

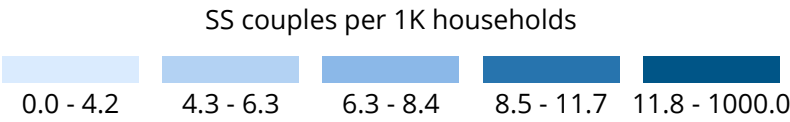
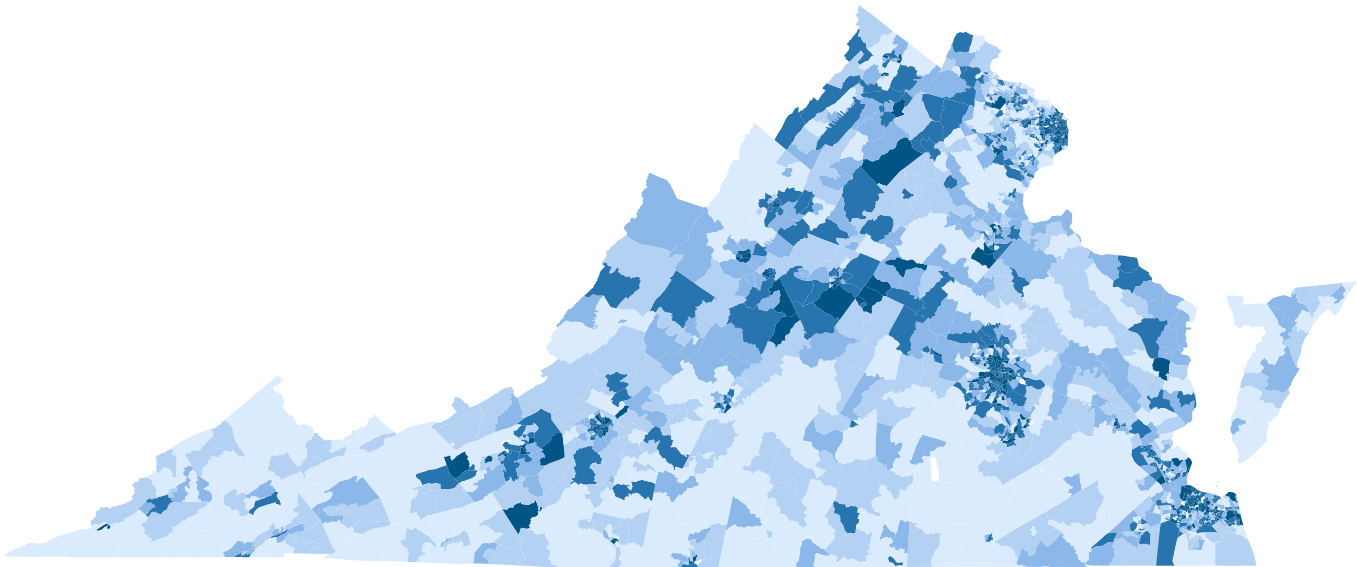


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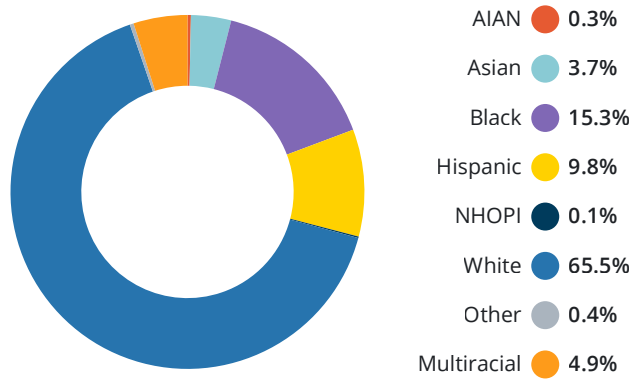
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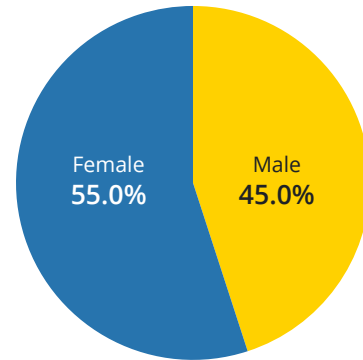


