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# 2020 Census Snapshot

Total same-sex couples

5,937

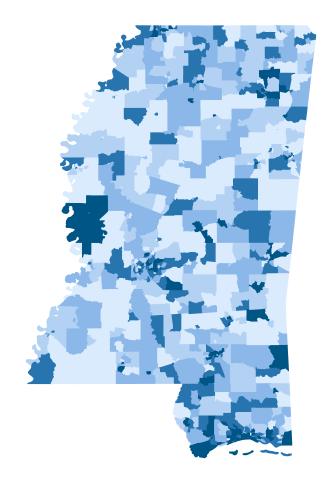
SS couples per 1K households

5.13

% of SS couples who are married

52.2%

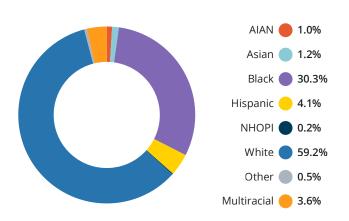
Population density of same-sex couples in Mississippi by Census tract



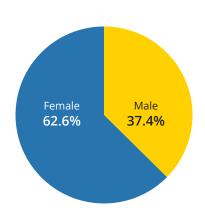
SS couples per 1K households

## **DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS**

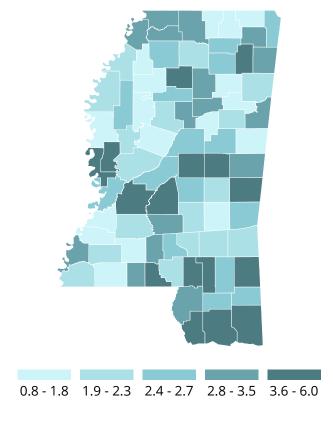
# Race/ethnicity of same-sex couples (householder)



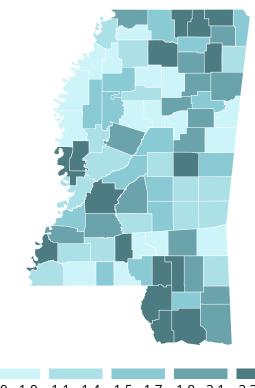
## Gender of same-sex couples



Female SS couples per 1K households by county

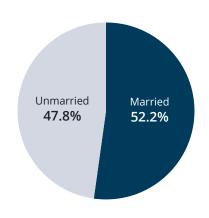


Male SS couples per 1K households by county

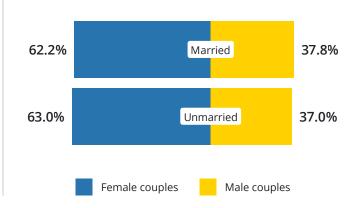


## **FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS**

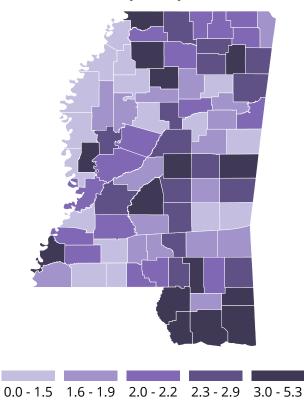
## Marital status of same-sex couples



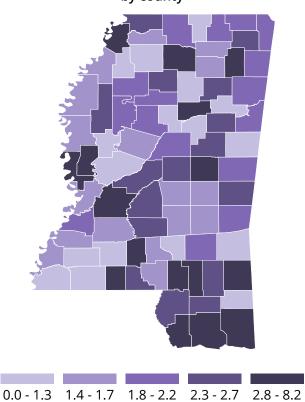
## Gender of same-sex couples by marital status



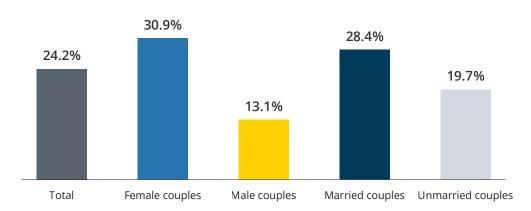
Married SS couples per 1K households by county



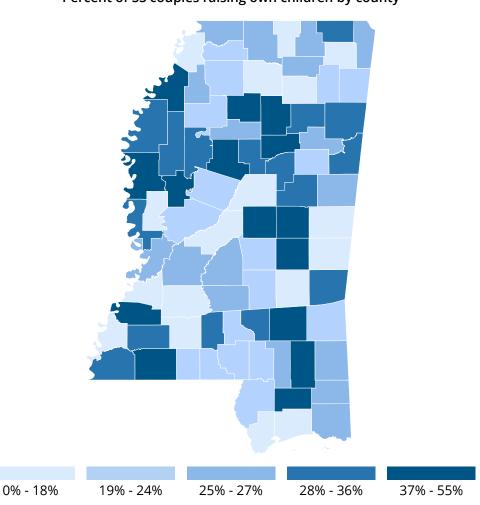
Unmarried SS couples per 1K households by county



