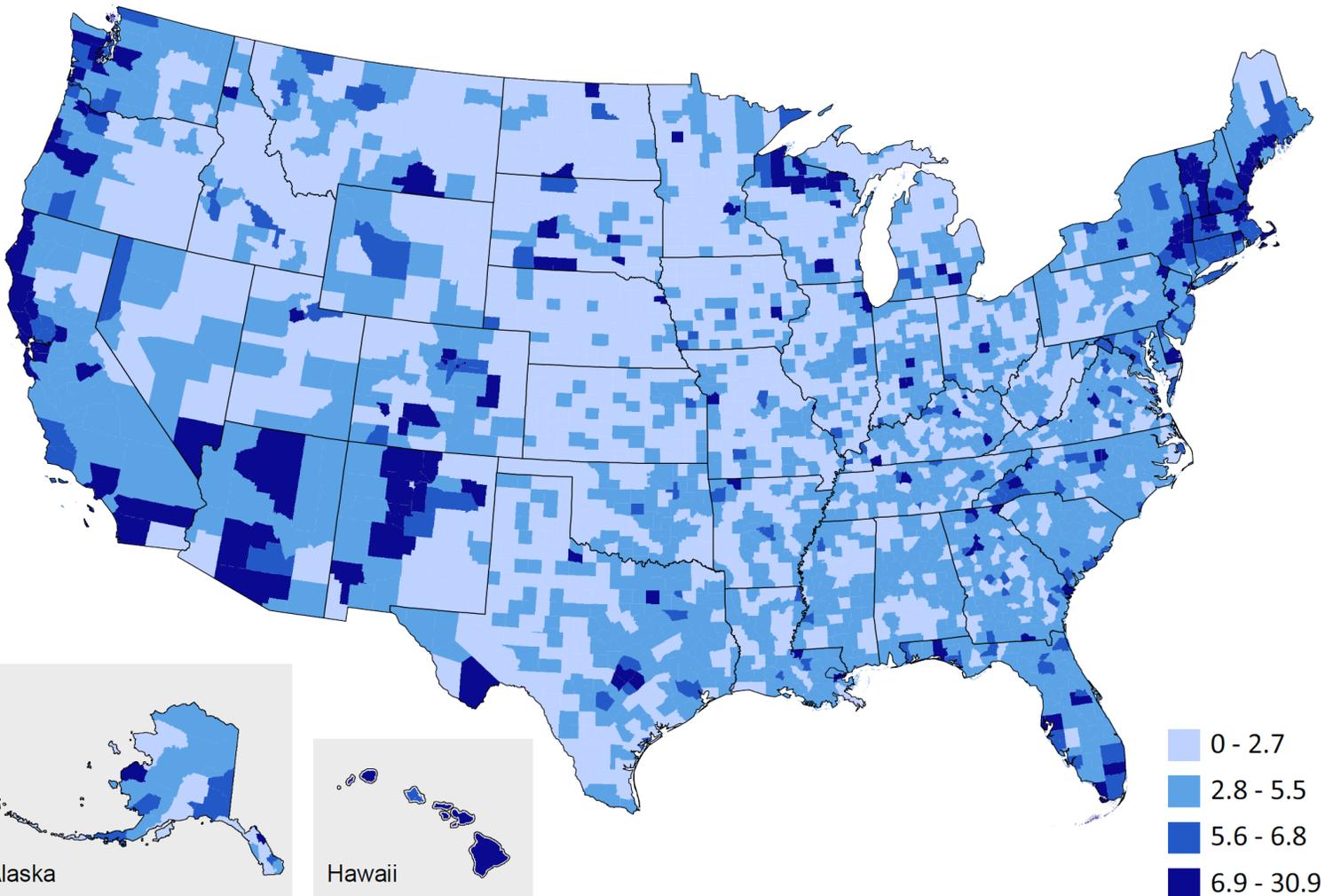




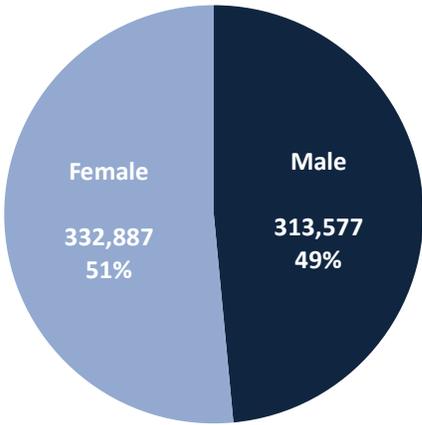
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|--------------------------|----------------|---|-------------|
| Same-sex couples | 646,464 | Same-sex couples per 1,000 households | 5.5 |
| Husband/wife | 131,729 | Same-sex "husband/wife" couples per 1,000 "husband/wife" couples | 2.3 |
| Unmarried partner | 514,735 | Same-sex "unmarried partner" couples per 1,000 "unmarried partner" couples | 70.0 |

