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# LGBT ADULT IMMIGRANTS in the United States

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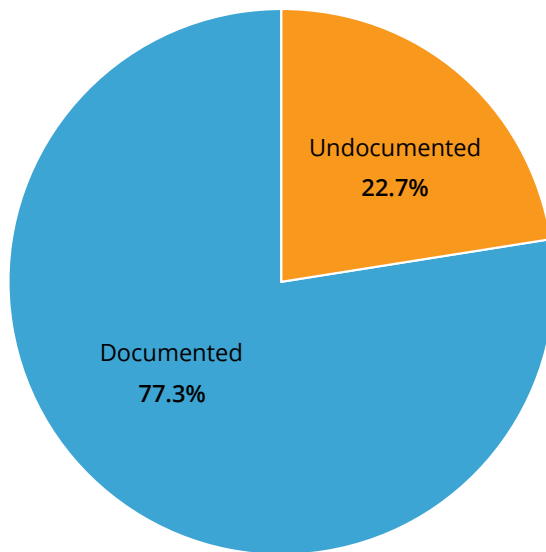
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the United States, little information is available about the number or characteristics of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) immigrants. Using data from the Pew Research Center, the 2017 Gallup Daily Tracking survey, and the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, this report estimates the number of LGBT-identified undocumented and documented adult immigrants and foreign-born residents who are part of a same-sex couple. It also describes some of their demographic characteristics. This report updates a 2013 Williams Institute report.<sup>1</sup>

### LGBT foreign-born adults in the United States by documentation status



Overall, there are an estimated 1,274,500 LGBT foreign-born adults in the U.S., including 289,700 (22.7%) who are undocumented and 984,800 (77.3%) who are documented.

In the U.S., about 128,500 same-sex couples include at least one foreign-born partner/spouse. Approximately 94,400 of these couples are binational, meaning that one partner/spouse is a native-born U.S. citizen and the other is either a naturalized citizen or a non-citizen.

## KEY FINDINGS: UNDOCUMENTED LGBT ADULT IMMIGRANTS

- There are an estimated 289,700 LGBT-identified individuals among the adult undocumented immigrant population, representing approximately 3.0% of undocumented adults in the U.S.
- Relative to all undocumented immigrants, LGBT undocumented immigrants are more often male and are younger.
  - Almost half (48.3%) of LGBT undocumented immigrants are between the ages of 18 and 29, compared with about a fifth of undocumented immigrants overall (21.9%).
  - 61.8% of LGBT undocumented immigrants are male compared to 54.0% of adult undocumented immigrants and 42.2% of all LGBT adults in the U.S.
- Three quarters (75.7%) of undocumented LGBT adults are Latino/a—similar to the percentage of all undocumented adults (73.3%).

- An estimated 209,500 undocumented LGBT adults were born in 10 Latin American countries, including 136,600 from Mexico and 48,300 from the Northern Triangle (El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras).
- More than one in ten (13.6%) undocumented LGBT adults are Asian or Pacific Islander—similar to the percentage of all undocumented adults (14.0%).
- An estimated 35,500 undocumented LGBT adults are from five countries in Asia: India, China, Philippines, Korea, and Vietnam.
- State-level estimates suggest that 59,600 undocumented LGBT adults live in California, 43,300 in Texas, 21,000 in Florida, 19,600 in New York, and 12,900 in New Jersey.

## KEY FINDINGS: DOCUMENTED LGBT ADULT IMMIGRANTS

- There are an estimated 984,800 LGBT-identified individuals among the adult documented immigrant population, representing approximately 3.0% of documented adults in the U.S..
- Like their undocumented counterparts, LGBT documented immigrants are more often male and are younger compared to all documented adults—54.5% of LGBT documented immigrants are male (versus 46.6% documented immigrants overall), and 39.9% are between the ages of 18 and 29 (versus 13.4% of documented immigrants overall).
- 39.0% of documented LGBT adults are Latino/a—similar to the percentage of all documented adults (36.2%).
- 31.9% of documented LGBT adults are Asian or Pacific Islander—similar to the percentage of all documented adults (31.2%).

## KEY FINDINGS: SAME-SEX COUPLES WITH A FOREIGN-BORN SPOUSE OR PARTNER

- There are an estimated 169,400 foreign-born individuals (naturalized citizens and non-citizens) who are part of a same-sex couple. An estimated 86,500 (51.0%) are naturalized citizens, while 82,900 (49.0%) of these individuals are not U.S. citizens.
- An estimated 128,500 same-sex couples include at least one foreign-born partner/spouse. Approximately 94,400 of these couples are binational, meaning that one partner/spouse is a native-born U.S. citizen and the other is either a naturalized citizen or a non-citizen.
- An estimated 18,200 same-sex couples with at least one foreign-born partner/spouse are raising an estimated 31,000 children under the age of 18.
- Dual non-citizens and dual naturalized citizen same-sex couples are the most likely to be raising children under age 18 (23.6% and 21.2%, respectively).

## INTRODUCTION

The Pew Research Center estimates that there are 44.4 million foreign-born immigrants living in the United States, including 42.9 million adults age 18 and older.<sup>2</sup> Of that group, an estimated 9.8 million are undocumented and 33.2 million are documented (Tables A1 and A2). Representative information about LGBT immigrants is largely missing for the U.S. population because large surveys conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, such as the American Community Survey and Current Population Survey, do not collect data about sexual orientation and gender identity. This research brief uses multiple data sources to produce estimates about LGBT immigrants including demographic characteristics of the adult foreign-born population, characteristics of LGBT-identified adults surveyed in the 2017 Gallup Daily tracking poll, and characteristics of same-sex couples in the 2017 American Community Survey.

The estimation procedure (described in the Methodology section) assumes that differences observed in the percentage of adults who self-identify as LGBT in the general U.S. population by sex, age, and race/ethnicity are similar within immigrant populations. For example, more females than males in the general U.S. population identify as LGBT. Since immigrant populations in the U.S. have a higher percentage of males than the general population, the methodology takes that into account and produces a lower estimate of LGBT identification, overall, for those who are foreign-born than for the overall general population.

Data from the 2017 ACS suggest that 0.6% of all adults in the U.S. are part of a same-sex couple compared to 0.4% of foreign-born individuals. This suggests that the percent of LGBT identification within immigrant populations may be lower than the percent of LGBT identification within the general U.S. adult population. The estimation procedure also takes this difference into account.

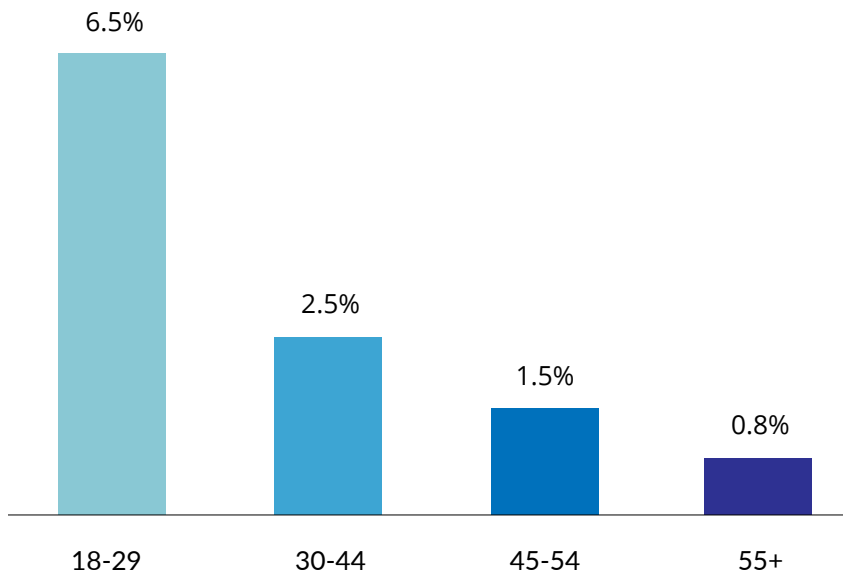
It is important to remember that the estimation procedures only consider LGBT identification, as opposed to same-gender behavior or attraction, and largely assume that such identification is lower within immigrant populations than the general population, similar to the lower rate of being in a same-sex couple among foreign-born individuals in the U.S. As such, all LGBT population estimates in this research brief are likely lower-bound estimates of the size of the immigrant sexual and gender minority population in the U.S.