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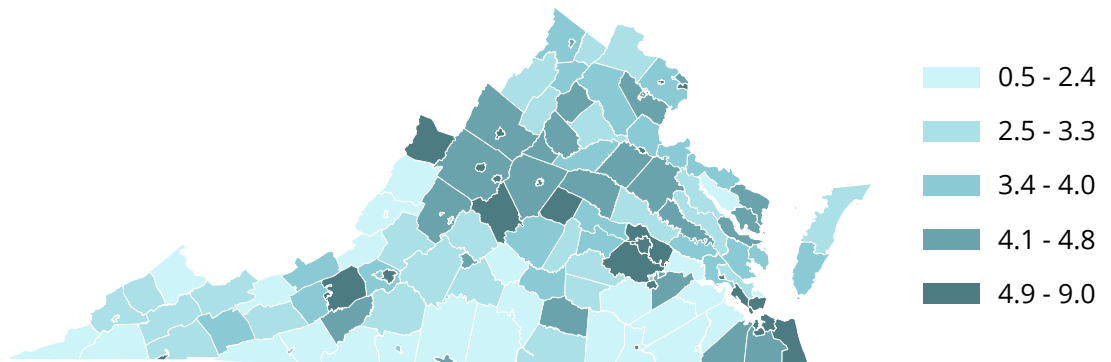
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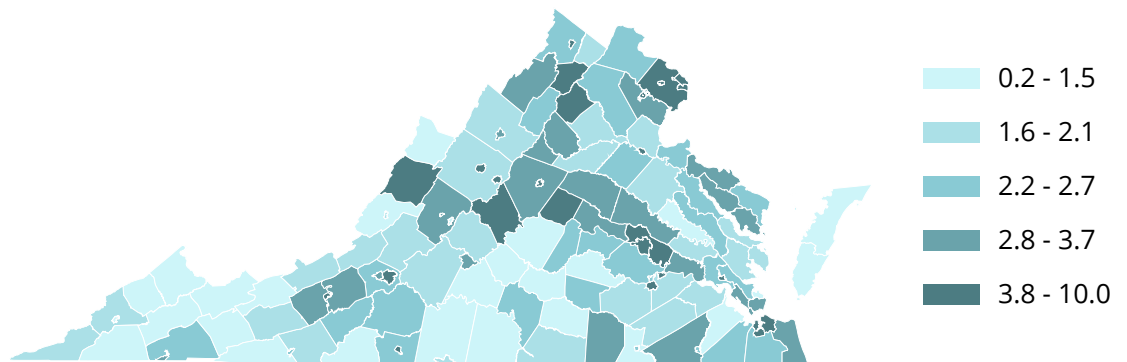
Gender of same-sex couples



Female SS couples per 1K households by county

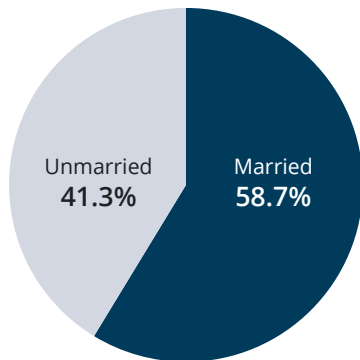


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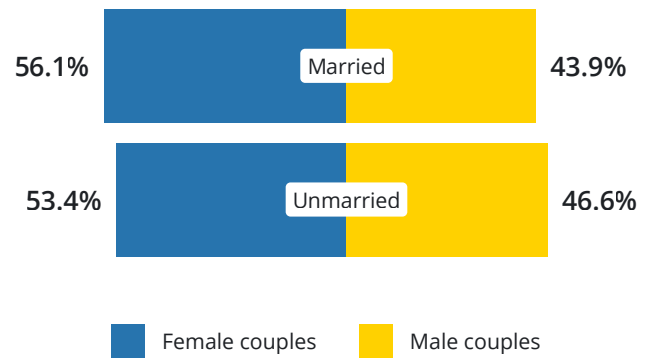


