

The Family Life Cycle



1. Bachelor stage:
young single
people



2. Young married
couples with no
children



3. Full nest I: young
married couples
with children



A. Young or middle-aged
person with dependent
children—the single
parent



B. Divorced person
without dependent
children



C. Middle-aged
married couples
without children



4. Full nest II: middle-aged
married couples still
with dependent children



5. Empty nest: older
married couples with no
children living with them



6. Older single people,
still working or
retired