

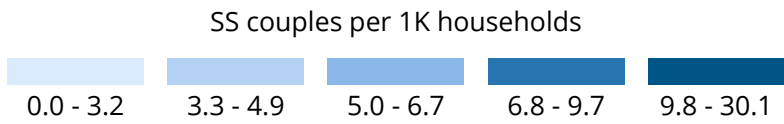
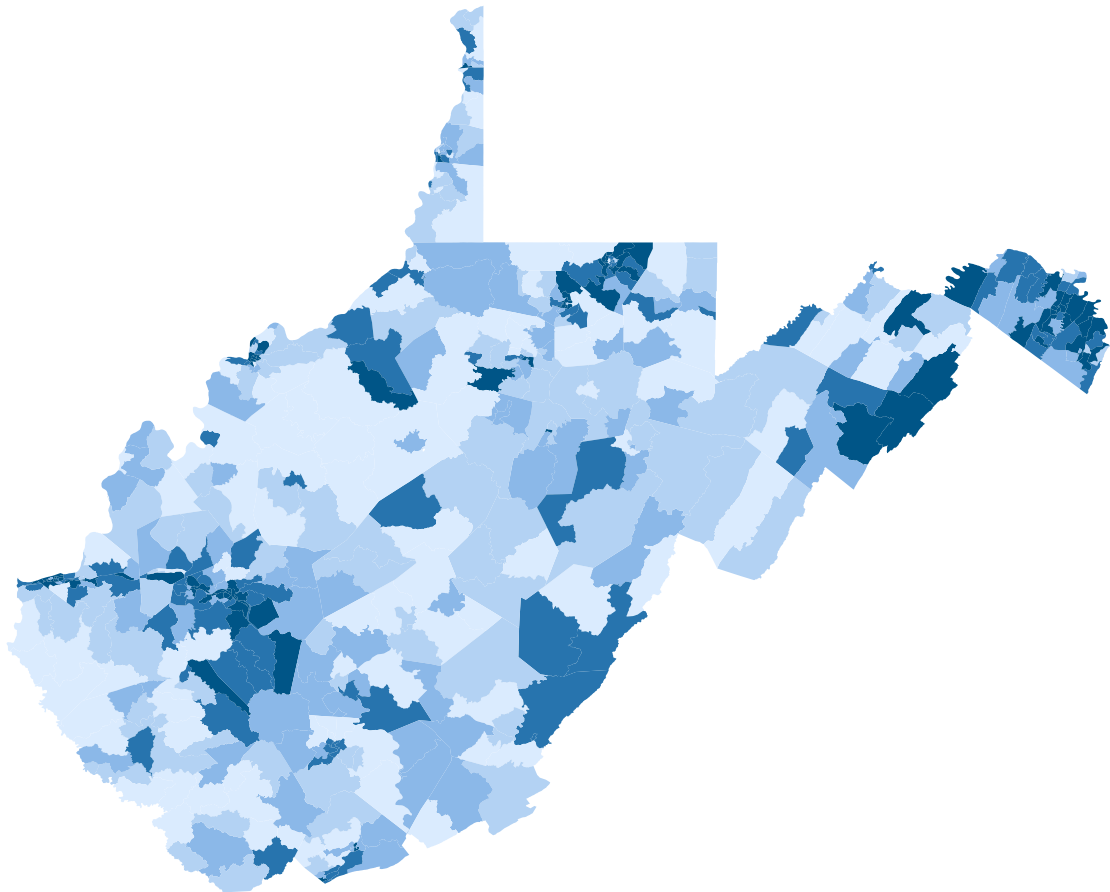


WEST VIRGINIA

2020 Census Snapshot

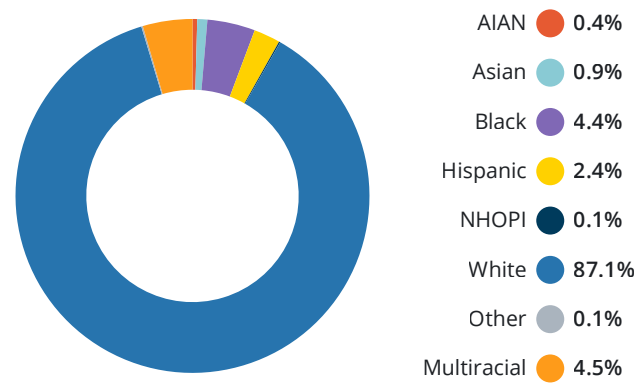
Total same-sex couples	SS couples per 1K households	% of SS couples who are married
4,877	6.56	47.3%