Same-sex couples per 1,000 households
by county (adjusted)*

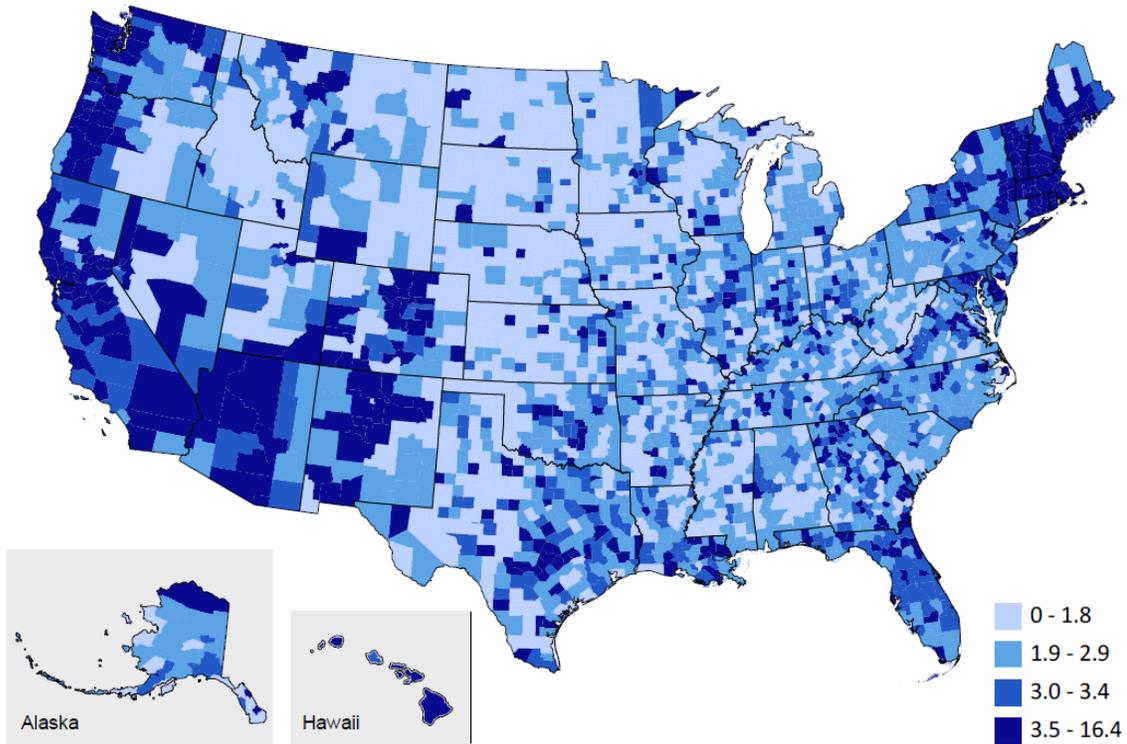


* Same-sex couples were identified in 93% of all US counties

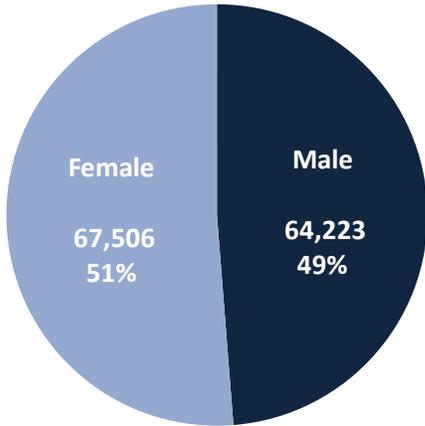
