



Number of Same-Sex Couples and Opposite-Sex Unmarried Couples Affected by Anti-Gay Marriage Ballot Initiatives*

States	Number of Same-Sex Couples**	Estimated Number of Children Being Raised by Same-Sex Couples	Total Number of People in Same-Sex Couple Families Impacted	Number of Opposite-Sex Unmarried Couples	Percent of Opposite-Sex Unmarried Couples raising Children	Estimated Number of People Affected in the State^
Arkansas	4,423	2,601	11,447	36,120	47.6%	100,880
Georgia	19,288	11,057	49,633	126,455	46.1%	360,839
Kentucky	7,114	3,843	18,071	64,152	46.0%	175,885
Louisiana	8,808	5,574	23,190	74,755	48.5%	208,956
Michigan	15,368	9,020	39,756	186,852	45.3%	498,104
Mississippi***	4,774	3,123	12,671			12,671
Missouri***	9,428	4,859	23,715			23,715
Montana***	1,218	673	3,109			3,109
North Dakota	703	378	1,784	10,676	41.5%	27,567
Ohio	18,937	10,048	47,922	210,152	45.3%	563,425
Oklahoma	5,763	3,734	15,260	47,544	47.2%	132,789
Oregon***	8,932	4,035	21,899			21,899
Utah	3,370	2,610	9,350	20,734	47.2%	60,604

*Source: An analysis of 2000 U.S. Census data by Gary Gates of the Urban Institute provided to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute

**The 2000 Census significantly undercounts the number of same-sex couples in the U.S. The Census also does not allow individuals to specifically identify their sexual orientation or gender identity, and does not count gay, lesbian, or bisexual people who are single or not living with their same-sex partner.

***Ballot initiatives in MS, MO, MT, and OR only ban marriage for same-sex couples and do not threaten or ban more limited forms of partner recognition, such as civil union or domestic partnership policies. Therefore, data on opposite-sex unmarried couples are not included.

^The formula used to calculate this estimate assumes that each opposite-sex couple is raising just one child. The actual average number of children is most likely higher, so this is likely an underestimate.

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