Nowadays, more and more people decide to have children later in their life. What are the reasons? What are the effects of this on society and families?

The number of people who decide to have children in older age, is growing steadily. This essay will discuss some underlying reasons for this tendency, and the possible impacts on society and families.

Couples’ decision about delaying being parenthood, can be attributable to two causes. The first one is because the individuals prefer to achieve an ideal position in their job and social life with receiving guaranteed income. It is not easy to spend much time on having babies, while they cope with a heavy workload. The young people concern that they are able to support their families financially and raising children usually is costly for parents. Another cause is that the definitions of family and relationship are changed, and having children is not important like before. Families avoid early pregnancy to have independence at their lives and the leisure time. For example, many young couples try to live and work in another countries or choose to travel freely around the world, and bring up their children later in more stable conditions.

There are a number of positive and negative effects on families and society. The public preference for giving birth at later can enhance the quality of upbringing. The children born to more supportive and experienced parents can received better educational facilities, and when they grow up, they will perform more useful roles in society. In addition, in each family the first work years of parents are not interrupted by pregnancy or childcare. As the negative result, late childbirth increases the level of health risk for mothers and babies. If any health problem occurs for any family members, all the family may suffer. In societies this trend leads to ageing population with a lack of young people to work. Consequently, it would influence directly in economic structure.

To conclude, many people prefer to have children later in their life for some reasons, and the probable effects are inevitable for family and society.