

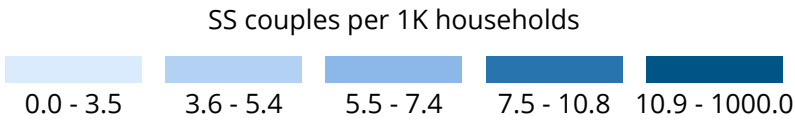
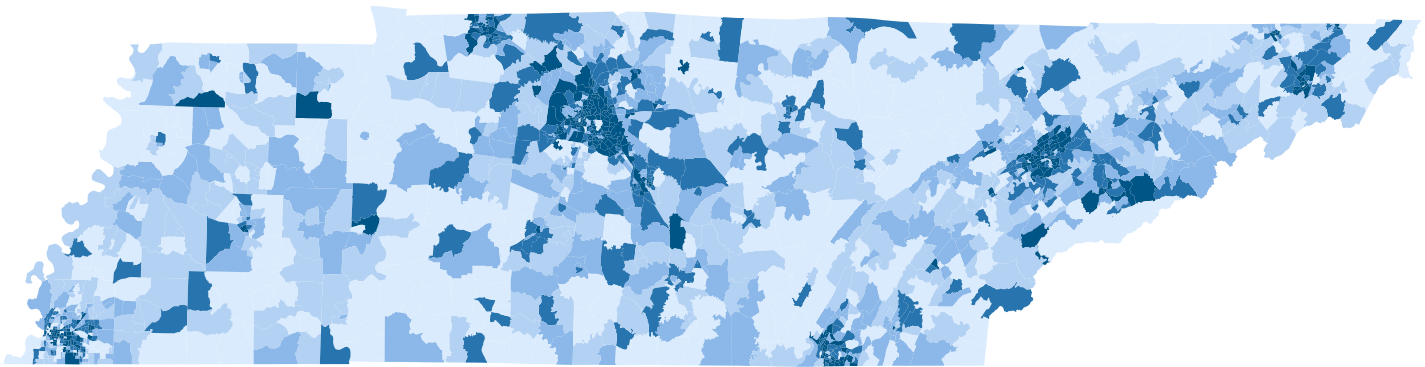


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2020 Census Snapshot

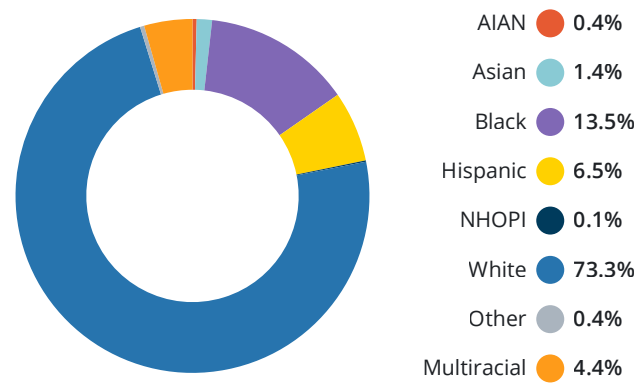
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| Total same-sex couples | SS couples per 1K households | % of SS couples who are married |
| 20,773 | 7.57 | 52.2% |

