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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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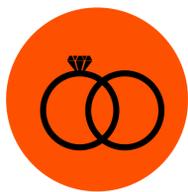
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+ Fast Facts on American Same-Sex Couples



About **4%** of all U.S. marriages in 2023 were among same-sex couples. About **53%** were to female couples and **47%** were to male couples ([FP-25-21](#))



There were about **39,000** marriages to female same-sex couples and about **34,000** to male same-sex couples, along with over **1.8 million** marriages to different-sex couples in 2022. ([FP-25-19](#))



In 2023, most currently married individuals had only one marriage. For those with a same-sex spouse the share was slightly larger at **81%** compared to **78%** among those with a different-sex spouse. ([FP-25-17](#))



The mean age at first marriage was higher for same-sex male couples (**38 years**) than for same-sex female couples (**32 years**) in 2023. This pattern is similar for remarriages. The mean age at remarriage for same-sex male couples was **48 years**, whereas for same sex-female couples it was **42 years**. ([FP-25-18](#))



Most same-sex couples are not raising children. In 2023, **32%** of married female-female couples had children. compared to **10%** of married male-male couples. ([FP-25-07](#))



Newlyweds in a different-sex couple relationship were **more** likely to have moved in the last year than newlyweds in a same-sex couple relationships. ([FP-25-19](#))



Recently married same-sex couples were concentrated in the South (**37%** of male couples, **38%** of female couples) in 2023. The Midwest was the least popular region (**22%** of male and female couples). These distributions mirrored different-sex couples. ([FP-25-19](#))



The concentration of same-sex couples (share of unions to same-sex couples) varied by state. The share ranged from **8.21%** of couples in the District of Columbia to **0.59%** in South Dakota. ([FP-25-20](#))



Half of all recently married couples were homeowners, and this pattern was consistent for both same-sex and different-sex couples. ([FP-25-20](#))



The highest household income was among men who recently married men. At an average of about **\$180,00** per year, this was significantly higher ($p < .05$) than men and women who recently entered into a marriage with a different-sex spouse (**\$132,00** per year), and women who recently entered into a marriage with a same-sex spouse (**\$122,00**). ([FP-25-19](#))

+ Family Profiles

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