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The family is formed by the relatively durable companionship of husband and wife who procreate children.

Family may be limited to the husband, wife, or only the father and his children or only the mother and her children.

Family is generally smaller in size compared to other social groups, organizations, and associations.

Family can also be large in size in which persons belonging to several generations may live together.