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

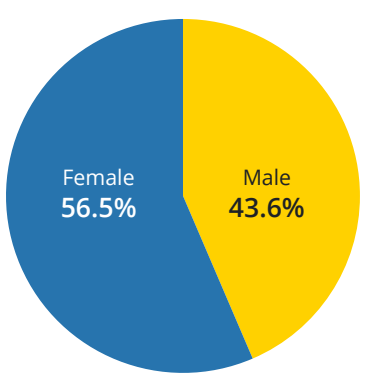


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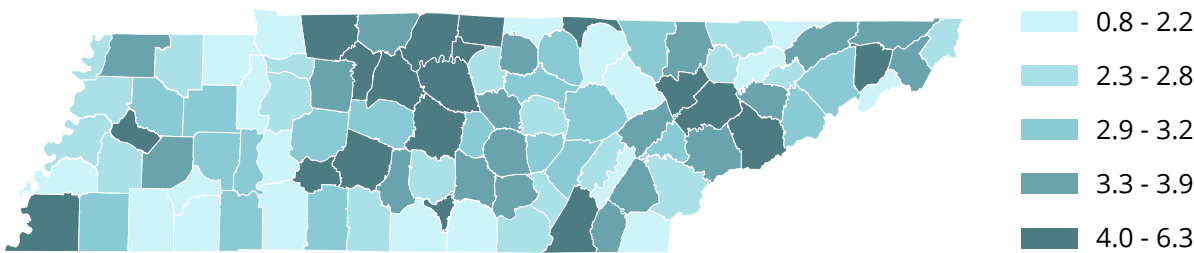
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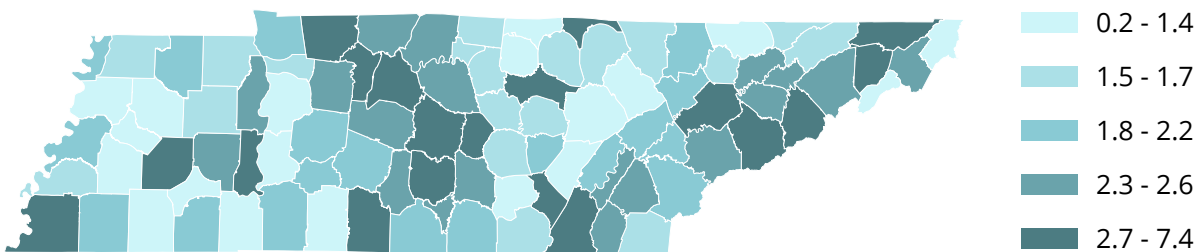
Gender of same-sex couples



Female SS couples per 1K households by county

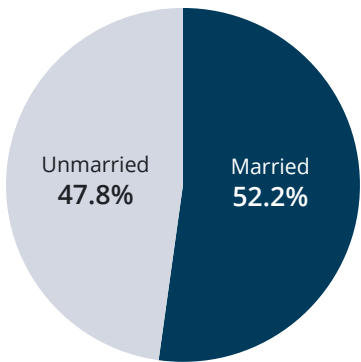


Male SS couples per 1K households by county

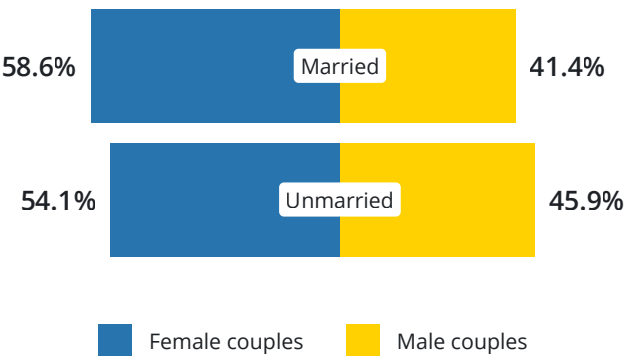


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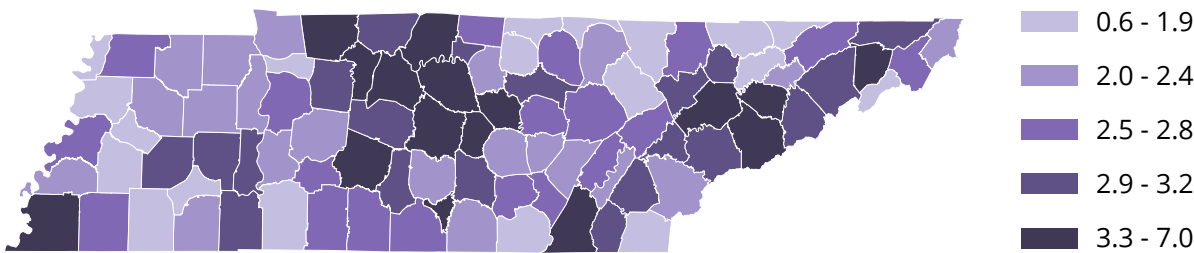
Marital status of same-sex couples



