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Fact Sheet: Black Same-Sex Couples in the Houston, TX Metropolitan Area

The US Census counts 1,967 Black gay and lesbian couples in the Houston area. This represents 2.3% of all Black same-sex couples in the U.S. Fifteen percent of all same-sex households in the Houston 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 40.5.
- Ninety-six percent of Black male same-sex partners and 99% of black female same-sex partners were citizens.
- Twelve percent of men and 15% of women in Black same-sex couples reported having a disability.
- Eighty-two percent of men and 84% of women in Black same-sex couples reported that they spoke English at home. Fifteen percent of men and 14% of women in Black same-sex couples spoke Spanish, while the remainder spoke some other language.
- Fifteen percent of partnered Black men and four 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 \$55,600. The median household income for Black female same-sex couples was \$42,900.
- The median personal income for individuals in Black same-sex couples was \$21,660.

Family

- Sixty-seven percent of Black female same-sex couples and 54% of Black male same-sex couples are raising children.
- Fifty-one percent of Black female same-sex couples and 35% of Black male same-sex couples are raising biological children.
- Sixteen percent of Black female same-sex couples and 19% of Black male same-sex couples are raising nonbiological (fostered or adopted) children.

Residence

- Sixty-three percent of Black male same-sex couples and 39% of Black female same-sex couples report living in the same residence five years ago.
- Fifty-six percent of Black male same-sex couples and 45% of Black female same-sex couples own their own home.

Employment

- Seventy-two percent of Black men in same-sex households and 66% of Black women in same-sex households report working full-time. Six percent of Black men in same-sex households and nine percent of Black women in same-sex households work part-time. Twenty-two percent of men and 25% of women in Black same-sex couples reported not working.
- Twenty-one percent of Black men and nine percent of Black women in same-sex households work in the public sector.

Military Service

- Sixteen percent of men and 13% of women in Black same-sex couples are military veterans.