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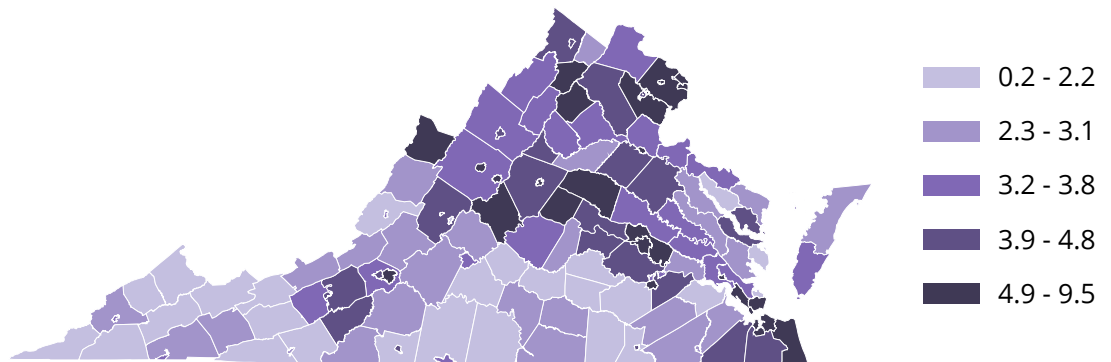
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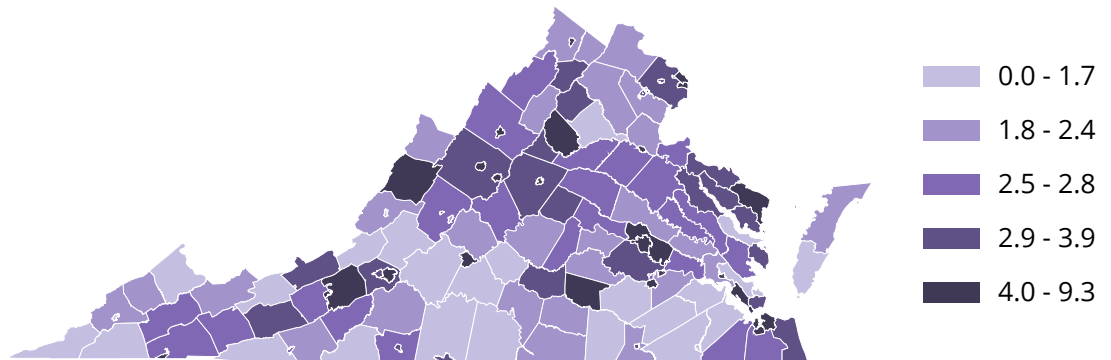
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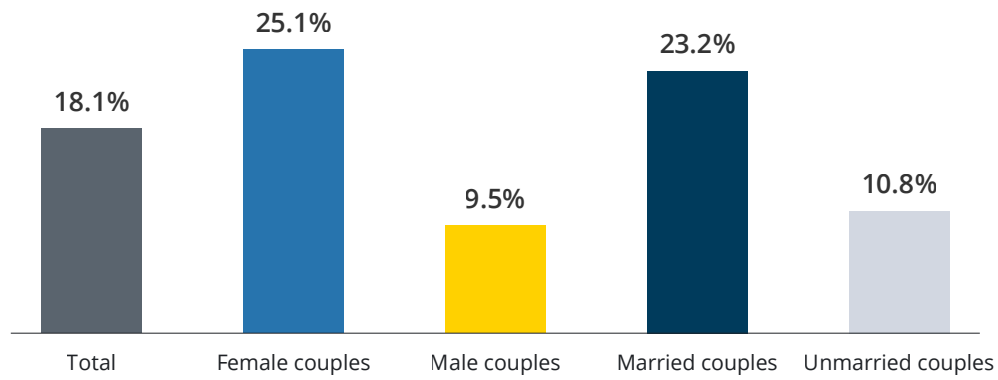
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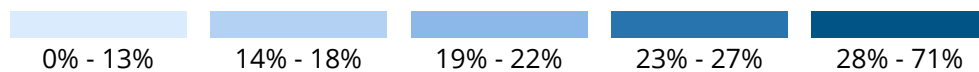
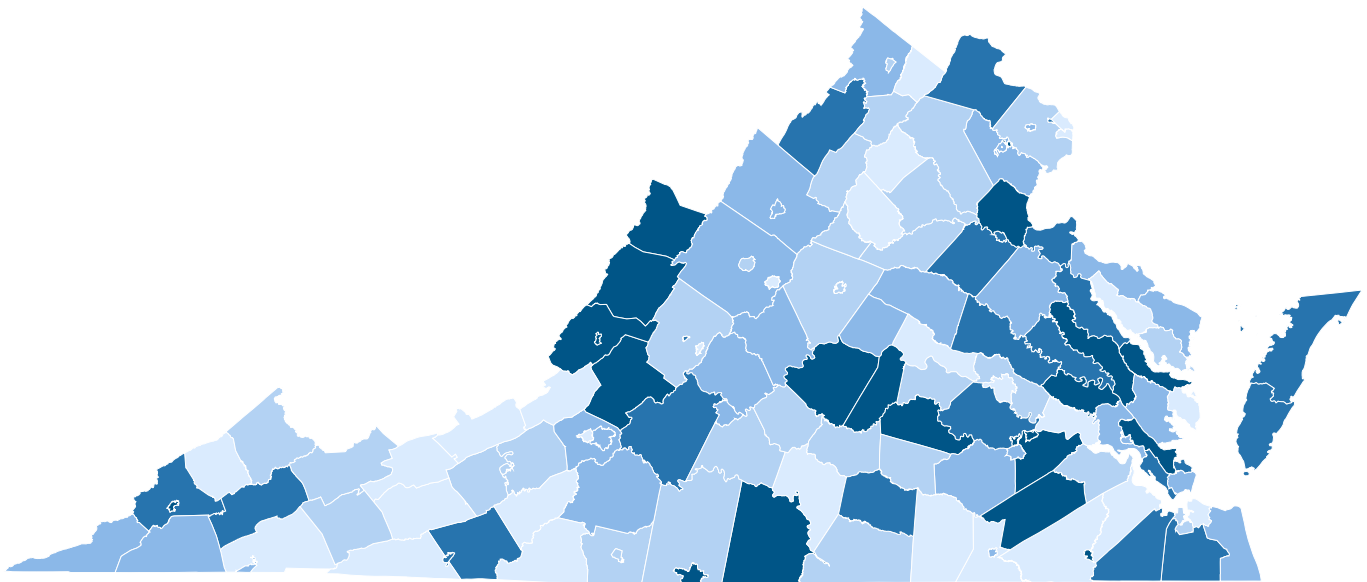
Unmarried SS couples per 1K households by county