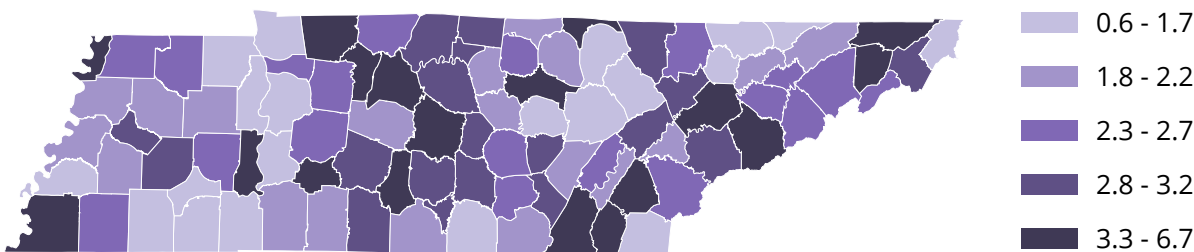
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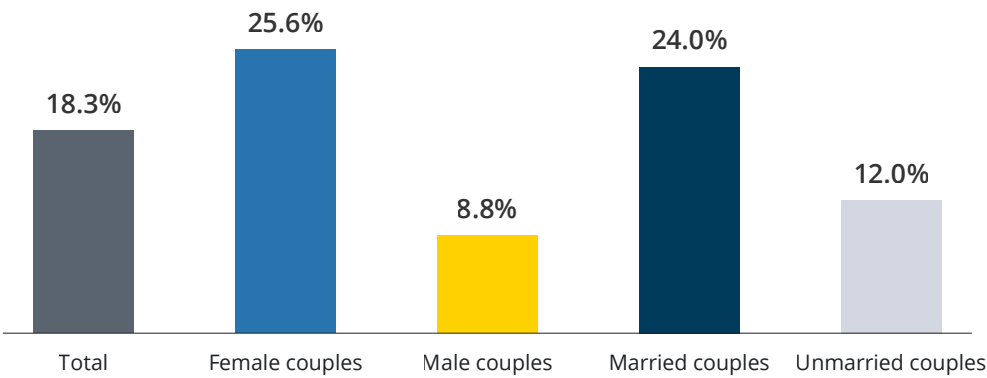
Married SS couples per 1K households by county



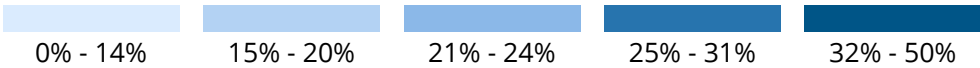
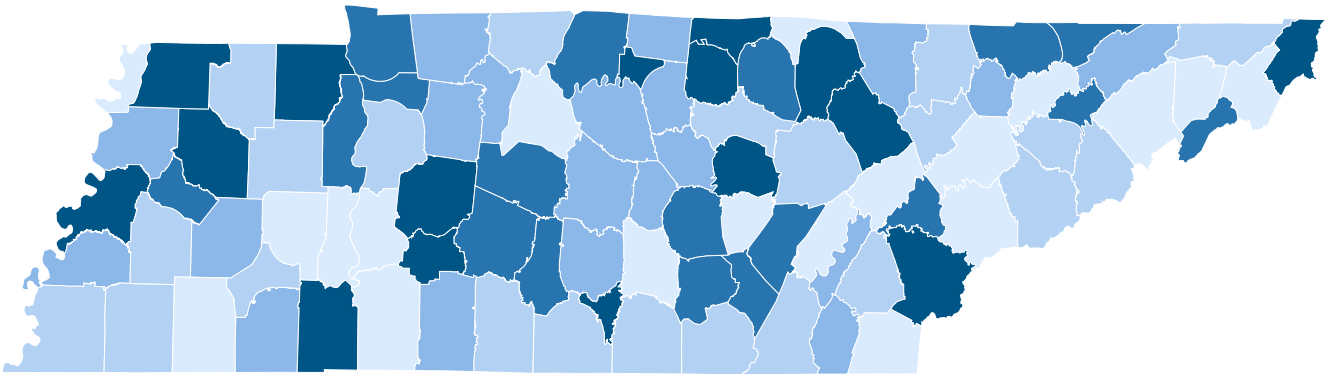
Unmarried SS couples per 1K households by county



