Where Do Gay and Lesbian Couples Live?

Census 2000 counts same-sex couples in 99 percent of U.S. counties. Like the distribution of the U.S. population at large, the distribution of gay and lesbian families is far from uniform across the nation.


States with the most same-sex couple households
1. California
2. New York
3. Texas
4. Florida
5. Illinois
6. Pennsylvania
7. Georgia
8. Ohio
9. Massachusetts
10. New Jersey

Highest concentrations of same-sex couple households...

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<td>10. North Druid Hills, GA</td>
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*Cities or towns with at least 50 same-sex couples.
Location Patterns Differ between Gay and Lesbian Couples

Same-sex male and female couples share only five states and one county among their respective top ten locations. Lesbian couples are less urban than their gay male counterparts. Gay male couples are more likely to live in areas with higher concentrations of same-sex couples than are lesbian couples.


**Highest concentration of gay male couples...**

- by state
  1. California
  2. Nevada
  3. Florida
  4. New York
  5. Georgia
  6. Washington
  7. Arizona
  8. Delaware
  9. Massachusetts
  10. Vermont

- by metropolitan statistical area
  1. San Francisco, CA
  2. Fort Lauderdale, FL
  3. Santa Rosa, CA
  4. Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA
  5. New York, NY
  6. Jersey City, NJ
  7. Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA
  8. Santa Fe, NM
  9. Oakland, CA
  10. Miami, FL

- by neighborhood (ZIP codes)
  1. Castro, San Francisco, CA – 94114
  2. Provincetown, MA - 02657
  3. Twin Peaks, San Francisco, CA - 94131
  4. West Hollywood, CA – 90069
  5. Guerneville, CA - 95446
  6. Oakland Park/Ft. Lauderdale, FL - 33305
  7. Roxbury, Boston, MA - 02118
  8. Dallas, TX – 75219
  10. Haight Ashbury, San Francisco, CA - 94117

**Highest concentration of lesbian couples...**

- by state
  1. Vermont
  2. New Mexico
  3. Oregon
  4. Massachusets
  5. California
  6. Maine
  7. Washington
  8. New Hampshire
  9. Colorado
  10. Arizona

- by metropolitan statistical area
  1. Santa Rosa, CA
  2. Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA
  3. Santa Fe, NM
  4. San Francisco, CA
  5. Oakland, CA
  6. Burlington, VT
  7. Portland, ME
  8. Springfield, MA
  9. Corvallis, OR
  10. Madison, WI

- by neighborhood (ZIP codes)
  1. Provincetown, MA - 02657
  2. Florence/Northampton, MA - 01062
  3. Florence/Northampton, MA - 01060
  4. Guerneville, CA – 95446
  5. Jamaica Plain, MA – 02130
  6. Decatur, GA - 30030
  7. Castro, San Francisco, CA – 94114
  8. Oakland/Piedmont, CA - 94602
  9. Berkeley, CA – 94702
  10. Mission District, San Francisco, CA – 94110
Where Do Same-Sex Couples with Children Live?

An estimated one in four same-sex couple households report children under age 18 living in the home. Same-sex couples with children often live in states and large metropolitan areas not known for large gay and lesbian communities.


States with the highest concentration of same-sex couples with children...

- California
- New Mexico
- Vermont
- Nevada
- Alaska
- Texas
- Arizona
- New York
- Georgia
- Louisiana

Large metropolitan areas with the highest concentration of same-sex couples with children...

- New York, NY
- Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA
- Oakland, CA
- Miami, FL
- Houston, TX
- Riverside-San Bernardino, CA
- Las Vegas, NV
- San Francisco, CA
- New Orleans, LA
- Phoenix-Mesa, AZ

States with the highest concentration of same-sex couples with children...

- Vermont
- Nevada
- California
- New Mexico
- Arizona
- New York
- Florida
- Massachusetts
- Texas
- South Carolina

Large metropolitan areas with the highest concentration of same-sex couples with children...

- San Francisco, CA
- New York, NY
- Oakland, CA
- Miami, FL
- Las Vegas, NV
- Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA
- Austin-San Marcos, TX
- Phoenix-Mesa, AZ
- Houston, TX
- Boston, MA

States with the highest concentration of same-sex couples...

- Mississippi
- South Dakota
- Alaska
- South Carolina
- Louisiana
- Alabama
- Texas
- Kansas
- Utah
- Arizona

Large metropolitan areas with the highest concentration of same-sex couples...

- San Antonio, TX
- Bergen-Passaic, NJ
- Memphis, TN
- Houston, TX
- Fort Worth-Arlington, TX
- Newark, NJ
- Riverside-San Bernardino, CA
- Nassau-Suffolk, NY
- Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA
- Orange County, CA
Where Do Senior Gay and Lesbian Couples Live?

Nearly one in five people in a same-sex couple is at least 55 years old. Senior gay and lesbian couples often live in states and metropolitan areas with high proportions of seniors in the general adult population.


**States with the highest concentration of same-sex coupled seniors...**

among all adults
1. Vermont
2. Florida
3. New Mexico
4. North Dakota
5. Maine
6. Wyoming
7. South Dakota
8. Hawaii
9. New York
10. Alabama

among all seniors
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among all same-sex couples
1. North Dakota
2. South Dakota
3. Montana
4. Wyoming
5. West Virginia
6. Nebraska
7. Iowa
8. Arkansas
9. Mississippi
10. Idaho

**Metropolitan statistical areas with the highest concentration of same-sex coupled seniors...**

among all adults
1. Barnstable-Yarmouth, MA
2. Santa Rosa, CA
3. San Francisco, CA
4. Sarasota-Bradenton, FL
5. Santa Fe, NM
6. Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL
7. Fort Lauderdale, FL
8. West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL
9. Naples, FL
10. Punta Gorda, FL

among all seniors
1. Santa Rosa, CA
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6. Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA
7. Riverside-San Bernardino, CA
8. Burlington, VT
9. Goldsboro, NC
10. New York, NY

among all same-sex couples
1. Punta Gorda, FL
2. Barnstable-Yarmouth, MA
3. Sarasota-Bradenton, FL
4. Naples, FL
5. Ocala, FL
6. Johnstown, PA
7. Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL
8. Fort Pierce-Fort St. Lucie, FL
9. Danville, VA
10. Bismarck, ND
Where Do African-American Same-Sex Couples Live?

Areas with large African-American communities have higher concentrations of African-American gay and lesbian couples, both in the population and among gay and lesbian couples.


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Where Do Hispanic Same-Sex Couples Live?

Areas with large Hispanic communities have higher concentrations of Hispanic gay and lesbian couples, both in the population and among gay and lesbian couples.


**States with the highest concentration of Hispanic same-sex couples...**

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