## UNDOCUMENTED ADULT IMMIGRANTS

There are an estimated 289,700 LGBT-identified adult undocumented immigrants living the U.S.—approximately 3.0% of all undocumented immigrants (Table A1). This percentage varies by age, following general population trends, with a larger percentage of younger adults identifying as LGBT than older adults.

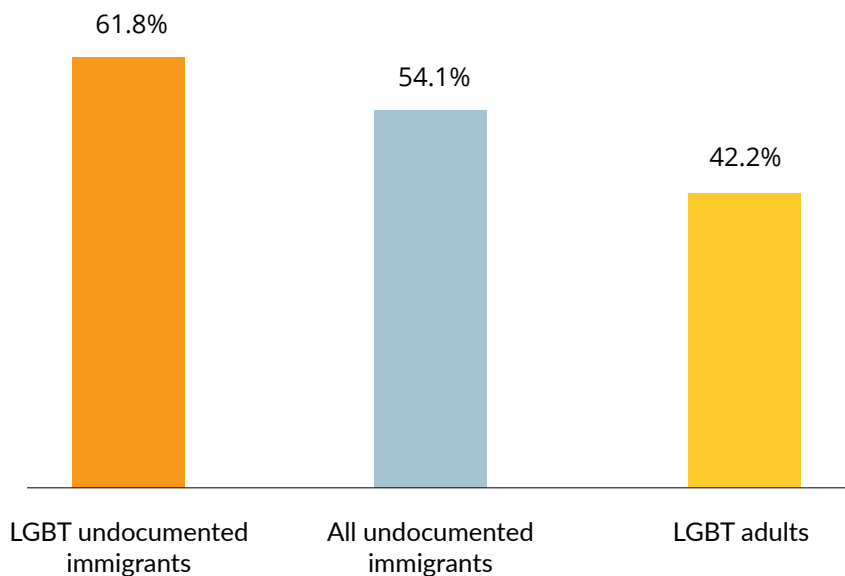
Approximately 6.5% of immigrants under age 30 are estimated to identify as LGBT compared to 2.5% of those aged 30-44, 1.5% of those aged 45-54, and less than 1% of those 55 years or older (see Figure 1).

Figure 1. Estimated percent LGBT among undocumented immigrant adults, by age

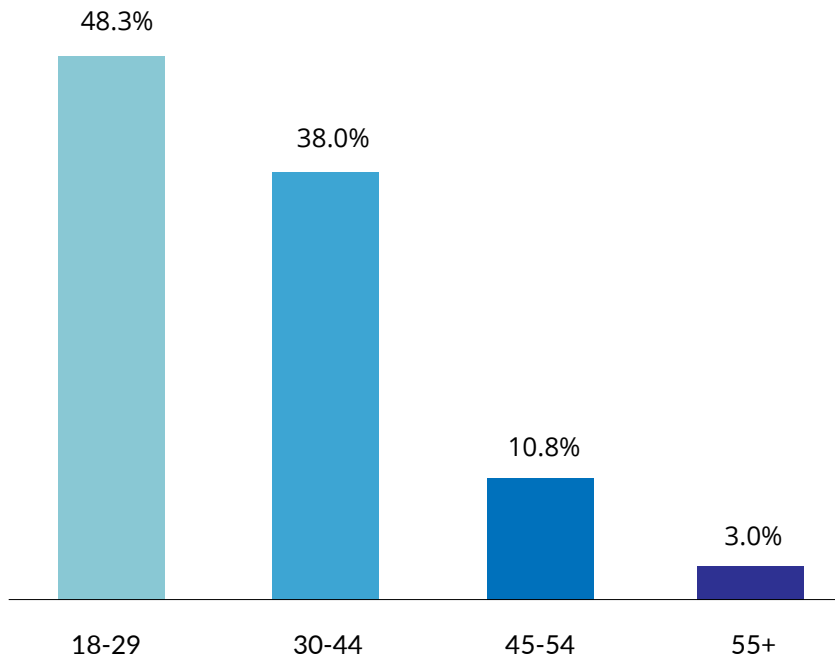


Pew Research Center data indicate that males comprise more than 54.0% of adult undocumented immigrants (Figure 2). Among LGBT undocumented immigrants, the estimated proportion of males is higher at approximately 61.8%. This contrasts with the broader LGBT community which is minority (42.2%) male.<sup>3</sup>

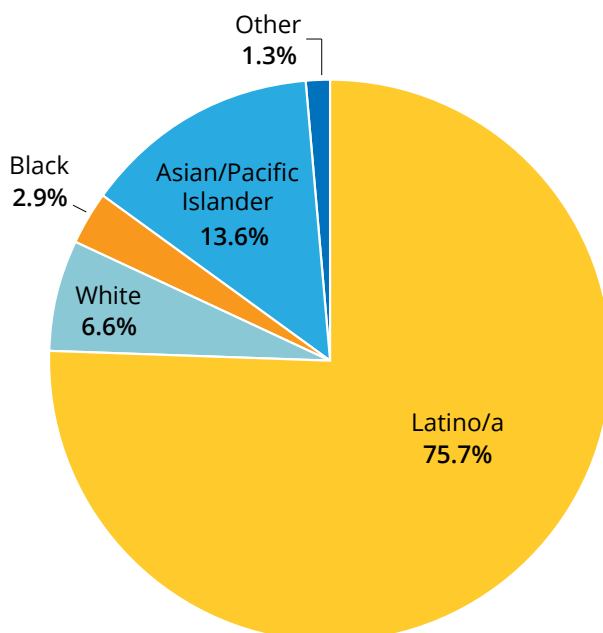
Figure 2. Percent male among undocumented immigrant and LGBT adults in the general population



LGBT undocumented immigrants are younger than the broader undocumented population. As shown in Figure 3 below, nearly half (48.3%) of LGBT undocumented immigrants are estimated to be under age 30. In contrast, among all undocumented immigrants, about a fifth (22.1%) (not shown) are under the age of 30.

**Figure 3. LGBT undocumented immigrant adults, by age**

A substantial majority of LGBT undocumented immigrants—approximately 76%—are estimated to identify as Latino/a (Figure 4). This is comparable to the 73.3% of all undocumented immigrants who are Latino/a. A comparable percentage of Asian and Pacific Islanders comprise both the LGBT undocumented immigrant population (13.6%) and the overall undocumented immigrant population (13.8%). Somewhat smaller proportions of LGBT undocumented immigrants identify as White (6.6%) or Black (2.9%), relative to the overall undocumented immigrant population (7.2% and 4.6%, respectively).

**Figure 4. LGBT undocumented immigrant adults, by race/ethnicity**

An estimated 209,500 undocumented LGBT adults<sup>i</sup> were born in 10 Latin American countries, including 136,600 from Mexico and 48,300 from the Northern Triangle (El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras) (Table 1). Another 35,500 undocumented LGBT adults are from five countries in Asia: India, China, Philippines, Korea, and Vietnam.

**Table 1. Estimated number of undocumented LGBT adults, by country of origin\***

COUNTRY	NUMBER
Mexico	136,600
El Salvador	20,700
Guatemala	16,600
India	14,500
Honduras	11,000
China	10,300
Dominican Republic	6,600
Brazil	4,400
Philippines	4,400
Korea	4,100
Colombia	3,900
Venezuela	3,600
Ecuador	3,300
Haiti	2,800
Peru	2,800
Jamaica	2,500
Former USSR	2,200
Vietnam	2,200
Canada	2,200
United Kingdom	1,900

\*Among largest birth countries. Total does not sum to 289,700 because all birth countries are not listed.