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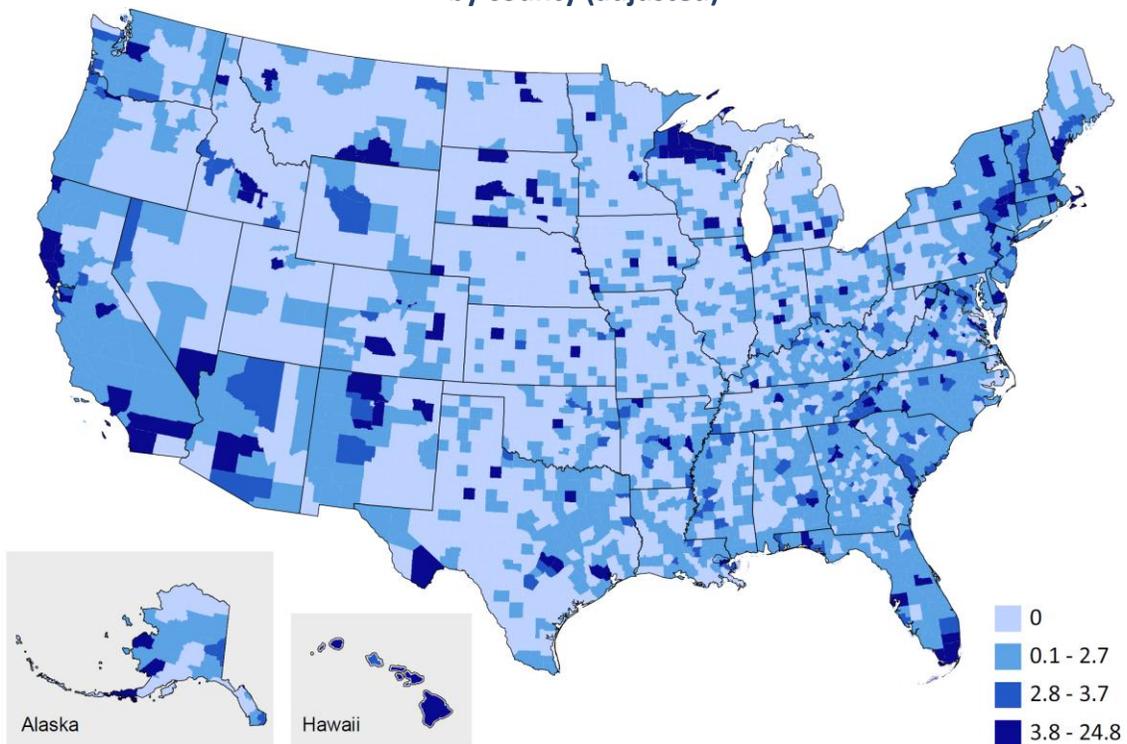
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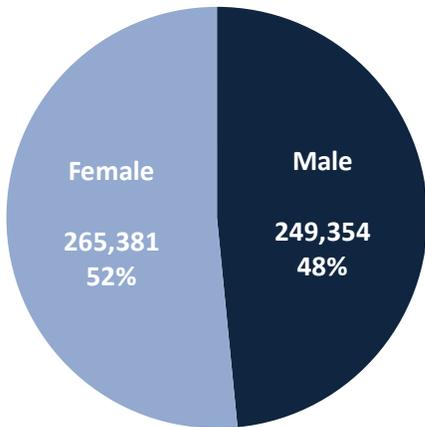
