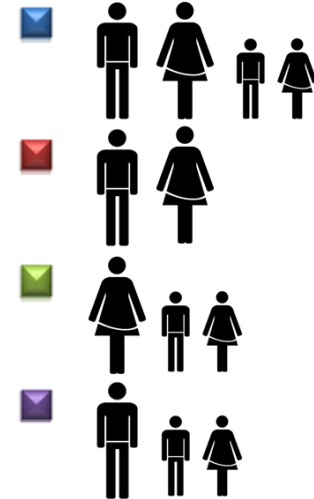


# WHAT IS A FAMILY UNIT?

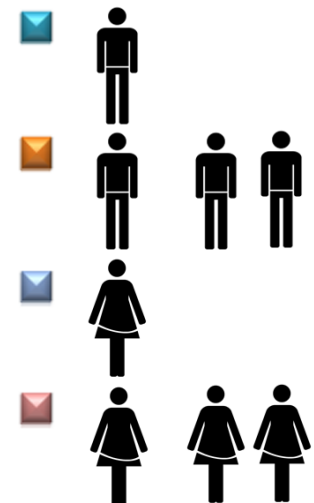
- US Census: “two or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption, AND living in the same residence”
  - Family vs. Household



## Households [Families]



## Households [Non-Families]



- Department of Immigration & Citizenship: “A family unit normally includes the head of the family, partner, and dependent children. Other relatives may be included in the family unit if they can provide evidence that they are fully dependent on the head of the family.”
- Oxford Dictionary:
  - “a group of people related by blood or marriage”
  - “a local organizational unit of the Mafia or other large criminal group”
- Applied Sociology [[www.appliedsoc.org/family/](http://www.appliedsoc.org/family/)]
  - Family unit is smallest structure of society
  - Four areas in which a micro society creates the ideas that govern it
    - Socialization: creation of shared beliefs and ideas; indicator as to how one should act within that society
    - Segregation: separations of parts that function better when separated from the whole of society
    - Ritual: repeated actions, typical interactions
    - Sanctioning: one-on-one interaction of reading another’s actions and expressions to determine the appropriate behavior