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To improve our understanding of how family structure is linked to the health and well-being of children, adults, families, and communities and to inform policy development and programmatic responses.

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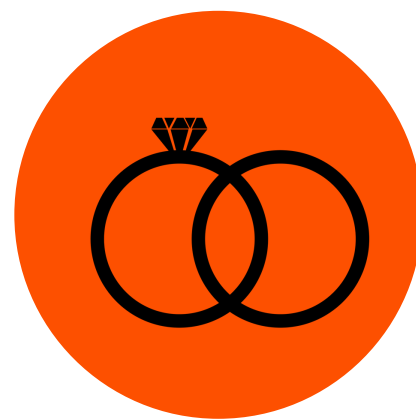
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+ Fast Facts on American Same-Sex Couples



About **4%** of all U.S. marriages in 2022 were among same-sex couples. ([FP-23-27](#))



There were over **40,000** marriages to female same-sex couples and nearly **33,000** to male same-sex couples, along with over **1.8 million** marriages to different-sex couples in 2022. ([FP-23-28](#))



In 2022, a vast majority of same-sex male marriages were first marriages (**82%**), while roughly two-thirds (**66%**) of same-sex female marriages were first marriages. ([FP-23-27](#))



The mean age at first marriage was higher for same-sex male couples (**36 years**) than same-sex female couples (**32 years**) in 2022. This pattern is similar for remarriages where mean age at remarriage for same-sex male couples is **46 years**, whereas for same sex-female couples the mean age is **41 years**. ([FP-23-27](#))



Most same-sex couples are not raising children. In 2022, **31.6%** of married female couples and smaller shares of married male (**9.9%**) couples were raising a child. ([FP-24-06](#))



Newlyweds in different-sex couple relationships were **more** likely to have moved in the last year than newlyweds in same-sex couple relationships. ([FP-23-28](#))



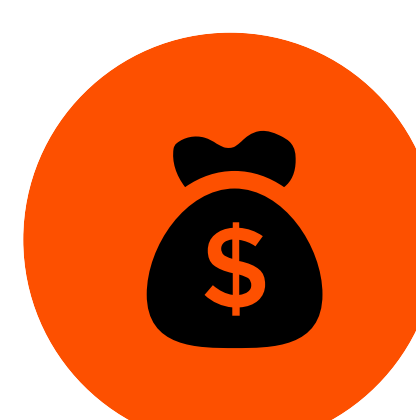
Recently married same-sex couples are concentrated in the South. While most newlywed same-sex couples (**34%** of male couples, **42%** of female couples) lived in the South in 2022, the least popular region for same-sex couples to live in was the Midwest (**17%** of male couples, **13%** of female couples). ([FP-23-28](#))



The concentration of same-sex couples (share of unions to same-sex couples) varies by state. The share of all unions to same-sex couples ranged from **8.19%** of couples in the District of Columbia to **0.58%** in South Dakota. ([FP-23-06](#))



Half of all recently married couples are homeowners, and this pattern is consistent for both same-sex and different-sex couples. ([FP-23-28](#))



Household income was highest among men who recently married men (**\$150,313** per year), which was significantly higher than the household income of recently married different-sex couples (**\$122,107** per year) but not same-sex female couples (**\$123,786** per year). ([FP-23-28](#))

+ Family Profiles

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