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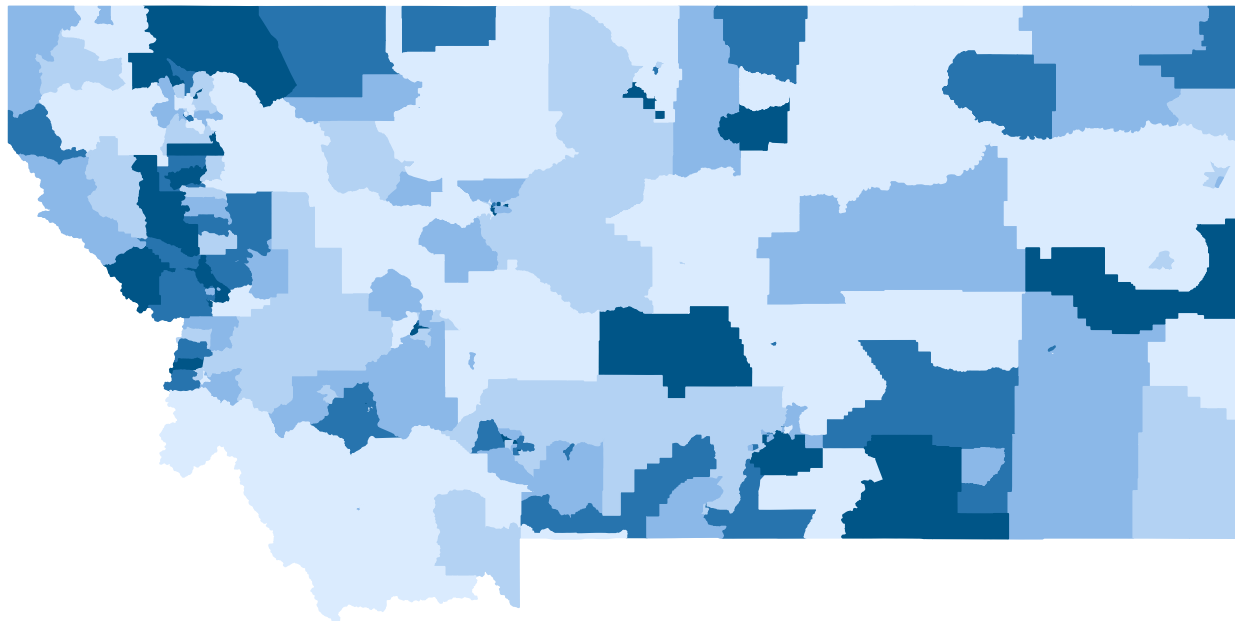
## 2020 Census Snapshot

Total same-sex couples  
**2,370**

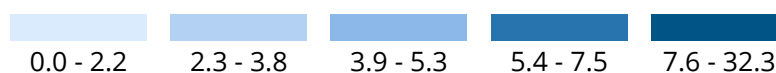
SS couples per 1K households  
**5.29**

% of SS couples who are married  
**53.8%**

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

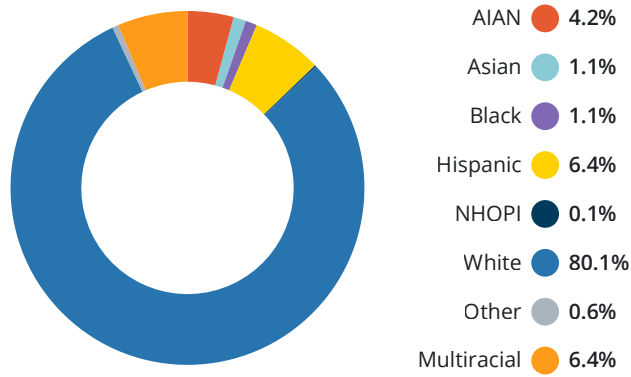


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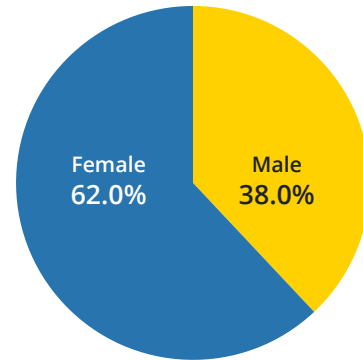


## DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

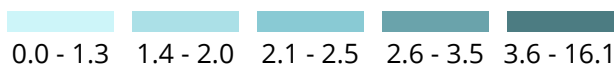
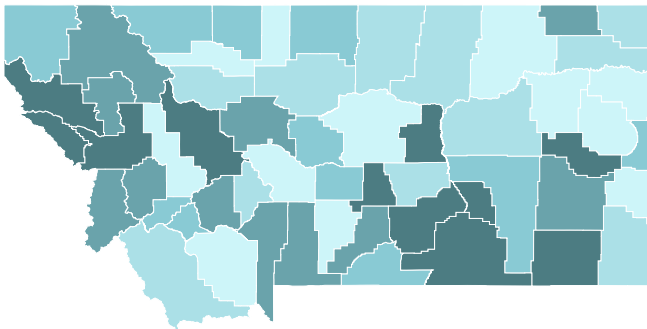
Race/ethnicity of same-sex couples (householder)



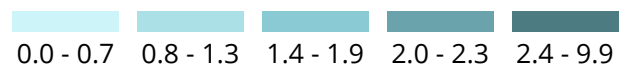
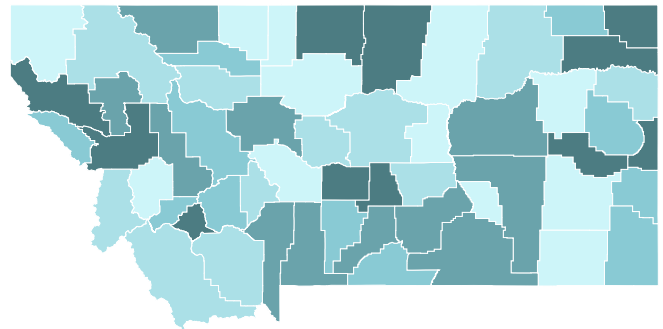
Gender of same-sex couples



Female SS couples per 1K households by county

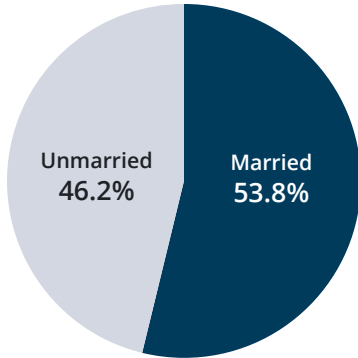


Male SS couples per 1K households by county

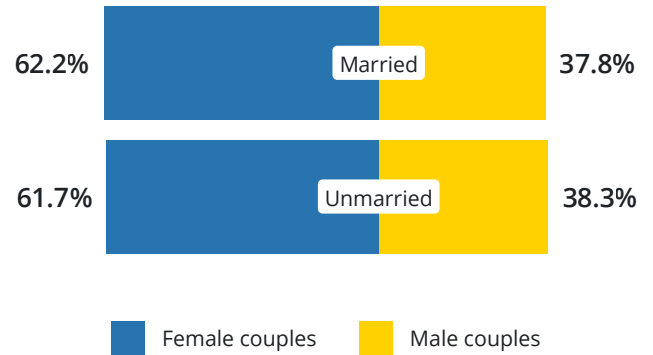


## FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

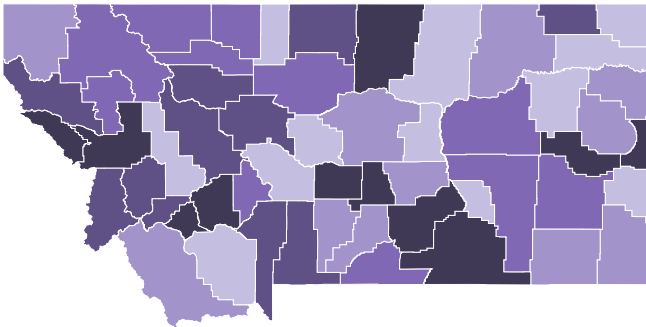
Marital status of same-sex couples



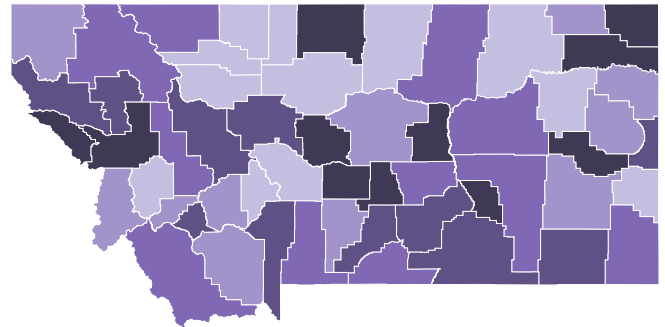
Gender of same-sex couples by marital status



