



Interracial Unmarried-Partner Households: How Do They Compare with Interracial Married- Couple Households in Census 2000?

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Census 2000 Race and Hispanic Origin Data



- Data are from 100 percent and sample forms.
- 14 categories of classification per partner shown:
 - Ethnic origin (2 categories): Hispanic (H) and Not Hispanic (NH)
 - Race (7 categories): Six single races and one multiple race category--
 - White
 - Black
 - American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN)
 - Asian
 - Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (NHOPI)
 - Some Other Race (SOR)
 - Two or More Races (Two+)
- What is an interracial/ethnic couple?
 - If one spouse/partner does not have the same race and Hispanic origin.
 - If one or both spouses or partners are of “Two or More Races.”
- Endogamous couples are of the same single race and ethnic origin.

Who is in the Census 2000 Study?

Only married couples and unmarried-partner couples



➤ **One spouse or partner must be the householder.**

➤ **Total of 59,969,000 couples--**

- **Married couples: 54,493,232**
- **Unmarried partner couples:**
 - Opposite sex: 4,881,377**
 - Male same-sex: 301,026**
 - Female same-sex: 293,365**

Source: Census 2000, 100 percent data.

AIAN-American Indian and Alaska Native

NHOPI-Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.

SOR-Some other race.

Two+- Two or more races.

Number of couples by race and Hispanic origin of householder

<u>Race</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Hispanic</u>
White:	2,863,817	46,749,530
Black:	82,860	4,458,272
AIAN:	61,349	351,642
Asian:	17,025	1,972,334
NHOPI:	5,612	58,274
SOR:	2,309,363	59,909
Two+:	321,161	657,852
Total:	5,661,187	54,307,813

Couple Characteristics: 2000

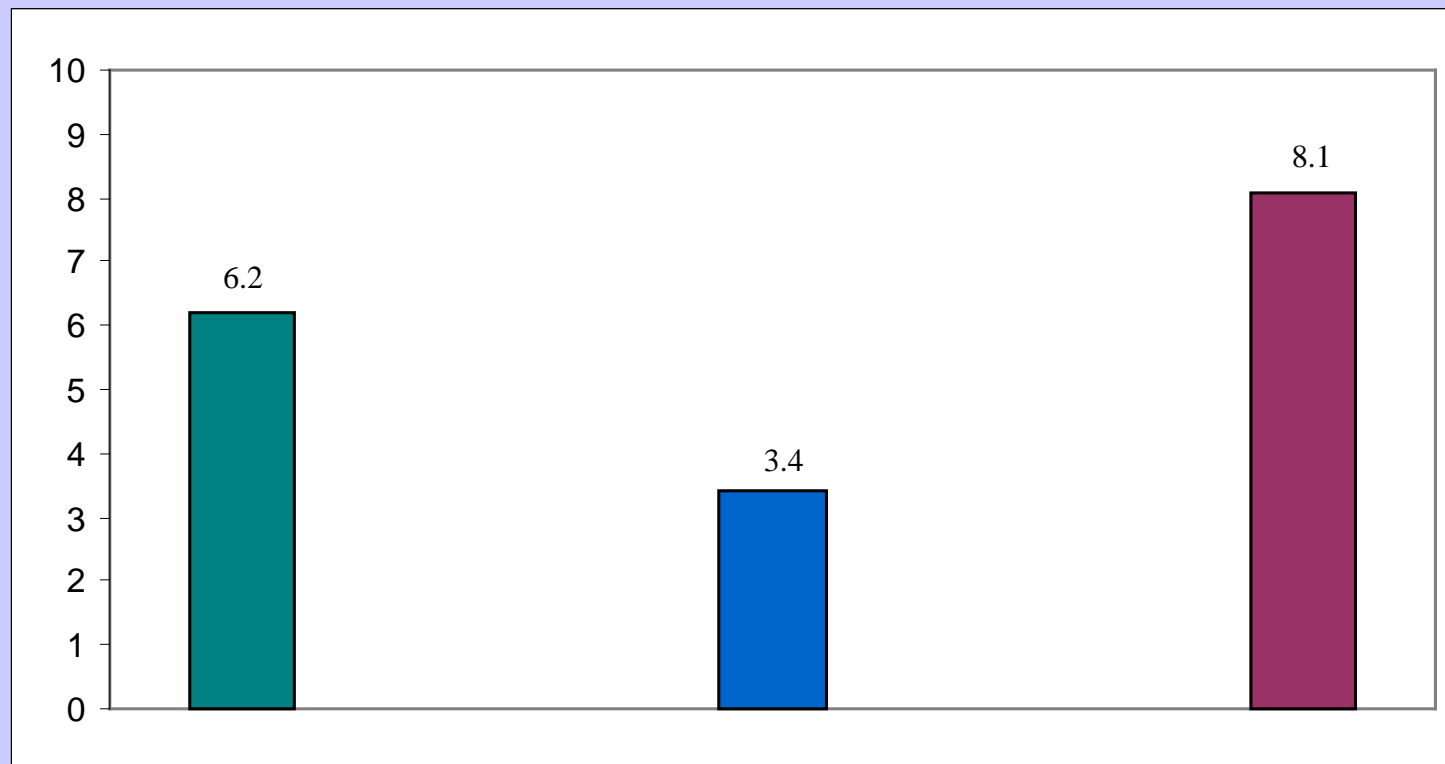


- Married couples made up 91 percent of all couples.
- 8 percent of all couples were opposite-sex unmarried-partner couples.
- 1 percent of all couples were same-sex unmarried-partner couples:
 - About 0.5 percent of all couples were male same-sex unmarried couples.
 - About 0.5 percent of all couples were female same-sex unmarried couples.

- Interracial/ethnic couples were more frequently found among unmarried-partner couples (13 to 15 percent) than married couples (7 percent).

- Interracial couples were more common than mixed Hispanic origin (interethnic) couples, regardless of couple type.
 - However, over 95 percent of all couples who reported that they were "Some Other Race" reported that they were of Hispanic origin.

Percent of All Couples with Interracial or Ethnic Partners: 2000



With partners of
different races
(3,745,314)

With only one
partner Hispanic
(2,024,486)

With partners of
different races and/or origins
(4,858,778)

Source: Census 2000, 100 percent data.

Which Couples Are Most Likely to Have Interracial or Interethnic Partners in 2000?