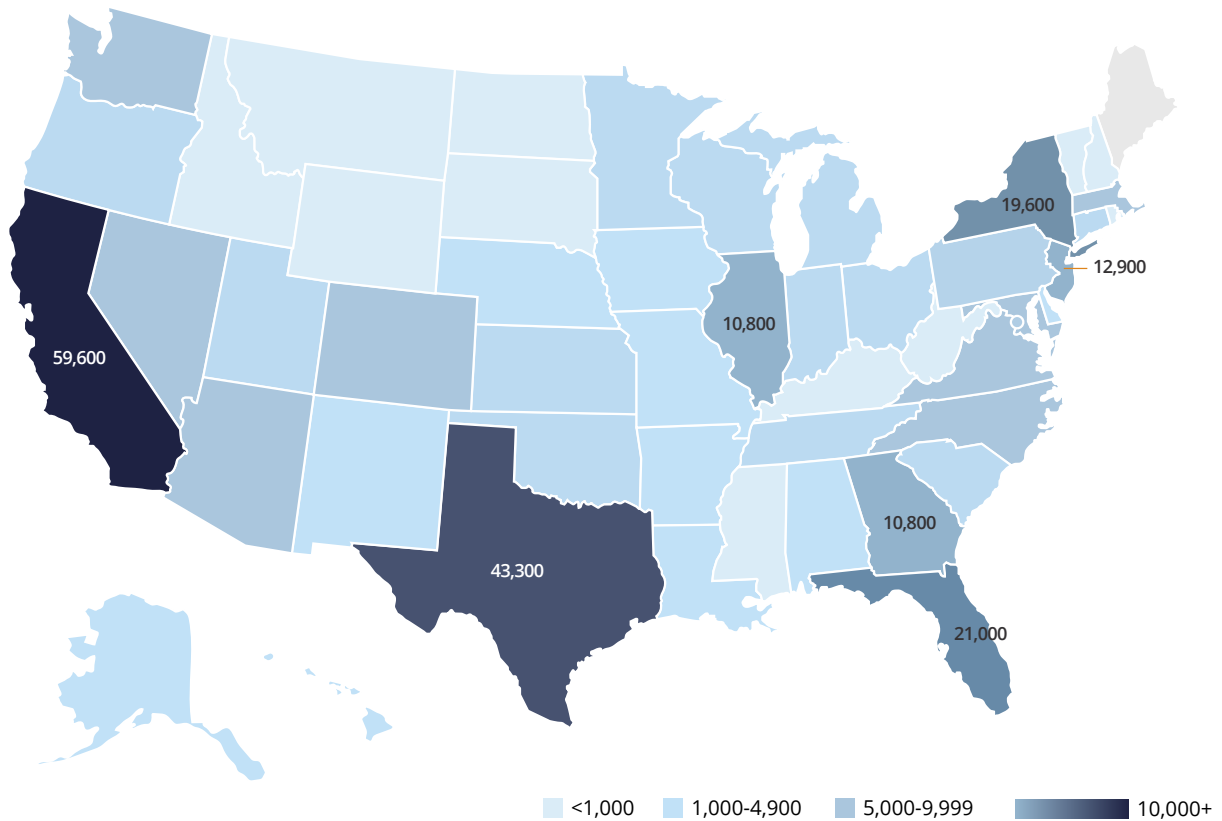
<sup>i</sup> Estimates were produced by applying (multiplying) the percent of undocumented immigrants from each country of origin as listed in Pew Research Center's table Among largest birth countries, unauthorized immigrant totals rose from Central America and India since 2007 but fell from Mexico to the estimate of LGBT undocumented immigrants derived in this report (see Methodology notes in Appendix). For example, 4,950,000 (47.1%) of 10,500,000 undocumented immigrants in 2017 were estimated by Pew to have been born in Mexico. Applying 47.1% to our estimate of 289,7000 undocumented LGBT immigrants, and rounding to the nearest 100, we obtain an estimate of 136,600 undocumented LGBT immigrants born in Mexico.

Table is printed in Passel, J.S. & Cohn, D. (2019) Mexicans decline to less than half the US unauthorized immigrant population for the first time. Fact Tank. News in the Numbers. Pew Research Center. <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/06/12/us-unauthorized-immigrant-population-2017/>



States with larger undocumented immigrant populations are likely to have the largest numbers of undocumented LGBT adults (Figure 5.) State-level estimates<sup>ii</sup> suggest that 59,600 undocumented LGBT adults live in California, 43,300 in Texas, 21,000 in Florida, 19,600 in New York, and 12,900 in New Jersey. (Table 2).

Figure 5. Estimated number of LGBT undocumented adults, by state



<sup>ii</sup> Estimates were produced by applying (multiplying) the percent of undocumented immigrants from each state as listed in Pew Research Center's table *U.S. unauthorized immigrant population estimates by state, 2016* to the estimate of LGBT undocumented immigrants derived in this report (see Methodology notes in Appendix). For example, 2,200,000 (20.6%) of 10,700,000 undocumented immigrants in 2016 were estimated by Pew to live in California. Applying 20.6% to our estimate of 289,7000 undocumented LGBT immigrants, and rounding to the nearest 100, we obtain an estimate of 59,600 undocumented LGBT immigrants residing in California. See Pew's state estimates at <https://www.pewresearch.org/hispanic/interactives/u-s-unauthorized-immigrants-by-state/>

**Table 2. Estimated number of undocumented LGBT adults, by state\***

STATE	NUMBER
California	59,600
Texas	43,300
Florida	21,000
New York	19,600
New Jersey	12,900
Georgia	10,800
Illinois	10,800
North Carolina	8,800
Arizona	7,400
Maryland	7,400
Virginia	7,400
Massachusetts	6,800
Washington	6,500
Nevada	5,700
Colorado	5,100

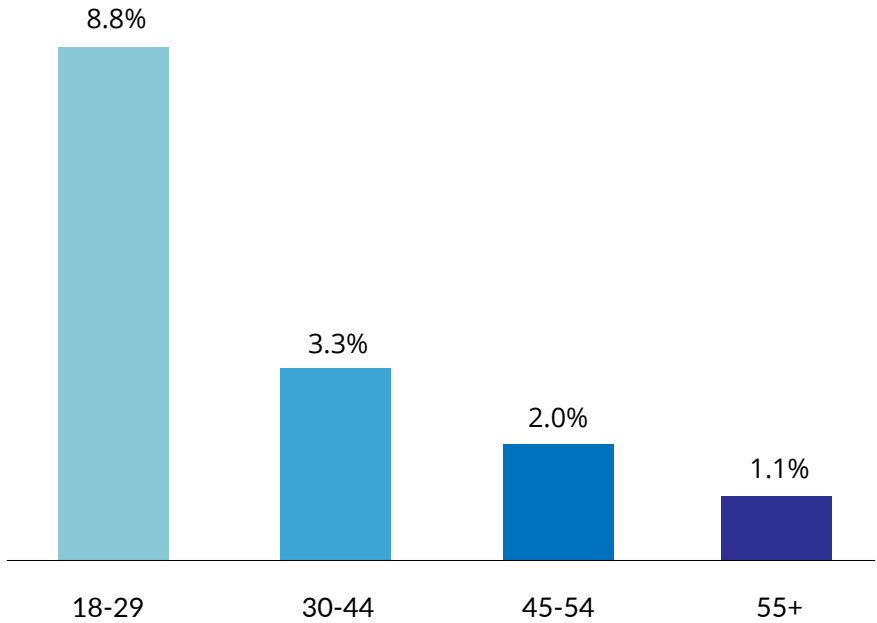
\*Among the top 15 states with at least 5,000 estimated undocumented LGBT adults

## DOCUMENTED ADULT IMMIGRANTS

There are an estimated 984,800 LGBT-identified adult documented immigrants living the U.S., approximately 3.0% of all documented immigrants (Table A2). Akin to patterns observed among undocumented immigrants, LGBT documented immigrants are more male and are younger compared to the overall documented immigrant population. The racial/ethnic profile of LGBT documented immigrants is comparable to that of the larger documented immigrant population.

