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Family may be defined as a group of persons related to a specific degree, through blood, adoption or marriage. The difficulty is that comparative data on the family in the broad definition of the term are not available. The available statistics relate to households, defined by location, community or living arrangements. Surveys and censuses usually cover all households, not merely family households. Nevertheless, the latter type constitutes a major proportion enabling the characteristics of the totals to be identified as those of family households. For many demographic, socio-economic and political reasons, family members may disperse and consequently, the size of the household could be reduced although the size of

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