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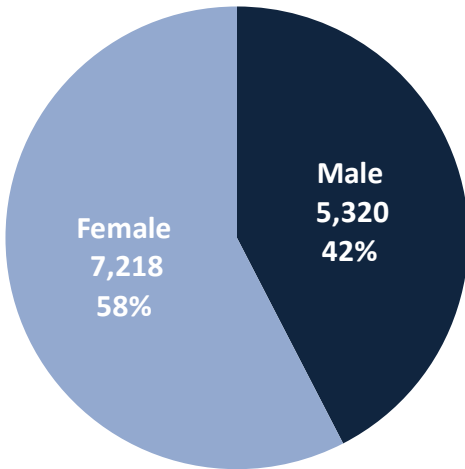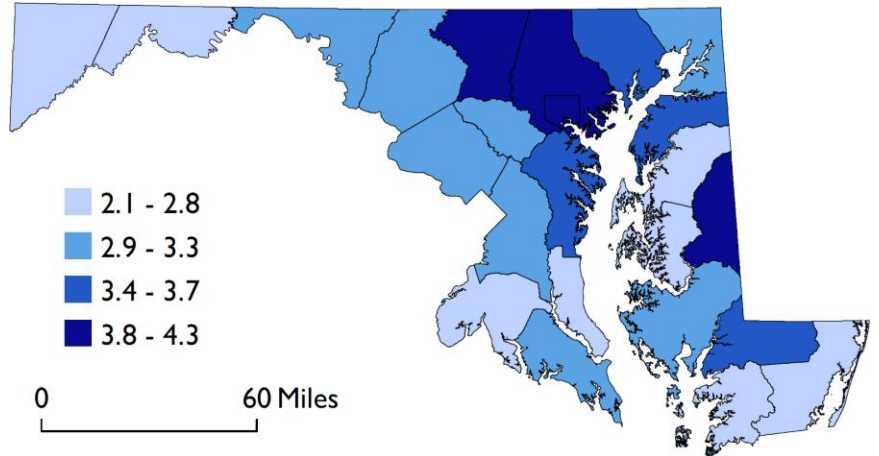|			
Same-sex couples	**12,538**	**Same-sex couples per 1,000 households**	**5.8**
Husband/wife	2,321	Same-sex "husband/wife" couples per 1,000 "husband/wife" couples	2.3
Unmarried partner	10,217	Same-sex "unmarried partner" couples per 1,000 "unmarried partner" couples	78.0

Same-sex couples per 1,000 households
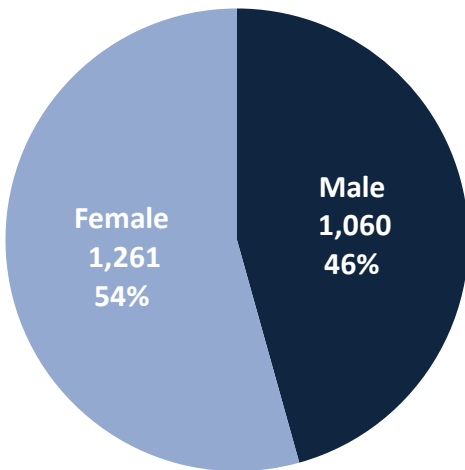### by Census tract (adjusted)