Population density of same-sex couples in West Virginia by Census tract

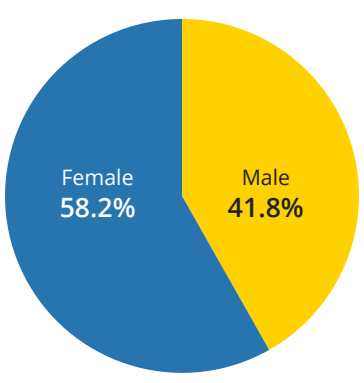


DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

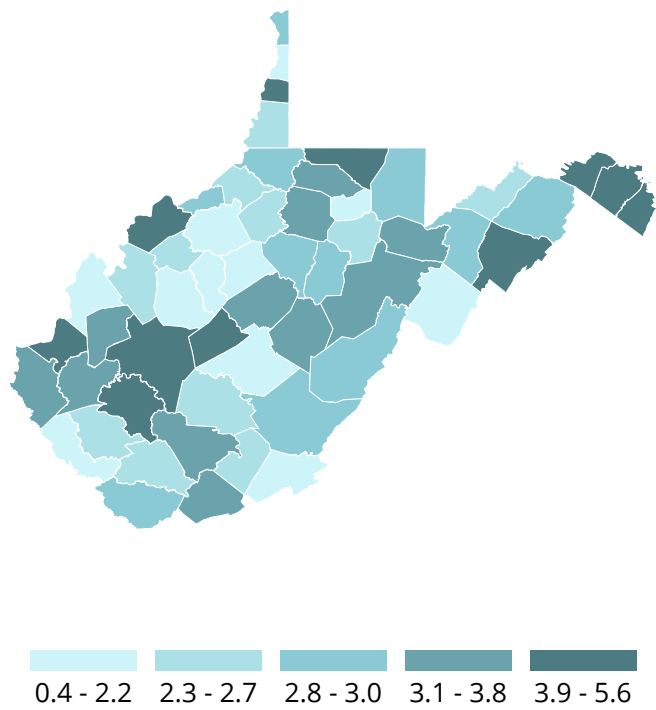
Race/ethnicity of same-sex couples (householder)



