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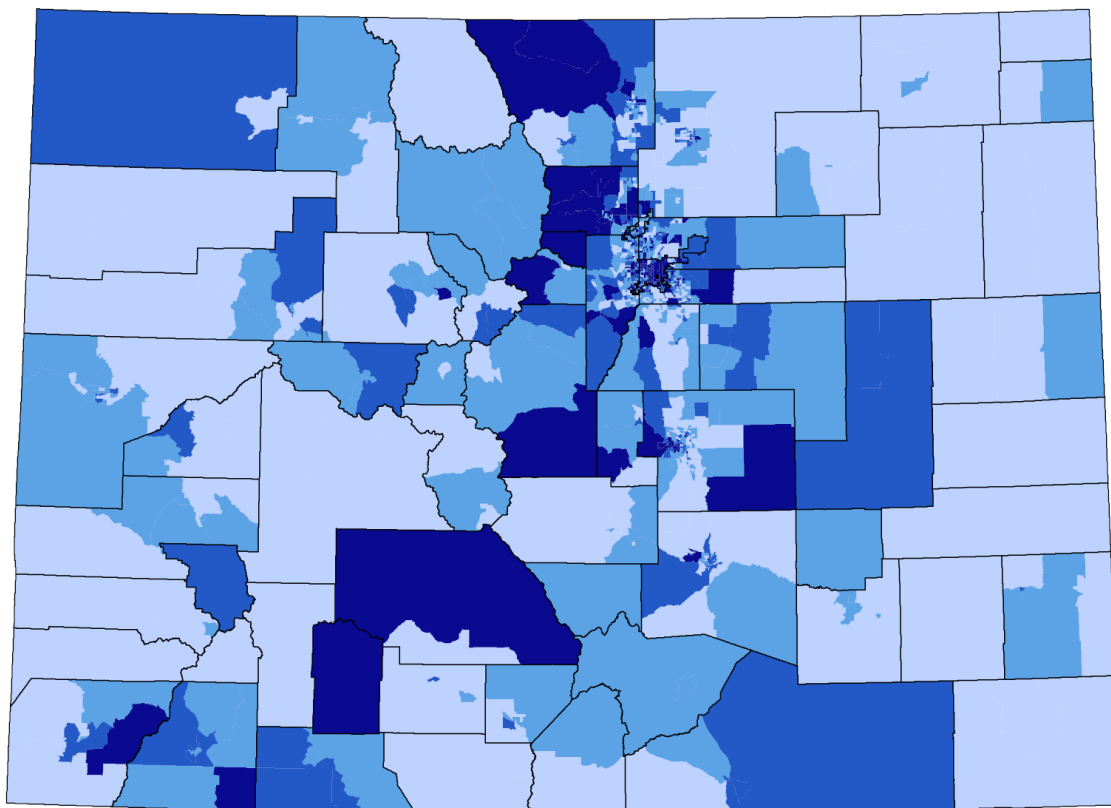
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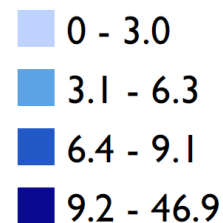


Same-sex couples	12,424	Same-sex couples per 1,000 households	6.3
Husband/wife	1,618	Same-sex “husband/wife” couples per 1,000 “husband/wife” couples	1.7
Unmarried partner	10,806	Same-sex “unmarried partner” couples per 1,000 “unmarried partner” couples	88.5

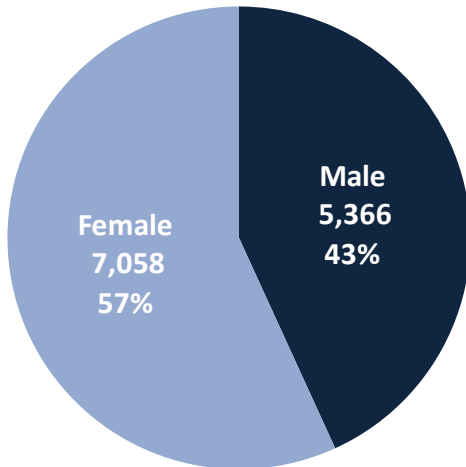
**Same-sex couples per 1,000 households
by Census tract (adjusted)**



