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Swimming Upstream with Data – LGBTQ Communities

This handout provides the data sources and additional information that accompany the video tutorial "Swimming Upstream with Data, Prevention Data Sources for LGBTQ Communities.

Data Source	Link and Instructions for Downloading Files

Census 2020 (Demographics). Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau will attempt to count everyone in the United States on April 1, regardless of their nationality or sexual orientation. The 2020 Census will give people the option to identify a relationship as same sex. Responses from the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ+) community, a historically undercounted community, will provide reliable data to inform advocates, policymakers, and researchers working on LGBTQ+ issues.	https://www.census.gov/en.html
	
	1. Select **Topics** and select **View All Topics** and Subtopics
	2. Select **Families and Living Arrangements** and then **Subtopics**.
	3. Select **Same-Sex Couples**
	   a. Table: Characteristics of Same-Sex Couple Households 2005 to present
	   b. Select **2021 Excel File** link.
	4. Return to the **Same-Sex Couples** page.
	   a. Open Excel file - **Percentage of Same-Sex Couple Households by Selected Cities: 2017**

Movement Advancement Project (Equity/Policy). The Movement Advancement Project (MAP) tracks over 50 different LGBTQ-related laws and policies. This map shows the overall policy tallies (as distinct from sexual orientation or gender identity tallies) for each state, the District of Columbia, and the five populated U.S. territories. A state's policy tally scores the laws and policies within each state that shape LGBTQ people's lives, experiences, and equality. The major categories of laws covered by the policy tally include Relationship & Parental Recognition, Nondiscrimination, Religious Exemptions, LGBTQ Youth, Health Care, Criminal Justice, and Identity Documents.	https://www.lgbtmap.org/
	
	1. Select each and review data.
	
	   a. **Equality Maps** tab.
	
	   b. Select **Overall Policy Tally** tab, **Sexual Orientation** tab, **Gender Identity** tab, **State Data Table** tab.
	
	2. Select **Choose an Issue** tab.

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Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey (YRBS). The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System is a set of surveys that track behaviors that can lead to poor health in students, grades 9 through 12.	https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/index.htm 1. Select **Youth Online Data Analysis Tool**, **High School YRBS**, and **GO**. 2. Select desired **state** and **GO**. 3. Select from the drop-down menu **Unintentional Injuries and Violence** and scroll down to select **Being Sad or Hopeless**. 4. Select **all race/ethnicity, all grades**. 5. View Data by Subgroup and select **Sexual orientation** for Column Variable and **Sex** for Row Variable 1**.** Leave Row Variable 2. **NO SELECTION. Select GO**. 6. To the right of **Display Options**, select **Export to Excel.**