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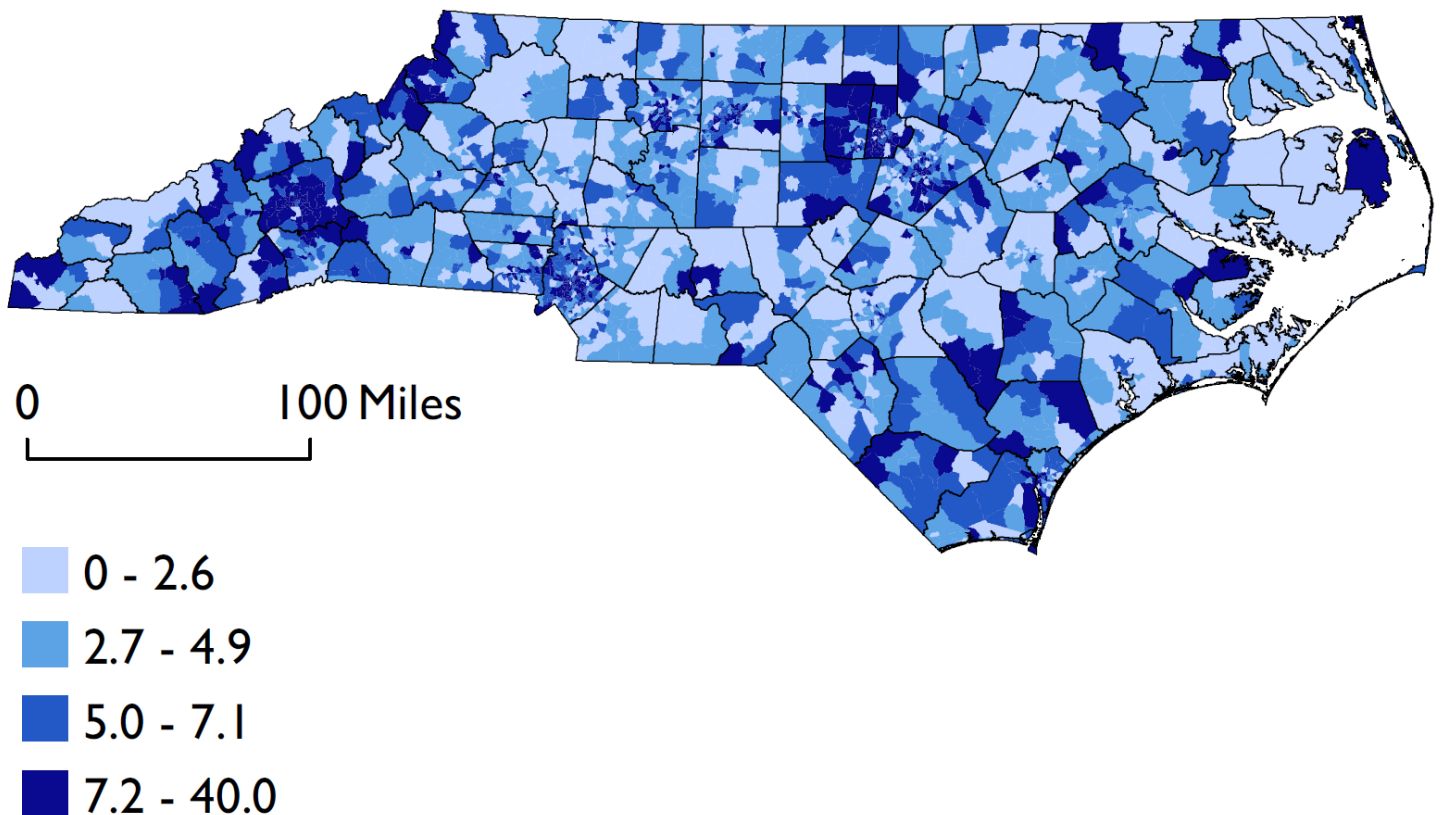
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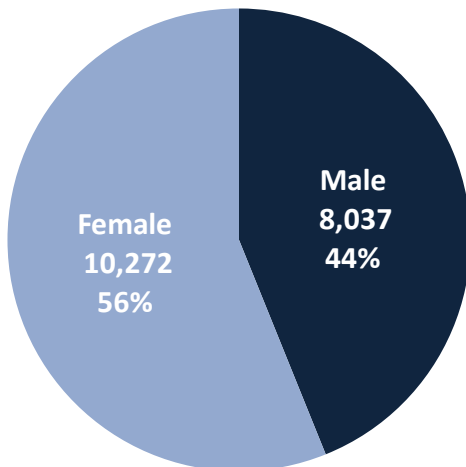
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Same-sex couples	18,309	Same-sex couples per 1,000 households	4.9
Husband/wife	3,224	Same-sex "husband/wife" couples per 1,000 "husband/wife" couples	1.8
Unmarried partner	15,085	Same-sex "unmarried partner" couples per 1,000 "unmarried partner" couples	71.6