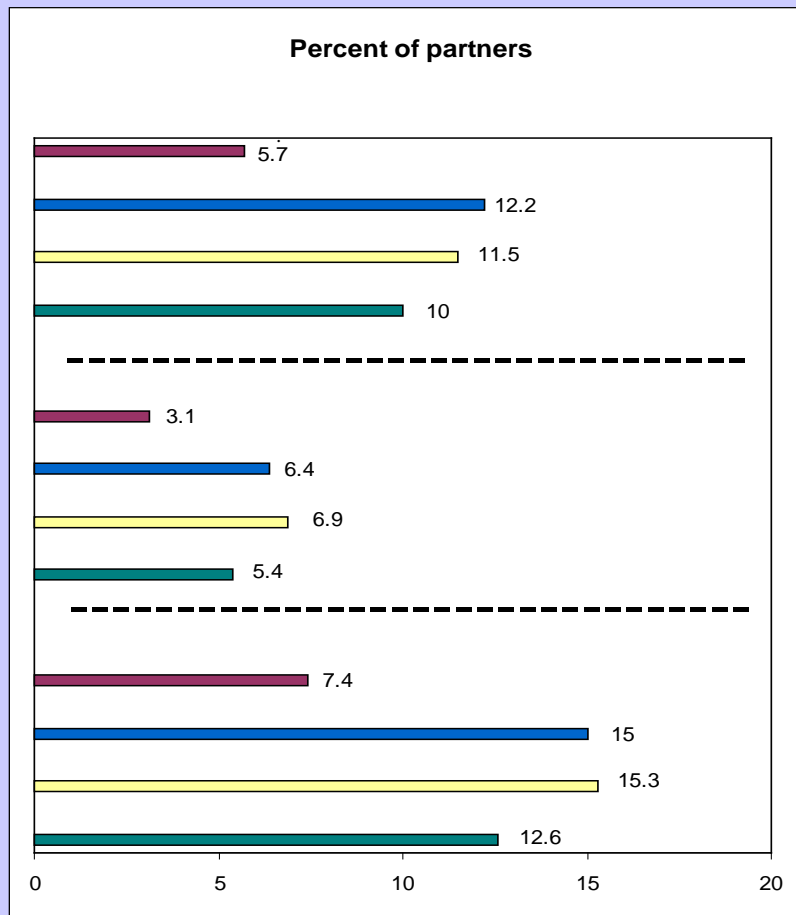
(Numbers in parentheses indicate number of interracial or interethnic couples)



- With partners of different races:
 - Married couples (3,084,155)
 - Opposite-sex unmarried couples (597,293)
 - Male same-sex unmarried couples (34,485)
 - Female same-sex unmarried couples (29,381)

- With only one partner Hispanic:
 - Married couples (1,676,738)
 - Opposite-sex unmarried couples (311,197)
 - Male same-sex unmarried couples (20,771)
 - Female same-sex unmarried couples (15,780)

- With partners of different races and/or origins:
 - Married couples (4,040,984)
 - Opposite-sex unmarried couples (734,603)
 - Male same-sex unmarried couples (46,131)
 - Female same-sex unmarried couples (37,060)



Source: Census 2000, 100 percent data.

Couple Combinations by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2000



➤ Among Hispanic spouses:

- Intermarriage is highest among Hispanic Asian spouses (about 60 percent).
- The most common type of intermarriage among Hispanic White spouses and Hispanic Black spouses are to spouses of the same race but who are not Hispanic.
- For races other than White or Black, non-Hispanic White is the most frequently mentioned spouse.

➤ Among non-Hispanic spouses:

- Intermarriage is highest among American Indian and Alaska Native spouses (about 55 percent).
- The most common type of intermarriage among non-Hispanic White spouses is to spouses who are White but of Hispanic origin.
- For all other races, the most frequently mentioned spouse is non-Hispanic White.

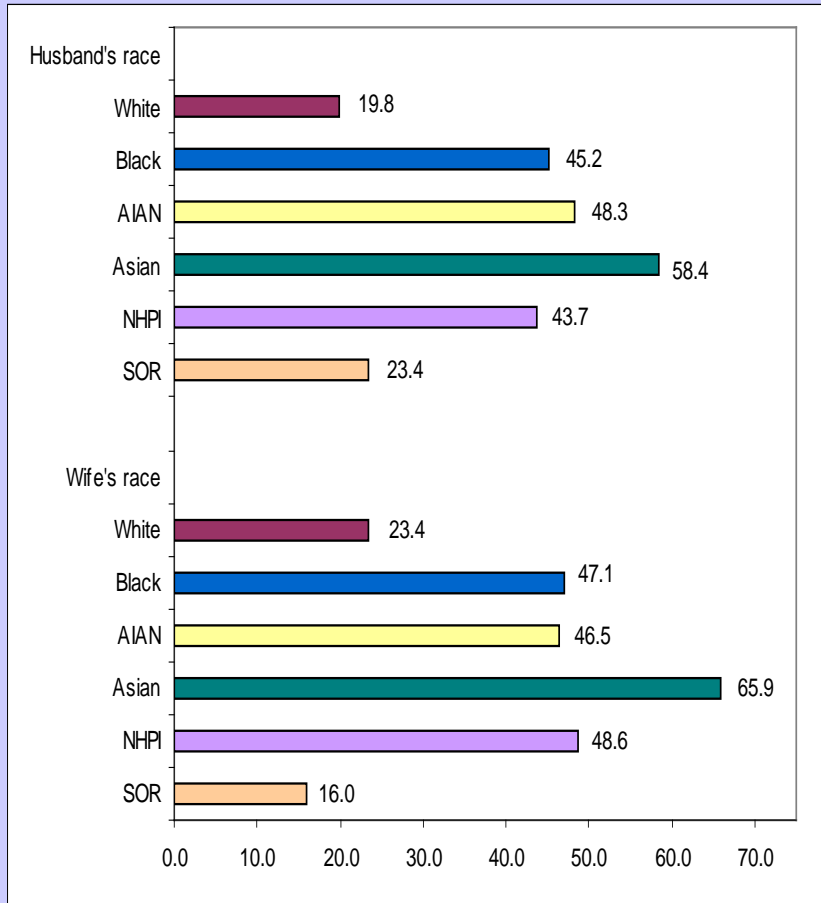
➤ Among unmarried partners:

- The most frequently mentioned combination of partners among opposite-sex unmarried couples is non-Hispanic Black men and non-Hispanic White women.
- Among same-sex couples, partners who are White but not of the same origin is the most frequently mentioned combination.

