

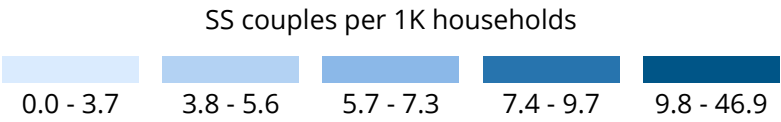
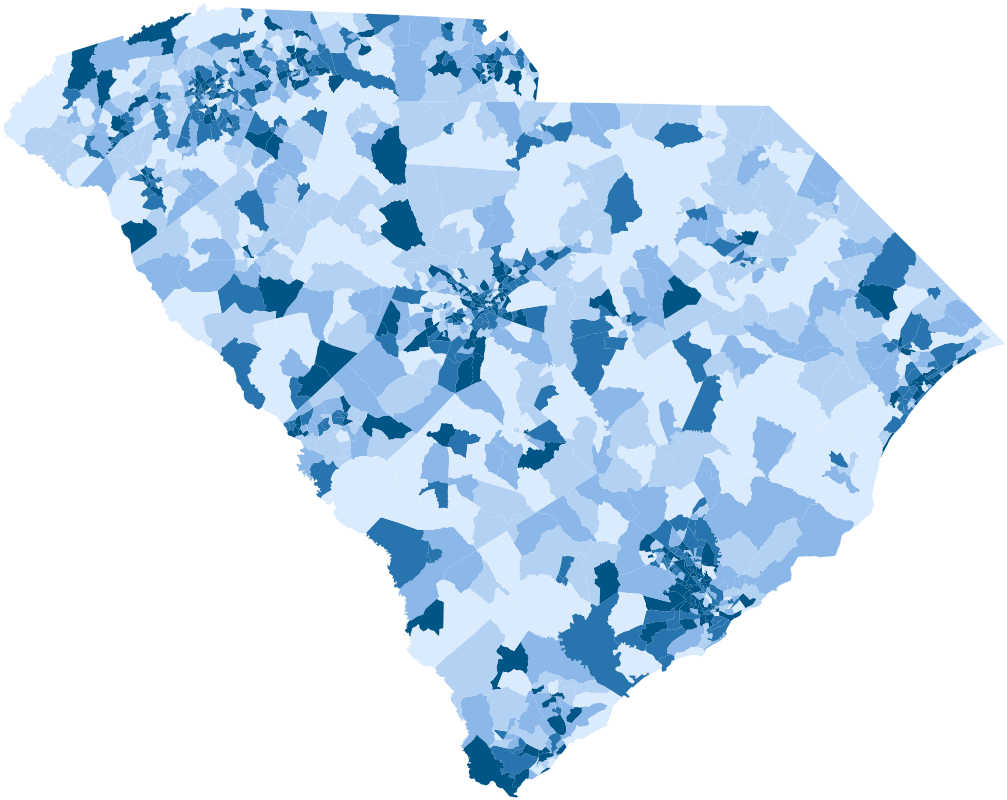


# SOUTH CAROLINA

## 2020 Census Snapshot

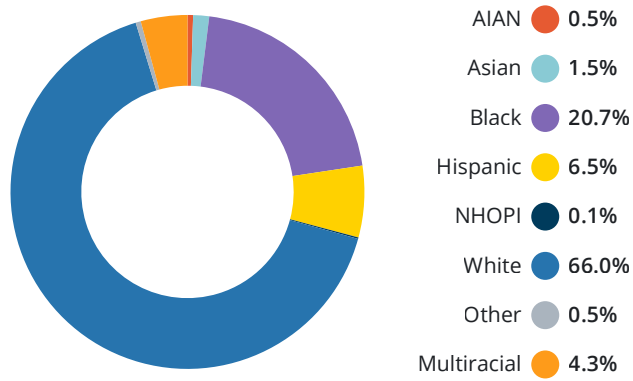
Total same-sex couples	SS couples per 1K households	% of SS couples who are married
14,375	7.02	54.3%

