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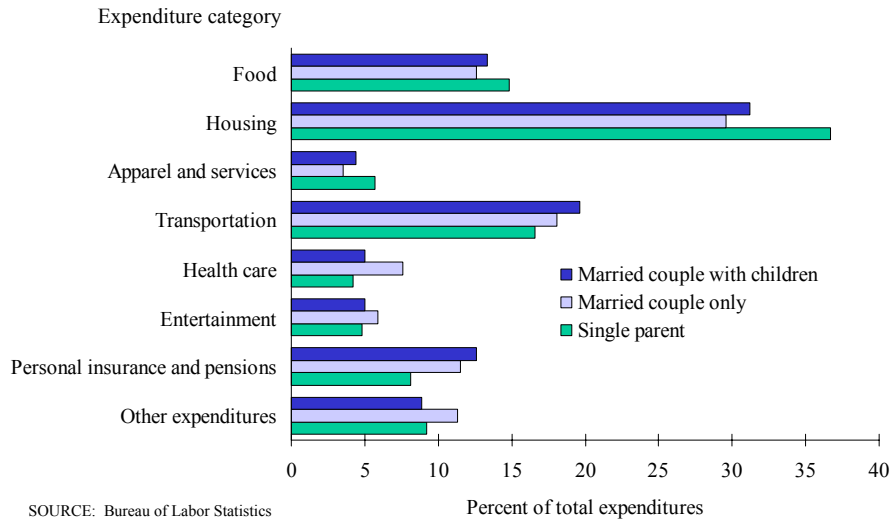


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- In addition to food and housing, single-parent families allocated a larger share of their expenditure dollar to apparel and services (about 6 percent) than did other family groups.
- Married couples spent more as a share of total spending on transportation (about 20 percent) than did single-parent families.
- Each family group allocated roughly 5 cents of every expenditure dollar to entertainment.