Which Hispanic Husbands and Wives Are Most Likely to Intermarry in 2000?



Percent of Hispanics with spouses not of same race or origin



Most frequently named spouse for corresponding Hispanic spouse

Most frequently named spouse	Percent ¹
Non-Hispanic White	80.6
Non-Hispanic Black	35.4
Non-Hispanic White	37.9
Non-Hispanic Asian	29.8
Non-Hispanic White	28.0
Non-Hispanic White	61.6
Non-Hispanic White	79.5
Non-Hispanic Black	53.6
Non-Hispanic White	43.9
Non-Hispanic White	37.7
Non-Hispanic White	23.7
Non-Hispanic White	60.4

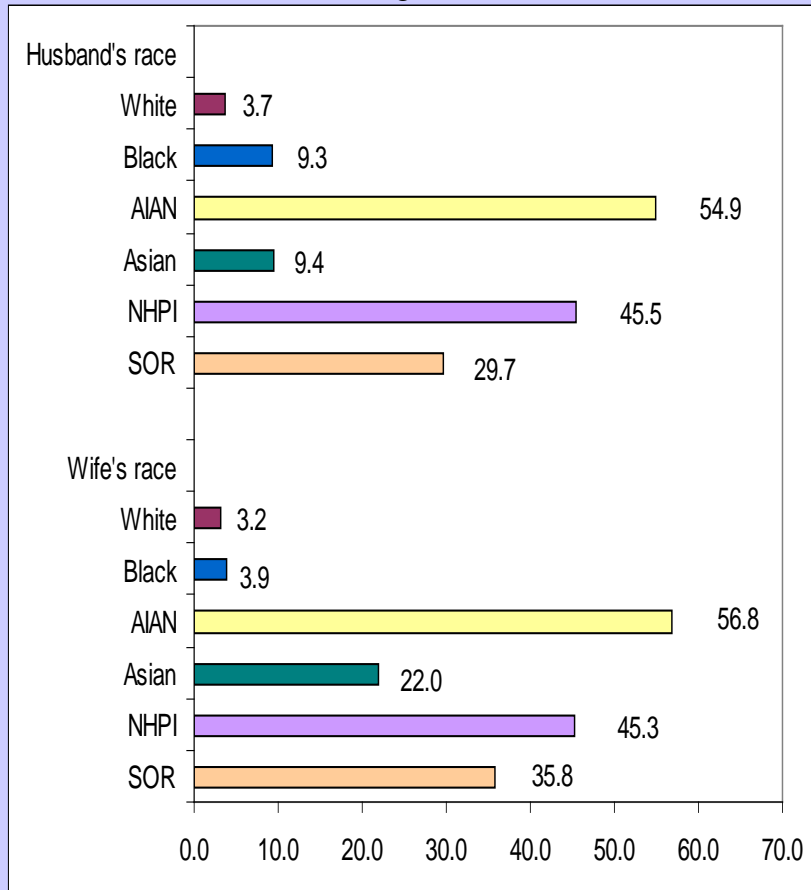
¹ Among all interracial/ethnic couples.

Source: Census 2000, 100 percent data.

Which Non-Hispanic Husbands and Wives Are Most Likely to Intermarry in 2000?



Percent of non-Hispanics with spouses not of same race or origin



Most frequently named spouse for corresponding non-Hispanic spouse

<u>Most frequently named spouse</u>	<u>Percent</u> ¹
Hispanic White	31.3
Non-Hispanic White	59.8
Non-Hispanic White	84.9
Non-Hispanic White	70.7
Non-Hispanic White	55.8
Non-Hispanic White	47.7
Hispanic White	30.4
Non-Hispanic White	56.2
Non-Hispanic White	81.9
Non-Hispanic White	79.7
Non-Hispanic White	58.1
Non-Hispanic White	50.1

¹Among all interracial/ethnic couples.
Source: Census 2000, 100 percent data.

Ten Most Frequently Mentioned Interracial/Ethnic Partners Among Opposite-Sex Couples: 2000



Married Couples: 54,493,232
 Endogamous couples: 50,452,248
 Different race/origin: 4,040,984

Opposite-sex Unmarried Couples: 4,881,377
 Endogamous couples: 4,146,774
 Different race/origin: 734,603

	<u>Husband – Wife</u>	<u>Number</u>
1.	NH White -- H White	503,159
2.	H White -- NH White	410,289
3.	NH White – NH Asian	380,475
4.	NH Two+ – NH Two+	251,458
5.	NH White –NH Two+	219,778
6.	NH Two+ – NH White	210,153
7.	NH Black – NH White	208,798
8.	NH White – H SOR	196,801
9.	H SOR – NH White	192,116
10.	H Two+ – H Two+	146,308

	<u>Male – Female</u>	<u>Number</u>
1.	NH Black –NH White	102,923
2.	H White – NH White	67,707
3.	NH White – H White	58,296
4.	H SOR – NH White	54,214
5.	NH White – NH Asian	38,208
6.	NH Two+ – NH White	34,613
7.	NH White – NH Two+	34,594
8.	NH White – H SOR	32,073
9.	NH AIAN – NH White	23,511
10.	NH White – NH AIAN	23,438

Note: AIAN=American Indian and Alaska Native; H=Hispanic; NH=non-Hispanic; SOR=Some other race; Two+=Two or more races
 Source: Census 2000, 100 percent data.