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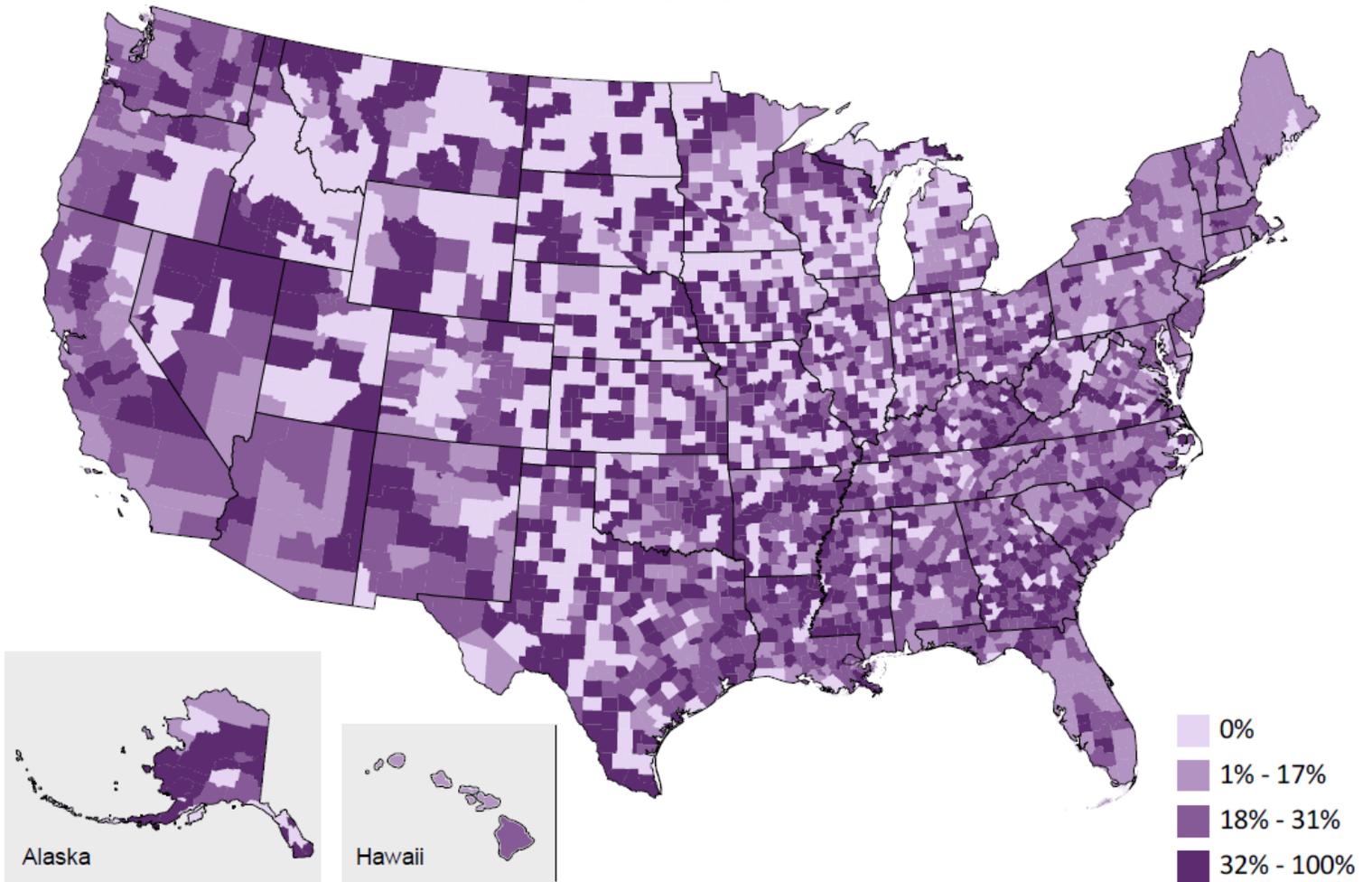
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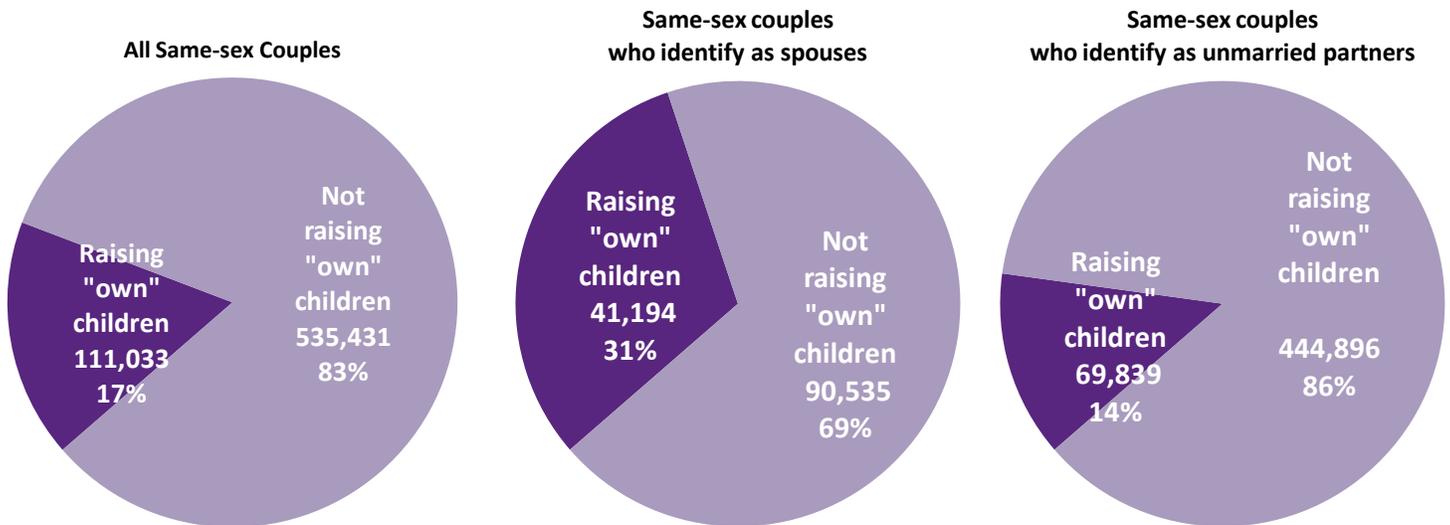
Same-sex couples who identify as unmarried partners