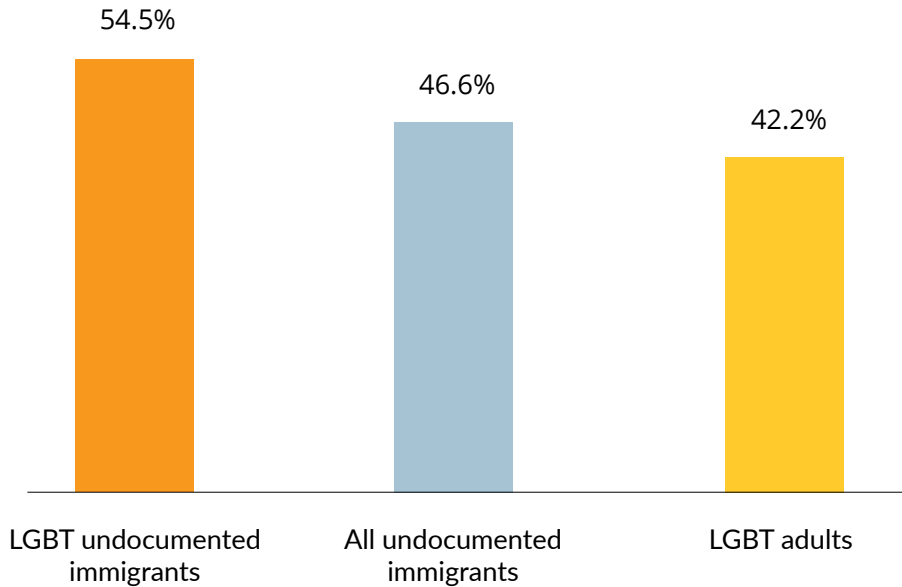
The estimated percent LGBT-identified is the highest for documented immigrants under age 30 (8.8%) whereas 3.3% of those age 30-44, 2.0% of those aged 45-53, and 1.1% of those aged 55 and older are estimated to identify as LGBT (Figure 6).

Figure 6. Estimated percent LGBT among documented immigrant adults, by age



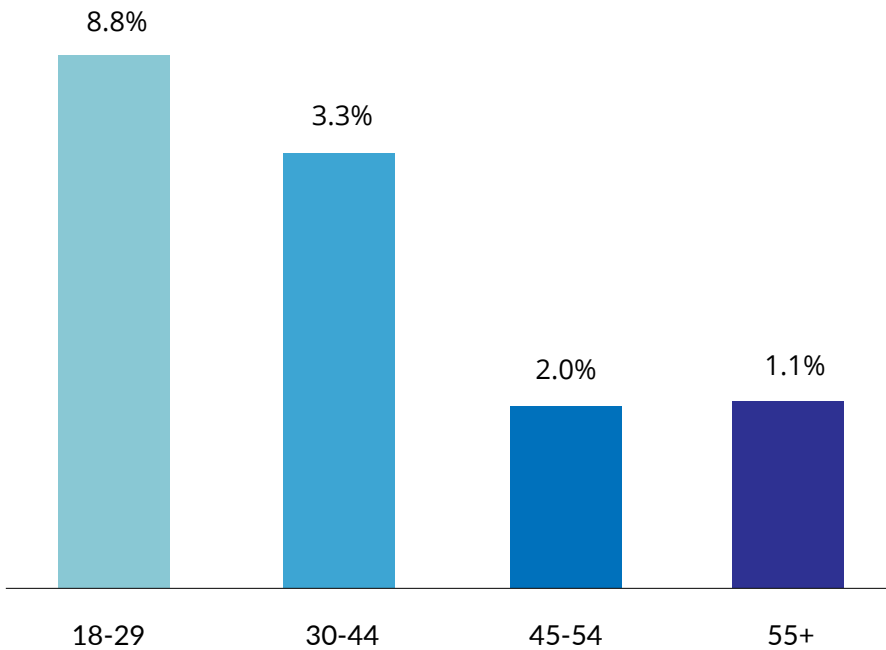
As shown in Figure 7, the estimated proportion of males (54.5%) is higher among LGBT documented immigrants than the larger documented population (46.6%) and the broader LGBT community (42.2%).<sup>4</sup>

Figure 7. Percent male among documented immigrant and LGBT adults in the general population



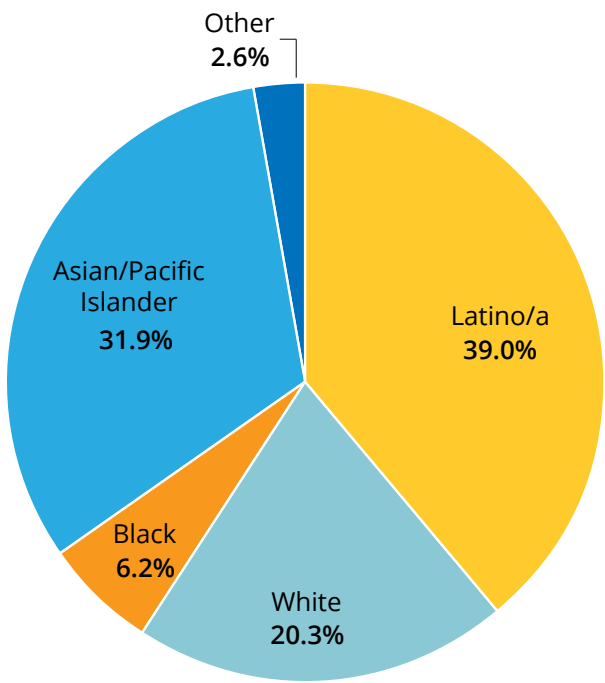
The estimated LGBT adult documented immigrant population under age 30 (39.9% as shown in Figure 8) is almost three times larger than the broader documented population under age 30 (13.4%) (not shown). Over a quarter (27.6%) of LGBT documented adults are estimated to be age 45 and up.

Figure 8. LGBT documented immigrant adults, by age



The racial/ethnic composition of LGBT documented immigrants is more varied than that of LGBT undocumented immigrants. More specifically, 39.0% are estimated to identify as Latino/a, 31.9% as Asian and Pacific Islanders, 20.3% as White, and 6.2% as Black (Figure 9). The racial/ethnic composition of the LGBT documented immigrant population is comparable to that of the overall documented adult immigrant population (Table A2).

Figure 9. LGBT documented immigrant adults, by race/ethnicity



## FOREIGN-BORN ADULTS IN SAME-SEX VS. DIFFERENT-SEX COUPLES

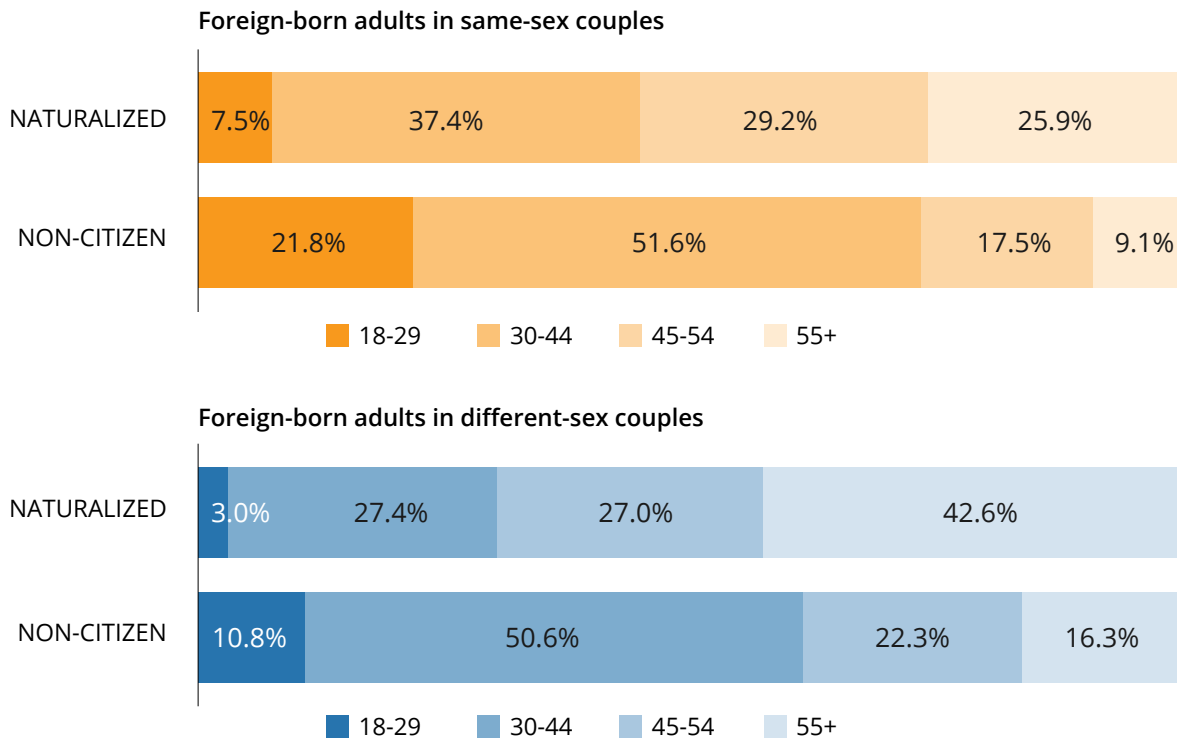
In the U.S., an estimated 169,400 foreign-born individuals, both citizens and non-citizens, are part of a same-sex couple (Table A3). An estimated 86,500 are naturalized citizens (51.0%), and 82,900 are not citizens (49.0%). They comprise 0.71% of all foreign-born individuals who are married or living with a partner, and about 10.2% of all individuals in same-sex couples (not shown).

