

Medical Debt Among Residents in Missouri

Results from the 2017 Kansas and Missouri Consumer Health Access Survey (KMHS)



28% of adults and 34% of children in Missouri live in households with medical debt.

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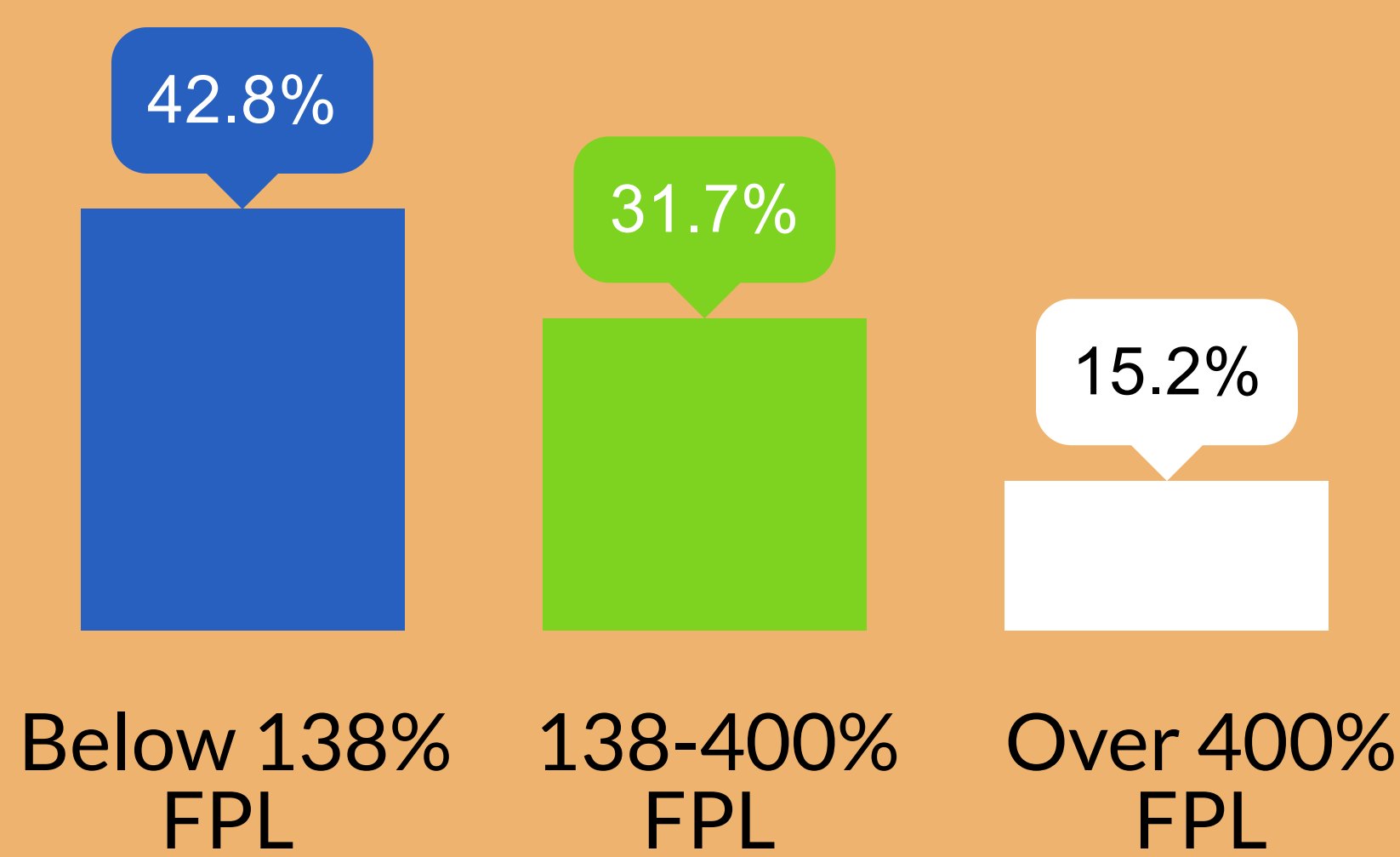
951,300 adults
ages 19-64



