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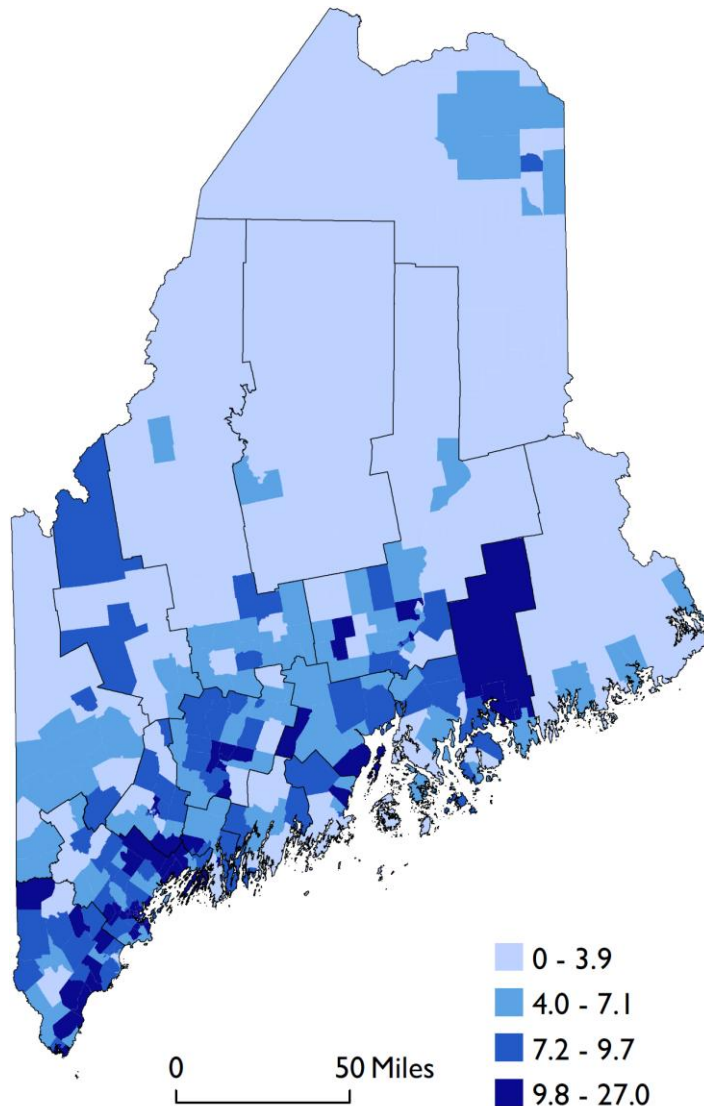
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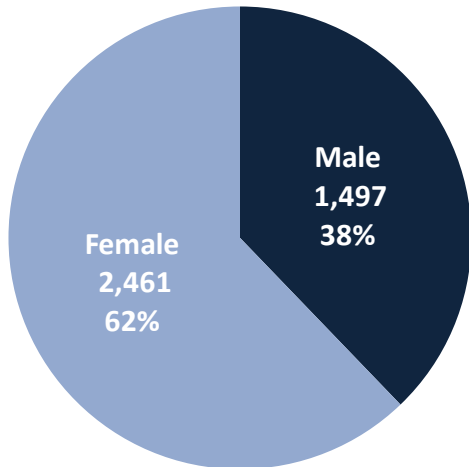


<b>Same-sex couples</b>	<b>3,958</b>	<b>Same-sex couples per 1,000 households</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Husband/wife	407	Same-sex "husband/wife" couples per 1,000 "husband/wife" couples	1.5
Unmarried partner	3,551	Same-sex "unmarried partner" couples per 1,000 "unmarried partner" couples	70.4