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 | 47 | Davidson County | 4,119 | 13.67 | 1,896 | 2,223 | 12% |
| 2 | 163 | Knox County | 1,996 | 10.23 | 1,114 | 882 | 13% |
| 3 | 215 | Washington County | 533 | 9.62 | 270 | 263 | 14% |
| 4 | 243 | Rutherford County | 1,160 | 9.32 | 756 | 404 | 24% |
| 5 | 260 | Hamilton County | 1,365 | 9.18 | 756 | 609 | 18% |
| 6 | 267 | Montgomery County | 725 | 9.08 | 467 | 258 | 24% |
| 7 | 317 | Sevier County | 343 | 8.68 | 197 | 146 | 17% |
| 8 | 374 | Shelby County | 2,946 | 8.08 | 1,644 | 1,302 | 20% |
| 9 | 405 | Cheatham County | 124 | 7.90 | 80 | 44 | 23% |
| 10 | 544 | Wilson County | 397 | 7.21 | 265 | 132 | 22% |
| 11 | 659 | Sumner County | 497 | 6.67 | 316 | 181 | 25% |
| 12 | 719 | Sullivan County | 439 | 6.47 | 245 | 194 | 16% |
| 13 | 728 | Putnam County | 206 | 6.41 | 103 | 103 | 20% |
| 14 | 732 | Maury County | 256 | 6.40 | 174 | 82 | 27% |
| 15 | 773 | Anderson County | 201 | 6.28 | 134 | 67 | 18% |
| 16 | 783 | Marshall County | 83 | 6.25 | 52 | 31 | 25% |
| 17 | 785 | Jefferson County | 134 | 6.24 | 78 | 56 | 18% |
| 18 | 798 | Coffee County | 142 | 6.22 | 90 | 52 | 14% |
| 19 | 812 | Bradley County | 258 | 6.17 | 164 | 94 | 22% |
| 20 | 839 | Madison County | 241 | 6.10 | 136 | 105 | 22% |
| 21 | 842 | McMinn County | 130 | 6.09 | 83 | 47 | 17% |
| 22 | 864 | Blount County | 328 | 5.99 | 207 | 121 | 13% |
| 23 | 897 | Robertson County | 158 | 5.88 | 90 | 68 | 16% |
| 24 | 914 | Cocke County | 89 | 5.84 | 45 | 44 | 16% |
| 25 | 922 | Dickson County | 123 | 5.81 | 75 | 48 | 24% |
| 26 | 987 | Giles County | 70 | 5.68 | 34 | 36 | 17% |
| 27 | 1,023 | Macon County | 54 | 5.58 | 40 | 14 | 24% |
| 28 | 1,035 | Carter County | 135 | 5.55 | 82 | 53 | 7% |
| 29 | 1,060 | Roane County | 122 | 5.47 | 81 | 41 | 7% |
| 30 | 1,084 | Greene County | 155 | 5.39 | 88 | 67 | 14% |
| 31 | 1,106 | Obion County | 69 | 5.34 | 47 | 22 | 36% |
| 32 | 1,139 | Bedford County | 96 | 5.23 | 46 | 50 | 22% |
| 33 | 1,147 | Campbell County | 85 | 5.21 | 57 | 28 | 16% |
| 34 | 1,179 | Henderson County | 58 | 5.09 | 33 | 25 | 14% |
| 35 | 1,189 | Loudon County | 115 | 5.07 | 71 | 44 | 30% |
| 36 | 1,201 | Warren County | 82 | 5.02 | 57 | 25 | 26% |
| 37 | 1,215 | Fayette County | 83 | 4.99 | 47 | 36 | 16% |

