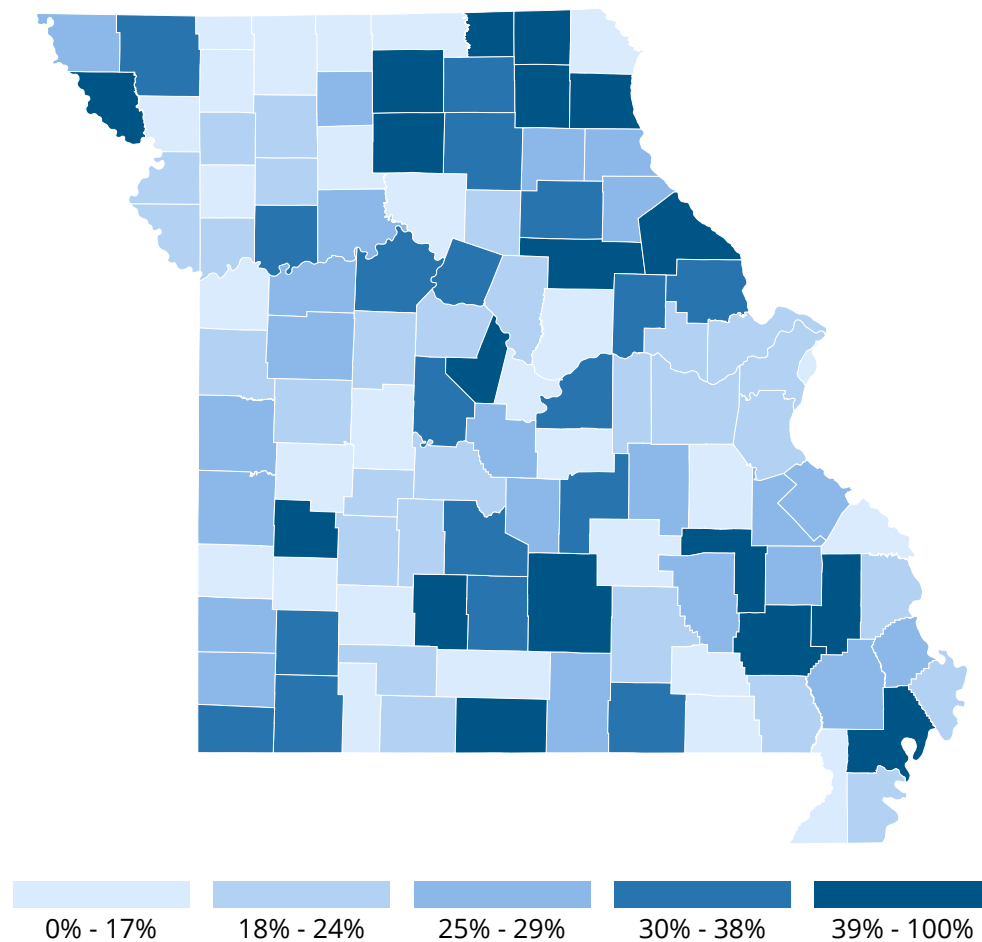
Unmarried SS couples per 1K households by county



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	17	St. Louis city	2,545	17.57	1,061	1,484	9%
2	91	Jackson County	3,542	11.90	1,857	1,685	14%
3	157	Boone County	762	10.37	474	288	18%
4	175	Greene County	1,265	10.04	744	521	17%
5	236	Clay County	944	9.42	505	439	19%
6	397	Platte County	338	7.96	195	143	22%
7	462	Jasper County	366	7.61	231	135	26%
8	479	Pulaski County	127	7.51	73	54	28%
9	504	Johnson County	150	7.38	93	57	25%
10	566	Buchanan County	241	7.11	134	107	18%
11	583	St. Louis County	2,886	7.02	1,742	1,144	20%
12	634	Cape Girardeau County	221	6.79	142	79	24%
13	657	Nodaway County	56	6.69	47	9	30%
14	730	Taney County	144	6.40	66	78	23%
15	808	Butler County	106	6.19	71	35	24%
16	850	Phelps County	108	6.06	77	31	33%
17	858	Cole County	184	6.04	110	74	17%
18	893	Jefferson County	512	5.89	304	208	23%
19	910	Callaway County	97	5.84	68	29	8%
20	993	Adair County	56	5.66	28	28	32%
21	1,034	St. Charles County	860	5.55	514	346	23%
22	1,118	Cass County	217	5.30	139	78	24%
23	1,157	Newton County	116	5.18	74	42	25%
24	1,160	St. Francois County	128	5.16	99	29	26%
25	1,163	Christian County	172	5.15	112	60	20%
26	1,211	Pettis County	83	5.00	43	40	18%
27	1,261	Marion County	56	4.87	39	17	29%
28	1,282	Camden County	89	4.78	61	28	18%
29	1,300	Franklin County	197	4.75	133	64	24%
30	1,308	Lincoln County	103	4.72	74	29	33%
31	1,349	Howell County	74	4.59	55	19	27%
32	1,355	Scott County	70	4.57	46	24	26%
33	1,425	Lawrence County	62	4.25	34	28	32%
34	1,437	Laclede County	60	4.19	35	25	37%
35	1,456	Stone County	54	4.06	34	20	17%
36	1,471	Lafayette County	51	3.96	32	19	29%
37	1,509	Warren County	50	3.68	31	19	24%