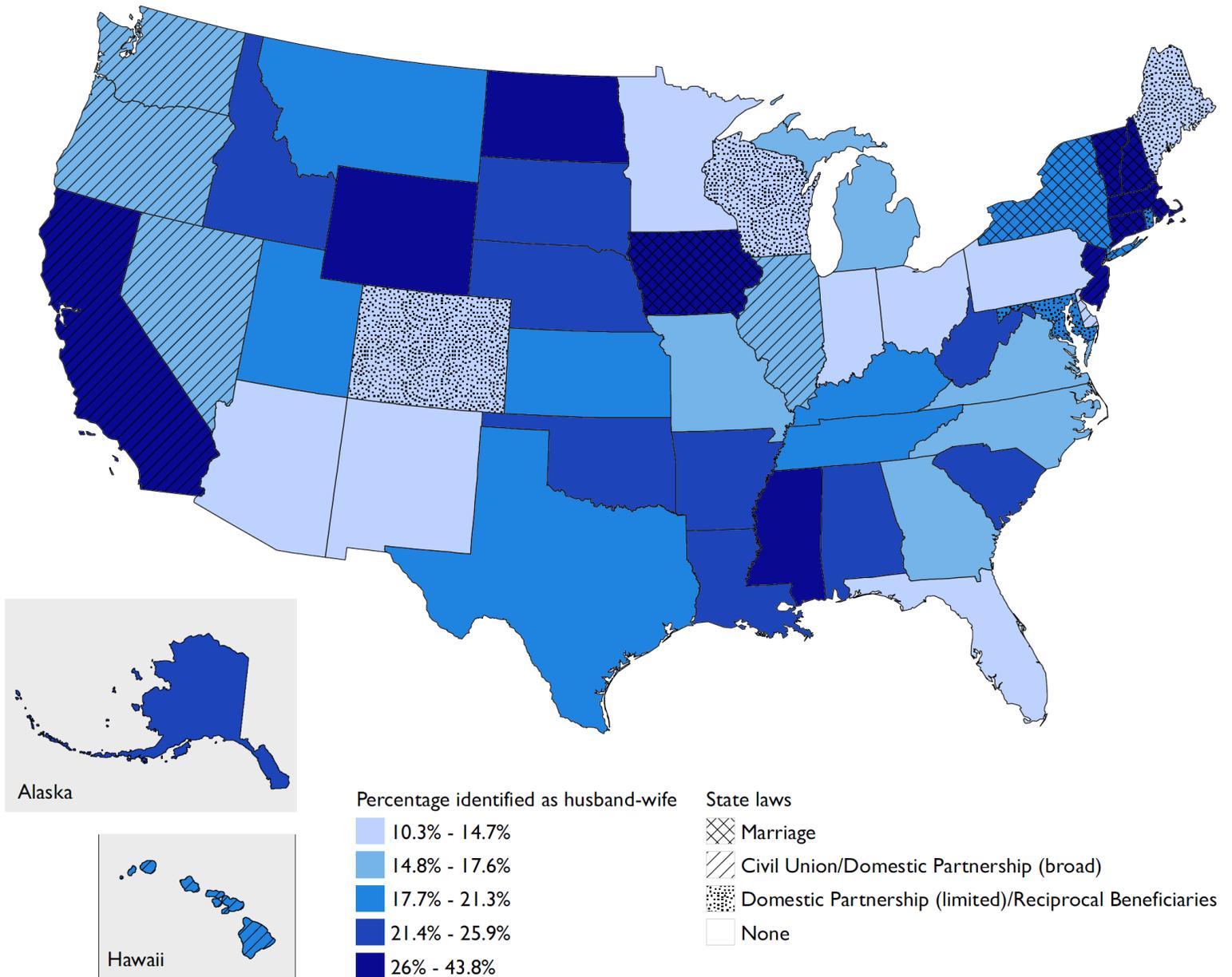
Percent of same-sex couples raising "own" children* by county (adjusted)



*"Own" children are never-married children under 18 who are sons or daughters of one partner or spouse (Person 1) by birth, marriage (stepchild), or adoption.