Similar proportions of foreign-born individuals in same- and different-sex couples are naturalized citizens (51.0% vs. 53.6%, respectively) and non-citizens (49.0% vs. 46.4%, respectively).

Foreign-born individuals in same-sex couples, both naturalized citizens and non-citizens, are more likely to be male. More than half (58.4%) of naturalized citizens and 66.3% of non-citizens who have a same-sex spouse or partner are male.

Compared to foreign-born individuals in different-sex couples, those in same-sex couples are younger, on average, particularly among non-citizens (Figure 10). Over a fifth (21.8%) of non-citizens in same-sex couples are under age 30 compared to 10.8% of non-citizens in different-sex couples. Among naturalized citizens, 7.5% of individuals in same-sex couples and 3.0% of those in different-sex couples, respectively, are under age 30.

Figure 10. Foreign-born adults in same-sex and different-sex couples, by citizenship status and age



More naturalized citizens in same- versus different-sex couples are Latino/a (39.9% vs. 32.2%, respectively) and White (27.1% vs. 23.8%), and fewer are Asian (25.9% vs. 33.9%) and Black (4.2% vs. 8%). Similar proportions of naturalized citizens in same- and different-sex couples are another race/ethnicity (2.9% and 2.1%, respectively).

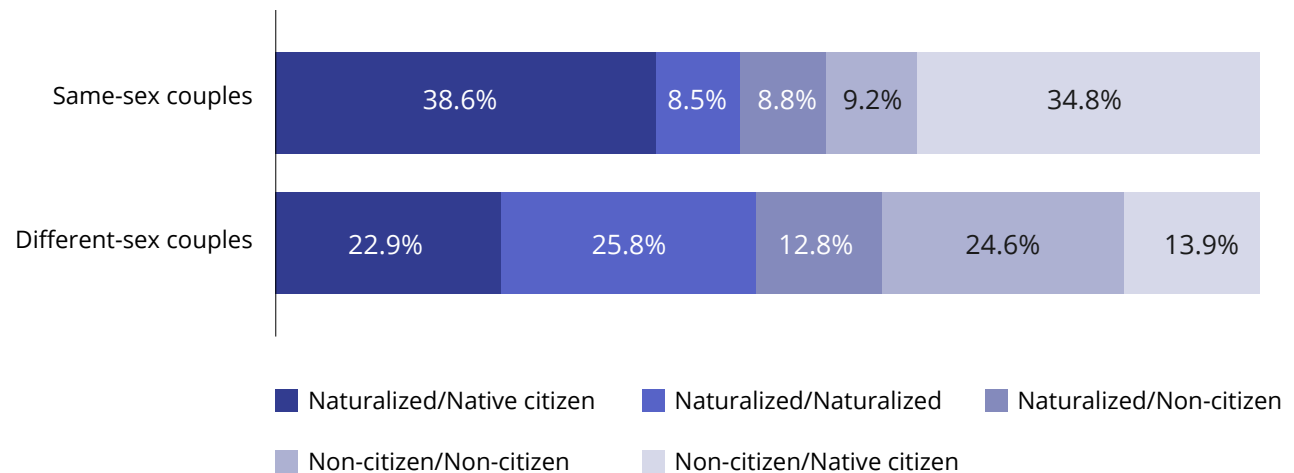
Among non-citizens, the proportion of individuals in same-sex couples that are White is twice as large as among different-sex couples (31.3% vs. 15.1%, respectively), while fewer are Latino/a (46.0% vs. 55.7%) or Asian (16.3% vs. 22.9%). Similar percentages of non-citizens in same- and different-sex couples are Black (4.3% vs. 4.7%) or another race/ethnicity (2.1% vs. 1.5%).

## COUPLES WITH AT LEAST ONE FOREIGN-BORN SPOUSE OR PARTNER

An estimated 128,500 same-sex couples residing in the U.S. include a foreign-born spouse or partner —16.7% of all same-sex couples (not shown). Among these, an estimated 94,400 are binational couples (including a native-born U.S. citizen and either a naturalized or non-citizen) and 11,800 are dual non-citizen couples (Table A4).

The citizenship status composition of same-sex couples that include a foreign-born spouse or partner is quite different from that of different-sex couples (Figure 11). More same-sex couples than different-sex couples include a non-citizen and a native-born citizen (34.8% vs. 13.9% respectively) and a naturalized and native-born citizen (38.6% vs. 22.9%, respectively). A much smaller proportion of same- than different-sex couples include two non-citizens (9.2% vs. 24.6%, respectively).

Figure 11. Foreign-born adults in same-sex and different-sex couples, by couple citizenship status

