

## Thinking about Household Types

## Example Households

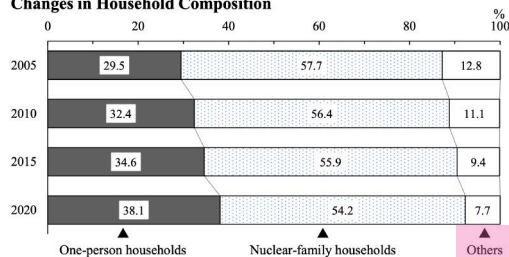
- There are many types of household and family. Look again at Chapter 2, "Population", of the *Statistical Handbook of Japan*.
- Here are some of the recurrent patterns I have witnessed in real life and via news media. There are other patterns, too ...
- The housing situation varies a lot depending on rural/urban, metropolitan/regional situations ...
- **Discuss the implications of some of the households in a small group.**

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## Group 1: Others

**Figure 2.3**  
**Changes in Household Composition**

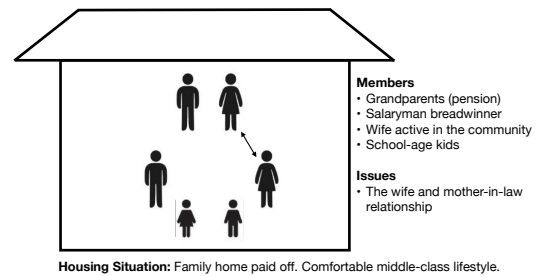


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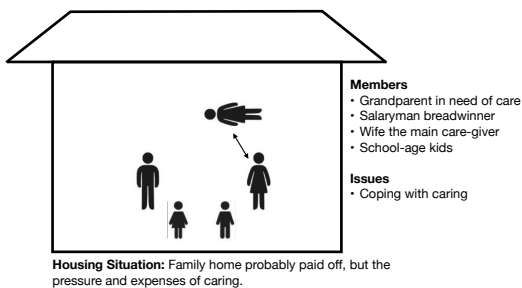
## The Extended Family



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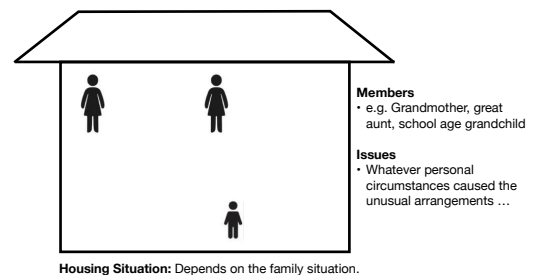
## The Care-giving Family



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## The Irregular Extended Family



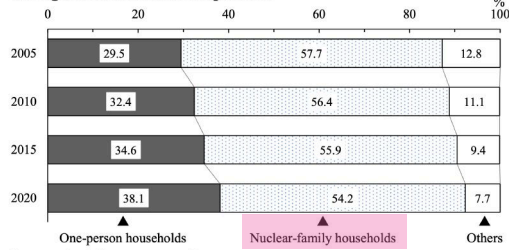
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## Group 2: Nuclear-families

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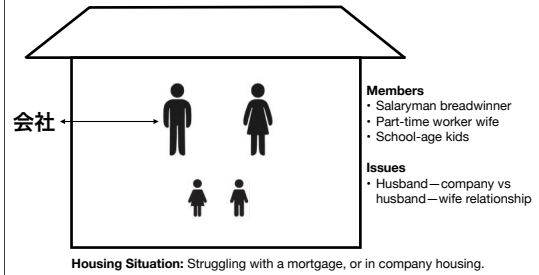
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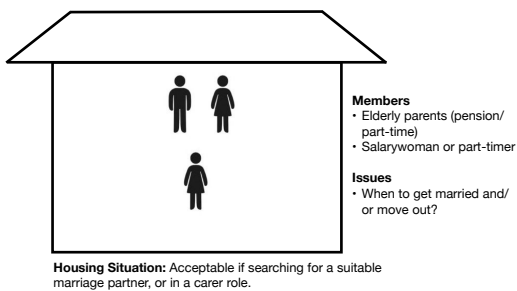


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## “Parasite Single” (F)

