User need for: Estimates of the population in marriages between same sex couples.

Please Note: The following questions are about the number (stock) of people by marital status living in England and Wales not the number of marriages being formed in England and Wales (flow), which ONS has asked users about in the past.

Example of analysis from population estimates by marital status (July 2017):

‘*The population in a marriage between same sex couples accounted for 0.2% of the total married population of England and Wales, up from 0.1% in 2015. In 2016 the number of people aged 16 and over in a same sex marriage was 60,081 in England and Wales, more than double the 2015 estimate of 26,087 people. In 2016, males accounted for 57.7% (34,647) of the population in a marriage between same sex couples and females the remaining 42.3% (25,434), a shift from 2015 where 50.4% of the population in a marriage between same sex couples were male and 49.6% were female*.’

[The Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2013/30/contents/enacted/data.htm) made provision for the marriage of same-sex couples in England and Wales from 29 March 2014 onwards. The following questions refer to marriages of same- sex couples not Civil Partnerships between same-sex couples.

 Q1

How do you require estimates of the population who are married?

1. Presented separately for same-sex couples and for opposite-sex couples

(Go to question 2)

1. Presented together for all married couples

(Go to question 4)

1. Other

(Go to question 5)

Q2

Please explain **why** you need separate estimates.

Please include **how** you would use these estimates, and **what** your analysis would help to inform.

*Write in response box*

(Go to question 3)

Q3

What would the impact be of not getting separate estimates?

(Go to question 5)

Q4

Please explain **why** you would not need the estimates to be separate.

*Write in response box*

(Go to question 5)

Q5

Please provide us with any other information that you think is relevant.

*Write in response box*

(End of questions)