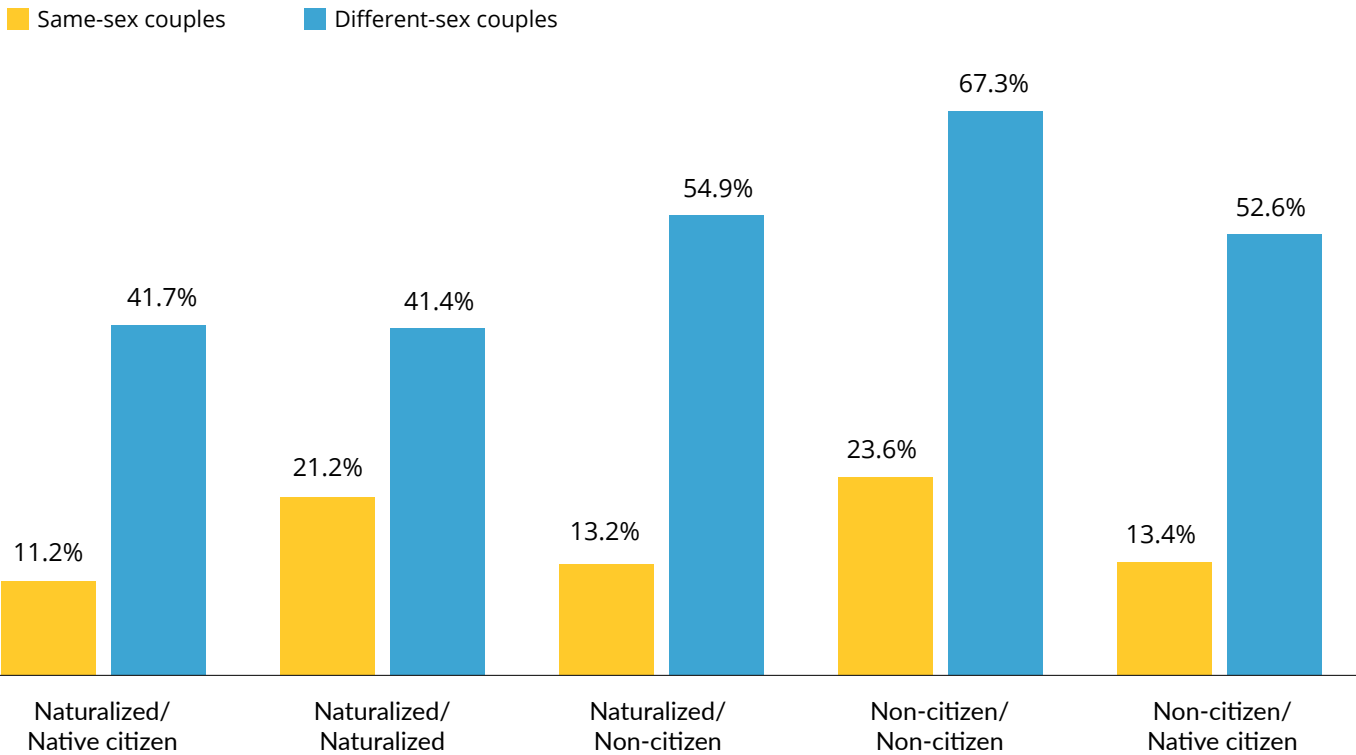


# CHILDREARING BY FOREIGN-BORN ADULTS IN SAME-SEX COUPLES WITH AT LEAST ONE FOREIGN-BORN SPOUSE OR PARTNER

An estimated 25,700 foreign-born adults who are part of a same-sex couple are raising children (biological, adopted, step, and/or foster children) under the age of 18 (Table A3). Among same-sex couples with at least one foreign-born partner/spouse, an estimated 14.1% or 18,200 of 128,500 couples are raising an estimated 31,000 children under the age of 18 (Table A5). These couples are raising an average of 1.7 children each. Across same-sex couples by citizenship status, more dual non-citizens and dual naturalized citizen couples, 23.6% and 21.2%, respectively, are raising children under age 18 (Figure 12).

A larger percentage of different-sex couples are raising children across citizenship status groups. This may be, in part, due to greater obstacles to family formation for same-sex couples, particularly same-sex male couples, who are the majority of same-sex couples that include at least one foreign-born spouse.

**Figure 12. Foreign-born adults in same-sex and different-sex couples with children, by citizenship status**



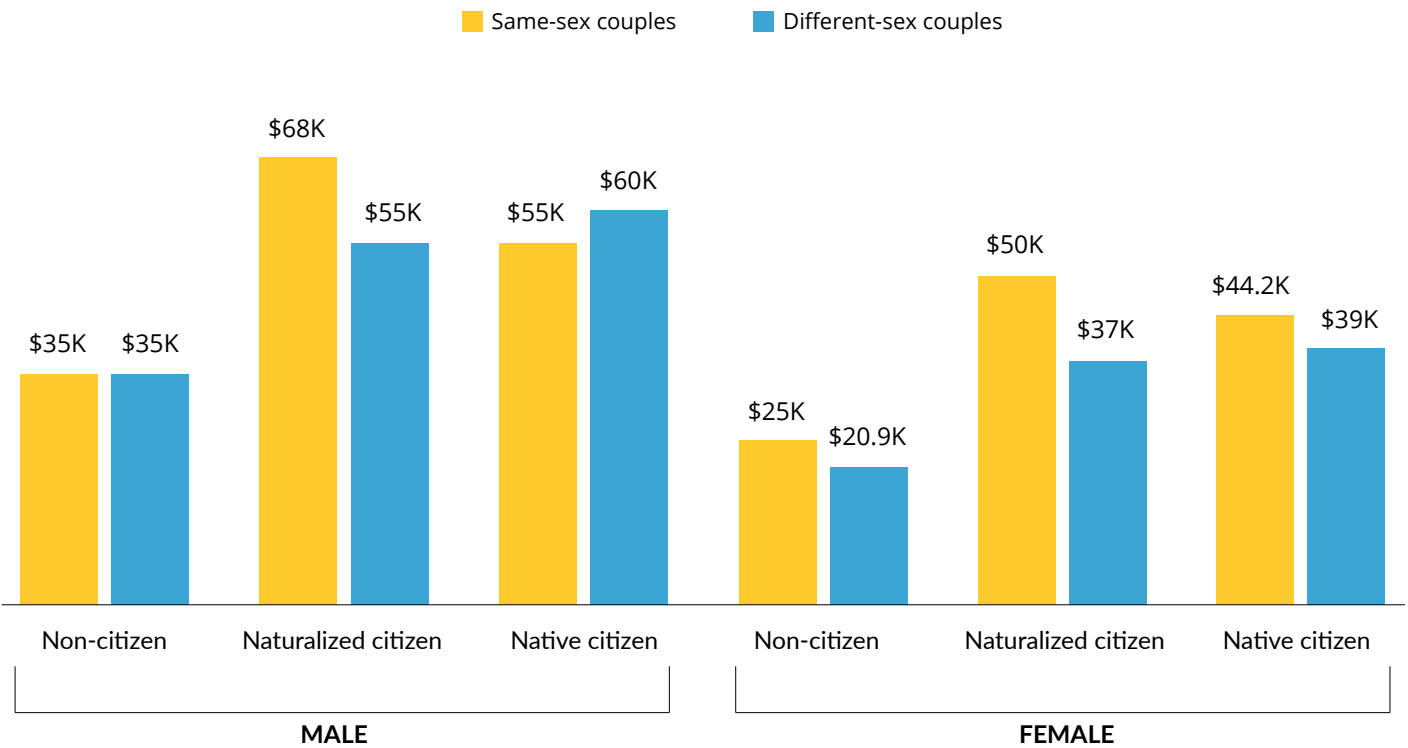
# SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS OF ADULTS IN COUPLES WITH AT LEAST ONE FOREIGN-BORN SPOUSE/PARTNER

Over three-quarters of adults in same-sex couples with a foreign-born spouse/partner are in the labor force and most (95% or more) of these individuals are employed (Table A6). Naturalized citizens in same-sex couples are the most likely to be in the labor force (88.1% of males and 86.0% of females) and employed (97.9% of males and 98.7% of females in the workforce). The median annual personal income for male naturalized citizens is the highest at \$68,000 (Figure 13), as is the percent (66.0%) with a college degree.

Among individuals in same-sex couples with a foreign-born spouse/partner, females and males have similar rates of labor force participation and employment. However, the annual median personal income of females is much lower than that of their male counterparts within each citizenship status group (e.g., non-citizen, naturalized, native citizen) (Figure 13). For instance, non-citizen females reported \$25,000 in earnings as compared to \$35,000 among non-citizen males. Among naturalized citizens, the gender gap in income was \$50,000 as compared to \$68,000, and among native citizens, females made \$44,200 as compared to \$55,000. Smaller percentages of females have college degrees than males among non-citizens (37.4% vs. 49.6%), naturalized citizens (53.3% vs. 66.0%), and native citizens (47.7% vs. 51.3%), respectively.

Personal earnings, on average, are lower among individuals in different-sex couples who are in the workforce, as compared to those in same-sex couples. The percent of individuals in different-sex couples who have a college degree ranges from about 30.0% to 41.0%, which is lower than observed among most groups of individuals in same-sex couples. Educational attainment is comparable between males and females in different-sex couples; however, gender-related gaps in earnings are even larger for different-sex couples than observed among same-sex couples.

**Figure 13. Median annual personal income among foreign-born adults in the work force, by sex, citizenship status, and membership in a same- or different-sex couple**





## METHODOLOGY

### DATA SOURCES

- Jeffrey Passel at The Pew Research Center provided tabulations by age, sex, and race/ethnicity of the estimated adult undocumented and documented foreign-born immigrant population in the U.S. using 2017 American Community Survey (ACS) data. Estimates are consistent with those published June 12, 2019 in Passel, J.S. & Cohn, D. Mexicans decline to less than half the U.S. unauthorized immigrant population for the first time. Fact Tank. News in the Numbers. Pew Research Center. <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/06/12/us-unauthorized-immigrant-population-2017/>
- 2017 Gallup Daily tracking survey of U.S. adults<sup>5</sup>
- 2017 American Community Survey (ACS) Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS), obtained from IPUMS USA<sup>6</sup>

### ESTIMATION PROCEDURE FOR LGBT FOREIGN-BORN IMMIGRANTS

The estimation procedure applies an adjusted % LGBT to the undocumented and documented immigrant population, accounting for differences across sex (male and female), age (18-29, 30-44, 45-54, and 55+) and race/ethnicity (Latino/a, White, Black, Asian/Pacific Islander, and other race/ethnicity) categories.