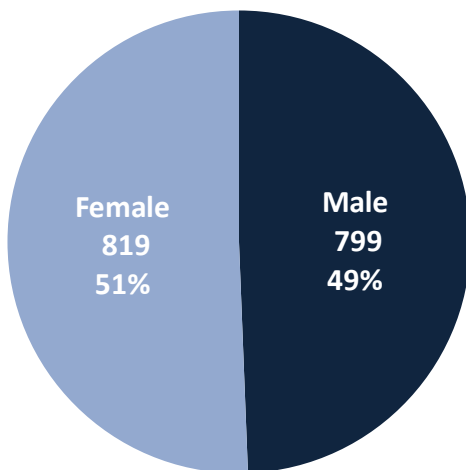
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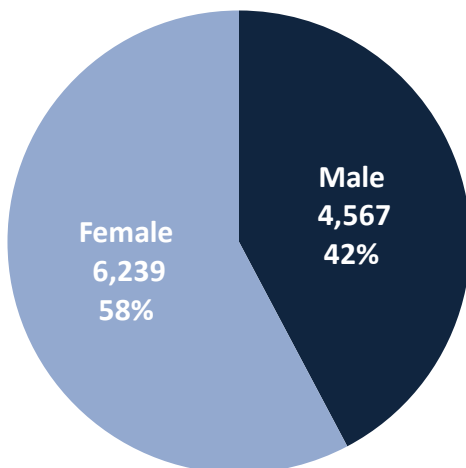
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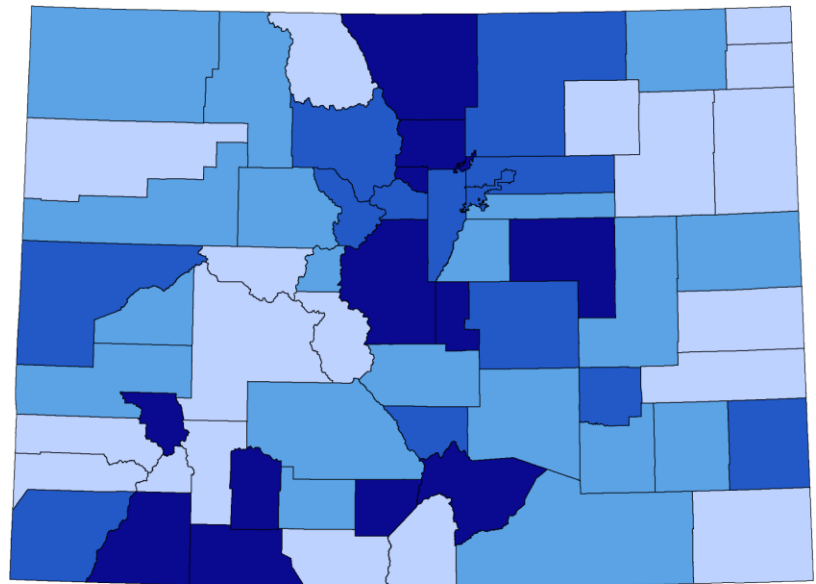
Same-sex couples who identify as spouses



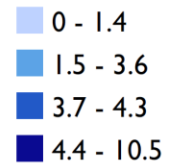
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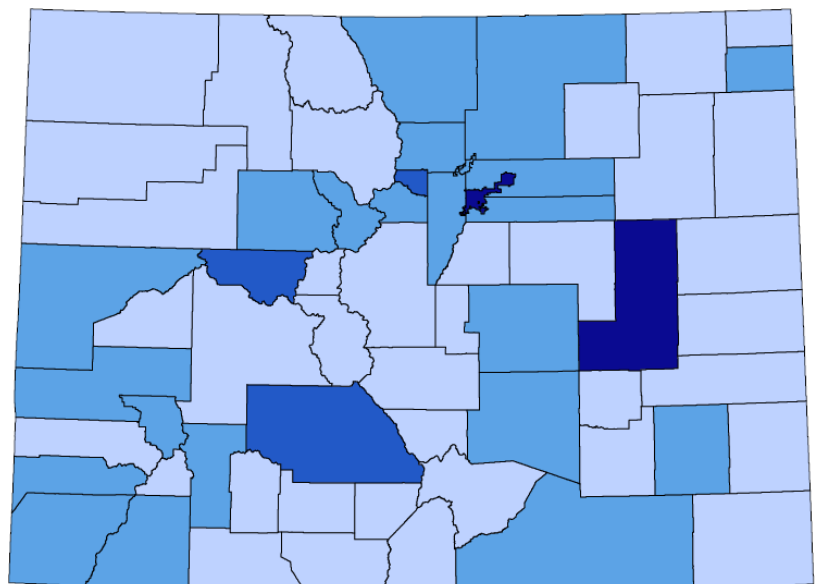
Same-sex female couples per 1,000 households by county (adjusted)



