

# Medical Debt Among Residents in Kansas

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



**24% of adults and 29% of children in Kansas live in households with medical debt.**

These estimates represent

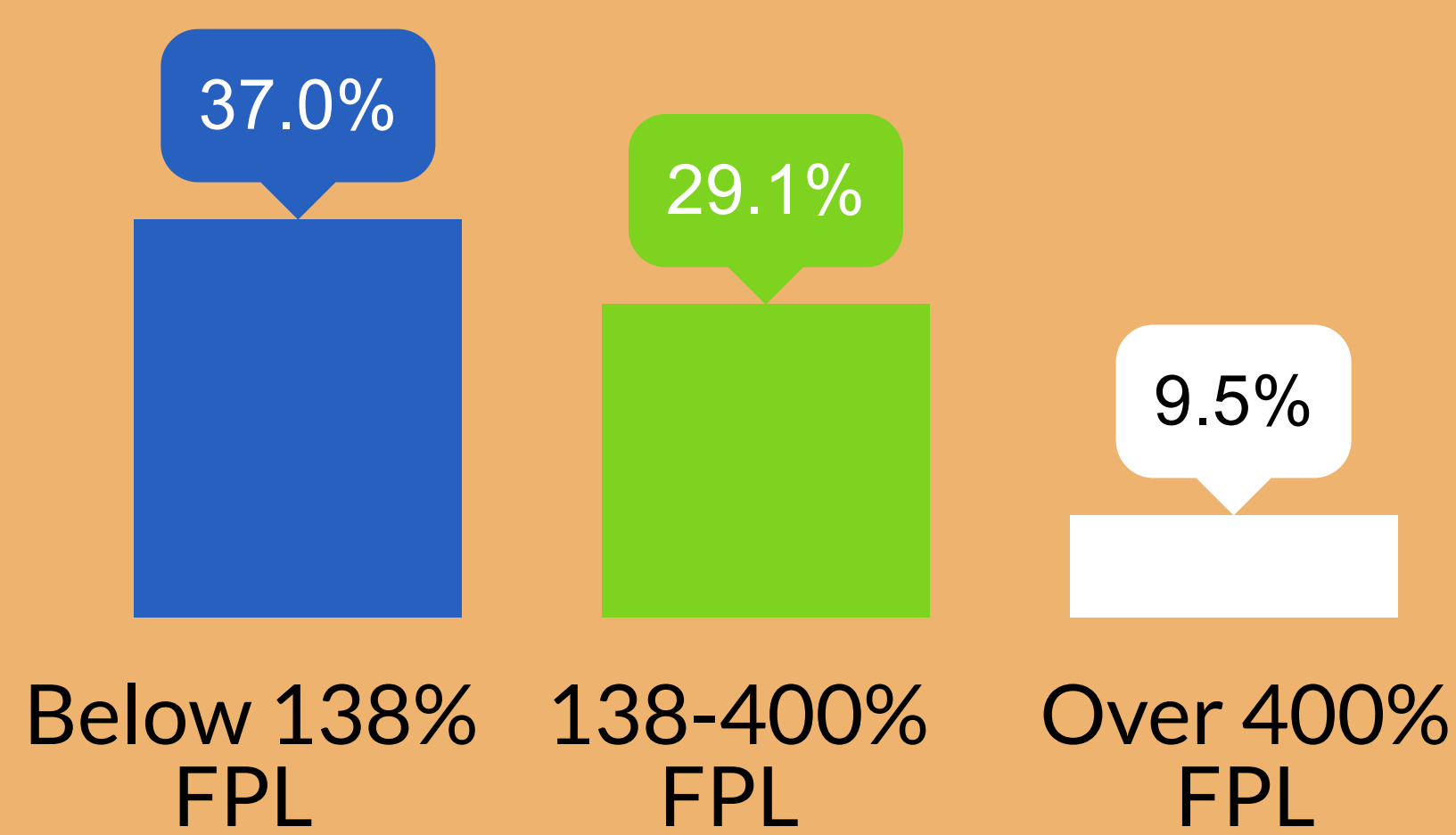
**390,200 adults**  
ages 19-64



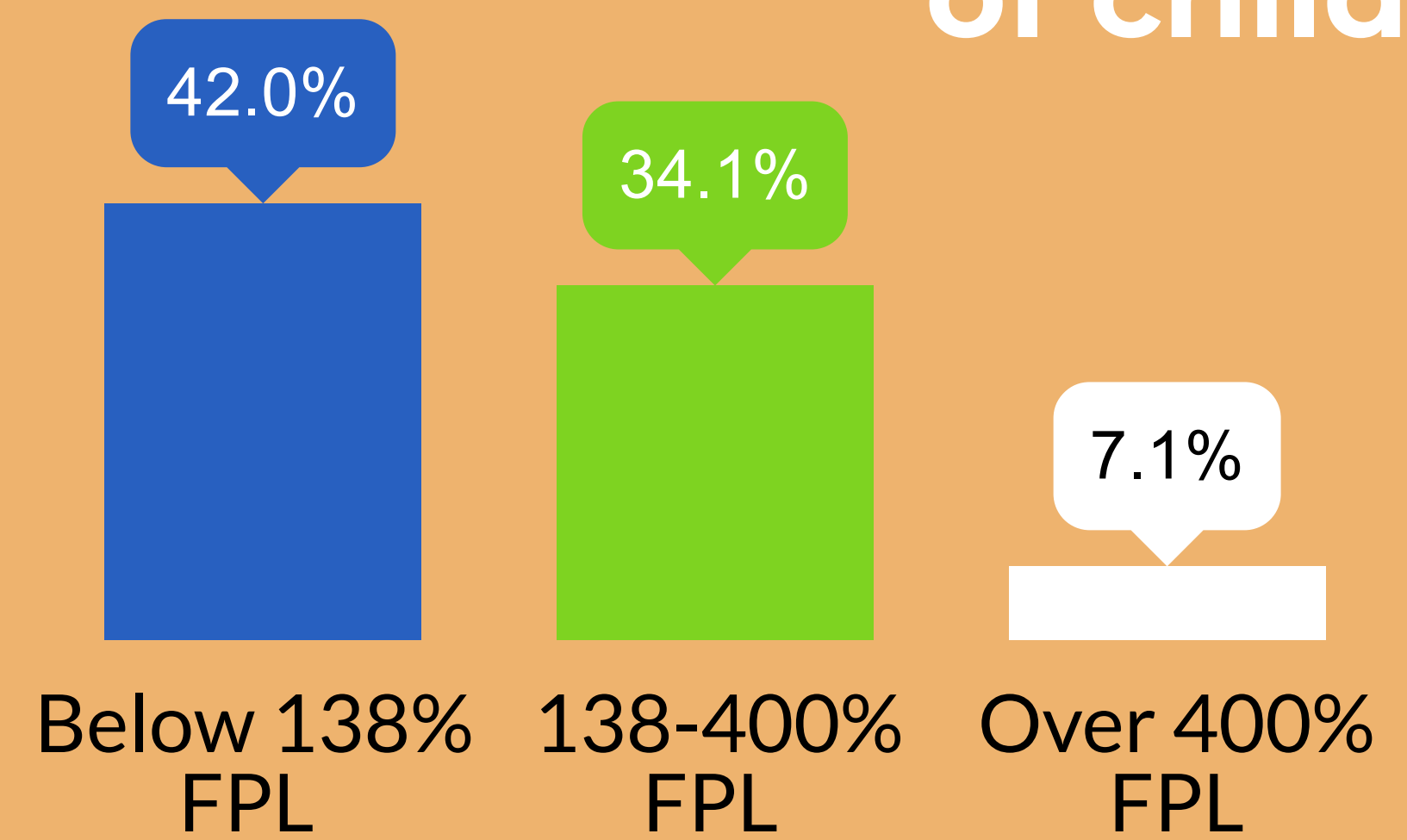