Data from the 2017 ACS suggest that 0.6% of all adults in the U.S. are part of a same-sex couple compared to 0.4% of foreign-born individuals. This offers evidence that the percent of self-identified LGBT within immigrant populations may be lower than the percent of LGBT identification within the general U.S. adult population. The estimation procedure attempts to take this difference into account.

The procedure is as follows:

1. Calculate the percent of all U.S. adults who identify as LGBT, overall, and separately for each sex, age, and race/ethnicity category described above using the 2017 Gallup Daily tracking survey data.
2. Calculate the percent of individuals who are part of a same-sex cohabiting couple (as partners or spouses), among all adults 18+, within the sex, age, and race/ethnicity categories listed above (ACS 2017).
3. Calculate the percent of foreign-born individuals in the U.S. who are part of a same-sex cohabiting couple (as partners or spouses), among all adults 18+ within each sex, age, and race/ethnicity category (ACS 2017).
4. Calculate an adjustment factor, overall, and within each sex, age, and race/ethnicity category by dividing the percent of foreign-born adults who are part of a same-sex couple by the percent of all adults in the U.S. who are part of a same-sex couple (ACS 2017).
5. Calculate an adjusted % LGBT for immigrants by multiplying the % LGBT among adults in the U.S. (Gallup Daily tracking survey) by the adjustment factor described above, overall, and within each sex, age, and race/ethnicity category.
6. Apply (multiply) the adjusted % LGBT, overall, and for each sex, age, and race/ethnicity category to the undocumented and documented immigrant population estimates provided

by Pew Research Center. Then, determine the distribution (percent) of undocumented and documented immigrants within each level of sex, age, and race/ethnicity (e.g., number male LGBT undocumented immigrants/total LGBT undocumented immigrants).

7. Use the estimated # of LGBT undocumented and documented immigrants, derived from applying the adjusted % LGBT nationally (3.0%) to the overall Pew immigrant population estimates, as the denominator of LGBT undocumented (n=289,660 unrounded) and documented (n=984,845 unrounded) LGBT immigrants.
8. Apply (multiply) the % distribution of sex, age, and race/ethnicity among LGBT undocumented and documented immigrants computed in step 6, to the estimated number of LGBT undocumented and documented immigrants computed in step 7, to derive an estimate of the number of LGBT undocumented and documented immigrants in each sex, age, and race/ethnicity group that sums to the LGBT undocumented and documented immigrant totals (e.g., denominators reported in step 7).
9. Calculate an estimated % LGBT for each level of sex, age, and race/ethnicity for LGBT undocumented immigrants and undocumented immigrants by dividing the estimated number of LGBT immigrants in each sociodemographic group by the total number of immigrants in each group (separately for undocumented and documented immigrants).
10. Round all estimates to the nearest 100.

## SAME-SEX AND DIFFERENT-SEX COUPLE ESTIMATES

Characteristics of individuals in same-sex and different-sex couples (foreign-born and by citizenship status, sex, age, and race/ethnicity), as well as characteristics of couples, are all derived from Stata analyses of the 2017 American Community Survey Integrated Public Use Microdata Sample (ACS IPUMS). Individuals in couples that may have inadvertently been categorized as a same-sex couple were excluded from analyses following adjustment procedures described elsewhere.<sup>7,8</sup> As such, same-sex couple estimates contained in this brief are more conservative (are smaller) than those published by the U.S. Census Bureau.

To determine the number of foreign-born adults in same-sex (169,400) and different-sex couples (23,691,100) (Table A3), percent (55.6%) of foreign-born adults ages 18+ residing in a couple household (ACS 2017) was applied to the estimated total number of immigrants (42,900,000) provided by Pew Research Center. Next, the percent same-sex (0.71%) and different-sex couples (99.3%) among all couple households that include at least one foreign-born adult was applied to the estimated number of immigrant adults living in couple households. These population denominators were then used in conjunction with weighted ACS percentages to calculate the estimated numbers of individuals in each citizenship status and socio-demographic group. Estimates were rounded to the nearest 100.

Estimated numbers of same-sex and different-sex couples (Tables A4 and A5) were Stata weighted population counts based on the ACS 2017.

Given that the estimated number of foreign-born adults in same-sex couples shown in Table 3A (169,400) is based upon Pew's estimated number of adult immigrants, whereas the total number of foreign-born people expected from the couple-level estimates shown in Table 4A (162,500) are derived directly from the ACS, it is not surprising that they are close (within 5% of each other), but are not exact. Adding questions about sexual orientation and gender identity to the ACS will enable the provision of more precise estimates of the foreign-born LGBT population.

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## APPENDIX

Table A1. Characteristics of undocumented adult immigrants in the United States

	LGBT		ALL		ESTIMATED % LGBT
	ESTIMATE	PERCENT	ESTIMATE <sup>#</sup>	PERCENT	
<b>TOTAL</b>	289,700	100%	9,750,000	100%	3.0%
Male	179,000	61.8%	5,275,000	54.1%	3.4%
Female	110,600	38.2%	4,475,000	45.9%	2.5%
Age 18-29	139,800	48.3%	2,150,000	21.9%	6.5%
Age 30-44	110,000	38.0%	4,450,000	45.4%	2.5%
Age 45-54	31,300	10.8%	2,100,000	21.7%	1.5%
Age 55+	8,600	3.0%	1,050,000	11.0%	0.8%
Latino/a	219,300	75.7%	7,150,000	73.3%	3.1%
White	19,200	6.6%	700,000	7.1%	2.7%
Black	8,300	2.9%	450,000	4.6%	1.8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	39,200	13.6%	1,350,000	14.0%	2.9%
Other race/ethnicity	3,600	1.3%	100,000	1.0%	3.6%

All counts are rounded to the nearest 100. Totals and percentages may not add to overall estimated totals or to 100% due to rounding.

<sup>#</sup> Notes on estimates provided by Pew Research Center. Legal immigrant estimates rounded to nearest 10,000. For unauthorized immigrant rounding conventions see Methodology in <https://www.pewhispanic.org/2018/11/27/u-s-unauthorized-immigrant-total-dips-to-lowest-level-in-a-decade/>

Table A2. Characteristics of documented adult immigrants in the United States

	LGBT		ALL		ESTIMATED % LGBT
	ESTIMATE	PERCENT	ESTIMATE	PERCENT	
<b>TOTAL</b>	984,800	100%	33,150,000	100%	3.0%
Male	536,600	54.5%	15,440,000	46.6%	3.5%
Female	448,300	45.5%	17,710,000	53.4%	2.5%
Age 18-29	392,400	39.9%	4,460,000	13.4%	8.8%
Age 30-44	320,800	32.6%	9,590,000	28.9%	3.3%
Age 45-54	134,200	13.6%	6,660,000	20.1%	2.0%
Age 55+	137,400	14.0%	12,450,000	37.5%	1.1%
Latino/a	384,200	39.0%	11,990,000	36.2%	3.2%
White	200,300	20.3%	7,000,000	21.1%	2.9%
Black	60,700	6.2%	3,150,000	9.5%	1.9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	314,400	31.9%	10,350,000	31.2%	3.0%
Other race/ethnicity	25,200	2.6%	660,000	2.0%	3.8%

All counts are rounded to the nearest 100. Totals and percentages may not add to overall estimated totals or to 100% due to rounding.