| STATE RANK | US RANK | COUNTY | SAME-SEX COUPLES | SS COUPLES PER 1K HH | SS FEMALE COUPLES | SS MALE COUPLES | % RAISING OWN CHILDREN |
|------------|---------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 38 | 1,235 | Williamson County | 430 | 4.95 | 241 | 189 | 26% |
| 39 | 1,262 | Hamblen County | 123 | 4.87 | 67 | 56 | 31% |
| 40 | 1,277 | Rhea County | 63 | 4.82 | 35 | 28 | 13% |
| 41 | 1,284 | Hawkins County | 113 | 4.77 | 77 | 36 | 22% |
| 42 | 1,357 | Weakley County | 61 | 4.56 | 36 | 25 | 20% |
| 43 | 1,377 | Monroe County | 84 | 4.48 | 48 | 36 | 33% |
| 44 | 1,414 | Lincoln County | 62 | 4.31 | 32 | 30 | 19% |
| 45 | 1,420 | Lawrence County | 73 | 4.28 | 53 | 20 | 21% |
| 46 | 1,434 | Cumberland County | 113 | 4.20 | 83 | 30 | 17% |
| 47 | 1,439 | Gibson County | 84 | 4.17 | 64 | 20 | 50% |
| 48 | 1,497 | Franklin County | 63 | 3.75 | 29 | 34 | 17% |
| 49 | 1,517 | Tipton County | 81 | 3.59 | 43 | 38 | 22% |
| 50 | 1,518 | Dyer County | 53 | 3.58 | 34 | 19 | 23% |

Counties with <50 same-sex couples

| COUNTY | SAME-SEX COUPLES | SS COUPLES PER 1K HH | SS FEMALE COUPLES | SS MALE COUPLES | % RAISING OWN CHILDREN |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Carroll County | 49 | 4.28 | 32 | 17 | 16% |
| Henry County | 48 | 3.49 | 28 | 20 | 44% |
| White County | 47 | 4.33 | 30 | 17 | 32% |
| Hardin County | 46 | 4.09 | 36 | 10 | 35% |
| Lauderdale County | 45 | 4.70 | 25 | 20 | 38% |
| Hickman County | 43 | 4.66 | 27 | 16 | 49% |
| McNairy County | 43 | 4.01 | 22 | 21 | 21% |
| Marion County | 43 | 3.65 | 27 | 16 | 16% |
| DeKalb County | 42 | 5.21 | 30 | 12 | 21% |
| Cannon County | 41 | 7.00 | 17 | 24 | 24% |
| Overton County | 39 | 4.26 | 26 | 13 | 31% |
| Scott County | 38 | 4.41 | 24 | 14 | 24% |
| Claiborne County | 37 | 2.80 | 30 | 7 | 27% |
| Lewis County | 34 | 6.70 | 24 | 10 | 38% |
| Grainger County | 33 | 3.42 | 9 | 24 | 6% |
| Smith County | 33 | 4.31 | 21 | 12 | 24% |
| Union County | 33 | 4.23 | 20 | 13 | 21% |
| Sequatchie County | 32 | 5.17 | 14 | 18 | 25% |
| Decatur County | 31 | 6.33 | 14 | 17 | 13% |
| Haywood County | 30 | 4.04 | 20 | 10 | 20% |
| Humphreys County | 28 | 3.68 | 20 | 8 | 18% |
| Hardeman County | 27 | 2.94 | 15 | 12 | 11% |
| Unicoi County | 27 | 3.53 | 17 | 10 | 26% |