## 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	245	Hancock County	177	9.30	115	62	12%
2	263	Harrison County	746	9.14	439	307	18%
3	407	Forrest County	236	7.87	151	85	25%
4	688	Lamar County	165	6.60	101	64	24%
5	692	Rankin County	393	6.59	273	120	26%
6	766	Lee County	211	6.30	127	84	23%
7	819	Hinds County	571	6.15	342	229	25%
8	846	Neshoba County	66	6.08	42	24	55%
9	863	Jackson County	334	6.00	235	99	27%
10	988	Adams County	72	5.68	36	36	14%
11	992	Pearl River County	123	5.67	71	52	21%
12	1,133	DeSoto County	354	5.25	218	136	26%
13	1,164	Lafayette County	115	5.14	51	64	17%
14	1,241	Lauderdale County	145	4.93	112	33	18%
15	1,325	Marshall County	59	4.67	41	18	25%
16	1,411	Pontotoc County	52	4.32	29	23	17%
17	1,413	Pike County	70	4.31	47	23	19%
18	1,422	Lowndes County	101	4.27	79	22	33%
19	1,460	Oktibbeha County	85	4.05	45	40	22%
20	1,464	Monroe County	56	4.01	27	29	29%
21	1,481	Panola County	50	3.91	34	16	22%
22	1,493	Madison County	159	3.79	101	58	11%
23	1,496	Alcorn County	54	3.75	22	32	33%
24	1,503	Jones County	94	3.70	46	48	38%
25	1,510	Warren County	68	3.68	43	25	25%

# Counties with <50 same-sex couples

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
Leake County	49	6.06	38	11	41%
Prentiss County	47	4.89	29	18	15%
Washington County	45	2.51	31	14	40%
Union County	43	3.98	27	16	26%
Scott County	41	4.01	25	16	24%
Itawamba County	40	4.42	28	12	20%
Copiah County	39	3.58	20	19	10%
Simpson County	39	3.89	29	10	26%

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
George County	38	4.26	21	17	26%
Lincoln County	37	2.65	21	16	16%
Tippah County	37	4.22	14	23	27%
Leflore County	36	3.26	19	17	33%
Tate County	36	3.53	29	7	19%
Yalobusha County	35	6.48	32	3	43%
Sunflower County	34	4.01	22	12	35%
Grenada County	33	3.65	22	11	27%
Marion County	33	3.47	20	13	24%
Attala County	31	4.37	19	12	16%
Bolivar County	31	2.58	23	8	35%
Tishomingo County	30	3.79	19	11	27%
Winston County	30	4.16	17	13	33%
Yazoo County	28	3.11	18	10	21%
Stone County	27	4.11	17	10	41%
Walthall County	26	4.60	22	4	19%
Chickasaw County	25	3.69	12	13	28%
Newton County	25	3.12	15	10	40%
Coahoma County	24	2.84	17	7	50%
Greene County	24	5.64	19	5	25%
Lawrence County	24	4.98	13	11	29%
Clarke County	23	3.57	16	7	35%
Holmes County	23	3.52	9	14	22%
Covington County	22	3.02	15	7	32%
Smith County	22	3.87	13	9	23%
Wayne County	21	2.63	17	4	24%
Clay County	20	2.57	7	13	25%
Perry County	20	4.30	12	8	50%
Webster County	20	4.92	12	8	50%
Jasper County	19	2.83	12	7	16%
Tunica County	18	4.72	13	5	11%
Kemper County	17	5.02	12	5	12%
Calhoun County	16	2.89	15	1	44%
Jefferson Davis County	16	3.35	12	4	19%
Montgomery County	14	3.27	12	2	36%
Sharkey County	13	8.61	6	7	15%
Tallahatchie County	13	2.83	6	7	23%
Benton County	10	3.15	3	7	0%
Carroll County	10	2.48	9	1	50%
Franklin County	10	3.03	6	4	30%

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
Humphreys County	10	3.22	7	3	40%
Jefferson County	10	3.49	5	5	50%
Wilkinson County	10	3.02	6	4	30%
Claiborne County	9	2.74	4	5	11%
Noxubee County	8	1.96	5	3	25%
Amite County	7	1.25	5	2	43%
Choctaw County	6	1.74	6	0	33%
Quitman County	4	1.55	2	2	25%
Issaquena County	3	8.15	2	1	33%

## **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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