Population density of same-sex couples in South Carolina by Census tract

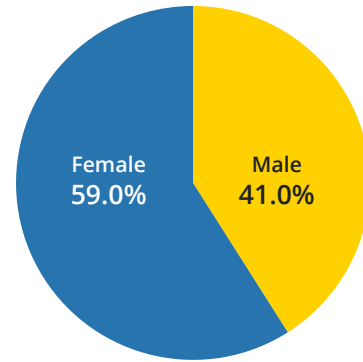


## DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

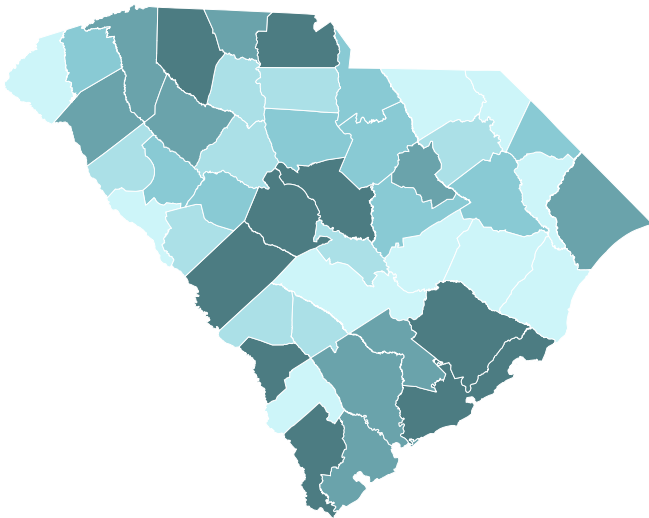
Race/ethnicity of same-sex couples (householder)



