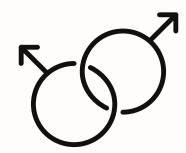


22.7%

of couples now live together but are not married or in a civil partnership Those opting for a civil partnership have doubled over the past decade to 222,000

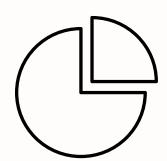
There were **166,000** same-sex marriages in 2022



61.3%

of the population aged 16 and over were either living with a legal partner or cohabiting





Over a quarter (27.6%) of 16 to 29-year-olds lived in a couple in 2022 compared with more than three-quarters (78.0%) of 40 to 44-year-olds.

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