Fast Facts on American Same-Sex Couples

In 2019, about 3.7% of all marriages were among same-sex couples. There were approximately 35,000 marriages to female same-sex couples and 29,000 to male same-sex couples. (FP-21-19) (FP-21-20)

There were about 50,000 same-sex first marriages and 1.2 million different-sex first marriages in 2019. (FP-21-11)

Among women in same-sex marriages, the median age at first marriage was 31 years of age. Among men in same-sex marriages, the median age at first marriage was 35 years of age. (FP-21-11)

Higher shares of women entering into a marriage with a same-sex partner were entering a remarriage (42%). In contrast, 23% of recently married men in same-sex couples had been previously married. (FP-21-19)

The mean age difference between same-sex couples married in 2019 were significantly higher than different-sex couples, 6.3 years contrasted with 3.9 years. (FP-21-19)

Among married same-sex couples, female couples were nearly three times as likely to be raising children (32.5%) than male couples (11.5%). (FP-21-08)

One in five (18.8%) of female same-sex cohabiting couples were raising a child compared to 3.5% of male same-sex cohabiting couples. (FP-21-08)

In 2019, a similar share of male (51%) and female (49%) of recently married same-sex couples were homeowners. (FP-21-20)

The average household income for same-sex married male couples was higher ($147,000) compared to same-sex married female couples ($96,000). (FP-21-20)

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