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## **Fact Sheet: Black Same-Sex Couples in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area**

The US Census counts 3,421 Black gay and lesbian couples in the Los Angeles area. This represents 4.1% of all Black same-sex couples in the U.S. Six percent of all same-sex households in the Los Angeles area are Black same-sex households (i.e. at least one partner is Black).

### **Demographics**

- The average age of individuals in Black same-sex couples was 40.7.
- Ninety percent of Black male same-sex partners and 93% of Black female same-sex partners were citizens.
- Seventeen percent of men and ten percent of women in Black same-sex couples reported having a disability.
- Eighty percent of men and 80% of women in Black same-sex couples reported that they spoke English at home. Twelve percent of men and 12% of women in Black same-sex couples spoke Spanish, while the remainder spoke some other language.
- Sixteen percent of partnered Black men and eight percent of partnered Black women in same-sex couples were born outside of the United States.

### **Income**

- The median household income for Black male same-sex couples was \$59,300. The median household income for Black female same-sex couples was \$59,300.
- The median personal income for individuals in Black same-sex couples was \$29,550.

### **Family**

- Thirty-seven percent of Black female same-sex couples and 37% of Black male same-sex couples are raising children.
- Twenty-three percent of Black female same-sex couples and 23% of Black male same-sex couples are raising biological children.
- Fourteen percent of Black female same-sex couples and 14% of Black male same-sex couples are raising nonbiological (fostered or adopted) children.

### **Residence**

- Forty-six percent of Black male same-sex couples and 39% of Black female same-sex couples report living in the same residence five years ago.
- Forty-seven percent of Black male same-sex couples and 47% of Black female same-sex couples own their own home.

### **Employment**

- Sixty-six percent of Black men in same-sex households and 78% of Black women in same-sex households report working full-time. Four percent of Black men in same-sex households and six percent of Black women in same-sex households work part-time. Twenty-nine percent of men and 16% of women in Black same-sex couples reported not working.
- Thirteen percent of Black men and 27% of Black women in same-sex households work in the public sector.

### **Military Service**

- Twenty-six percent of men and nine percent of women in Black same-sex couples are military veterans.