**Family Structures in Today’s Society**

**Nuclear Family:**

* A family that consists of spouses and their dependent children.

**Extended Family:**

* A family system in which several generations live together in one household.

**Lone-parent family:**

* A family that consists of one parent living with one or more dependent children.

**Blended family:**

* A family in which divorced partners with children from a previous union marry.

**Same-sex family:**

* A family that consists of two individuals of the same gender with children.

**Interracial family:**

* A family that consists of parents from different racial or ethnic backgrounds with children.

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