Ten Most Frequently Mentioned Interracial/Ethnic Partners Among Same-Sex Couples: 2000



Male Same-sex Couples: 301,026
 Endogamous couples : 254,895
 Different race/origin: 46,131

Female Same-sex Couples: 293,365
 Endogamous couples : 256,305
 Different race/origin: 37,060

	<u>Householder – Partner</u>	<u>Number</u>
1.	NH White -- H White	6,872
2.	H White -- NH White	4,433
3.	NH White – NH Asian	3,856
4.	NH White – NH Black	3,743
5.	NH White – H SOR	3,401
6.	NH Black – NH White	2,225
7.	NH Two+ – NH Two+	2,202
8.	NH White – NH Two+	2,106
9.	NH Two+ – NH White	1,908
10.	H SOR – NH White	1,694

	<u>Householder – Partner</u>	<u>Number</u>
1.	NH White –H White	3,847
2.	H White – NH White	3,337
3.	NH White – NH Black	2,305
4.	NH White – NH Two+	2,233
5.	NH Two+ – NH Two+	2,233
6.	NH White – NH SOR	2,224
7.	NH Two+ – NH White	2,177
8.	NH Black – NH White	1,961
9.	H SOR – NH White	1,666
10.	NH White – NH Asian	1,364

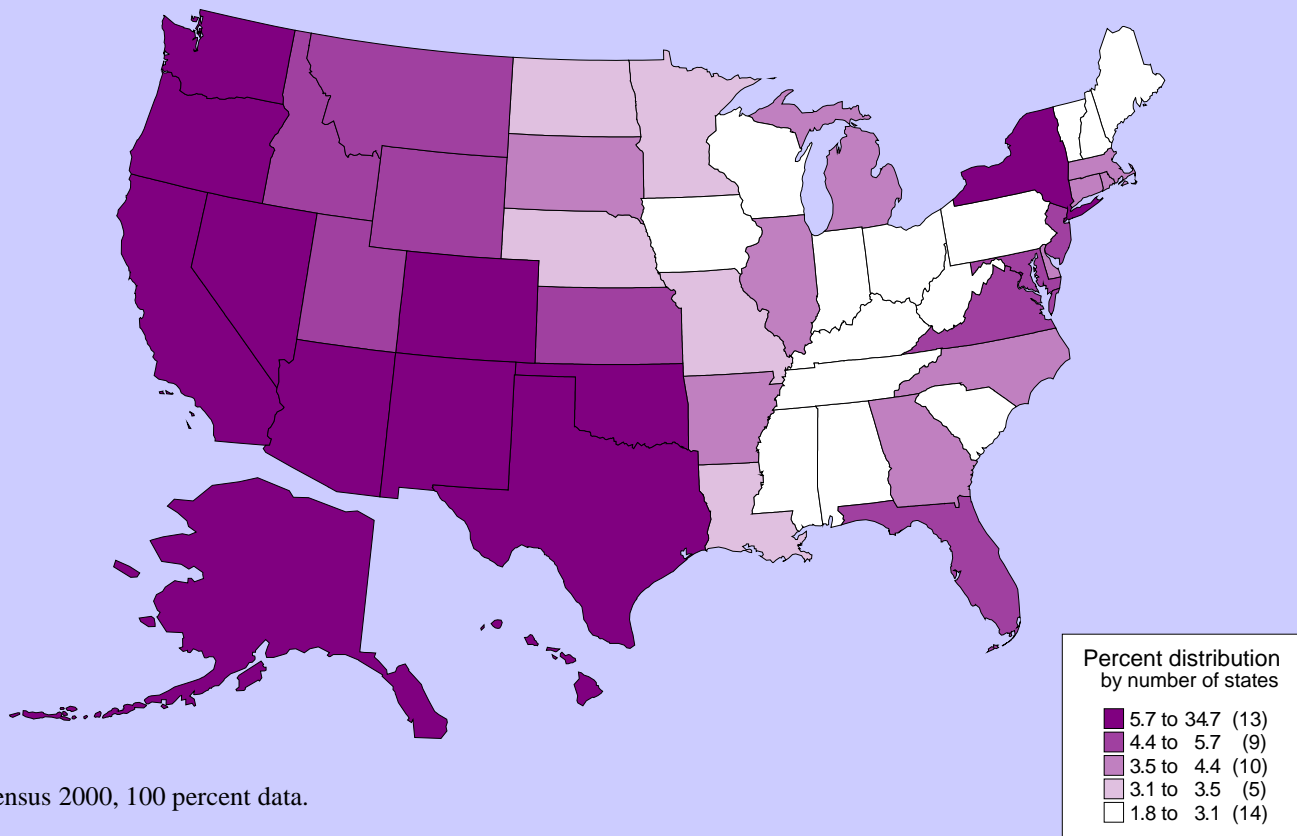
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Geographical Characteristics of Married Couples: 2000