0 - 3.2
3.3 - 5.8
5.9 - 8.3
8.4 - 36.4

0   60 Miles

All Same-sex Couples

Male
5,320
42%

Female
7,218
58%

Same-sex couples who identify as spouses

Female
1,261
54%

Male
1,060
46%

Same-sex couples who identify as unmarried partners
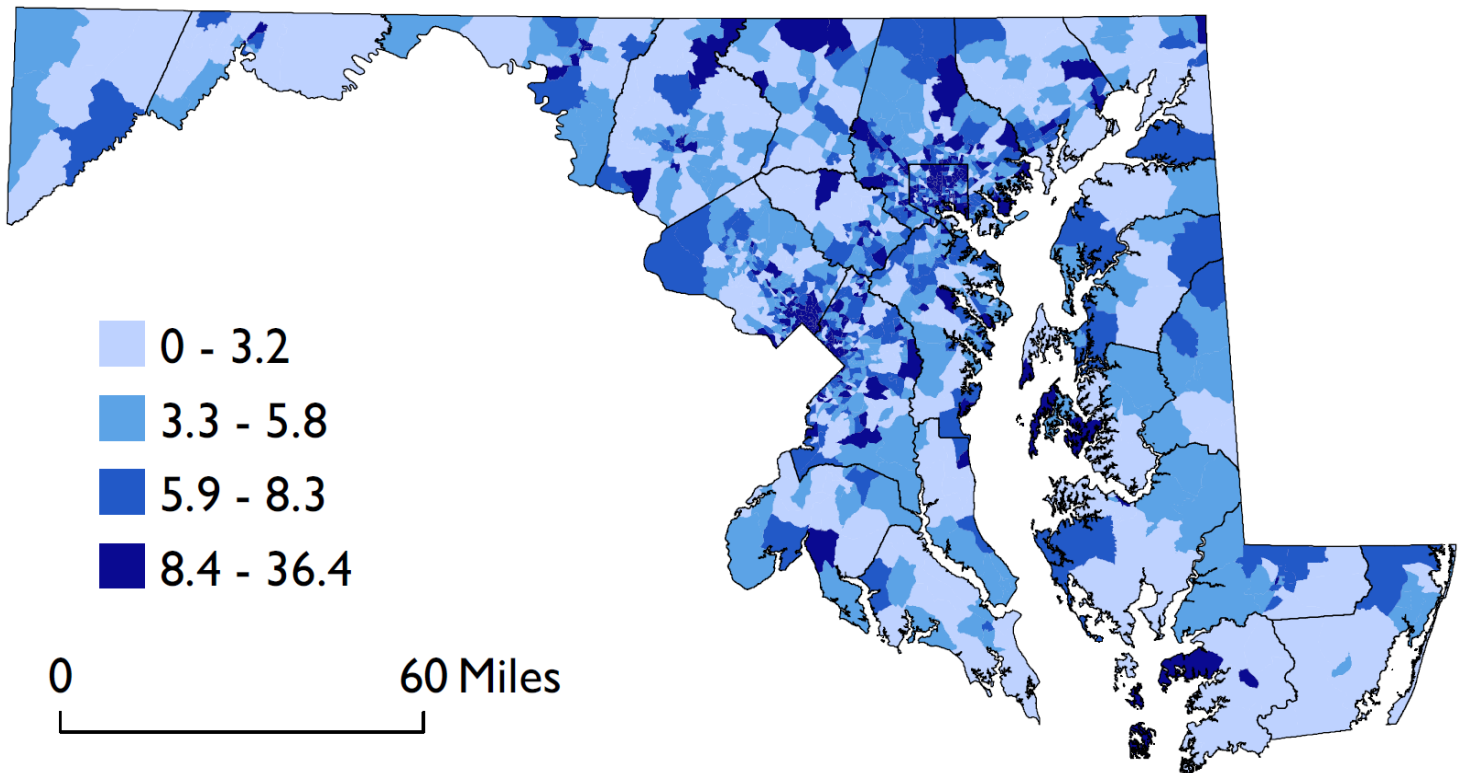
Female
5,957
58%