Percent of same-sex couples who identify as spouses by state



Data and methodology

Data are compiled using the US Census Bureau's state-level preferred estimates for same-sex couples found [here](#). Same-sex couples are identified in households where Person 1 describes his or her relationship with another adult of the same sex as either a "husband/wife" or "unmarried partner". The Census Bureau preferred estimates adjust original Census tabulations reported in the Census 2010 SF-1, PCT15 to account for the likelihood that a small portion of different-sex couples miscode the sex of a spouse or partner and are incorrectly counted as a same-sex couple.

Adjusted data

The Census Bureau only released preferred estimates for states. County and city data used in this report are adjusted by the authors and do not represent official Census Bureau tabulations. Like the Census Bureau preferred estimates, the adjustment procedure accounts for the likelihood that a small portion of different-sex couples miscode the sex of a spouse or partner and are incorrectly counted as a same-sex couple. Note that the adjusted figures do not take into account the possibility that some same-sex couples may not be counted in Census tabulations due to concerns about confidentiality or because neither partner was Person 1 in the household.

Go [here](#) for a complete description of the adjustment procedure.

States ranked by same-sex couples per 1,000 households

| Rank | | Same-sex couples | Same-sex couples per 1000 households | Rank | | Same-sex couples | Same-sex couples per 1000 households |
|------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | District of Columbia | 4,822 | 18.08 | 26 | Alaska | 1,228 | 4.76 |
| 2 | Vermont | 2,143 | 8.36 | 27 | Louisiana | 8,076 | 4.67 |
| 3 | Massachusetts | 20,256 | 7.95 | 28 | Virginia | 14,243 | 4.66 |
| 4 | California | 98,153 | 7.80 | 29 | Utah | 3,909 | 4.45 |
| 5 | Oregon | 11,773 | 7.75 | 30 | Pennsylvania | 22,336 | 4.45 |
| 6 | Delaware | 2,646 | 7.73 | 31 | Missouri | 10,557 | 4.44 |
| 7 | New Mexico | 5,825 | 7.36 | 32 | Indiana | 11,074 | 4.43 |
| 8 | Washington | 19,003 | 7.25 | 33 | Tennessee | 10,898 | 4.37 |
| 9 | Hawaii | 3,239 | 7.11 | 34 | Ohio | 19,684 | 4.28 |
| 10 | Maine | 3,958 | 7.10 | 35 | Oklahoma | 6,134 | 4.20 |
| 11 | Nevada | 7,140 | 7.10 | 36 | Kentucky | 7,195 | 4.18 |
| 12 | Rhode Island | 2,785 | 6.73 | 37 | Wisconsin | 9,179 | 4.03 |
| 13 | New York | 48,932 | 6.69 | 38 | South Carolina | 7,214 | 4.01 |
| 14 | Arizona | 15,817 | 6.64 | 39 | Michigan | 14,598 | 3.77 |
| 15 | Florida | 48,496 | 6.54 | 40 | West Virginia | 2,848 | 3.73 |
| 16 | Colorado | 12,424 | 6.30 | 41 | Arkansas | 4,226 | 3.68 |
| 17 | New Hampshire | 3,260 | 6.28 | 42 | Kansas | 4,009 | 3.60 |
| 18 | Georgia | 21,318 | 5.95 | 43 | Idaho | 2,042 | 3.52 |
| 19 | Maryland | 12,538 | 5.81 | 44 | Alabama | 6,582 | 3.49 |
| 20 | Connecticut | 7,852 | 5.73 | 45 | Iowa | 4,093 | 3.35 |
| 21 | New Jersey | 16,875 | 5.25 | 46 | Montana | 1,348 | 3.29 |
| 22 | Texas | 46,401 | 5.20 | 47 | Nebraska | 2,356 | 3.27 |
| 23 | Minnesota | 10,207 | 4.89 | 48 | Mississippi | 3,484 | 3.12 |
| 24 | North Carolina | 18,309 | 4.89 | 49 | Wyoming | 657 | 2.90 |
| 25 | Illinois | 23,049 | 4.77 | 50 | South Dakota | 714 | 2.22 |
| | | | | 51 | North Dakota | 559 | 1.99 |