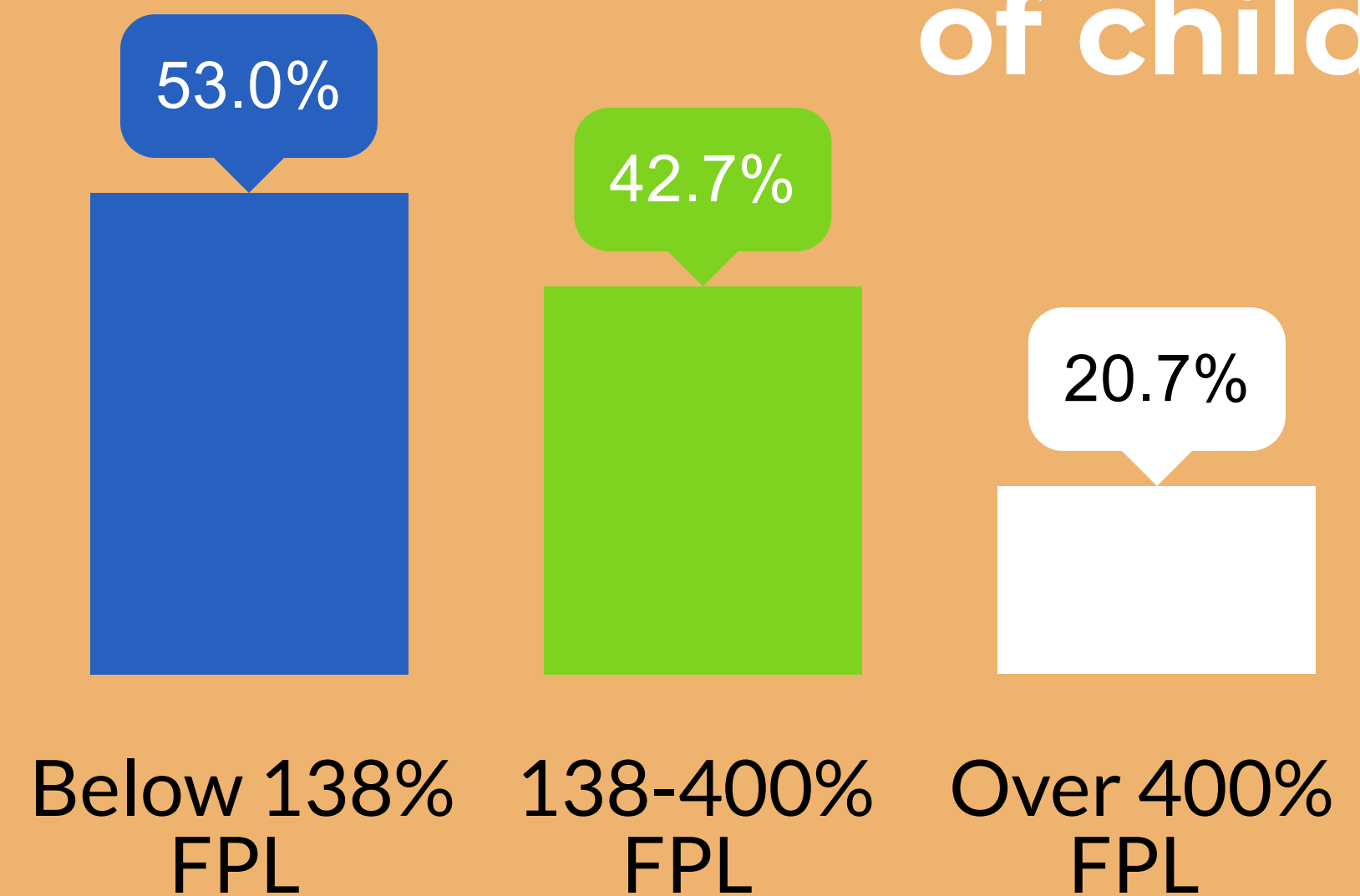
469,100 children
ages 0-18

Of the poorest Missourians (those below 138% of poverty),* 43% of adults live in households with medical debt. ...

... along with 53% of children.