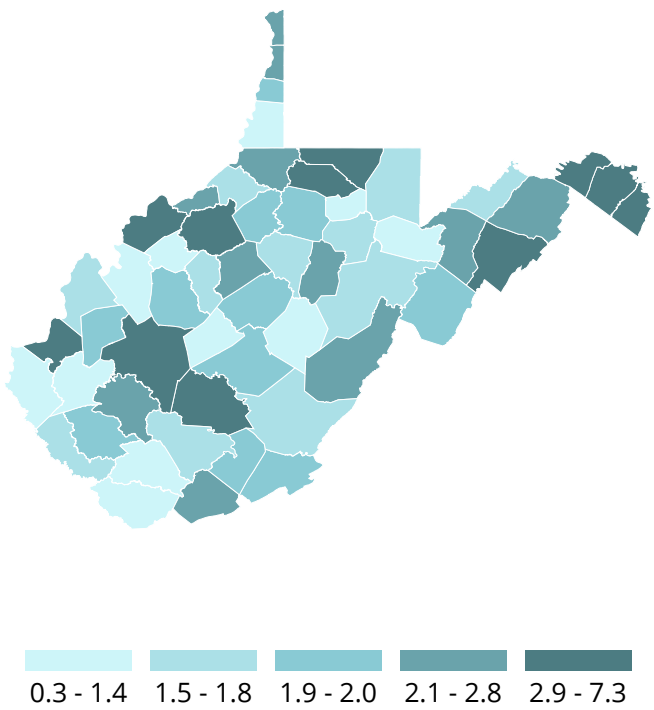
Gender of same-sex couples



Female SS couples per 1K households by county

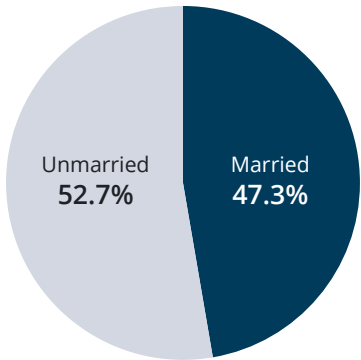


Male SS couples per 1K households by county

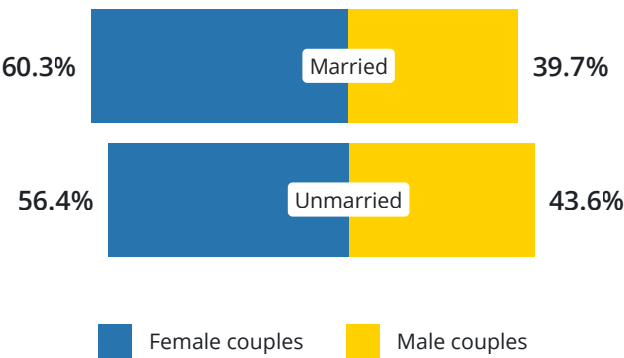


FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

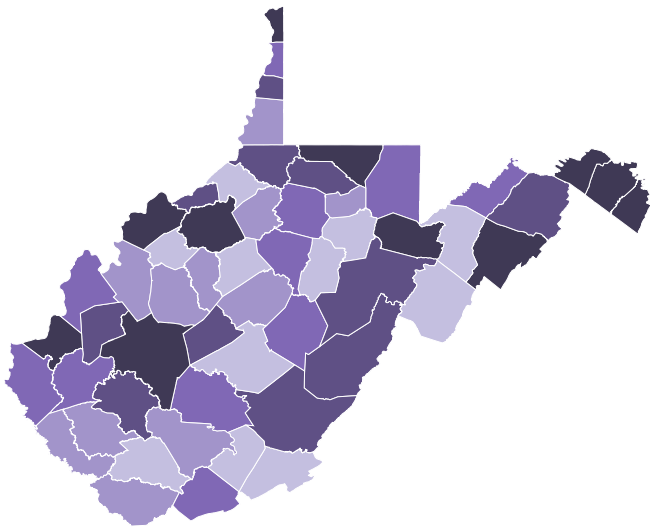
Marital status of same-sex couples



Gender of same-sex couples by marital status

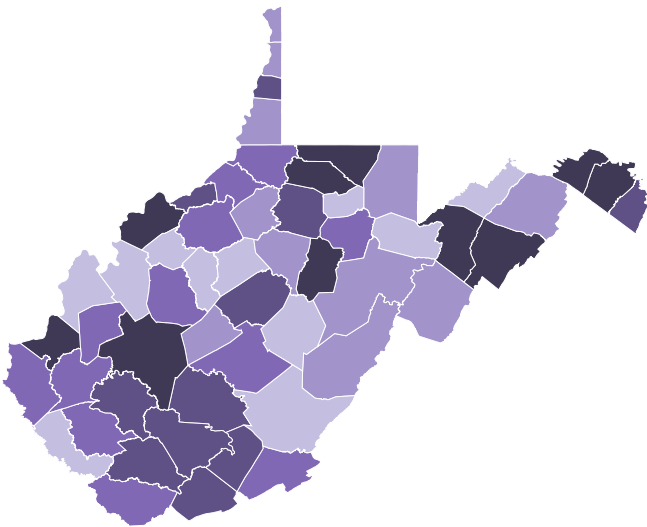


Married SS couples per 1K households by county



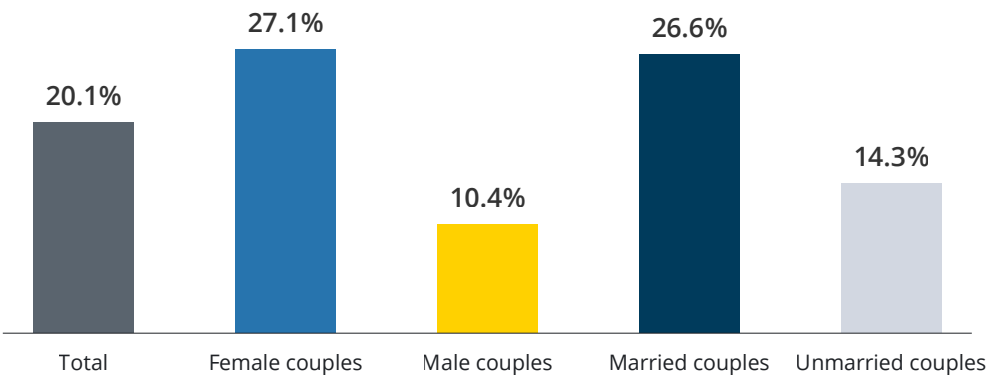
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Unmarried SS couples per 1K households by county