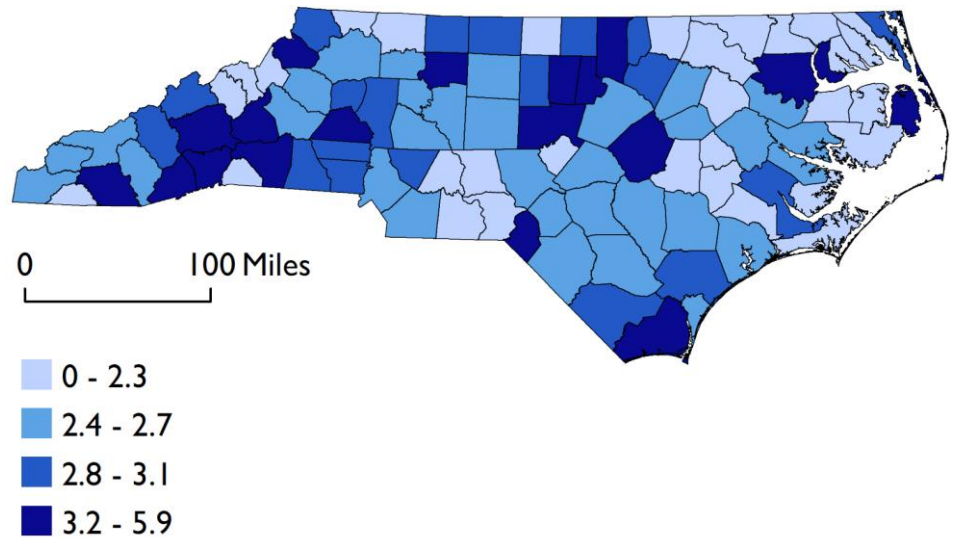
Same-sex couples per 1,000 households
by Census tract (adjusted)