States ranked by percent same-sex couples identifying as husbands or wives

| Rank | | % Same-sex couples identifying as husband or wife | Same-sex husband/wife couples | Same-sex unmarried partner couples | Rank | | % Same-sex couples identifying as husband or wife | Same-sex husband/wife couples | Same-sex unmarried partner couples |
|------|----------------|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------|----------------|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Massachusetts | 44% | 8,863 | 11,393 | 26 | Maryland | 19% | 2,321 | 10,217 |
| 2 | Vermont | 35% | 755 | 1,388 | 27 | Kentucky | 18% | 1,328 | 5,867 |
| 3 | Connecticut | 34% | 2,704 | 5,148 | 28 | Texas | 18% | 8,397 | 38,004 |
| 4 | Iowa | 34% | 1,373 | 2,720 | 29 | Tennessee | 18% | 1,959 | 8,939 |
| 5 | New Hampshire | 31% | 1,016 | 2,244 | 30 | Hawaii | 18% | 580 | 2,659 |
| 6 | Mississippi | 30% | 1,050 | 2,434 | 31 | North Carolina | 18% | 3,224 | 15,085 |
| 7 | California | 29% | 28,312 | 69,841 | 32 | Nevada | 18% | 1,252 | 5,888 |
| 8 | Wyoming | 27% | 179 | 478 | 33 | Virginia | 17% | 2,474 | 11,769 |
| 9 | New Jersey | 26% | 4,447 | 12,428 | 34 | Georgia | 17% | 3,661 | 17,657 |
| 10 | North Dakota | 26% | 146 | 413 | 35 | Oregon | 17% | 2,002 | 9,771 |
| 11 | Alabama | 26% | 1,704 | 4,878 | 36 | Washington | 16% | 3,072 | 15,931 |
| 12 | Arkansas | 25% | 1,040 | 3,186 | 37 | Illinois | 16% | 3,607 | 19,442 |
| 13 | South Dakota | 25% | 175 | 539 | 38 | DC | 15% | 745 | 4,077 |
| 14 | West Virginia | 24% | 680 | 2,168 | 39 | Michigan | 15% | 2,202 | 12,396 |
| 15 | Alaska | 23% | 278 | 950 | 40 | Missouri | 15% | 1,592 | 8,965 |
| 16 | South Carolina | 22% | 1,596 | 5,618 | 41 | New Mexico | 15% | 858 | 4,967 |
| 17 | Idaho | 22% | 446 | 1,596 | 42 | Indiana | 14% | 1,603 | 9,471 |
| 18 | Oklahoma | 22% | 1,335 | 4,799 | 43 | Pennsylvania | 14% | 3,228 | 19,108 |
| 19 | Nebraska | 22% | 510 | 1,846 | 44 | Delaware | 14% | 380 | 2,266 |
| 20 | Louisiana | 21% | 1,731 | 6,345 | 45 | Arizona | 14% | 2,265 | 13,552 |
| 21 | Rhode Island | 21% | 592 | 2,193 | 46 | Florida | 14% | 6,784 | 41,712 |
| 22 | Montana | 21% | 286 | 1,062 | 47 | Ohio | 14% | 2,661 | 17,023 |
| 23 | Kansas | 21% | 833 | 3,176 | 48 | Minnesota | 13% | 1,330 | 8,877 |
| 24 | Utah | 21% | 809 | 3,100 | 49 | Colorado | 13% | 1,618 | 10,806 |
| 25 | New York | 21% | 10,125 | 38,807 | 50 | Wisconsin | 13% | 1,194 | 7,985 |
| | | | | | 51 | Maine | 10% | 407 | 3,551 |