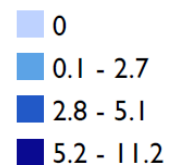
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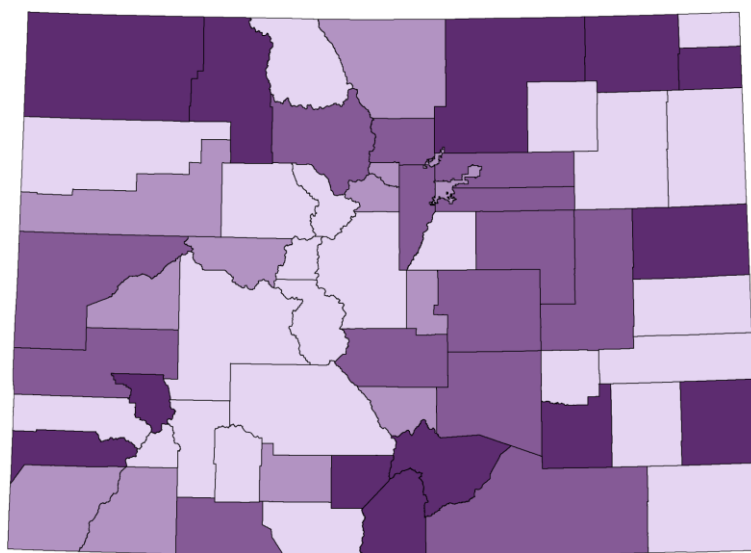
Same-sex male couples per 1,000 households by county (adjusted)



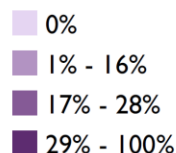
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Percent of same-sex couples raising “own” children* by county (adjusted)

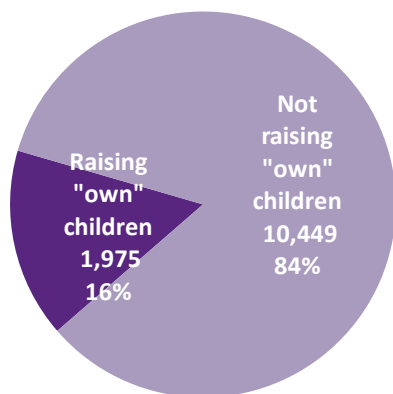


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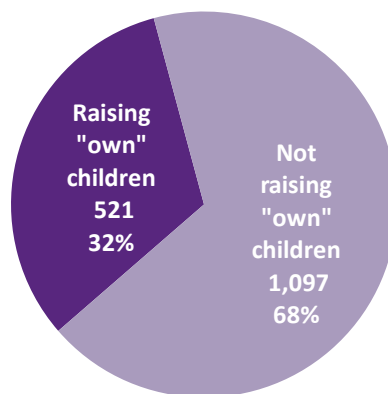


*“Own” children are never-married children under 18 who are sons or daughters of one partner or spouse (Person 1) by birth, marriage (stepchild), or adoption.

