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## + Mission

Research  
Training  
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## + Goal

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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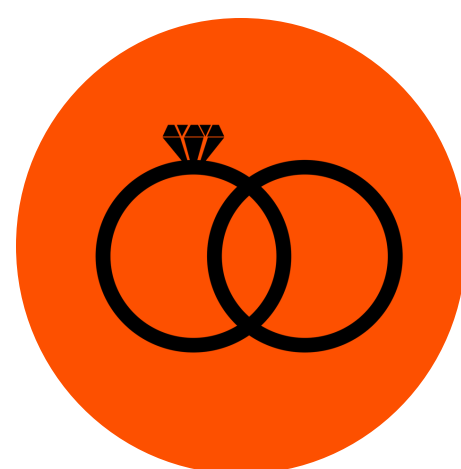


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## + Fast Facts on American Same-Sex Couples



In 2021, about **4%** of marriages in the United States were of same-sex couples. ([FP-23-09](#))



Among married same-sex couples in 2021, **58%** were female, whereas **42%** were male. ([FP-23-09](#))



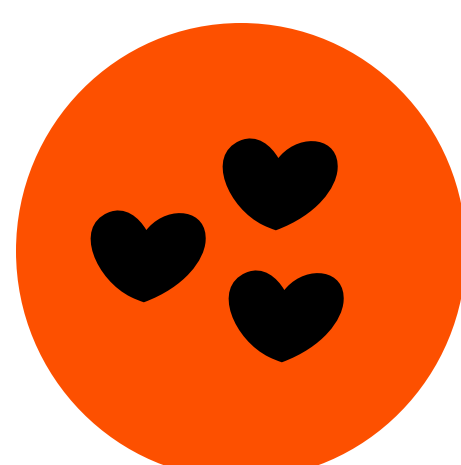
About two-thirds (**69%**) of marriages among same-sex couples were to couples in which both spouses were entering marriage for the first time. ([FP-23-09](#))



An estimated **10.7%** of individuals in the U.S. identified as LGBT+ in 2020 to 2021. ([FP-23-05](#))



LGBT+ identification varies by state. The District of Columbia had the highest percentage of individuals who identified as LGBT+ at **19.5%**, compared to South Dakota with the lowest share at **7.2%**. ([FP-23-05](#))



The median age at first marriage among females in same-sex couples was **31** in 2019, whereas the median age for males in same-sex marriages was **35**. ([FP-21-11](#))



In 2019, about **one-third** of married female couples and about **one-fifth** of cohabiting female couples were raising a child. In contrast, relatively smaller shares of married male (**12%**) and cohabiting male (**4%**) couples were raising a child. ([FP-21-08](#))



The share of recently married same-sex couples who were homeowners was similar to the share among recently married different-sex couples, with **about half** of these couples owning a home in 2019. ([FP-21-20](#))

## + Family Profiles

Original reports summarizing and analyzing nationally representative data with the goal to provide the latest analysis of U.S. families. These profiles examine topics related to the NCFMR's core research themes.

<https://www.bgsu.edu/ncfmr/resources/data/resources-by-topic/lgbtq-population.html>

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