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What Does Same Sex Marriage Look Like In the Bay State?

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Massachusetts became the first state to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples eleven years ago on May 17, 2004. According to a 2014 look at trends in same-sex marriage by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, “Between May 17, 2004 and December 31, 2004, nearly one in five marriages in Massachusetts was a same-sex marriage.” The analysis added: “Since 2005, the proportion of same-sex marriages has varied between 4% and 8% of total marriages with the average of being 6% of all marriages.”

[Read the full report from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health](#) to see other trends in marriage from May of 2004 to December of 2013 and what the Massachusetts Department of Public Health is doing to better understand health access needs and health issues for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or questioning (LGBTQ) adults and youth.

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