

HOUSEHOLD TYPES: GLOBAL AND REGIONAL AVERAGES

Globally, less than four in every ten households are formed by a couple living with children (of any age).

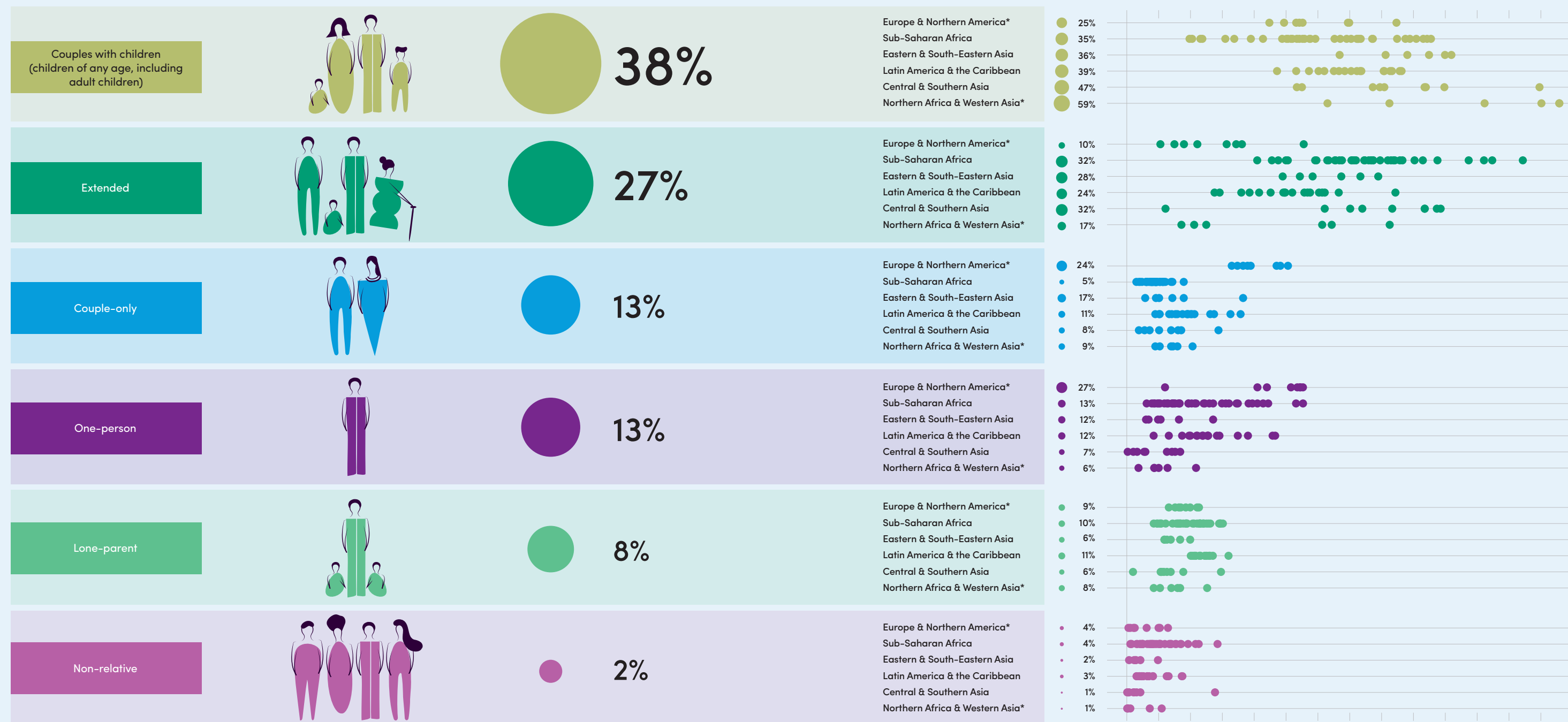
Diversity is the norm in household composition: in Sub-Saharan Africa and Central and Southern Asia, close to a third of all households are extended; in several regions, one in ten are lone-parent households.

Household types

Proportion of households by type, global distribution

Proportion of households by type, regional distribution

Proportion of households by type, country-level distribution



Source: Regional values calculated by UN Women using published country-level estimates from the UN DESA 2018a. For this analysis, data on China are based on estimates produced and published in Hu and Peng 2015.

Note: Regional estimates marked with an asterisk (*) are based on less than two-thirds of their respective regional population and should be treated with caution: Europe and Northern America (41.0 per cent of the population) and Northern Africa and Western Asia (36.1 per cent of the population). Global and regional distributions of households by type may not total 100 due to rounding. Population coverage was insufficient for Oceania and therefore not shown.