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	19	Richmond city	1,773	17.32	917	856	11%
2	28	Alexandria city	1,206	15.96	493	713	10%
3	35	Norfolk city	1,419	15.19	755	664	13%
4	43	Arlington County	1,550	14.10	451	1,099	9%
5	45	Staunton city	159	13.98	91	68	14%
6	60	Roanoke city	581	13.08	345	236	20%
7	81	Fairfax city	107	12.16	64	43	21%
8	95	Charlottesville city	232	11.74	141	91	18%
9	110	Manassas Park city	61	11.34	34	27	48%
10	115	Radford city	65	11.23	39	26	14%
11	117	Waynesboro city	107	11.20	49	58	10%
12	125	Fredericksburg city	123	10.91	77	46	23%
13	130	Petersburg city	166	10.79	91	75	22%
14	158	Portsmouth city	408	10.32	242	166	18%
15	168	Harrisonburg city	177	10.16	113	64	22%
16	184	Nelson County	64	9.90	36	28	20%
17	206	Fluvanna County	100	9.73	58	42	19%
18	238	Henrico County	1,263	9.41	744	519	18%
19	247	Winchester city	106	9.29	48	58	15%
20	269	Hampton city	521	9.04	322	199	21%
21	289	Montgomery County	338	8.89	205	133	16%
22	290	Newport News city	671	8.87	431	240	26%
23	298	Bristol city	68	8.81	42	26	21%
24	315	Warren County	133	8.68	54	79	18%
25	321	Virginia Beach city	1,545	8.66	948	597	21%
26	334	Albemarle County	369	8.49	208	161	17%
27	338	Hopewell city	79	8.41	41	38	35%
28	355	Fairfax County	3,405	8.28	1,640	1,765	15%
29	400	Manassas city	111	7.94	59	52	19%
30	428	Louisa County	116	7.77	69	47	20%
31	461	Chesterfield County	1,016	7.61	660	356	23%
32	487	Greene County	58	7.47	33	25	17%
33	539	Lynchburg city	219	7.24	130	89	21%
34	541	Prince William County	1,111	7.23	678	433	19%
35	555	Goochland County	70	7.16	37	33	11%
36	615	Spotsylvania County	335	6.84	208	127	24%
37	637	Rockbridge County	65	6.77	39	26	14%

