

Social Changes and Family structures

2.2 Social changes and family structures

- changes in social norms, secularisation, values and laws, feminism, economic factors, technology and immigration and their impact on
 - family diversity, including the work of Rapoport
 - divorce rates and serial monogamy
 - cohabitation, single parent families, later age of marriage
 - singlehood
 - family size

Why do we have more family diversity?

Legal changes, economic changes, feminism, technological changes, immigration, norms, secularisation.

Which family types are on the increase?

- Lone parent families
- Cohabitation
- Later age of marriages
- Changes in family size
- Single households for women

	Changes in divorce	Changes in cohabitation rate	Changes in lone parent families	Increase in later ages of marriage	Increase in single households (women)	Changes in family size
Legal changes						
Economic changes						
Feminism						
Technological changes						
Immigration						
Norms						
Secularisation						

Key studies

Rapoport's

Families have become more diverse

CLOGS

Chester

The nuclear family is still important. It has changed into a 'neo conventional family'

Wilkinson

Women's position in society has changed. There has been a '**genderquake**'

Sharpe

Women's priorities have changed which has had an impact on family diversity