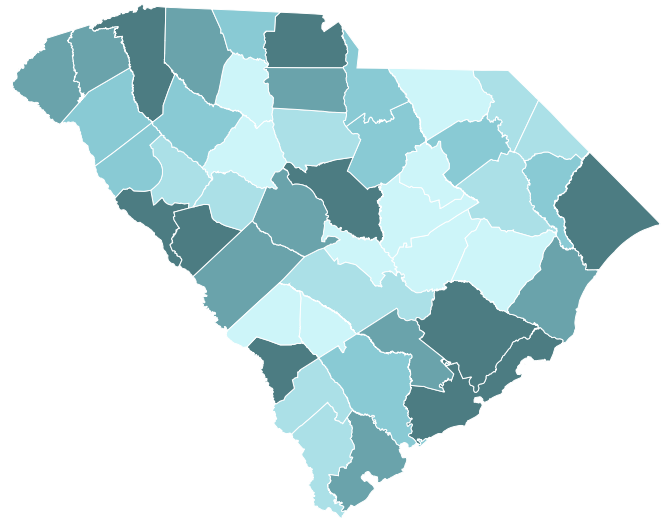
Gender of same-sex couples



Female SS couples per 1K households by county

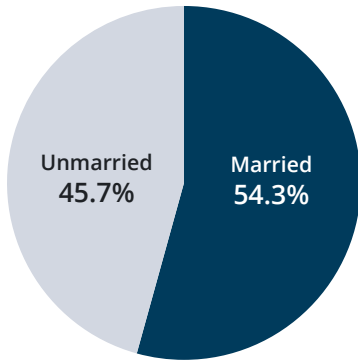


Male SS couples per 1K households by county

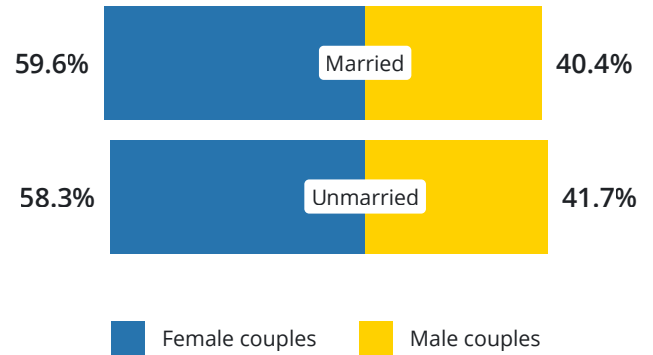


## FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

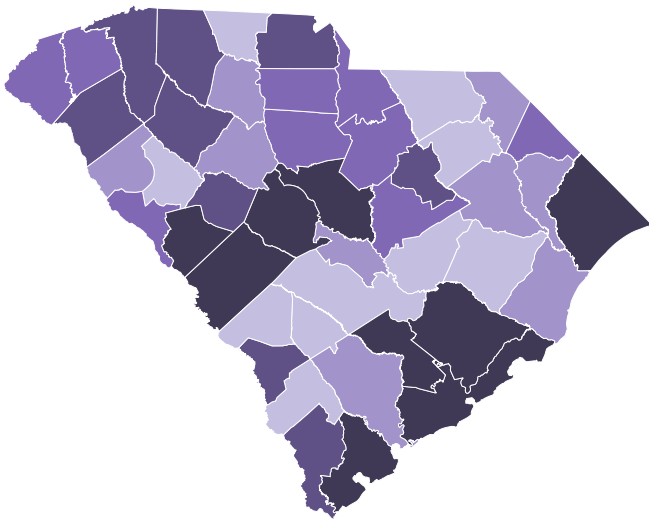
Marital status of same-sex couples



Gender of same-sex couples by marital status

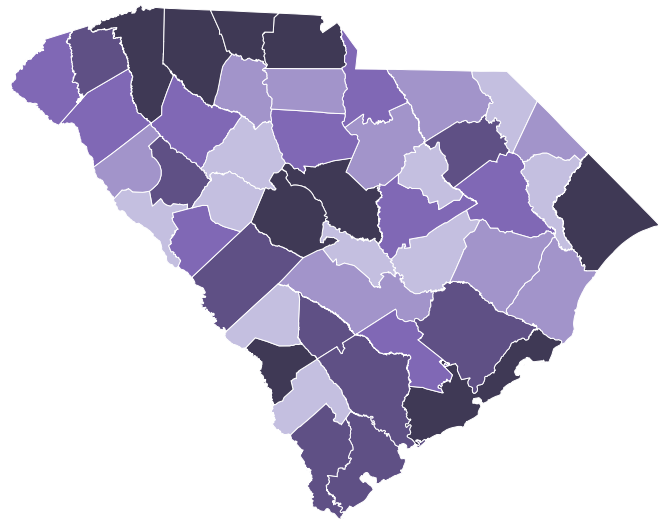


Married SS couples per 1K households by county



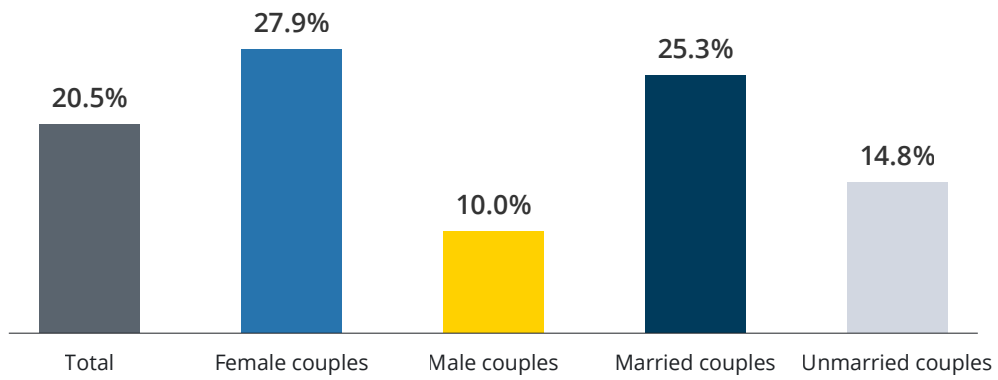
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Unmarried SS couples per 1K households by county