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38	645	Salem city	69	6.74	36	33	12%
39	663	Suffolk city	237	6.67	161	76	27%
40	691	Westmoreland County	53	6.59	28	25	21%
41	699	Caroline County	75	6.55	54	21	21%
42	727	Chesapeake city	585	6.42	379	206	26%
43	733	Frederick County	218	6.40	138	80	22%
44	737	Augusta County	193	6.38	131	62	22%
45	762	Roanoke County	251	6.31	150	101	22%
46	780	Pulaski County	91	6.27	52	39	15%
47	806	Prince George County	78	6.20	53	25	50%
48	813	Shenandoah County	111	6.16	46	65	26%
49	822	Danville city	117	6.15	80	37	33%
50	830	Rockingham County	196	6.12	136	60	19%
51	833	Hanover County	253	6.11	138	115	26%
52	852	Fauquier County	160	6.06	95	65	17%
53	875	King George County	57	5.97	33	24	25%
54	895	Powhatan County	65	5.88	41	24	17%
55	965	Stafford County	291	5.72	185	106	31%
56	971	Loudoun County	784	5.70	423	361	23%
57	980	James City County	180	5.69	107	73	20%
58	985	Gloucester County	88	5.68	59	29	22%
59	1,027	Orange County	79	5.57	53	26	16%
60	1,092	Page County	53	5.37	27	26	17%
61	1,143	Culpeper County	95	5.23	59	36	17%
62	1,148	Franklin County	118	5.20	62	56	19%
63	1,158	Washington County	117	5.17	63	54	10%
64	1,229	Wythe County	61	4.97	36	25	3%
65	1,236	Amherst County	63	4.94	39	24	21%
66	1,238	Wise County	71	4.94	47	24	25%
67	1,254	York County	127	4.91	68	59	31%
68	1,294	Smyth County	61	4.76	43	18	16%
69	1,319	Accomack County	67	4.68	47	20	24%
70	1,321	Mecklenburg County	62	4.68	41	21	18%
71	1,348	Botetourt County	62	4.59	35	27	32%
72	1,394	Bedford County	143	4.40	84	59	24%
73	1,409	Henry County	96	4.32	38	58	16%
74	1,487	Tazewell County	66	3.89	44	22	14%
75	1,500	Isle of Wight County	57	3.73	37	20	9%
76	1,533	Campbell County	76	3.31	59	17	18%
77	1,541	Pittsylvania County	80	3.16	44	36	16%

Counties with <50 same-sex couples

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
Russell County	49	4.43	33	16	27%
Carroll County	48	3.77	24	24	23%
Williamsburg city	48	9.33	26	22	19%
Halifax County	47	3.20	28	19	28%
New Kent County	47	5.48	29	18	36%
Colonial Heights city	44	5.76	26	18	32%
Martinsville city	44	7.45	22	22	14%
Floyd County	42	6.33	27	15	10%
Prince Edward County	42	5.48	31	11	17%
King William County	41	5.93	31	10	24%
Lancaster County	41	7.87	23	18	15%
Giles County	40	5.63	27	13	10%
Madison County	38	7.15	22	16	13%
Rappahannock County	37	11.56	13	24	8%
Falls Church city	37	6.37	20	17	27%
Northumberland County	36	6.46	23	13	19%
Dinwiddie County	34	3.11	13	21	21%
Lee County	32	3.53	18	14	19%
Buckingham County	31	5.17	22	9	39%
Clarke County	30	5.13	19	11	10%
Nottoway County	30	5.31	17	13	17%
Southampton County	30	4.41	7	23	3%
Middlesex County	29	6.10	21	8	31%
Patrick County	26	3.32	14	12	12%
Alleghany County	25	3.73	15	10	40%
Lunenburg County	25	5.25	20	5	24%
Dickenson County	24	3.96	15	9	8%
Essex County	24	5.25	12	12	25%
Grayson County	24	3.69	15	9	8%
Northampton County	24	4.40	21	3	25%
Brunswick County	22	3.55	5	17	5%
Charlotte County	21	4.29	10	11	0%
Cumberland County	21	5.20	12	9	29%
Mathews County	21	5.58	14	7	5%
Scott County	21	2.27	13	8	19%
Amelia County	20	3.84	14	6	35%
Emporia city	18	7.74	12	6	22%
Lexington city	17	7.59	9	8	24%
Galax city	16	5.65	10	6	25%