**Table A3. Characteristics of individual adults in same-sex and different-sex couples who are foreign-born and living in the United States**

	FOREIGN-BORN INDIVIDUALS IN SAME-SEX COUPLES		FOREIGN-BORN INDIVIDUALS IN DIFFERENT-SEX COUPLES		ESTIMATED % INDIVIDUALS IN SAME-SEX COUPLES (among all foreign-born couples)
	ESTIMATE	PERCENT	ESTIMATE	PERCENT	
<b>TOTAL</b>	169,400	100%	23,691,100	100%	0.71%
<b>CITIZENSHIP STATUS</b>					
Naturalized	86,500	51.0%	12,700,800	53.6%	0.68%
Non-citizen	82,900	49.0%	10,990,300	46.4%	0.75%
<b>SEX</b>					
<b>Naturalized</b>					
Male	50,500	58.4%	6,297,100	49.6%	0.80%
Female	35,900	41.6%	6,403,700	50.4%	0.56%
<b>Non-citizen</b>					
Male	55,000	66.3%	5,453,400	49.6%	1.00%
Female	28,000	33.7%	5,536,900	50.4%	0.50%
<b>AGE</b>					
<b>Naturalized</b>					
18-29	6,500	7.5%	383,600	3.0%	1.67%
30-44	32,300	37.4%	3,481,300	27.4%	0.92%
45-54	25,300	29.2%	3,431,800	27.0%	0.73%
55+	22,400	25.9%	5,404,200	42.6%	0.41%
<b>Non-citizen</b>					
18-29	18,100	21.8%	1,189,100	10.8%	1.50%
30-44	42,800	51.6%	5,556,700	50.6%	0.76%
45-54	14,500	17.5%	2,453,000	22.3%	0.59%
55+	7,500	9.1%	1,791,400	16.3%	0.42%
<b>RACE/ ETHNICITY</b>					
<b>Naturalized</b>					
Latino/a	34,500	39.9%	4,087,100	32.2%	0.84%
White	23,400	27.1%	3,019,000	23.8%	0.77%
Black	3,600	4.2%	1,019,900	8.0%	0.36%
Asian/API	22,400	25.9%	4,309,400	33.9%	0.52%
Other	2,500	2.9%	264,200	2.1%	0.95%

	FOREIGN-BORN INDIVIDUALS IN SAME-SEX COUPLES		FOREIGN-BORN INDIVIDUALS IN DIFFERENT-SEX COUPLES		ESTIMATED % INDIVIDUALS IN SAME-SEX COUPLES (among all foreign-born couples)
	ESTIMATE	PERCENT	ESTIMATE	PERCENT	
<b>Non-citizen</b>					
Latino/a	38,100	46.0%	6,124,900	55.7%	0.62%
White	25,900	31.3%	1,660,600	15.1%	1.54%
Black	3,600	4.3%	514,300	4.7%	0.70%
Asian/API	13,600	16.3%	2,521,200	22.9%	0.53%
Other	1,700	2.1%	169,300	1.5%	1.01%
<b>CHILDREN &lt;18 IN THE HOUSE<sup>a</sup></b>					
<b>Naturalized</b>					
Children in the home	11,900	13.8%	5,522,300	43.5%	0.21%
No children in home	74,600	86.3%	7,178,500	56.5%	1.03%
<b>Non-citizen</b>					
Children in the home	13,800	16.6%	6,856,800	62.4%	0.20%
No children in home	69,200	83.4%	4,133,500	37.6%	1.65%

All counts are rounded to the nearest 100. Totals and percentages may not add to overall estimated totals or to 100% due to rounding.

<sup>a</sup> Children in the house limited to children (age <18) who are listed as biological, adopted, step, or foster child of the householder.

**Table A4. Couples living in the US that include a foreign-born spouse or partner, by citizenship status of spouses/partners**

	SAME-SEX COUPLES		DIFFERENT-SEX COUPLES		ESTIMATED % SAME-SEX COUPLES AMONG ALL COUPLES
	ESTIMATE	PERCENT	ESTIMATE	PERCENT	
<b>TOTAL</b>	128,500	100%	14,002,200	100%	1.20%
Naturalized/Native citizen	49,600	38.6%	3,202,300	22.9%	1.50%
Naturalized/Naturalized	10,900	8.5%	3,616,800	25.8%	0.30%
Naturalized/Non-citizen	11,400	8.8%	1,792,300	12.8%	0.63%
Non-citizen/Non-citizen	11,800	9.2%	3,448,700	24.6%	0.34%
Non-citizen/Native citizen	44,800	34.8%	1,942,100	13.9%	2.30%

All counts are rounded to the nearest 100. Totals and percentages may not add to overall estimated totals or to 100% due to rounding.

**Table A5. Childrearing among couples living in the US that include a foreign-born spouse or partner, by citizenship status of spouses/partners**

	SAME-SEX COUPLES		DIFFERENT-SEX COUPLES		ESTIMATED % SAME-SEX COUPLES AMONG ALL COUPLES
	ESTIMATE	PERCENT	ESTIMATE	PERCENT	
<b>TOTAL</b>	128,500	100%	14,002,200	100%	1.20%
Children in the home	18,200	14.1%	7,157,900	51.1%	0.25%
No children in the home	110,300	85.9%	6,844,300	48.9%	1.59%
Total number of children under age 18 in the home	31,000		13,883,500		
Mean number of children under age 18 in home	1.7		1.9		

	SAME-SEX COUPLES		DIFFERENT-SEX COUPLES		ESTIMATED % SAME-SEX COUPLES AMONG ALL COUPLES
	ESTIMATE	PERCENT	ESTIMATE	PERCENT	
<b>Naturalized/Native citizen</b>					
Children in the home	5,600	11.2%	1,335,400	41.7%	0.41%
No children in the home	44,100	88.8%	1,866,900	58.3%	2.31%
<b>Naturalized/Naturalized</b>					
Children in the home	2,300	21.2%	1,496,600	41.4%	0.15%
No children in the home	8,600	78.9%	2,120,100	58.6%	0.41%
<b>Naturalized/Non-citizen</b>					
Children in the home	1,500	13.2%	983,800	54.9%	0.15%
No children in the home	9,900	86.8%	808,500	45.1%	1.21%
<b>Non-citizen/Non-citizen</b>					
Children in the home	2,800	23.6%	2,320,300	67.3%	0.12%
No children in the home	9,000	76.4%	1,128,400	32.7%	0.79%
<b>Non-citizen /Native citizen</b>					
Children in the home	6,000	13.4%	1,022,300	52.6%	0.58%
No children in the home	38,700	86.6%	919,800	47.4%	4.04%

All counts are rounded to the nearest 100. Totals and percentages may not add to overall estimated totals or to 100% due to rounding.

<sup>a</sup> Children in the house limited to children (age <18) who are listed as biological, adopted, step, or foster child of the householder



**Table A6. Economic status of individual adults in same-sex and different-sex couples where at least one spouse/partner is foreign-born and living in the US, by citizenship status and sex**

	INDIVIDUALS IN SAME-SEX COUPLES			INDIVIDUALS IN DIFFERENT-SEX COUPLES		
	FOREIGN-BORN		NATIVE CITIZENS	FOREIGN-BORN		NATIVE CITIZENS
	NON-CITIZENS	NATURALIZED		NON-CITIZENS	NATURALIZED	
College degree						
Male	49.6%	66.0%	51.3%	30.1%	41.4%	36.4%
Female	37.4%	53.3%	47.7%	31.2%	41.0%	38.0%
In the labor force						
Male	77.4%	88.1%	80.9%	89.1%	77.6%	72.8%
Female	78.1%	86.0%	80.6%	50.8%	62.3%	62.0%
Employed (among those in the labor force)						
Male	95.5%	97.9%	96.2%	97.0%	97.6%	97.5%
Female	93.8%	98.7%	97.0%	92.9%	96.5%	97.2%
Median annual personal income						
In the labor force						
Male	\$35,000	\$68,000	\$55,000	\$35,000	\$55,000	\$60,000
Female	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$44,200	\$20,900	\$37,000	\$39,000
Not in the labor force						
Male	\$0	\$11,800	\$16,800	\$7,800	\$16,400	\$27,000
Female	\$0	\$12,000	\$14,500	\$0	\$2,800	\$8,500

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