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## **Fact Sheet: Black Same-Sex Couples in the Atlanta, GA Metropolitan Area**

The US Census counts 3,471 Black gay and lesbian couples in the Atlanta area. This represents 4.1% of all Black same-sex couples in the U.S. Twenty-two percent of all same-sex households in the Atlanta 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 35.
- Ninety-seven percent of Black male same-sex partners and 97% of Black female same-sex partners were citizens.
- Thirteen percent of men and 11% of women in Black same-sex couples reported having a disability.
- Eighty-eight percent of men and 88% of women in Black same-sex couples reported that they spoke English at home. Seven percent of men and five percent of women in Black same-sex couples spoke Spanish, while the remainder spoke some other language.
- Ten percent of partnered Black men and ten 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 \$57,004. The median household income for Black female same-sex couples was \$45,400.
- The median personal income for individuals in Black same-sex couples was \$24,050.

### **Family**

- Sixty-nine percent of Black female same-sex couples and 39% of Black male same-sex couples are raising children.
- Fifty percent of Black female same-sex couples and 31% of Black male same-sex couples are raising biological children.
- Nineteen percent of Black female same-sex couples and eight percent of Black male same-sex couples are raising non-biological (fostered or adopted) children.

### **Residence**

- Twenty-eight percent of Black male same-sex couples and 28% of Black female same-sex couples report living in the same residence five years ago.
- Fifty-one percent of Black male same-sex couples and 52% of Black female same-sex couples own their own home.

### **Employment**

- Seventy-eight percent of Black men in same-sex households and 75% of Black women in same-sex households report working full-time. Three percent of Black men in same-sex households and 10% of Black women in same-sex households work part-time. Twenty percent of men and 15% of women in Black-same-sex couples reported not working.
- Twelve percent of Black men and 16% of Black women in same-sex households work in the public sector.

### **Military Service**

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