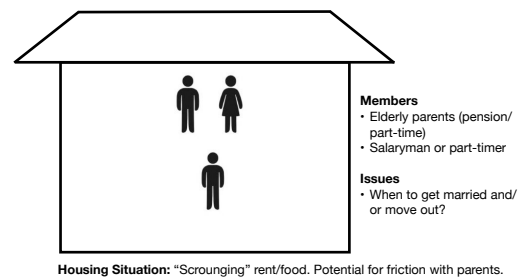


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## “Parasite Single” (M)

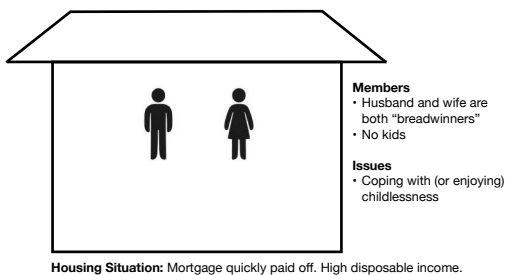


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## DINK (Double Income No Kids)

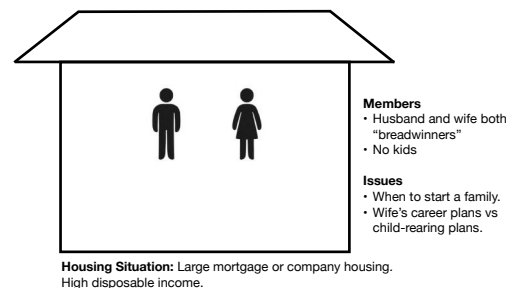


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## Newly-weds

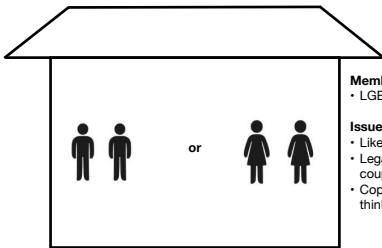


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## LGBT+



**Members**

- LGBT+ couple

**Issues**

- Like a DINK couple, but ...
- Legal rights as a married couple not recognized.
- Coping with "what others think".

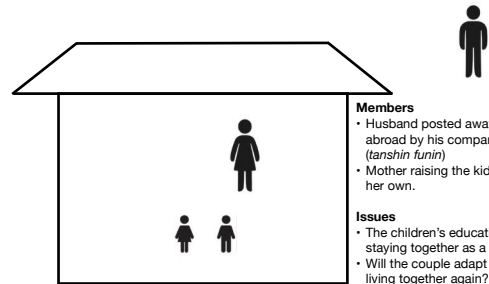
**Housing Situation:** Landlords, employers and banks probably do not recognize marital status (access to loans etc).

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## Single Mother (Father Away)



**Members**

- Husband posted away/ abroad by his company (*tanshin funin*)
- Mother raising the kids on her own.

**Issues**

- The children's education vs staying together as a family.
- Will the couple adapt to living together again?

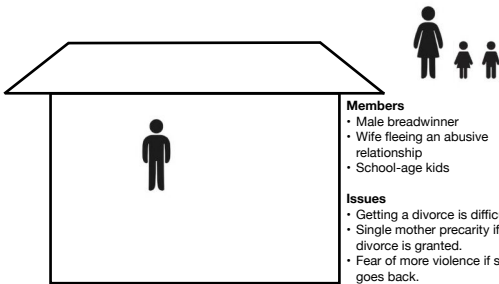
**Housing Situation:** The family home, or company housing.

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## The Domestic Violence Scenario



**Members**

- Male breadwinner
- Wife fleeing an abusive relationship
- School-age kids

**Issues**

- Getting a divorce is difficult.
- Single mother precarity if a divorce is granted.
- Fear of more violence if she goes back.

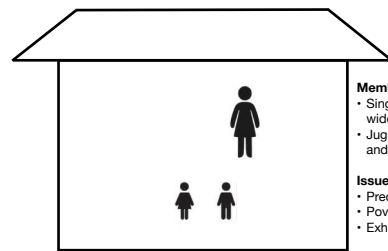
**Housing Situation:** The household head "occupies" the house during separation.