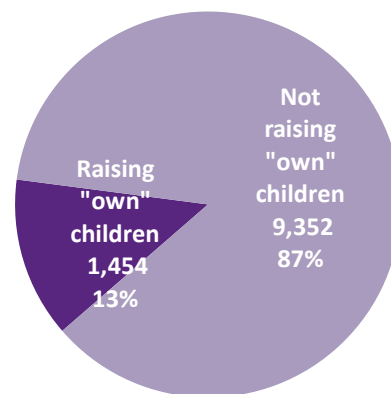
All Same-sex Couples



Same-sex couples who identify as spouses



Same-sex couples who identify as unmarried partners



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	8	Denver	4065	15.45	2942	1123	13%
2	89	Boulder	931	7.81	281	650	20%
3	166	Broomfield	135	6.29	42	93	8%
4	180	Adams	954	6.20	326	628	21%
5	181	La Plata	131	6.20	31	99	7%
6	237	Jefferson	1252	5.74	308	945	17%
7	248	Arapahoe	1270	5.67	522	748	19%
8	356	Larimer	596	4.96	46	551	9%
9	474	El Paso	1051	4.45	165	886	19%
10	550	Pueblo	262	4.16	60	201	24%
11	560	Mesa	240	4.13	32	208	27%
12	658	Weld	341	3.82	16	326	33%
13	775	Montrose	58	3.54	1	58	27%
14	887	Garfield	66	3.25	0	66	14%
15	961	Douglas	309	3.03	0	309	0%

Counties with <50 same-sex couples

	Alamosa	27	4.55	0	27	39%
	Archuleta	27	5.15	0	27	17%
	Baca	0	0.00	0	0	0%
	Bent	5	2.80	1	5	0%
	Chaffee	6	0.83	0	6	0%
	Cheyenne	0	0.42	0	0	0%
	Clear Creek	23	5.54	7	16	13%
	Conejos	4	1.27	0	4	0%
	Costilla	0	0.19	0	0	100%
	Crowley	5	3.63	0	5	0%
	Custer	7	3.73	0	7	4%
	Delta	27	2.16	0	27	14%
	Dolores	1	1.23	1	0	95%
	Eagle	45	2.32	9	35	0%
	Elbert	41	4.87	0	41	20%
	Fremont	42	2.55	0	42	18%
	Gilpin	26	10.49	12	14	1%
	Grand	24	3.73	0	24	22%
	Gunnison	0	0.01	0	0	0%
	Hinsdale	0	0.07	0	0	0%
	Huerfano	14	4.46	0	14	29%
	Jackson	0	0.00	0	0	0%
	Kiowa	0	0.00	0	0	0%
	Kit Carson	6	2.06	0	6	100%
	Lake	6	2.00	0	6	0%
	Las Animas	34	5.35	17	17	27%
	Lincoln	16	8.19	11	5	28%

	Logan	12	1.51	0	12	45%
	Mineral	4	10.48	0	4	0%
	Moffat	9	1.71	0	9	100%
	Montezuma	44	4.20	4	41	7%
	Morgan	12	1.21	0	12	0%
	Otero	16	2.11	0	16	32%
	Ouray	15	7.56	4	11	29%
	Park	38	5.36	0	38	0%
	Phillips	4	2.24	3	1	75%
	Pitkin	38	4.68	29	9	15%
	Prowers	20	4.07	0	20	61%
	Rio Blanco	0	0.00	0	0	0%
	Rio Grande	16	3.39	0	16	10%
	Routt	24	2.40	0	24	55%
	Saguache	22	8.39	13	9	0%
	San Juan	0	0.00	0	0	0%
	San Miguel	0	0.00	0	0	0%
	Sedgwick	0	0.00	0	0	0%
	Summit	49	4.13	1	48	0%
	Teller	49	4.97	0	49	15%
	Washington	0	0.00	0	0	0%
	Yuma	0	0.04	0	0	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	72	Denver	4117	15.65
2	161	Lafayette	103	10.70
3	230	Boulder	385	9.33
4	246	Englewood	131	9.09
5	294	Louisville	63	8.42
6	299	Wheat Ridge	117	8.35
7	305	Commerce City	120	8.26
8	475	Lakewood	434	7.00
9	508	Westminster	284	6.76
10	562	Aurora	792	6.50
11	590	Broomfield	136	6.37
12	630	Thornton	255	6.17
13	788	Longmont	184	5.53
14	820	Northglenn	72	5.33
15	881	Colorado Springs	845	5.04
16	906	Fort Collins	286	4.95
17	948	Pueblo	208	4.81
18	1028	Arvada	192	4.49
19	1030	Grand Junction	109	4.48
20	1037	Littleton	82	4.47
21	1041	Greeley	149	4.45
22	1180	Loveland	108	3.97
23	1244	Parker town	59	3.70
24	1299	Centennial	128	3.43
25	1409	Highlands Ranch	74	2.17

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