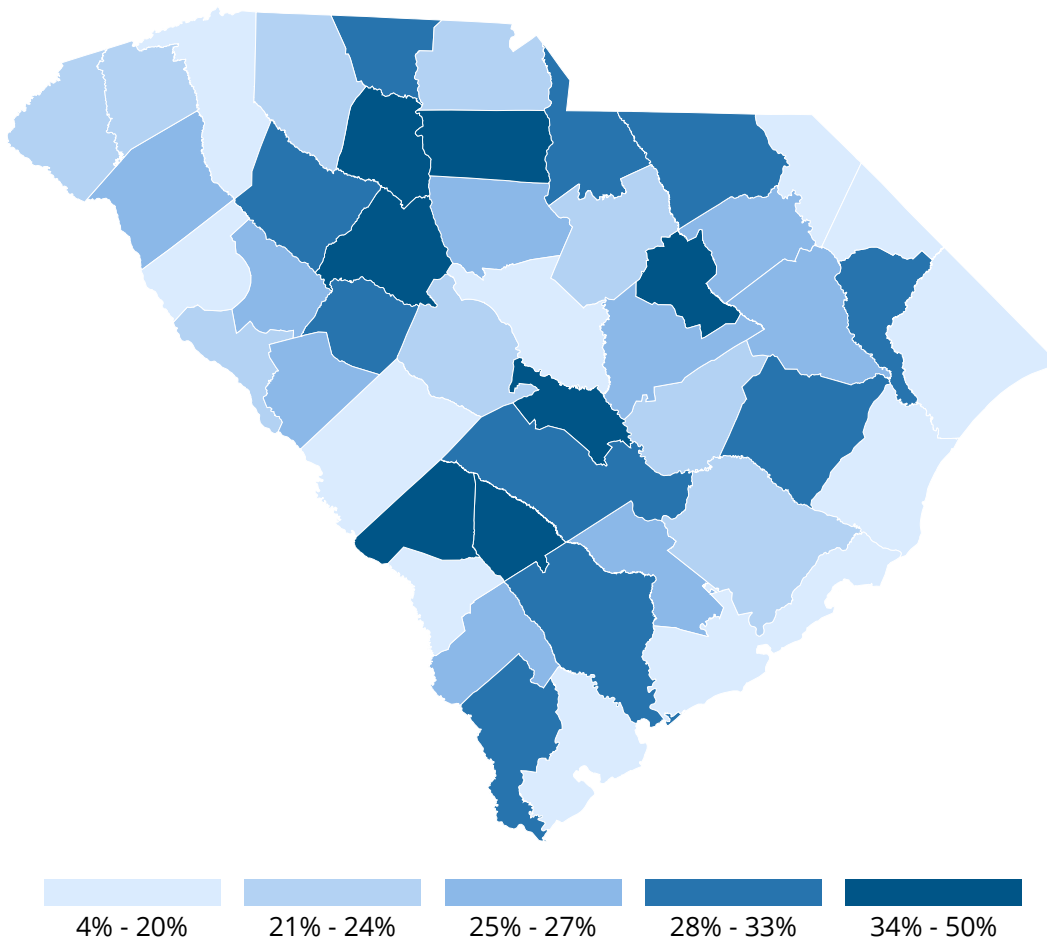


1.1 - 1.7   1.8 - 2.2   2.3 - 2.7   2.8 - 3.2   3.3 - 4.6

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	226	Charleston County	1,656	9.54	862	794	12%
2	234	Richland County	1,564	9.44	868	696	18%
3	429	Berkeley County	665	7.77	412	253	23%
4	430	Horry County	1,167	7.77	646	521	15%
5	457	Lexington County	889	7.62	550	339	22%
6	476	Greenville County	1,574	7.53	894	680	20%
7	477	Spartanburg County	947	7.53	617	330	23%
8	484	York County	807	7.49	493	314	21%
9	498	Aiken County	515	7.42	319	196	19%
10	546	Dorchester County	434	7.20	264	170	26%
11	647	Beaufort County	514	6.73	295	219	15%
12	674	Edgefield County	64	6.64	27	37	25%
13	716	Jasper County	73	6.48	55	18	29%
14	836	Laurens County	163	6.11	108	55	28%
15	870	Anderson County	481	5.98	308	173	25%
16	888	Pickens County	298	5.92	157	141	21%
17	920	Colleton County	92	5.82	60	32	33%
18	943	Cherokee County	129	5.77	82	47	28%
19	1,028	Lancaster County	211	5.57	137	74	28%
20	1,085	Kershaw County	140	5.39	89	51	21%
21	1,107	Chester County	69	5.34	39	30	38%
22	1,167	Sumter County	215	5.13	149	66	27%
23	1,182	Oconee County	169	5.08	86	83	24%
24	1,194	Florence County	276	5.05	180	96	25%
25	1,217	Darlington County	128	4.99	74	54	27%
26	1,237	Greenwood County	139	4.94	93	46	27%
27	1,253	Dillon County	55	4.91	37	18	20%
28	1,326	Georgetown County	127	4.66	67	60	17%
29	1,397	Marion County	54	4.40	29	25	30%
30	1,423	Orangeburg County	144	4.26	88	56	30%
31	1,436	Newberry County	63	4.19	40	23	38%
32	1,452	Chesterfield County	72	4.11	46	26	33%

## 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
Abbeville County	48	4.89	28	20	19%