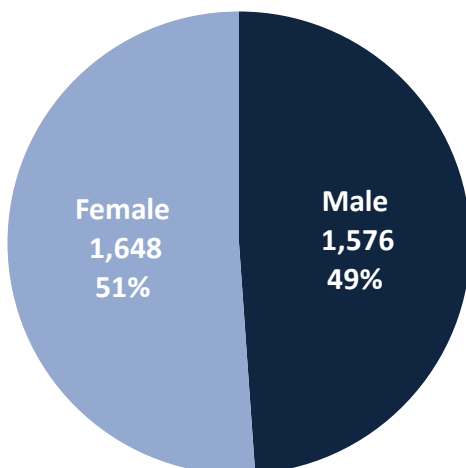
All Same-sex Couples



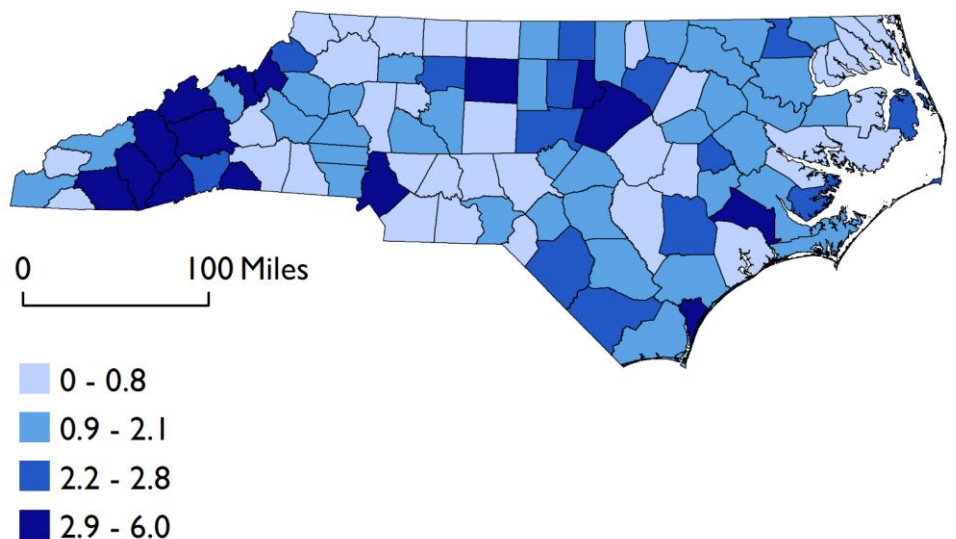
Same-sex female couples per 1,000 households by county (adjusted)



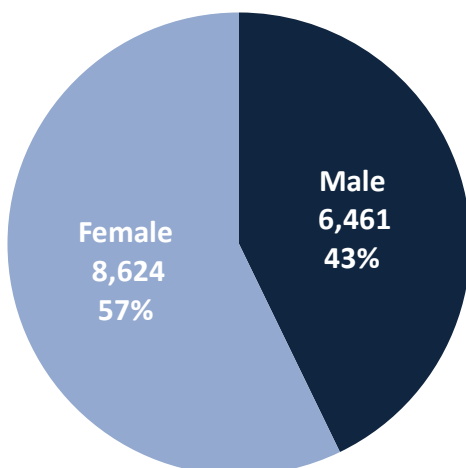
Same-sex couples who identify as spouses



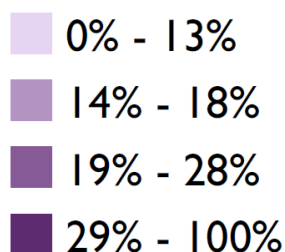
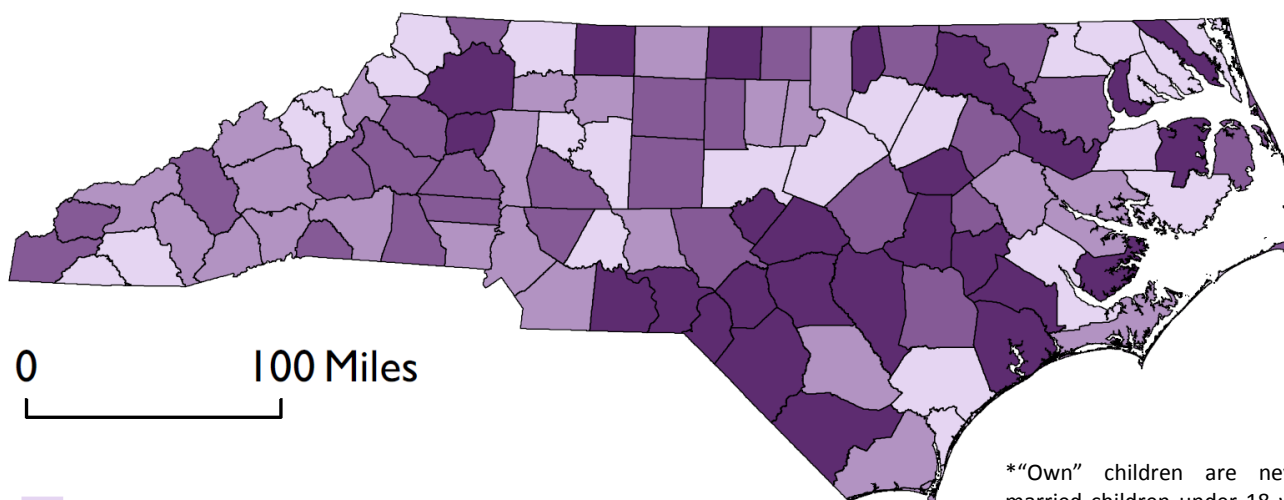
Same-sex male couples per 1,000 households by county (adjusted)