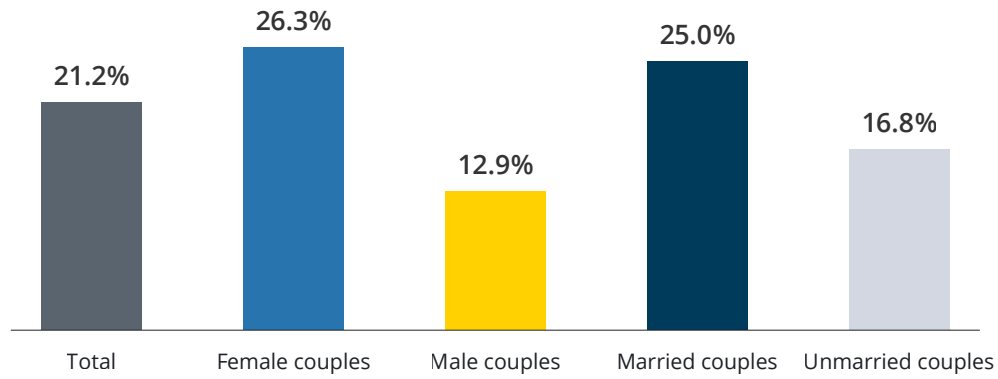
Married SS couples per 1K households by county



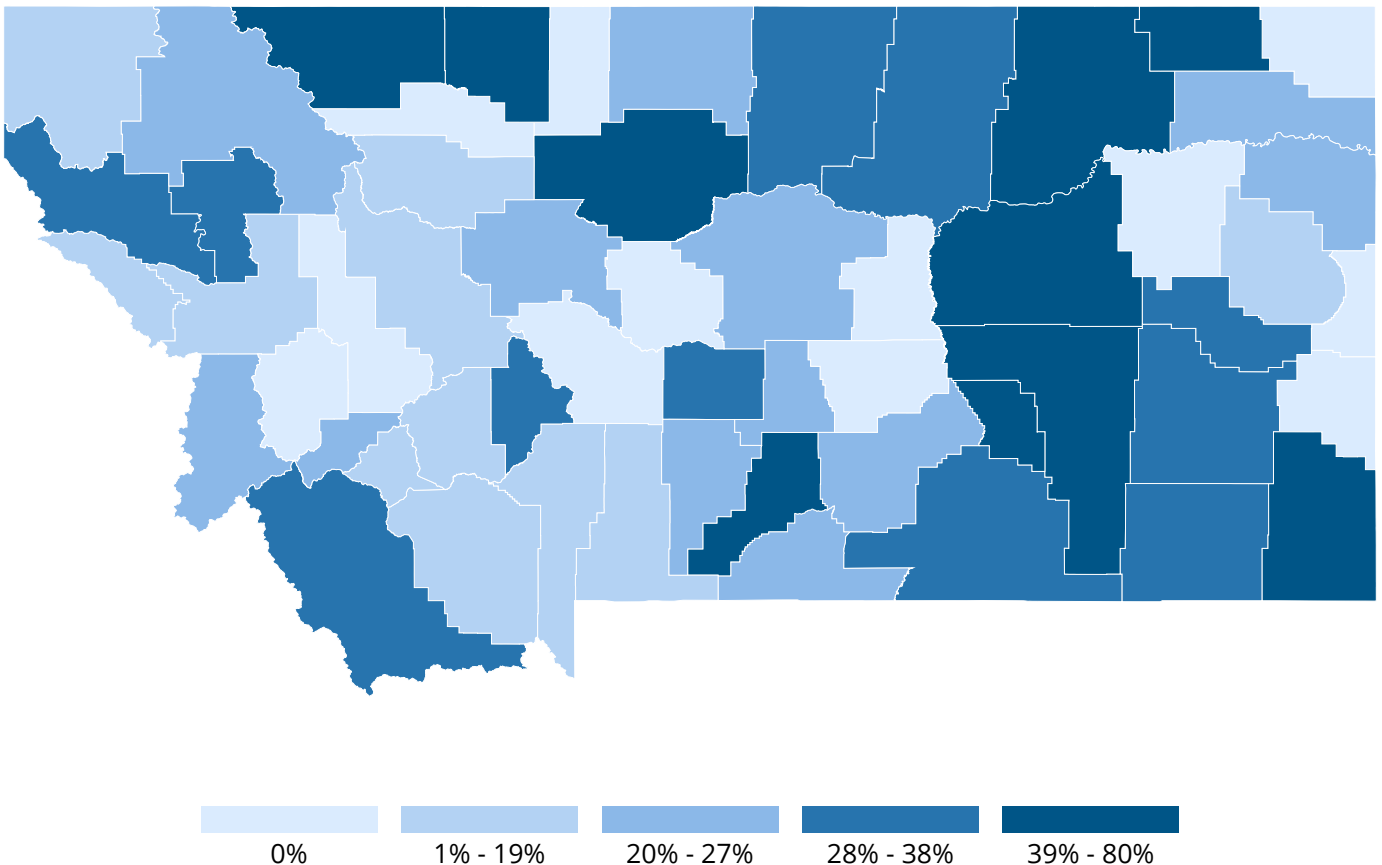
Unmarried SS couples per 1K households by county