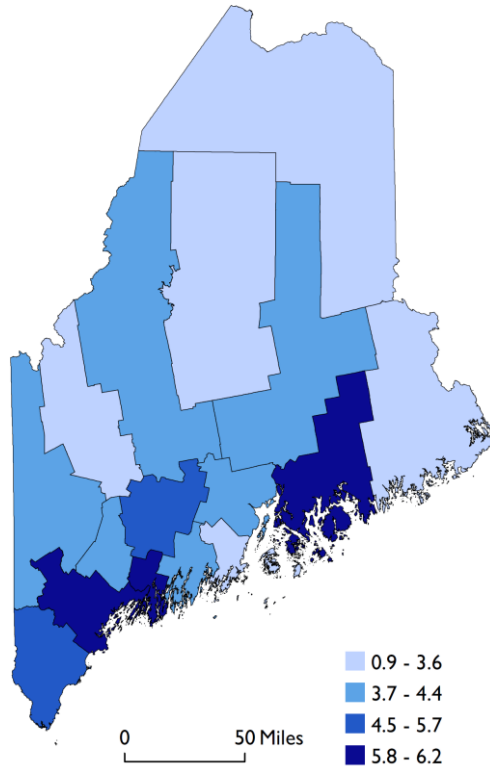
Same-sex couples per 1,000 households  
by Census tract (adjusted)



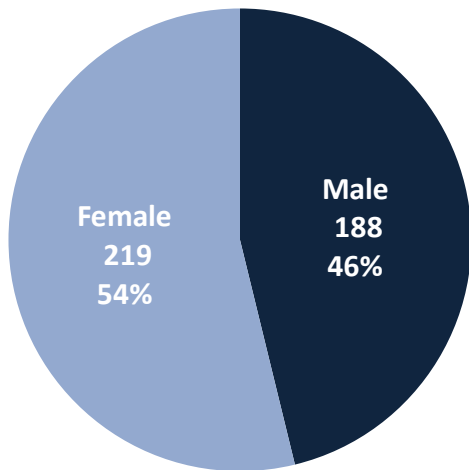
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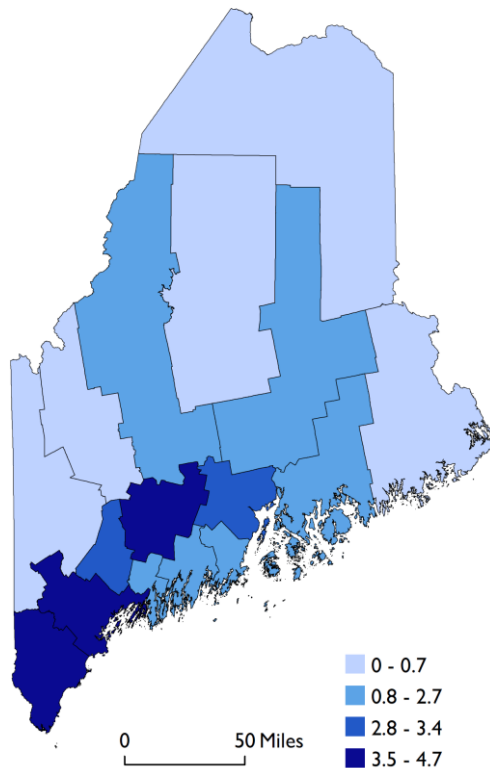
**Same-sex female couples per 1,000 households by county (adjusted)**



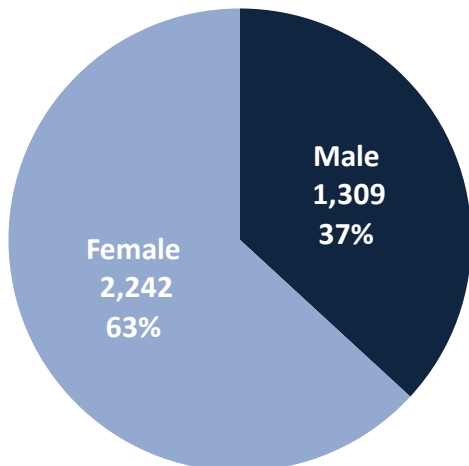
**Same-sex couples who identify as spouses**