## 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
Audrain County	49	5.21	33	16	39%
Polk County	49	4.09	27	22	24%
Dunklin County	48	4.15	30	18	10%
New Madrid County	48	6.94	40	8	54%
Washington County	47	5.27	26	21	17%
Clinton County	46	5.63	29	17	11%
Henry County	45	4.86	36	9	24%
Webster County	45	3.20	36	9	44%
Barry County	43	3.13	29	14	35%
Stoddard County	43	3.61	26	17	26%
Crawford County	42	4.51	31	11	26%
McDonald County	40	4.70	25	15	32%
Perry County	39	5.16	24	15	13%
Randolph County	37	3.93	24	13	24%
Saline County	37	4.37	23	14	32%
Ray County	34	3.74	23	11	38%
Vernon County	34	4.39	23	11	26%
Andrew County	33	4.67	27	6	9%
Bates County	31	4.85	22	9	29%
Benton County	31	3.64	23	8	13%
Madison County	31	6.17	25	6	29%
Texas County	31	3.31	19	12	48%
Morgan County	30	3.51	20	10	33%
Miller County	28	2.84	20	8	25%
Cooper County	26	3.95	17	9	19%
DeKalb County	26	6.82	15	11	19%
Howard County	26	6.71	21	5	35%
Mississippi County	26	5.49	16	10	23%
Osage County	24	4.49	13	11	33%
Carroll County	23	6.44	17	6	26%
Dallas County	23	3.47	12	11	22%
Pike County	23	3.55	12	11	39%
Bollinger County	22	5.27	13	9	45%
Gasconade County	22	3.60	11	11	18%
Douglas County	21	4.53	12	9	14%
Iron County	21	5.40	14	7	43%
Pemiscot County	21	3.26	11	10	19%
Macon County	20	3.17	7	13	30%
Ralls County	20	4.85	13	7	25%

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
Ripley County	20	4.57	11	9	15%
Barton County	19	4.04	10	9	5%
Moniteau County	19	3.40	16	3	47%
Daviess County	18	5.57	11	7	22%
Ste. Genevieve County	18	2.53	9	9	28%
Wayne County	18	3.78	13	5	50%
Wright County	18	2.51	10	8	33%
Shelby County	17	6.82	12	5	29%
Hickory County	16	4.33	7	9	19%
Lewis County	15	3.96	8	7	47%
Dent County	14	2.35	12	2	14%
Livingston County	14	2.52	9	5	7%
Harrison County	12	3.53	3	9	17%
Linn County	12	2.37	11	1	42%
Mercer County	12	8.25	5	7	17%
Montgomery County	12	2.59	10	2	33%
Cedar County	11	1.96	4	7	45%
Caldwell County	10	2.84	8	2	20%
Oregon County	10	2.72	8	2	30%
Shannon County	10	3.39	5	5	20%
Dade County	9	2.90	5	4	11%
St. Clair County	9	2.29	8	1	11%
Atchison County	8	3.43	2	6	25%
Carter County	8	3.62	3	5	0%
Gentry County	8	3.23	3	5	0%
Reynolds County	8	3.23	7	1	25%
Grundy County	7	1.75	7	0	29%
Ozark County	7	1.86	4	3	43%
Schuyler County	7	4.37	2	5	71%
Sullivan County	7	2.82	4	3	43%
Maries County	6	1.73	4	2	0%
Monroe County	6	1.68	1	5	33%
Putnam County	5	2.46	5	0	0%
Holt County	4	2.23	2	2	75%
Chariton County	3	0.98	1	2	0%
Clark County	3	1.09	0	3	0%
Scotland County	2	1.11	1	1	50%
Knox County	1	0.67	1	0	100%
Worth County	0	0.00	0	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	168	St. Louis	2,545	17.57
2	254	Maplewood	68	15.27
3	329	Kansas City	3,096	14.30
4	514	Richmond Heights	56	12.30
5	526	University City	195	12.18
6	576	Springfield	907	11.92
7	602	Raytown	148	11.75
8	610	Gladstone	139	11.72
9	684	Affton	104	11.32
10	752	Columbia	560	10.95
11	928	Ferguson	76	10.19
12	964	Overland	67	10.04
13	1,064	Webb City	50	9.68
14	1,163	Lemay	66	9.33
15	1,222	Warrensburg	65	9.13
16	1,235	Independence	465	9.09
17	1,281	Belton	82	8.94
18	1,336	Joplin	190	8.77
19	1,391	Republic	61	8.62
20	1,486	Cape Girardeau	135	8.38
21	1,519	St. Charles	247	8.27
22	1,631	Grandview	85	7.97
23	1,637	Hazelwood	87	7.96
24	1,708	St. Joseph	226	7.78
25	1,748	Poplar Bluff	51	7.68
26	1,907	Mehlville	97	7.31
27	1,948	Jefferson City	125	7.22
28	1,998	Webster Groves	66	7.07
29	2,013	Rolla	57	7.02
30	2,122	Kirkwood	83	6.71
31	2,180	Liberty	74	6.52
32	2,252	Maryland Heights	79	6.31
33	2,268	Blue Springs	136	6.26
34	2,272	Creve Coeur	52	6.22
35	2,306	St. Peters	144	6.10
36	2,324	Lee's Summit	231	6.00
37	2,335	Ballwin	73	5.98
38	2,391	Florissant	122	5.76
39	2,401	Sedalia	51	5.67

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STATE RANK	US RANK	CITY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH
40	2,479	Oakville	74	5.16
41	2,543	Wentzville	70	4.69
42	2,579	O'Fallon	142	4.25
43	2,603	Chesterfield	65	3.24

## 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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