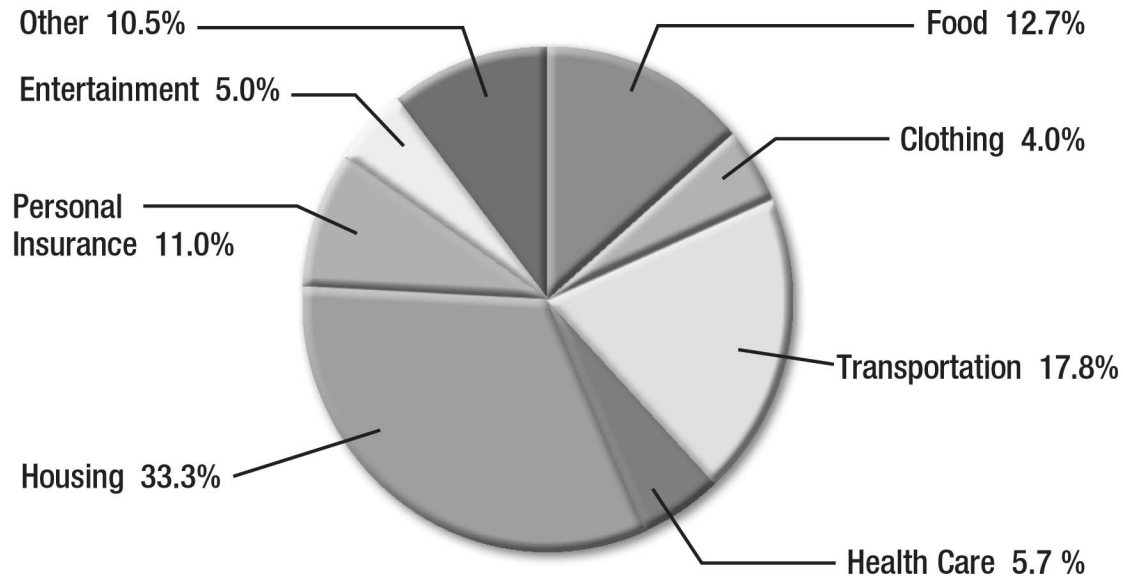


Where the Money Goes

FIGURE 8.1



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2006.

Spending by Category Housing and transportation are Americans' biggest expenses. If you live in an area that lacks affordable housing, you may have to set aside 40 percent of your income to pay the rent or mortgage. *Why do you think that Americans' transportation costs are so high?*