Male
4,260
42%

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

- 2.1 - 2.8
- 2.9 - 3.3
- 3.4 - 3.7
- 3.8 - 4.3

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

- 0 - 0.7
- 0.8 - 2.5
- 2.6 - 3.1
- 3.2 - 6.4
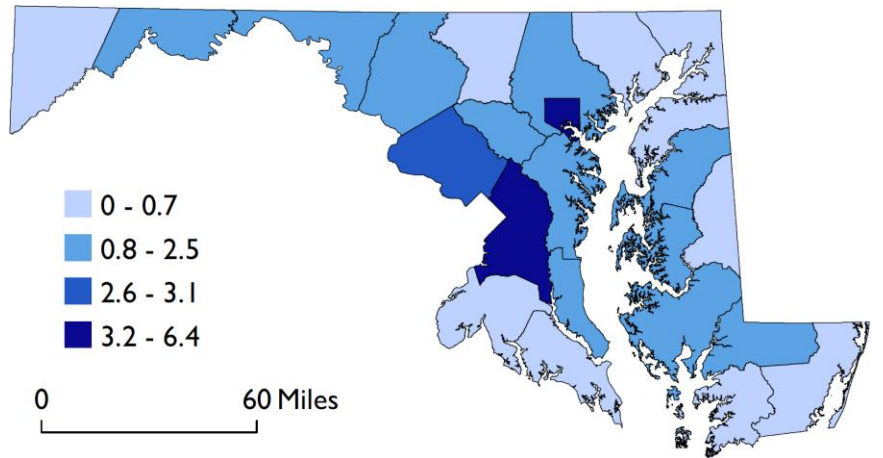
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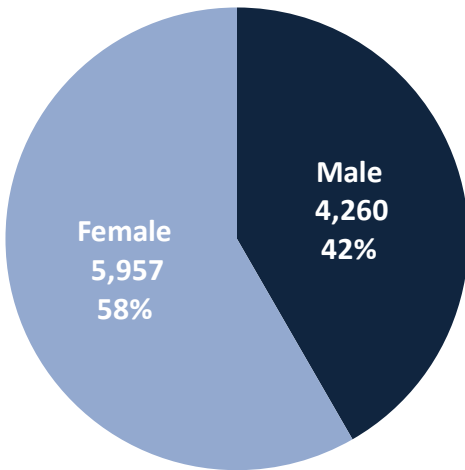
Percent of same-sex couples raising "own" children*
by county (adjusted)
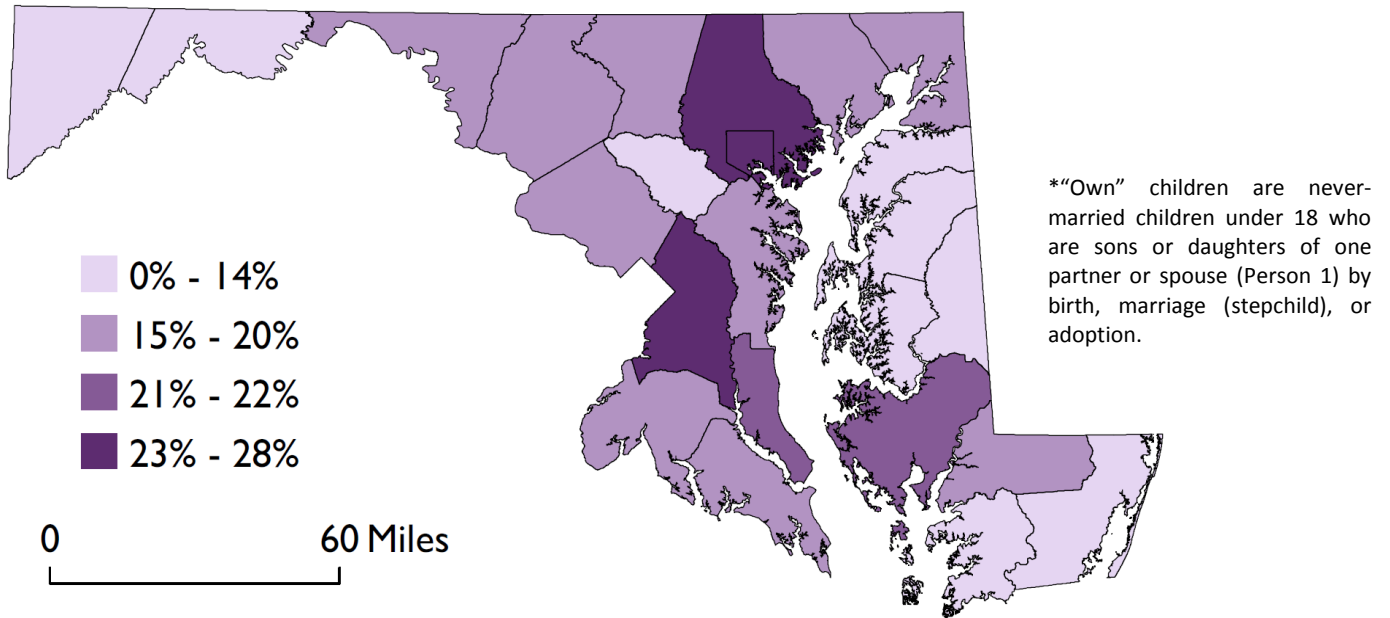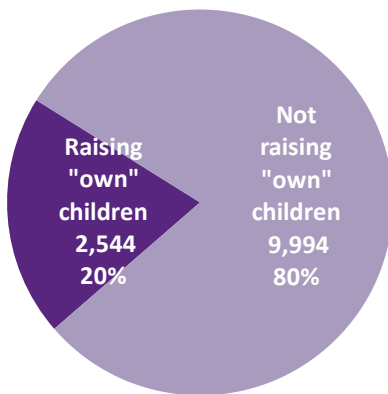
☐	0% - 14%
☐	15% - 20%
☐	21% - 22%
☐	23% - 28%

0   60 Miles

*"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.

