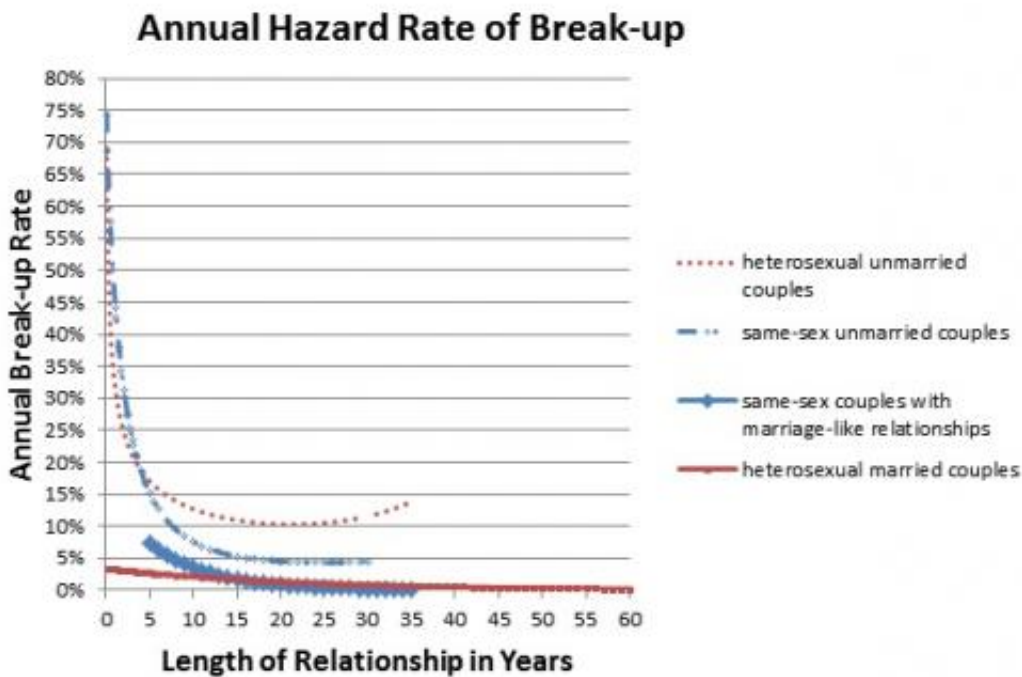


# Same-sex marriages and heterosexual marriages show similar longevity

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"Annual Hazard Rate of Break-Up." Credit: *Journal of Marriage and Family*

Among couples with marriage-like commitments, same-sex couples have a similar break-up rate as heterosexual couples, according to a recent study. The study also found that same-sex couples with a marriage-like commitment have stable unions regardless of government recognition.

The findings come from a nationally representative survey of 3,009

couples (471 same-sex) who were followed between 2009 and 2013.

"The marriage commitment is associated with a strong benefit in couple stability for both [heterosexual couples](#) and same-sex [couples](#)," said Dr. Michael J. Rosenfeld, author of the *Journal of Marriage and Family* study.

**More information:** Rosenfeld, M. J. (2014), Couple Longevity in the Era of Same-Sex Marriage in the United States. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 76: 905–918. [DOI: 10.1111/jomf.12141](https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12141)

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