Union County	48	4.13	32	16	35%
Fairfield County	47	5.13	31	16	26%
Marlboro County	41	4.00	22	19	15%
Williamsburg County	41	3.27	24	17	29%
Clarendon County	37	2.93	26	11	24%
Saluda County	35	4.64	23	12	29%
Lee County	33	5.05	25	8	36%
Barnwell County	32	3.78	25	7	38%
Hampton County	28	3.90	16	12	25%
Allendale County	26	7.92	16	10	4%
Calhoun County	24	4.01	16	8	50%
Bamberg County	23	4.26	15	8	35%
McCormick County	18	4.41	6	12	22%

## 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	78	St. Andrews	123	12.30
2	96	Columbia	628	11.70
3	98	North Charleston	537	11.70
4	116	Cayce	70	11.20
5	119	Myrtle Beach	188	11.20
6	127	West Columbia	90	11.10
7	138	North Augusta	113	10.80
8	151	Charleston	716	10.60
9	161	Hanahan	82	10.40
10	224	Greenville	315	9.60
11	248	Spartanburg	148	9.30
12	256	Ladson	50	9.30
13	272	Dentsville	60	9.10
14	278	Socastee	82	9.00
15	295	Red Hill	58	8.90
16	307	Conway	73	8.80
17	331	Simpsonville	80	8.70
18	339	Rock Hill	259	8.60
19	344	Goose Creek	139	8.50
20	350	Summerville	170	8.50
21	359	Taylors	78	8.40

STATE RANK	US RANK	CITY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH
22	408	Anderson	90	8.00
23	461	Greer	106	7.70
24	549	Wade Hampton	67	7.20
25	562	Fort Mill	63	7.20
26	576	Mauldin	73	7.10
27	590	Hilton Head Island	122	7.00
28	597	Carolina Forest	63	7.00
29	622	Bluffton	70	6.90
30	650	Easley	66	6.80
31	725	Aiken	91	6.50
32	747	Greenwood	57	6.40
33	768	Florence	105	6.30
34	854	Sumter	106	6.10
35	896	Lexington	56	5.90
36	924	Mount Pleasant	217	5.80

## 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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