

Figure 3a. Total Number of Same-sex Households: 2008 to Present



¹ Due to late changes to the 2008 data set, the 2008 estimates in this figure will not match the estimates of the previously released Characteristics of Same-sex Couples: 2008.

² The Census Bureau did not release its standard 2020 ACS 1-year estimates because of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, see: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/technical-documentation/user-notes/2021-02.html>.

³ For information on how data collection, editing, and release procedures for same-sex households have changed over time, see: https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/2020/demo/the_context_and_evolution_of_data_collection_for_same_sex_married_couple_households.html

⁴ For information regarding the implementation of the revised relationship to householder question on the ACS beginning in 2019, see: <https://www.census.gov/library/working-papers/2022/demo/SEHSD-wp2022-20.html>

For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions in the American Community Survey, see: https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/tech_docs/accuracy/ACS_Accuracy_of_Data_2021.pdf

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2019, 2021 American Community Survey 1-year data files