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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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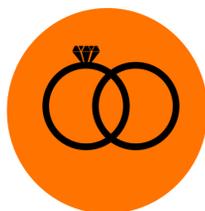
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+ Fast Facts on American Same-Sex Couples



In 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**). [\(FP-21-20\)](#)

+ 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/same-gender-relationships.html>

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