

Family Diversity: Changing Family Patterns

Research the following trends in family diversity

- Average number of households
- Average size of households
- Trends in nuclear families
- Single-Person Households
- Reconstituted families
- Same Sex/LGBTQ households and families
- Trends in cohabitation
- Fertility rates
- Children born outside of marriage
- Divorce and marriage trends for different ethnic groups
- Marriage rates vs. Divorce rates
- Average age of women at birth of first child
- Percentage of people not having children

Rapoport and Rapoport (1982) Types of Family Diversity	
Organizational	
Cultural	
Class	
Life-Course	
Cohort	

Explanations for changes in marriage rates:	
Explanations for changes in divorce rates:	
Explanation for changes in childbirth rates:	

Explanations for Trends in Family Diversity	
<p>Functionalist</p> <p>Demographic (Robert Chester)</p> <p>Regional (Eversley & Bonnerjea)</p>	
<p>The New Right</p> <p>Single Motherhood (Charles Murray)</p> <p>Solutions</p>	
<p>Postmodernist</p> <p>Technology (Macionis & Plummer)</p> <p>Negotiated Family (Beck)</p> <p>Moral Choice (Weeks)</p>	