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	255	Missoula County	468	9.24	313	155	16%
2	886	Yellowstone County	401	5.93	246	155	24%
3	951	Silver Bow County	89	5.76	39	50	12%
4	1,044	Cascade County	193	5.51	123	70	27%
5	1,102	Gallatin County	252	5.35	143	109	19%
6	1,120	Lewis and Clark County	160	5.30	113	47	17%
7	1,256	Lake County	61	4.89	34	27	31%
8	1,428	Flathead County	180	4.24	127	53	21%
9	1,489	Ravalli County	72	3.84	48	24	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
Park County	42	5.25	24	18	12%
Hill County	36	5.83	15	21	22%
Sanders County	34	6.14	20	14	29%
Big Horn County	27	6.88	19	8	33%
Lincoln County	26	2.93	20	6	8%
Jefferson County	22	4.50	13	9	5%
Glacier County	20	4.39	10	10	40%
Carbon County	18	3.83	10	8	22%
Custer County	18	3.58	15	3	28%
Stillwater County	18	4.77	10	8	56%
Deer Lodge County	15	3.50	9	6	20%
Mineral County	15	7.35	12	3	13%
Roosevelt County	15	4.16	6	9	27%
Beaverhead County	13	3.16	8	5	31%
Rosebud County	13	4.13	7	6	46%
Blaine County	12	4.86	4	8	33%
Fergus County	11	2.19	6	5	27%
Richland County	10	2.07	5	5	20%
Dawson County	8	2.19	3	5	12%
Golden Valley County	8	21.51	6	2	25%
Prairie County	8	16.06	4	4	38%
Sheridan County	8	4.90	3	5	0%
Valley County	8	2.48	4	4	50%
Broadwater County	7	2.50	4	3	29%

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
Madison County	7	1.75	3	4	14%
Teton County	7	2.81	4	3	14%
Wheatland County	7	8.76	2	5	29%
Musselshell County	6	2.90	4	2	0%
Pondera County	6	2.66	3	3	0%
Powell County	6	2.53	1	5	0%
Chouteau County	5	2.18	4	1	80%
Wibaux County	5	12.35	1	4	0%
Granite County	4	2.66	4	0	0%
Sweet Grass County	4	2.51	1	3	25%
Toole County	4	2.29	4	0	50%
Daniels County	3	4.07	2	1	67%
Judith Basin County	3	3.29	2	1	0%
Phillips County	3	1.69	3	0	33%
Powder River County	3	4.01	3	0	33%
Carter County	2	3.37	1	1	50%
Fallon County	2	1.65	0	2	0%
Garfield County	2	3.93	1	1	50%
Treasure County	2	5.73	2	0	50%
Petroleum County	1	4.39	1	0	0%
Liberty County	0	0.00	0	0	0%
McCone County	0	0.00	0	0	0%
Meagher 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	729	Missoula	364	11.09
2	1,911	Helena	109	7.30
3	2,208	Billings	319	6.45
4	2,267	Bozeman	136	6.26
5	2,333	Great Falls	156	5.98
6	2,392	Butte-Silver Bow (balance)	87	5.74

## 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.

### 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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