| COUNTY | SAME-SEX COUPLES | SS COUPLES PER 1K HH | SS FEMALE COUPLES | SS MALE COUPLES | % RAISING OWN CHILDREN |
|------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Crockett County | 26 | 4.67 | 23 | 3 | 31% |
| Grundy County | 26 | 4.81 | 19 | 7 | 31% |
| Benton County | 24 | 3.49 | 9 | 15 | 25% |
| Johnson County | 24 | 3.33 | 17 | 7 | 42% |
| Fentress County | 22 | 2.87 | 11 | 11 | 32% |
| Polk County | 22 | 3.07 | 11 | 11 | 9% |
| Bledsoe County | 21 | 4.17 | 15 | 6 | 29% |
| Wayne County | 21 | 3.49 | 8 | 13 | 10% |
| Jackson County | 20 | 4.08 | 19 | 1 | 35% |
| Trousdale County | 20 | 5.77 | 15 | 5 | 45% |
| Meigs County | 19 | 3.76 | 7 | 12 | 21% |
| Stewart County | 19 | 3.47 | 8 | 11 | 26% |
| Moore County | 17 | 6.56 | 11 | 6 | 47% |
| Pickett County | 16 | 7.30 | 9 | 7 | 12% |
| Chester County | 15 | 2.31 | 13 | 2 | 20% |
| Houston County | 14 | 4.23 | 9 | 5 | 29% |
| Morgan County | 13 | 1.74 | 6 | 7 | 46% |
| Van Buren County | 12 | 4.88 | 7 | 5 | 8% |
| Lake County | 9 | 4.14 | 5 | 4 | 0% |
| Perry County | 9 | 2.64 | 5 | 4 | 11% |
| Clay County | 8 | 2.45 | 7 | 1 | 38% |
| Hancock County | 7 | 2.48 | 3 | 4 | 29% |

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 | 362 | La Vergne | 174 | 14.00 |
| 2 | 374 | Nashville-Davidson | 3,981 | 13.70 |
| 3 | 377 | Knoxville | 1,135 | 13.70 |
| 4 | 443 | East Ridge | 124 | 13.00 |
| 5 | 523 | Johnson City | 366 | 12.20 |
| 6 | 688 | Goodlettsville | 83 | 11.30 |
| 7 | 703 | Red Bank | 65 | 11.20 |
| 8 | 756 | Chattanooga | 840 | 10.90 |
| 9 | 922 | Murfreesboro | 602 | 10.20 |
| 10 | 940 | Clarksville | 620 | 10.10 |
| 11 | 1,161 | Memphis | 2,386 | 9.30 |
| 12 | 1,356 | Lebanon | 128 | 8.70 |
| 13 | 1,362 | Sevierville | 64 | 8.70 |
| 14 | 1,366 | Columbia | 146 | 8.70 |

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|------------|---------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 15 | 1,448 | Gallatin | 151 | 8.50 |
| 16 | 1,479 | Bristol | 100 | 8.40 |
| 17 | 1,499 | Smyrna | 161 | 8.30 |
| 18 | 1,513 | Cookeville | 118 | 8.30 |
| 19 | 1,592 | Oak Ridge | 108 | 8.10 |
| 20 | 1,839 | Mount Juliet | 108 | 7.50 |
| 21 | 1,902 | Kingsport | 177 | 7.30 |
| 22 | 1,987 | Cleveland | 132 | 7.10 |
| 23 | 2,019 | Jackson | 190 | 7.00 |
| 24 | 2,225 | Hendersonville | 152 | 6.40 |
| 25 | 2,253 | Bartlett | 133 | 6.30 |
| 26 | 2,293 | Spring Hill | 106 | 6.20 |
| 27 | 2,393 | Morristown | 68 | 5.70 |
| 28 | 2,441 | Maryville | 66 | 5.40 |
| 29 | 2,456 | Franklin | 175 | 5.30 |
| 30 | 2,592 | Brentwood | 60 | 4.10 |
| 31 | 2,597 | Germantown | 60 | 3.90 |
| 32 | 2,605 | Collierville | 53 | 2.90 |

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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