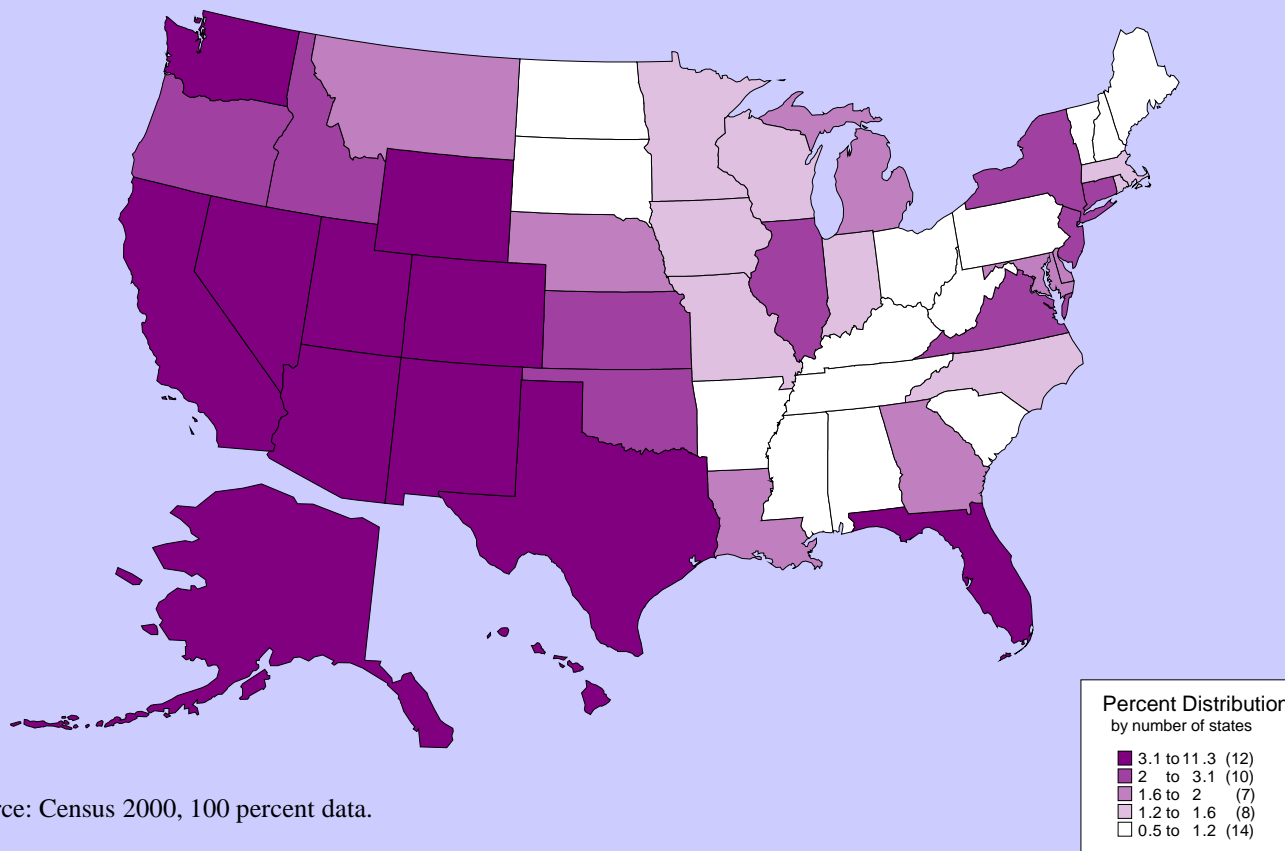
- Interracial/ethnic marriages were more prevalent in the West.
- About 6 percent of married couples had spouses of different races:
 - Relatively high proportions of interracial marriages were found in Hawaii (35 percent), Alaska and Oklahoma (15 percent each).
 - The lowest rates were found in a broad band from the lower Mississippi Valley through Appalachia, Pennsylvania, and in upper New England, with West Virginia having the lowest at 1.8 percent).
- About 3 percent of married couples had only one spouse Hispanic:
 - New Mexico had the highest percentage of married couples with only one Hispanic spouse (11 percent)--California and Arizona had 7 percent.
 - Several states had levels less than one percent, including West Virginia, North Dakota and Maine.
- Nationally, 7 percent of married couples had spouses of different races and/or origins:
 - Interracial/ethnic marriages in Hawaii (36 percent) were 5 times the national level.

Percent of Married Couples with Spouses of Different Races: 2000



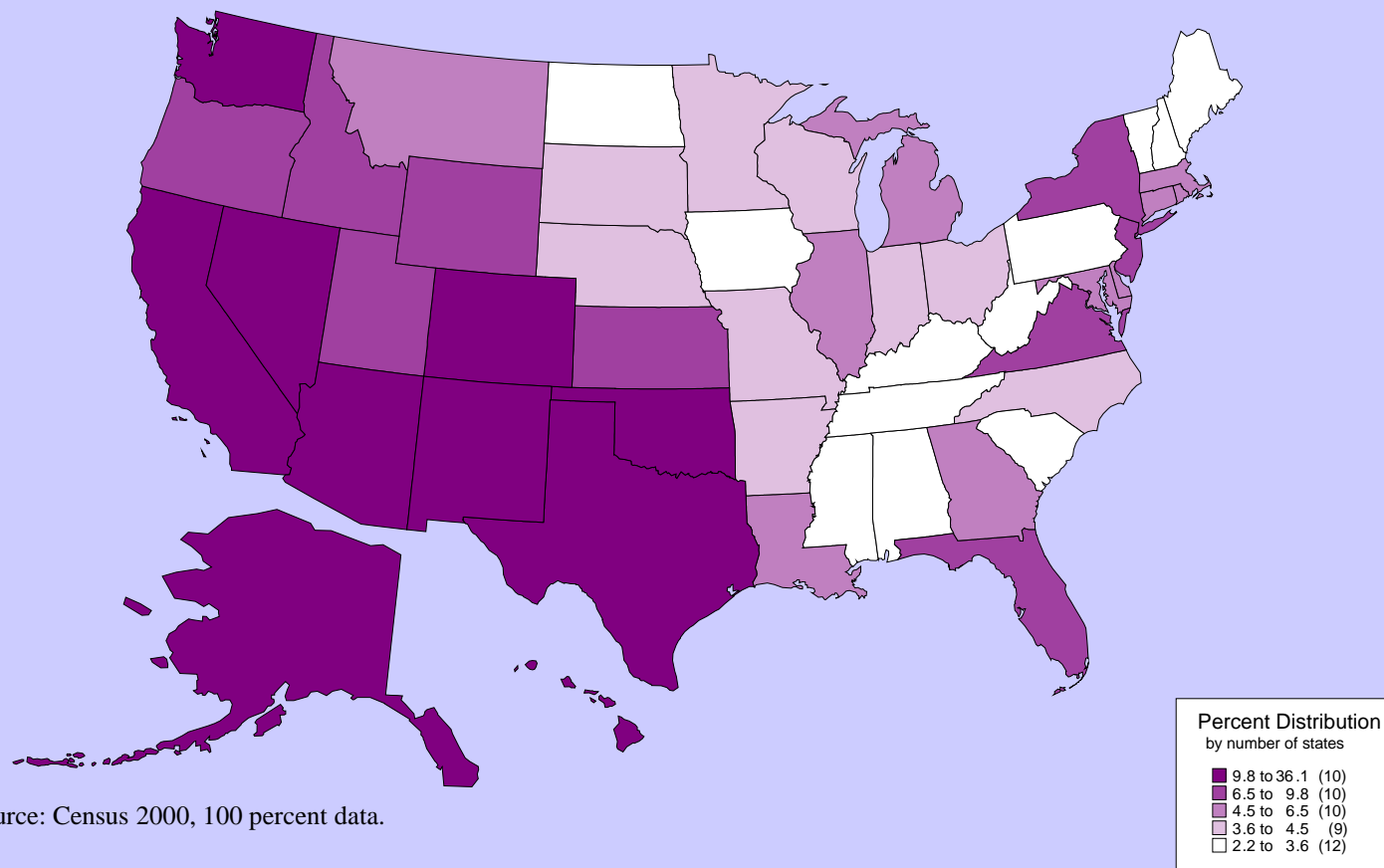
Source: Census 2000, 100 percent data.

Percent of Married Couples with Spouses of Different Origins: 2000



Source: Census 2000, 100 percent data.