Federal Poverty Level (FPL)*

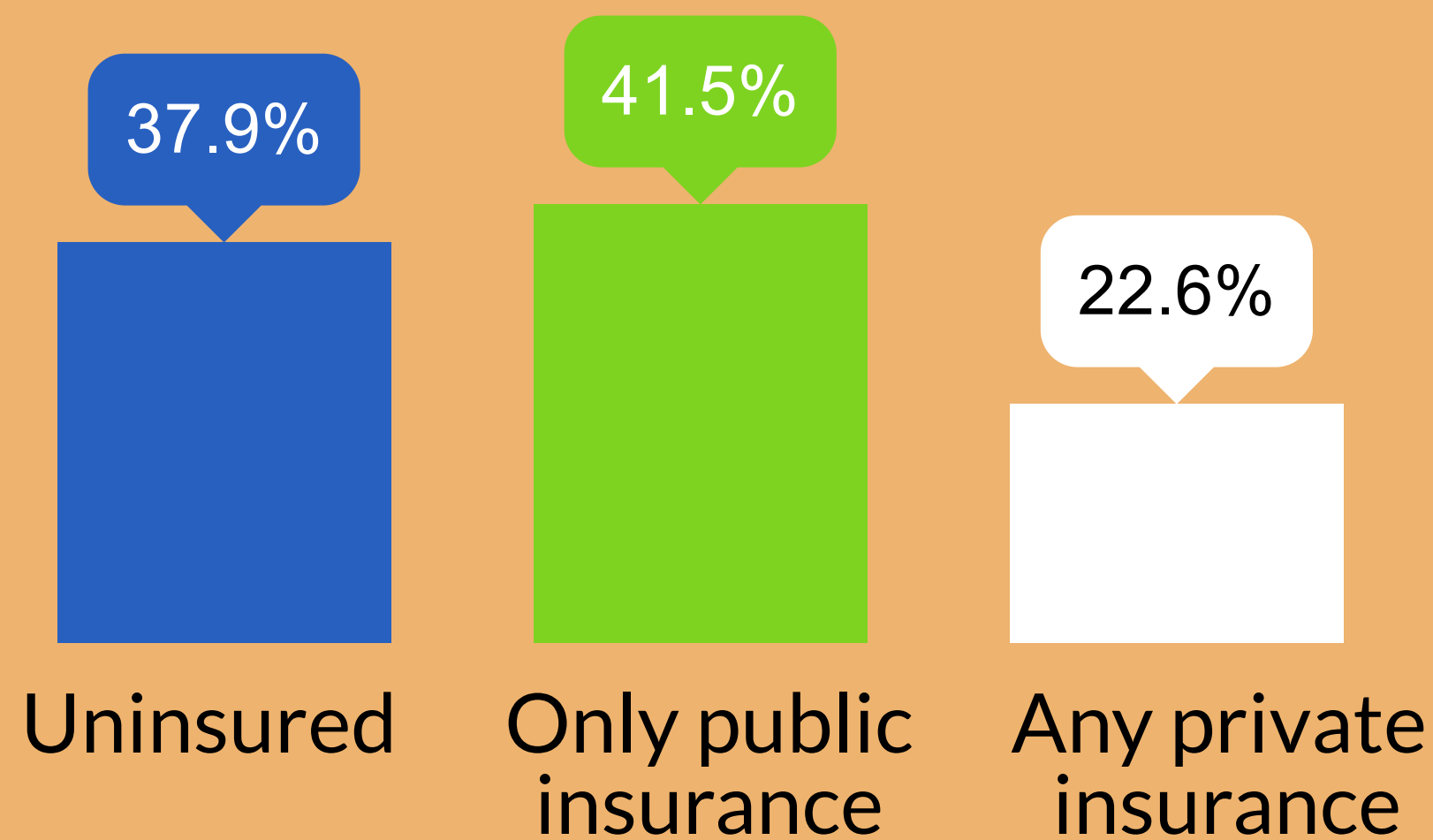


Federal Poverty Level (FPL)

* Based on 2016 tax year. In 2016, the 138% federal poverty threshold income was \$33,534 for a family of four.

38% of uninsured adults live with medical debt.

21% of adults reported financial consequences to their family from medical debt, such as:



Even privately insured live with medical debt.



borrowed money from friends, took out loans, or had creditors call to demand payment.

The KMHS Results Report is available at
<https://reachhealth.org/kmhs-finalreport/>

* Source: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/computations-2016-poverty-guidelines>

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