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Secularization - less religious importance attached to marriage.

Privatization of family life - less pressure from extended family (kin), to stay married.

Increased life expectancy, so couples have more time for their relationship to fall apart.

Family Law Act:

- Reduced the length of time that a couple needed to be married, from 3 → 1 year.

Divorces became easier and cheaper, enabling legal termination of already unhappy marriages.

Increase in the rate of divorce

Higher demand for what is included in a marriage.

Welfare state - Support for lone parents.

changing in role and attitudes of women and their growing financial independence.

Wider availability of effective contraception.

Changing social attitudes causing less stigma - divorce more socially acceptable.

Divorce Reform Act:

You could use 'irreversible breakdown' for the grounds for divorce.

Equality Act:

Brought together key anti-discrimination policies, to protect people against discrimination in the workplace.

~~Marriage (Same Sex) Act~~
(2013) Same Sex Marriage:

Resulting in couples in a heterosexual relationship, now to feel they can potentially get into a homosexual marriage leading onto marriage → (so divorce their heterosexual partner now they can finally have a same sex marriage).

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- On the other hand, they increase the ratio due to they are younger, many immigrants have more children.

- The longer a group is settled in the country, the closer their fertility rate comes to the national average.

Dependency Ratio

- Immigrants lower dependency ratio, as they are more likely to be of working age. Also, many return to country of origin to retire.

Population Size:

• Leads to a natural increase, with birth exceeding deaths
• Births to non-UK born mothers are higher and account for about 25% of all births.

Impact of Migration on types of families and the UK population structure.

Migration Issues:

Globalisation:

More diversity as migrants now come from a much wider range of countries, therefore there is a wider mix of people and cultures in the UK.

Feminisation of migration:

Today almost 1/2 of all global migrants are female. This is a result of the expansion of occupations seen as typically female leading to a demand in female labour.

Not enough state childcare provided

Age Structure:

• Immigration lowers the average age of the population, both directly and indirectly

Indirectly - More babies are produced, as immigrants are generally younger and therefore more fertile.

Directly - Generally immigrants are younger
↳ 2011, the average age of UK passport holders was 41 whereas non-UK passport holders av. age 31.