Same-sex couples who identify as unmarried partners

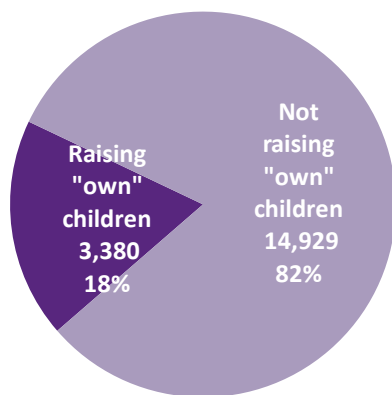


Percent of same-sex couples raising “own” children* by county (adjusted)

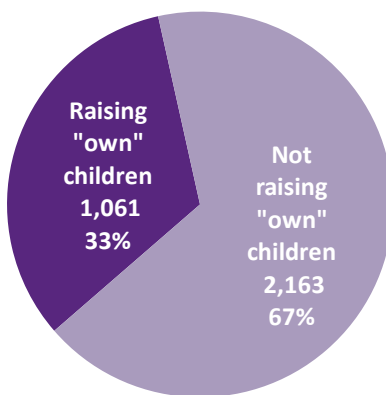


*“Own” children are never-married children under 18 who are sons or daughters of one partner or spouse (Person 1) by birth, marriage (stepchild), or adoption.

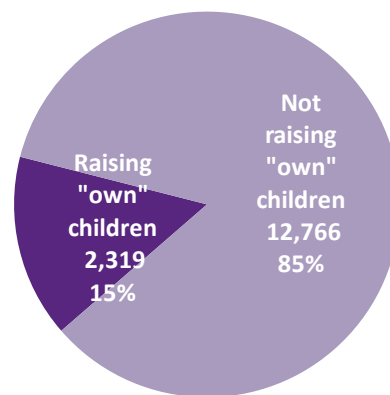
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Same-sex couples who identify as spouses



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	20	Buncombe	1200	11.95	603	597	17%
2	42	Durham	1059	9.69	558	501	17%
3	93	Orange	399	7.76	125	275	18%
4	135	Mecklenburg	2426	6.70	1506	920	16%
5	143	Transylvania	94	6.52	40	54	15%
6	146	Haywood	166	6.48	89	77	20%
7	158	Dare	91	6.34	38	53	25%
8	159	Madison	54	6.33	30	24	15%
9	174	Watauga	127	6.24	56	71	4%
10	184	Macon	90	6.18	44	46	9%
11	196	New Hanover	521	6.06	288	233	12%
12	212	Henderson	268	5.90	124	144	16%
13	217	Polk	53	5.86	38	15	19%
14	222	Jackson	96	5.83	55	41	18%
15	240	Chatham	148	5.71	57	90	9%
16	246	Guilford	1116	5.68	582	535	19%
17	251	Forsyth	792	5.61	337	454	17%
18	290	Columbus	120	5.35	54	66	31%
19	295	Franklin	122	5.31	57	66	8%
20	316	Wake	1788	5.17	983	806	9%
21	319	Duplin	116	5.16	55	61	25%
22	326	Person	81	5.13	35	46	23%
23	345	Granville	103	5.02	31	72	15%
24	394	Gaston	381	4.78	149	233	18%
25	426	Alamance	278	4.63	99	178	20%
26	445	Robeson	218	4.53	104	113	32%
27	446	Pender	92	4.53	35	57	4%
28	464	Lincoln	136	4.48	53	83	26%
29	470	Cherokee	52	4.47	23	30	21%
30	472	Brunswick	206	4.45	61	146	14%
31	475	Bladen	64	4.45	26	38	14%
32	483	Yadkin	69	4.43	28	41	16%
33	525	Catawba	260	4.27	62	198	25%
34	548	Davidson	268	4.16	97	171	11%
35	555	Burke	148	4.14	65	83	21%
36	566	Pitt	278	4.11	105	173	16%
37	638	Alexander	56	3.90	12	45	36%
38	644	Richmond	72	3.88	38	33	36%
39	659	McDowell	68	3.82	10	58	26%
40	664	Rutherford	104	3.80	16	88	18%
41	679	Caldwell	126	3.76	38	88	21%
42	686	Cleveland	145	3.75	25	119	21%
43	688	Johnston	232	3.75	31	201	25%