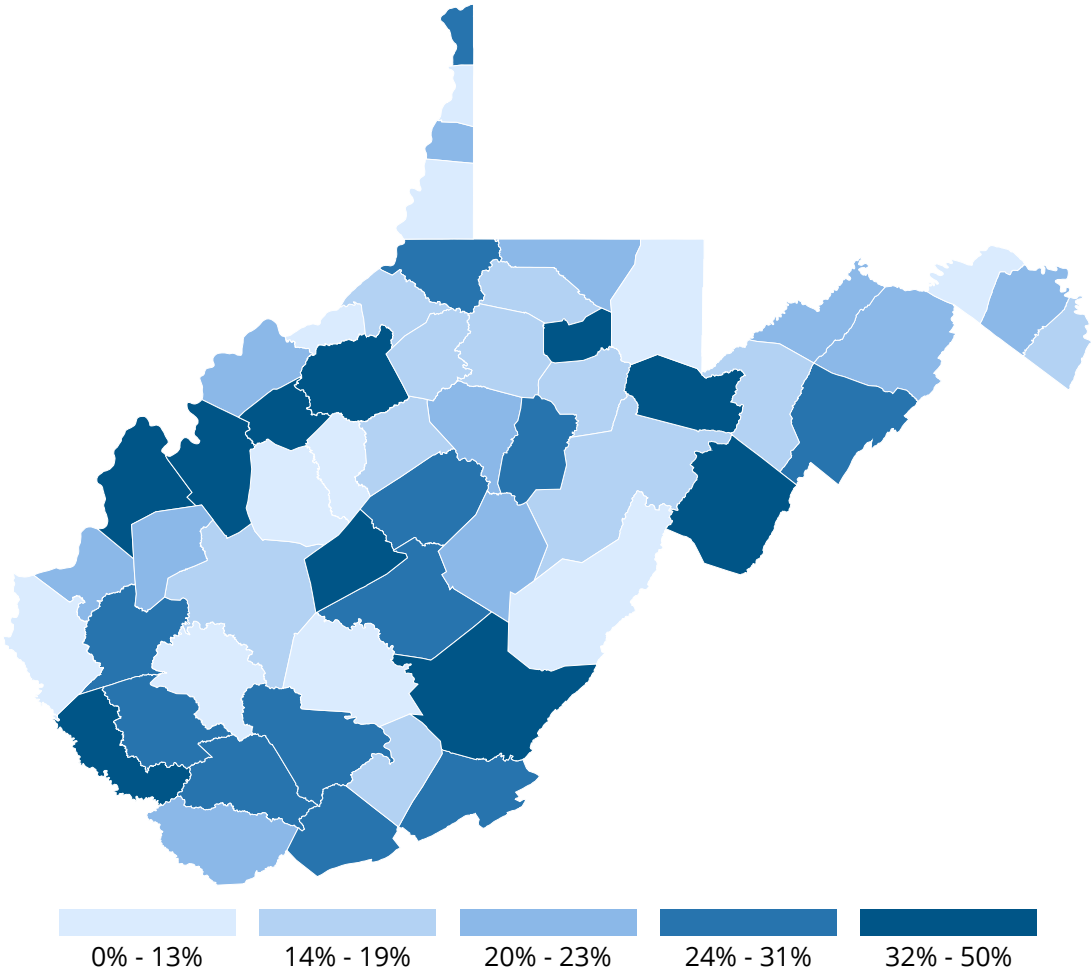


0.4 - 1.8 1.9 - 2.3 2.4 - 2.8 2.9 - 3.7 3.8 - 5.5

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	80	Hardy County	73	12.18	29	44	27%
2	180	Cabell County	396	9.92	224	172	20%
3	207	Berkeley County	458	9.70	262	196	20%
4	228	Kanawha County	754	9.50	436	318	16%
5	233	Monongalia County	420	9.46	248	172	20%
6	274	Jefferson County	197	8.99	104	93	15%
7	441	Morgan County	55	7.70	28	27	9%
8	563	Wood County	258	7.13	140	118	22%
9	597	Marion County	161	6.93	86	75	14%
10	807	Boone County	55	6.20	36	19	13%
11	834	Ohio County	112	6.11	76	36	23%
12	859	Mercer County	153	6.03	88	65	24%
13	940	Harrison County	158	5.78	102	56	18%
14	968	Putnam County	131	5.71	85	46	22%
15	1,009	Upshur County	54	5.63	29	25	28%
16	1,058	Fayette County	90	5.47	44	46	8%
17	1,117	Hampshire County	51	5.31	26	25	22%
18	1,138	Hancock County	67	5.24	36	31	27%
19	1,206	Raleigh County	152	5.01	102	50	26%
20	1,281	Wayne County	77	4.79	55	22	12%
21	1,330	Randolph County	51	4.64	35	16	18%
22	1,363	Logan County	59	4.53	35	24	29%
23	1,393	Preston County	57	4.40	39	18	12%
24	1,402	Greenbrier County	63	4.37	39	24	32%

Counties with <50 same-sex couples

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
Mineral County	46	4.14	27	19	22%
Brooke County	45	4.65	20	25	4%
Marshall County	45	3.48	29	16	13%
Jackson County	44	3.81	31	13	34%
Mason County	42	3.97	23	19	40%