Cities ranked by same-sex couples per 1,000 households

| Rank | Large cities Population above 250,000 | | | Mid-size cities Population between 100,000 and 250,000 | | | Small cities Population below 100,000 | | |
|------|--|-----------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|---|
| | City | Same-sex couples (adjusted) | Same-sex couples per 1000 households (adjusted) | City | Same-sex couples (adjusted) | Same-sex couples per 1000 households (adjusted) | City | Same-sex couples (adjusted) | Same-sex couples per 1000 households (adjusted) |
| 1 | San Francisco, CA | 10,461 | 30.25 | Fort Lauderdale, FL | 2,324 | 31.08 | Provincetown, MA | 237 | 148.08 |
| 2 | Seattle, WA | 6,537 | 23.06 | Berkeley, CA | 949 | 20.61 | Wilton Manors, FL | 781 | 125.33 |
| 3 | Oakland, CA | 3,359 | 21.84 | Salt Lake City, UT | 1,145 | 15.36 | Palm Springs, CA | 2,440 | 107.28 |
| 4 | Minneapolis, MN | 3,555 | 21.74 | Cambridge, MA | 633 | 14.39 | Rehoboth Beach, DE | 76 | 99.97 |
| 5 | Atlanta, GA | 3,656 | 19.75 | Orlando, FL | 1,414 | 13.80 | Guerneville, CA | 185 | 80.36 |
| 6 | Portland, OR | 4,784 | 19.25 | St. Petersburg, FL | 1,500 | 13.78 | West Hollywood, CA | 1,397 | 62.05 |
| 7 | Long Beach, CA | 3,128 | 19.13 | Madison, WI | 1,358 | 13.24 | Pleasant Ridge, MI | 61 | 54.77 |
| 8 | Washington, DC | 4,822 | 18.08 | Alexandria, VA | 776 | 11.39 | Rancho Mirage, CA | 462 | 52.29 |
| 9 | Denver, CO | 4,117 | 15.65 | Pasadena, CA | 627 | 11.35 | New Hope, PA | 63 | 49.99 |
| 10 | Boston, MA | 3,715 | 14.70 | Jersey City, NJ | 1,080 | 11.15 | Oakland Park, FL | 865 | 49.41 |
| 11 | St. Louis, MO | 1,998 | 14.06 | Arlington, VA | 1,087 | 11.08 | Cathedral City, CA | 790 | 46.33 |
| 12 | Sacramento, CA | 2,271 | 13.00 | Providence, RI | 693 | 11.05 | Miami Shores, FL | 155 | 42.87 |
| 13 | Dallas, TX | 5,610 | 12.25 | Richmond, VA | 908 | 10.42 | Avondale Estates, GA | 58 | 42.78 |
| 14 | San Diego, CA | 5,910 | 12.23 | Vallejo, CA | 420 | 10.34 | Northwest Harbor, NY | 56 | 42.74 |
| 15 | Austin, TX | 3,820 | 11.76 | Lansing, MI | 501 | 10.34 | Northampton, MA | 484 | 40.31 |
| 16 | Columbus, OH | 3,786 | 11.42 | Rochester, NY | 894 | 10.28 | Ocean Grove, NJ | 78 | 40.16 |
| 17 | Baltimore, MD | 2,689 | 10.76 | Santa Rosa, CA | 650 | 10.22 | Eldorado at Santa Fe, NM | 115 | 40.00 |
| 18 | New Orleans, LA | 1,518 | 10.68 | Durham, NC | 951 | 10.17 | Lambertville, NJ | 77 | 39.28 |
| 19 | St. Paul, MN | 1,179 | 10.62 | Richmond, CA | 367 | 10.16 | Asbury Park, NJ | 255 | 37.91 |
| 20 | Phoenix, AZ | 5,450 | 10.59 | Ann Arbor, MI | 476 | 10.12 | Signal Hill, CA | 157 | 37.85 |
| 21 | Chicago, IL | 10,849 | 10.38 | Eugene, OR | 663 | 9.98 | Decatur, GA | 294 | 34.15 |
| 22 | Tampa, FL | 1,410 | 10.37 | Enterprise, NV | 387 | 9.72 | Vashon, WA | 152 | 33.03 |
| 23 | Kansas City, MO | 1,955 | 10.16 | Concord, CA | 426 | 9.62 | Brisbane, CA | 59 | 32.39 |
| 24 | Los Angeles, CA | 13,292 | 10.08 | Hollywood, FL | 558 | 9.55 | North Druid Hills, GA | 311 | 31.99 |
| 25 | Albuquerque, NM | 2,260 | 10.07 | Paradise, NV | 857 | 9.52 | Ferndale, MI | 303 | 31.72 |

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