**208,700 children**  
ages 0-18

**Of the poorest Kansans (those below 138% of poverty),\* 37% of adults live in households with medical debt ...**

**... along with 42% of children.**



Federal Poverty Level (FPL)\*

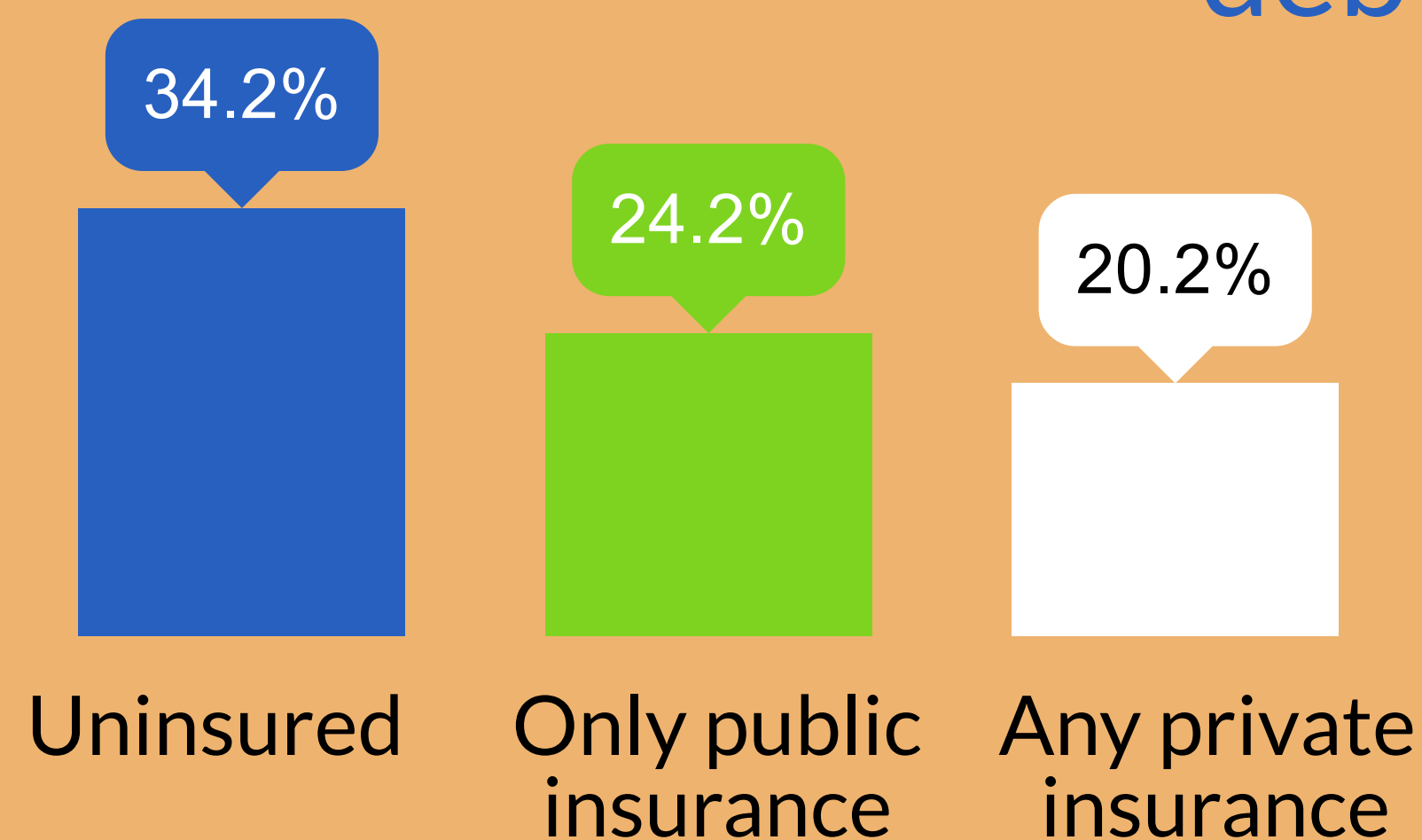


Federal Poverty Level (FPL)



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

**34%** of uninsured adults live with medical debt.



Even privately insured live with medical debt.

**17%** of adults reported financial consequences to their family from medical debt, such as:

*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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