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## Single Mother (Divorced)



**Members**

- Single mother (divorced or widowed)
- Juggling (part-time) work and raising school-age kids

**Issues**

- Precarity
- Poverty
- Exhaustion

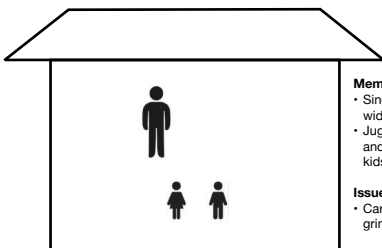
**Housing Situation:** Often in public housing, constantly worrying about money.

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## Single Father



**Members**

- Single father (usually a widower)
- Juggling (full-time) work and raising school-age kids

**Issues**

- Career advancement grinds to a halt

**Housing Situation:** In company/private housing, but worrying about for how much longer.

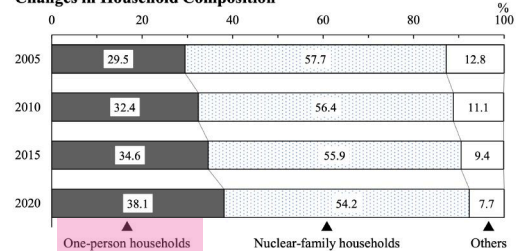
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## Group 3: One-person households

**Figure 2.3**  
Changes in Household Composition



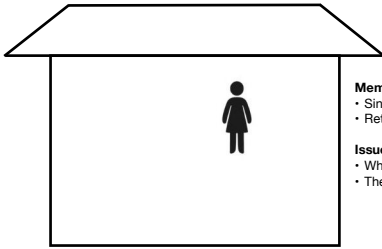
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## Single Retiree (F)



### Member

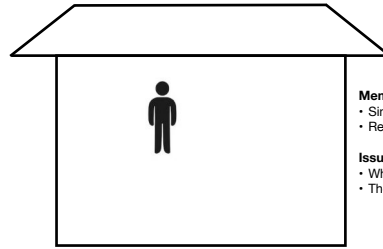
- Single woman
- Retiree

### Issues

- Who will care for her?
- The risk of solitary death.

**Housing Situation:** Financial circumstances vary from wealthy to destitute.

## Single Retiree (M)



### Member

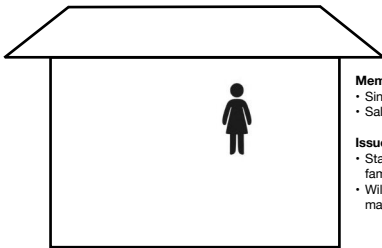
- Single man
- Retiree

### Issues

- Who will care for him?
- The risk of solitary death.

**Housing Situation:** Financial circumstances vary from wealthy to destitute.

## “Eligible Spinster”



### Member

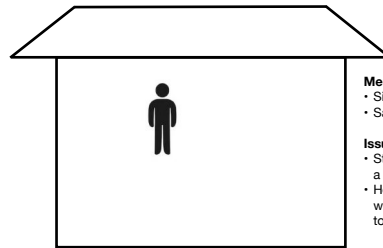
- Single woman
- Salarywoman

### Issues

- Stay single, or start a family?
- Will she quit work to marry?

**Housing Situation:** Rental property or company housing.  
High disposable income.

## “Eligible Bachelor”



### Member

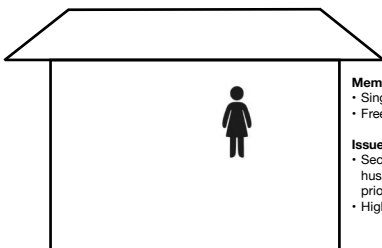
- Single man
- Salaryman

### Issues

- Stay single, or start a family?
- How to find a wife when he is “married to work”.

**Housing Situation:** Rental property or company housing.  
High disposable income.

## Freeter (F)



### Member

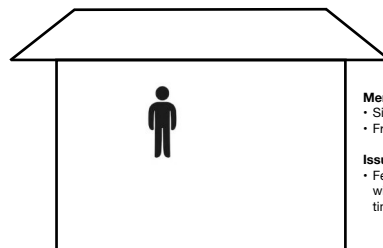
- Single woman
- Freeter

### Issues

- Securing a salaried husband is an economic priority.
- High risk of exploitation.

**Housing Situation:** Rental property. Low disposable income.

## Freeter (M)



### Member

- Single man
- Freeter

### Issues

- Feels unable to marry without secure full-time employment

**Housing Situation:** Rental property. Low disposable income.