44	704	Scotland	50	3.71	8	43	47%
45	709	Craven	149	3.70	33	116	12%
46	736	Vance	63	3.63	10	53	36%
47	756	Rowan	191	3.59	56	134	27%
48	765	Rockingham	138	3.57	27	111	18%
49	768	Halifax	78	3.56	34	45	30%
50	778	Cumberland	433	3.53	114	319	37%
51	782	Wilson	112	3.52	27	86	36%
52	786	Stokes	68	3.51	12	56	40%
53	825	Edgecombe	74	3.40	37	37	25%
54	847	Harnett	140	3.36	41	99	30%
55	848	Hoke	55	3.35	13	43	30%
56	852	Cabarrus	219	3.34	17	202	25%
57	923	Nash	118	3.13	24	94	10%
58	928	Sampson	75	3.12	17	57	35%
59	943	Lenoir	75	3.08	25	50	43%
60	955	Randolph	169	3.05	22	147	24%
61	965	Carteret	87	3.02	26	61	17%
62	994	Iredell	177	2.89	0	177	17%
63	1007	Union	193	2.84	9	184	14%
64	1010	Stanly	67	2.83	13	54	9%
65	1030	Lee	61	2.75	18	43	32%
66	1039	Beaufort	54	2.71	0	54	16%
67	1054	Onslow	158	2.63	0	158	30%
68	1063	Moore	96	2.57	2	94	24%
69	1076	Wilkes	70	2.48	0	70	37%
70	1094	Wayne	112	2.35	19	93	31%
71	1101	Surry	69	2.30	0	69	4%
Counties with <50 same-sex couples							
		Alleghany	5	1.14	1	5	26%
		Anson	16	1.60	4	12	85%
		Ashe	36	3.03	1	35	11%
		Avery	48	7.23	36	13	16%
		Bertie	39	4.71	8	32	26%
		Camden	4	1.06	0	4	100%
		Caswell	30	3.26	13	17	33%
		Chowan	21	3.40	0	21	40%
		Clay	10	2.06	0	10	3%
		Currituck	29	3.31	2	27	0%
		Davie	44	2.69	0	44	0%
		Gates	17	3.63	9	8	3%
		Graham	9	2.52	0	9	19%
		Greene	29	3.94	17	12	21%
		Hertford	43	4.59	22	21	11%
		Hyde	0	0.00	0	0	0%
		Jones	20	4.82	12	8	42%
		Martin	36	3.53	9	28	29%

	Mitchell	30	4.55	19	11	9%
	Montgomery	23	2.18	5	18	17%
	Northampton	33	3.64	16	17	26%
	Pamlico	22	4.03	12	10	36%
	Pasquotank	20	1.33	0	20	0%
	Perquimans	12	2.08	0	12	9%
	Swain	23	4.12	10	13	15%
	Tyrrell	1	0.53	0	1	100%
	Warren	23	2.81	10	14	21%
	Washington	19	3.35	7	12	0%
	Yancey	29	3.85	15	14	4%

**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	68	Asheville	592	15.83
2	187	Durham	951	10.17
3	212	Carrboro	83	9.65
4	363	Garner	78	7.68
5	460	Charlotte	2053	7.08
6	525	Winston-Salem	618	6.69
7	529	Greensboro	746	6.68
8	599	Raleigh	1028	6.31
9	605	Hickory	104	6.27
10	692	Wilmington	278	5.91
11	730	Cornelius	62	5.74
12	742	Chapel Hill	117	5.71
13	752	Gastonia	158	5.68
14	819	High Point	219	5.35
15	842	Burlington	107	5.20
16	854	Thomasville	54	5.14
17	1083	Salisbury	54	4.30
18	1086	Huntersville	75	4.30
19	1113	New Bern	54	4.22
20	1193	Greenville	142	3.93
21	1240	Rocky Mount	86	3.71
22	1246	Kannapolis	60	3.68
23	1261	Cary	186	3.59
24	1275	Concord	102	3.52
25	1289	Wilson	68	3.47
26	1308	Jacksonville	68	3.39
27	1322	Fayetteville	259	3.31

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