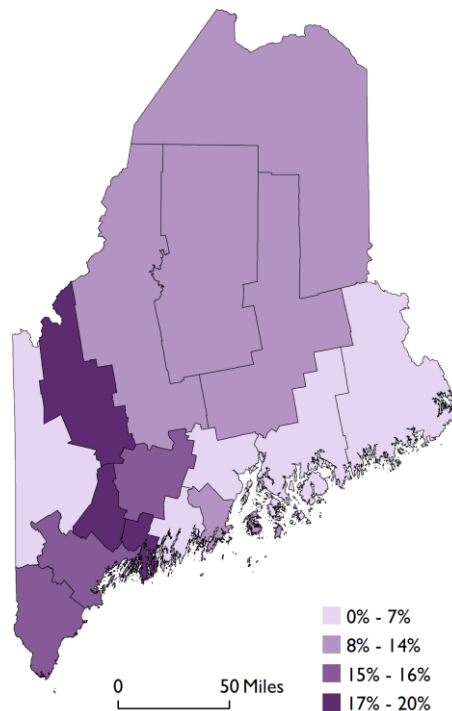
**Same-sex male couples per 1,000 households by county (adjusted)**



**Same-sex couples who identify as unmarried partners**

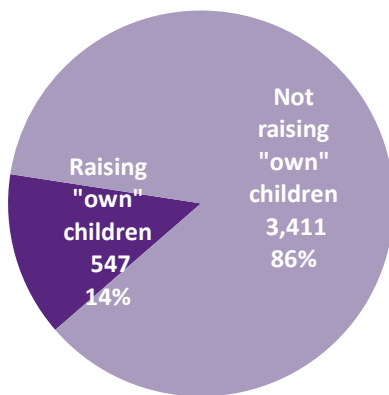


## Percent of same-sex couples raising “own” children\* by county (adjusted)

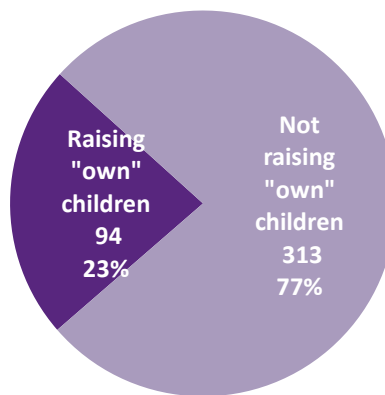


\*“Own” children are never-married children under 18 who are sons or daughters of one partner or spouse (Person 1) by birth, marriage (stepchild), or adoption.

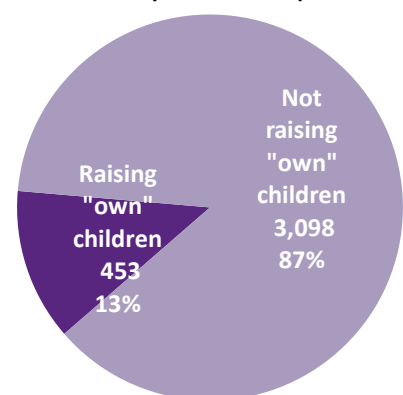
All Same-sex Couples



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	30	Cumberland	1280	10.91	554	726	16%
2	69	York	681	8.41	305	376	14%
3	80	Kennebec	407	7.97	175	232	16%
4	105	Sagadahoc	112	7.42	26	86	20%
5	112	Androscoggin	319	7.19	147	171	20%
6	116	Waldo	117	7.14	45	72	6%
7	148	Hancock	156	6.44	18	138	0%
8	238	Penobscot	360	5.72	119	242	12%
9	273	Lincoln	83	5.45	22	60	3%
10	282	Knox	93	5.39	40	53	13%
11	408	Somerset	103	4.71	24	79	13%
12	738	Oxford	88	3.63	0	88	2%
13	1124	Aroostook	62	2.01	0	62	10%
<b>Counties with &lt;50 same-sex couples</b>							
		Franklin	42	3.21	0	42	16%
		Piscataquis	7	0.94	0	7	8%
		Washington	47	3.25	0	47	7%

**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	66	South Portland	173	15.93
2	67	Portland	488	15.88
3	164	Augusta	94	10.64
4	169	Westbrook	80	10.51
5	287	Lewiston	129	8.48
6	293	Bangor	122	8.42
7	335	Saco	61	7.96
8	482	Auburn	69	6.95
9	616	Biddeford	54	6.23

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