Lincoln County	41	5.00	31	10	24%
Nicholas County	36	3.39	16	20	31%
Mingo County	35	3.50	19	16	49%
Wetzel County	33	5.30	19	14	24%

COUNTY	SAME-SEX COUPLES	SS COUPLES PER 1K HH	SS FEMALE COUPLES	SS MALE COUPLES	% RAISING OWN CHILDREN
Lewis County	32	4.50	21	11	22%
McDowell County	32	4.28	22	10	22%
Wyoming County	29	3.39	20	9	28%
Grant County	27	5.68	14	13	19%
Braxton County	26	5.02	16	10	31%
Roane County	25	4.22	13	12	8%
Barbour County	24	3.89	14	10	17%
Ritchie County	24	6.61	8	16	33%
Summers County	21	4.27	12	9	14%
Monroe County	20	3.90	10	10	30%
Taylor County	19	2.83	11	8	32%
Pocahontas County	18	5.20	10	8	6%
Clay County	16	4.96	13	3	50%
Pleasants County	16	5.56	8	8	6%
Tyler County	14	3.99	8	6	14%
Webster County	13	3.61	12	1	23%
Tucker County	12	4.01	10	2	42%
Doddridge County	11	4.05	6	5	18%
Pendleton County	10	3.67	5	5	50%
Gilmer County	7	2.78	1	6	14%
Calhoun County	6	2.22	2	4	0%
Wirt County	6	2.71	5	1	50%

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	395	Martinsburg	108	13.50
2	457	Huntington	262	12.90
3	581	Charleston	263	11.90
4	625	South Charleston	74	11.60
5	772	Morgantown	129	10.90
6	795	Parkersburg	143	10.80
7	805	St. Albans	53	10.70
8	1,483	Fairmont	65	8.40
9	1,663	Clarksburg	55	7.90
10	2,073	Beckley	52	6.80
11	2,330	Wheeling	74	6.00
12	2,363	Weirton	51	5.90

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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