Percent of Married Couples with Spouses of Different Races and/or Origins: 2000



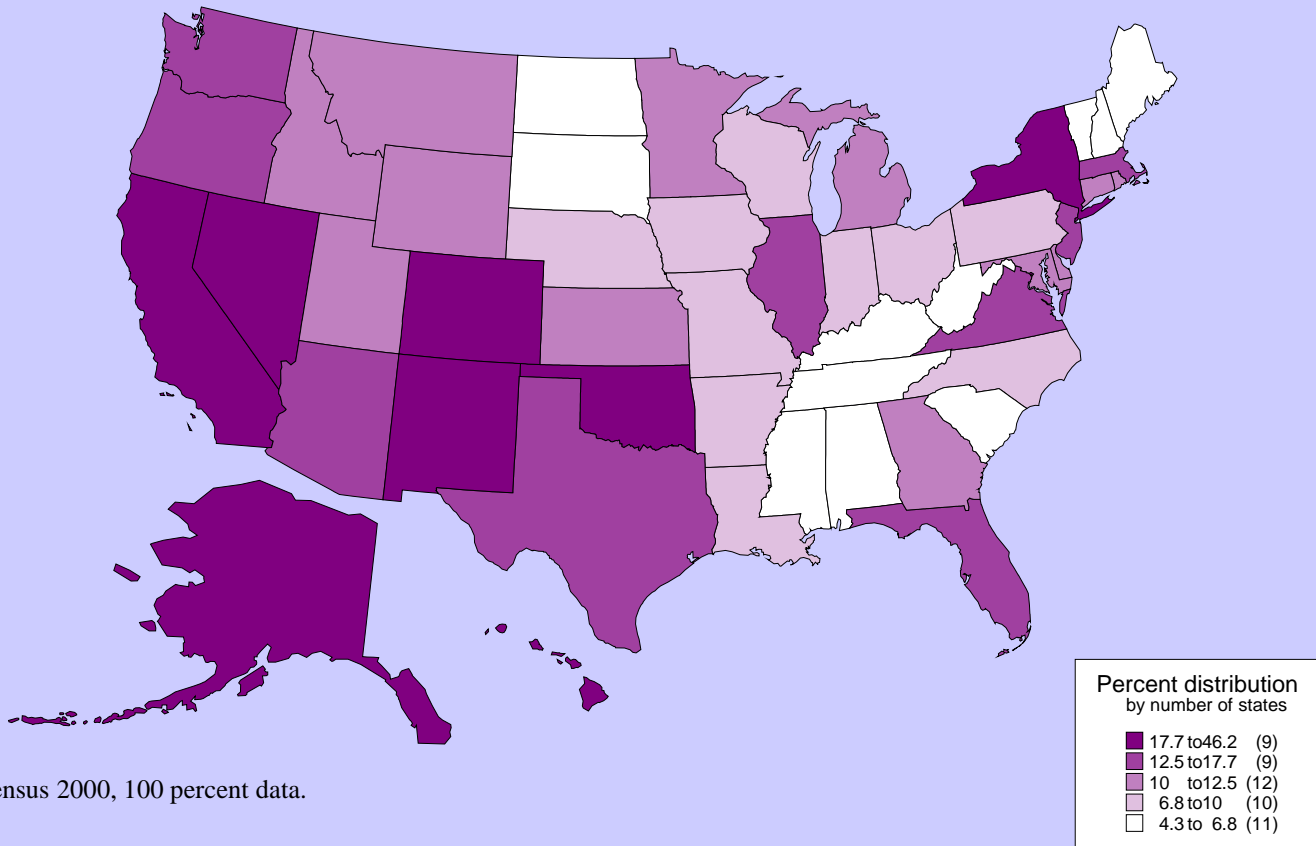
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Geographical Characteristics of Unmarried-Partner Couples: 2000



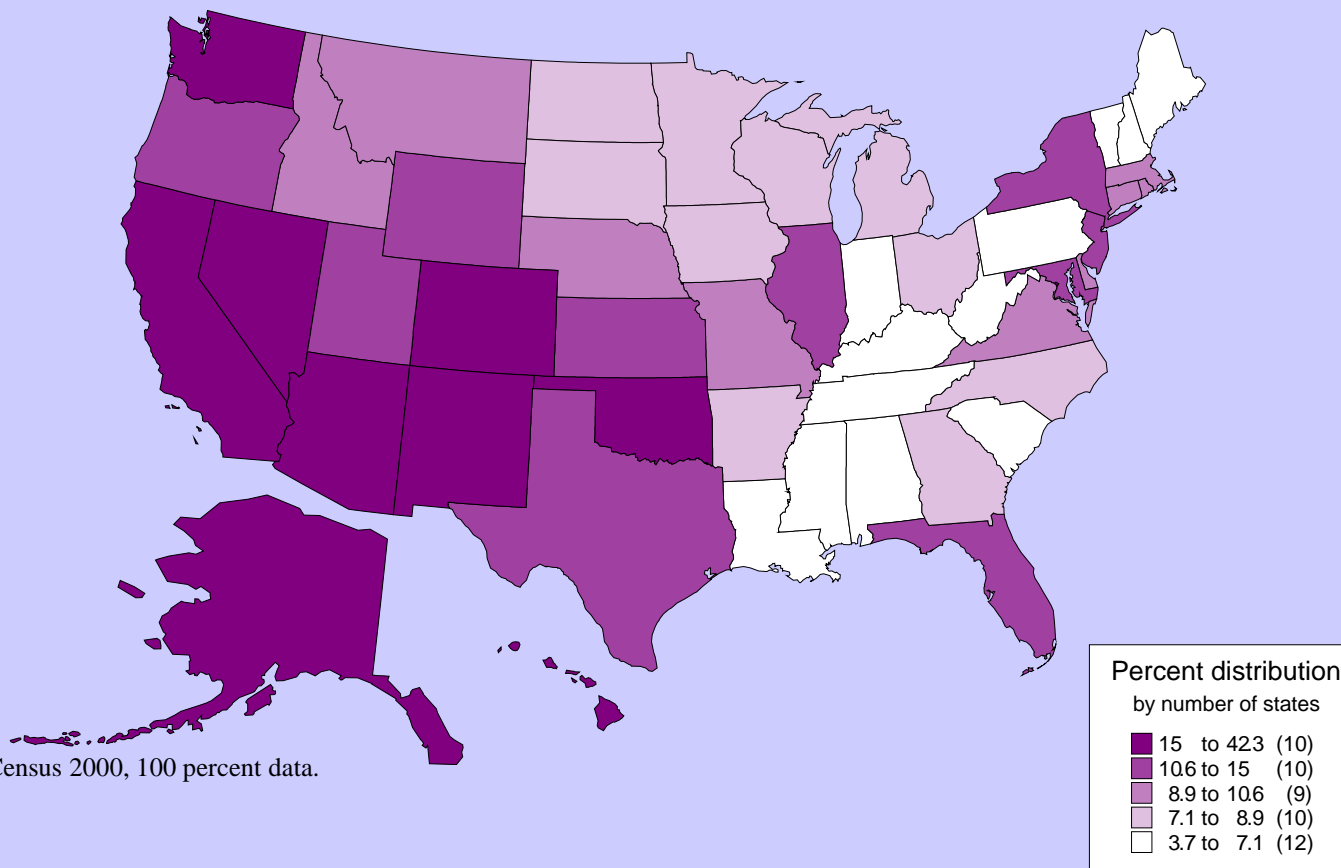
- Similar patterns of interracial/ethnic partners exist for unmarried-partner couples as for married couples:
 - Interracial/ethnic partners were more prevalent in the West than in other regions, regardless of the type of unmarried-partner couple.
 - Hawaii had the highest percentage of interracial/ethnic couples: 58 percent of opposite-sex unmarried-partner couples in Hawaii had partners of different races and/or origins, as did over 40 percent of same-sex couples.
 - The lowest rates of interracial/ethnic couples were found in the broad band from the lower Mississippi Valley through Appalachia, Pennsylvania and in upper New England.
- About 6 percent of unmarried couples had only one partner Hispanic:
 - New Mexico had the highest proportions—18 percent for opposite-sex and male same-sex couples and 15 percent for female same-sex couples.
- Among Atlantic coast states, Florida, New Jersey, and New York typically ranked highest in the proportions of interracial/ethnic unmarried couples.

