



Black Same-Sex Headed Households

- According to the 2000 Census, there are almost 85,000 Black same-sex couples in the United States, and an estimated 55,000 Black lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals in California alone.*
- Black same-sex headed households are about twice as likely to have a child under 18 than white same-sex headed households; however, they do so with fewer financial resources.
- Black female same-sex couples report a median income of \$10,000 less than Black married opposite-sex couples.
- Black same-sex couples are less likely to report home ownership than Black married opposite-sex couples.
- Black same-sex couples in California have a median household income of \$60,900 compared to \$76,000 for Black people in different-sex married couples.*

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Hispanic and Latino Same-Sex Headed Households

- There are 105,025 Hispanic/Latino same-sex couple households identified in the 2000 U.S. Census, and more than 200,000 Hispanic/Latino lesbian, gay and bisexual people in California alone.**
- Male same-sex couples in which both partners are Hispanic/Latino are raising children at more than three times the rate of white non- Hispanic/Latino male same-sex couples (58 percent vs. 19 percent).
- Female same-sex couples in which both partners are Hispanic/Latino are raising children at over twice the rate of white non- Hispanic/Latino female same-sex couples (66 percent vs. 32 percent).
- Hispanic/Latino same-sex couples report raising nonbiological (foster or adopted) children at nearly the same rate as Hispanic/Latino married opposite-sex couples (5 percent vs. 4 percent).
- In California, Hispanic/Latino same-sex parents have fewer financial resources to support their children than those in married couples, with an average household income of \$49,385 compared to \$63,017.** Both figures fall below the average household income of all different-sex married couples with children in California (\$97,519).
- Hispanic/Latino parents are also less likely than Latino/a different-sex married parents to own their homes (36% vs. 57%).**
- More than half (51 percent) of the men in same-sex couples in which both partners are Hispanic/Latino report that they are not U.S. citizens, as are 38% of women in same-sex couples in which both partners report they are Hispanic. The inability to marry prevents individuals from sponsoring a non-citizen same-sex partner for immigration purposes, which disproportionately threatens the stability of Hispanic/Latino same-sex couple families, many with children.

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