All Same-sex Couples

Raising "own" children 2,544 20%

Not raising "own" children 9,994 80%

Same-sex couples who identify as spouses

Raising "own" children 826 36%

Not raising "own" children 1,495 64%

Same-sex couples who identify as unmarried partners

Raising "own" children 1,718 17%

Not raising "own" children 8,499 83%
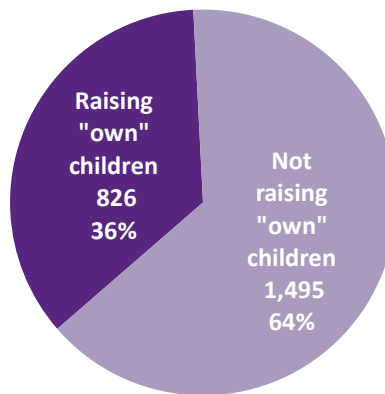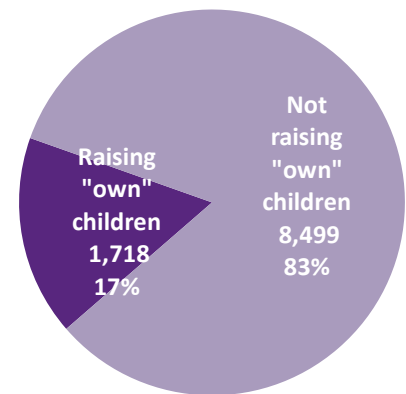
Data and methodology

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, city, and tract 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.

Undercount

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.

Counties with 50+ same-sex couples ranked by same-sex couples per 1,000 households

State rank	US rank among 1,142 counties with 50+ same-sex couples	County	Same-sex couples (adjusted)	Same-sex couples per 1,000 households (adjusted)	Same-sex male couples (adjusted)	Same-sex female couples (adjusted)	% Raising "own" children among same-sex couples (adjusted)
1	32	Baltimore	2672	10.69	1603	1070	22%
2	162	Prince George's	1917	6.30	937	979	28%
3	188	Montgomery	2184	6.12	1023	1161	20%
4	230	Baltimore	1828	5.77	602	1226	24%
5	261	Washington	308	5.54	127	181	14%
6	349	Anne Arundel	995	4.99	321	674	17%
7	354	Wicomico	185	4.96	59	125	16%
8	387	Frederick	407	4.80	146	262	14%
9	452	Howard	473	4.52	158	315	9%
10	478	Caroline	54	4.44	3	51	14%
11	553	Carroll	248	4.14	0	248	15%
12	570	Calvert	127	4.11	41	86	21%
13	575	Dorchester	55	4.09	16	39	21%
14	673	Talbot	61	3.78	19	42	0%
15	696	Harford	336	3.72	19	317	19%
16	891	St. Mary's	121	3.22	0	121	18%
17	893	Cecil	119	3.22	0	119	15%
18	902	Queen Anne's	57	3.18	16	41	0%
19	909	Charles	162	3.17	19	143	17%
20	919	Allegany	92	3.14	20	72	11%
Counties with <50 same-sex couples							
		Garrett	34	2.78	0	34	11%
		Kent	34	4.19	5	29	0%
		Somerset	23	2.57	0	23	7%
		Worcester	46	2.07	0	46	0%

Cities with 50+ same-sex couples
ranked by same-sex couples per 1,000 households

State rank	US rank among 1,415 cities with 50+ same-sex couples	City	Same-sex couples (adjusted)	Same-sex couples per 1,000 households (adjusted)
1	35	Cheverly	56	24.33
2	37	Takoma Park	154	23.50
3	82	Hyattsville	93	14.73
4	99	Silver Spring	383	13.39
5	125	College Park	80	11.81
6	157	Baltimore	2689	10.76
7	163	Langley Park	54	10.66
8	250	Glassmanor	61	9.03
9	331	Wheaton	117	8.01
10	347	Suitland	78	7.82
11	348	White Oak	51	7.82
12	378	Hagerstown	125	7.59
13	386	Frederick	191	7.55
14	400	Towson	157	7.44
15	427	Greenbelt	71	7.29
16	446	Edgewood	65	7.16
17	474	Owings Mills	88	7.00
18	521	Parkville	85	6.72
19	535	Reisterstown	67	6.65
20	569	Bowie	129	6.47
21	570	Catonsville	102	6.47
22	575	Essex	100	6.45
23	596	Middle River	63	6.34
24	603	South Laurel	61	6.28
25	610	Salisbury	75	6.26
26	629	Dundalk	151	6.18
27	638	Severn	97	6.15
28	656	Laurel	64	6.07
29	712	North Bethesda	114	5.82
30	733	Lochearn	57	5.74
31	739	Annapolis	92	5.72
32	750	Glen Burnie	151	5.68
33	786	Rockville	131	5.54
34	791	Chillum	59	5.53
35	806	Montgomery Village	64	5.45
36	810	Columbia	215	5.44
37	843	Milford Mill	59	5.20
38	874	Odenton	74	5.05
39	876	Pikesville	68	5.05
40	899	Germantown	152	4.98

41	940	Aspen Hill	81	4.85
42	943	Carney	65	4.84
43	966	Clinton	58	4.75
44	1049	Woodlawn	64	4.43
45	1087	Bethesda	109	4.29
46	1294	Waldorf	82	3.45
47	1342	Gaithersburg	69	3.16
48	1396	Ellicott	62	2.59

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