Percent of Male Same-Sex Unmarried-Partner Couples with Partners of Different Races and/or Origins: 2000



Source: Census 2000, 100 percent data.

Percent of Female Same-Sex Unmarried-Partner Couples with Partners of Different Races and/or Origins: 2000



Demographic Differences Between Interracial/Ethnic and Endogamous Married Couples: 2000



- Among married couples, interracial/ethnic couples compared with endogamous couples were:
 - More likely to be younger— 45 percent had both spouses 40 years and over compared with 63 percent of endogamous spouses.
 - More likely to have at least one spouse who was foreign born— 38 percent compared with 14 percent of endogamous spouses.
 - More likely to have own children of the householder under 18 living with them— 57 percent compared with 45 percent of endogamous spouses.
 - But less likely that both spouses were residing in the same house for 5 or more years— 45 percent compared with 60 percent of endogamous spouses.

- ❖ The younger ages among interracial/ethnic couples are reflected in the differences in life-cycle related events, such as having young children in residence and having more residential mobility.

Source: Census 2000, sample data.

Economic Differences Between Interracial/Ethnic and Endogamous Married Couples: 2000



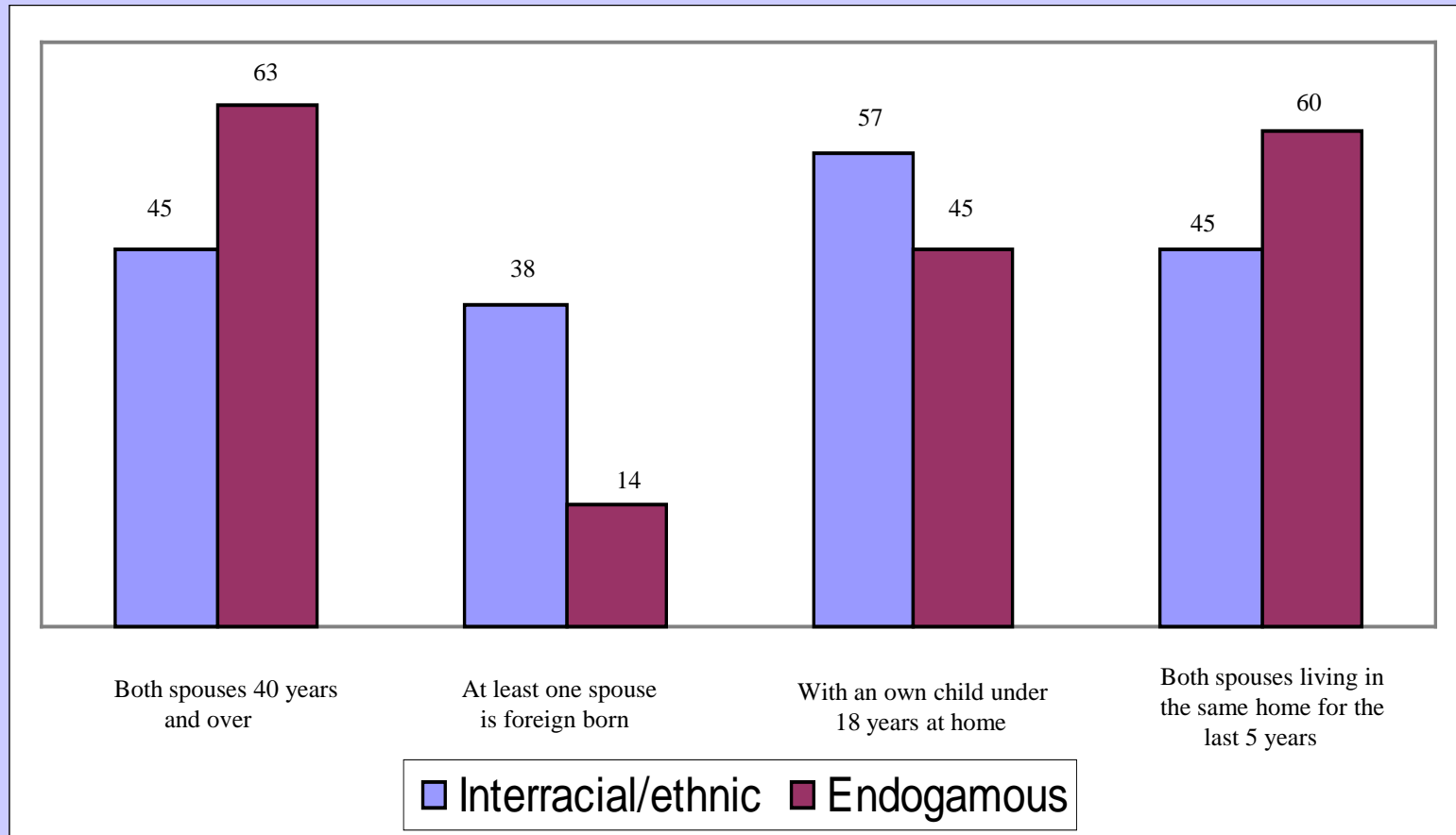
- Among married couples, interracial/ethnic couples compared with endogamous couples were:
 - Slightly less educated— 15 percent had both spouses with at least a bachelor's degree compared with 17 percent of endogamous spouses.
 - They were more likely to have both spouses in the labor force— 57 percent compared with 52 percent of endogamous spouses.
 - But had lower total household incomes— \$71,000 compared with \$74,000 for endogamous spouses.
 - And were also less likely to own their own home— 69 percent compared with 82 percent of endogamous spouses.