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
Charles City County	15	5.06	6	9	7%
King and Queen County	14	4.85	7	7	43%
Sussex County	14	3.61	7	7	29%
Appomattox County	13	2.01	8	5	15%
Bath County	13	6.87	4	9	31%
Richmond County	13	4.10	2	11	8%
Franklin city	12	3.52	3	9	33%
Buena Vista city	11	4.23	8	3	9%
Covington city	11	4.27	6	5	36%
Greensville County	10	2.91	6	4	10%
Craig County	9	4.26	5	4	0%
Highland County	8	7.53	7	1	38%
Poquoson city	8	1.72	4	4	25%
Surry County	7	2.51	2	5	14%
Norton city	7	4.17	5	2	71%
Buchanan County	6	0.71	4	2	17%
Bland County	3	1.20	2	1	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	137	Huntington	133	18.70
2	162	Lakeside	97	17.80
3	173	Dumbarton	67	17.30
4	174	Richmond	1,773	17.30
5	220	Alexandria	1,206	16.00
6	265	Norfolk	1,419	15.20
7	278	Groveton	84	15.00
8	310	Rose Hill (Fairfax County)	106	14.60
9	345	Arlington	1,550	14.10
10	360	Staunton	159	14.00
11	365	Lake Barcroft	50	13.90
12	435	Roanoke	581	13.10
13	477	Laurel	90	12.60
14	482	Lake Monticello	52	12.60
15	501	Annandale	173	12.40
16	529	Fairfax	107	12.20
17	589	Bailey's Crossroads	111	11.80
18	601	Lincolnia	98	11.80
19	604	Charlottesville	232	11.70

STATE RANK	US RANK	CITY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH
20	620	Hybla Valley	66	11.70
21	681	Manassas Park	61	11.30
22	704	Radford	65	11.20
23	711	Waynesboro	107	11.20
24	714	Franconia	84	11.20
25	760	Fredericksburg	123	10.90
26	789	Petersburg	166	10.80
27	793	Christiansburg	108	10.80
28	796	Manchester	55	10.80
29	827	Bon Air	74	10.60
30	829	East Highland Park	65	10.60
31	867	West Falls Church	109	10.40
32	874	Herndon	82	10.40
33	881	Woodlawn (Fairfax County)	72	10.30
34	887	Portsmouth	408	10.30
35	932	Harrisonburg	177	10.20
36	1,032	Idylwood	67	9.80
37	1,042	Bull Run (Prince William County)	60	9.80
38	1,147	Springfield	95	9.40
39	1,150	Merrifield	85	9.40
40	1,171	Winchester	106	9.30
41	1,172	Reston	262	9.30
42	1,248	Kingstowne	63	9.10
43	1,253	Hampton	521	9.00
44	1,270	Front Royal	53	9.00
45	1,307	Newport News	671	8.90
46	1,328	Bristol	68	8.80
47	1,329	Highland Springs	57	8.80
48	1,331	Lorton	60	8.80
49	1,344	Woodbridge	126	8.80
50	1,375	Virginia Beach	1,545	8.70
51	1,450	Meadowbrook	62	8.50
52	1,478	Hopewell	79	8.40
53	1,588	Tuckahoe	155	8.10
54	1,624	Fair Oaks	118	8.00
55	1,627	Chester	72	8.00
56	1,630	Buckhall	51	8.00
57	1,640	Leesylvania	59	8.00
58	1,647	Manassas	111	7.90
59	1,704	Midlothian	56	7.80

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60	1,846	Tysons	97	7.40
61	1,882	Cave Spring	86	7.40
62	1,936	Lynchburg	219	7.20
63	1,953	Cherry Hill	55	7.20
64	1,980	Blacksburg	107	7.10
65	1,981	McNair	64	7.10
66	2,068	Sterling	64	6.90
67	2,072	Centreville	173	6.80
68	2,080	Dale City	143	6.80
69	2,081	Lake Ridge	110	6.80
70	2,109	Salem	69	6.70
71	2,131	Oakton	91	6.70
72	2,135	Linton Hall	81	6.70
73	2,136	Suffolk	237	6.70
74	2,222	Leesburg	104	6.40
75	2,224	Chesapeake	585	6.40
76	2,240	West Springfield	52	6.40
77	2,295	Danville	117	6.20
78	2,370	Burke	80	5.90
79	2,408	Mechanicsville	87	5.60
80	2,453	Short Pump	61	5.40
81	2,503	Ashburn	86	5.00
82	2,540	McLean	80	4.70

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.

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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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