- ❖ Some of these differences could be attributed to the younger ages of interracial/ethnic couples which would be reflected in their lower financial status yet higher labor force participation.

Source: Census 2000, sample data.

Demographic Indicators Among Married Couples: 2000

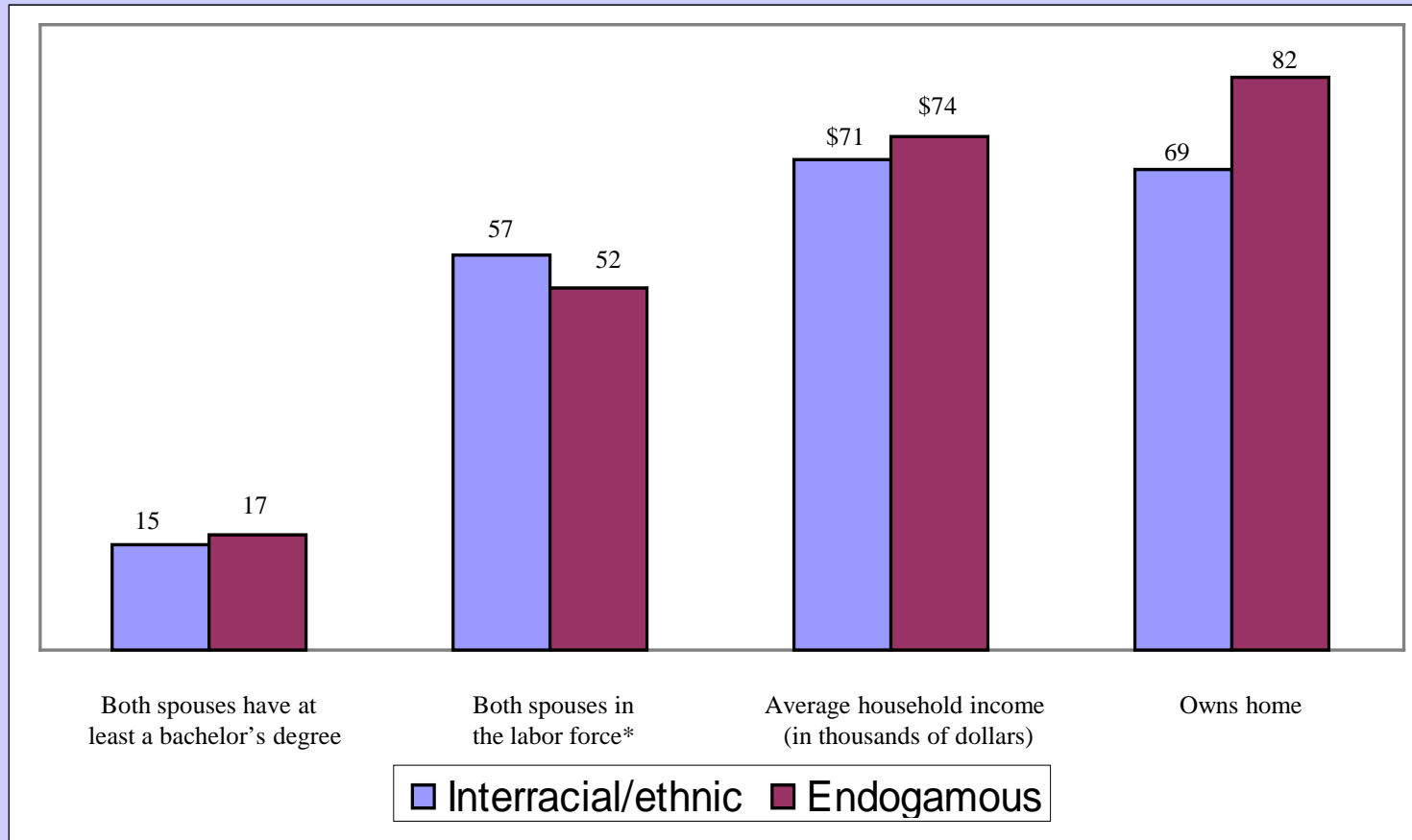
(Percent of couples in specified category)



Source: Census 2000, sample data.

Economic Indicators Among Married Couples: 2000

(Percent in specified category, average household income in current 2000 dollars)



* Includes people in the Armed Forces.

Source: Census 2000, sample data.

Summary of Findings for Interracial/Ethnic Couples from Census 2000



- There were 4.9 million couples in 2000 where spouses or partners were of different races and/or ethnic origins.
 - 4 million were married couples and the remainder were unmarried-partner couples.
 - Interracial/ethnic couples were more frequently found among unmarried-partner couples than among married couples.
 - The West shows a greater incidence of interracial/ethnic couples across all types of couples.
 - The area of the United States ranging from the Mississippi Valley through the New England states shows a lower incidence of these interracial/ethnic couples.
- Among married couples, interracial/ethnic couples relative to endogamous couples are younger, more likely to live with children under 18 , have at least one spouse who was foreign born, and have both spouses in the labor force. They are less likely to own their home or to have lived in the same home for the last 5 years.