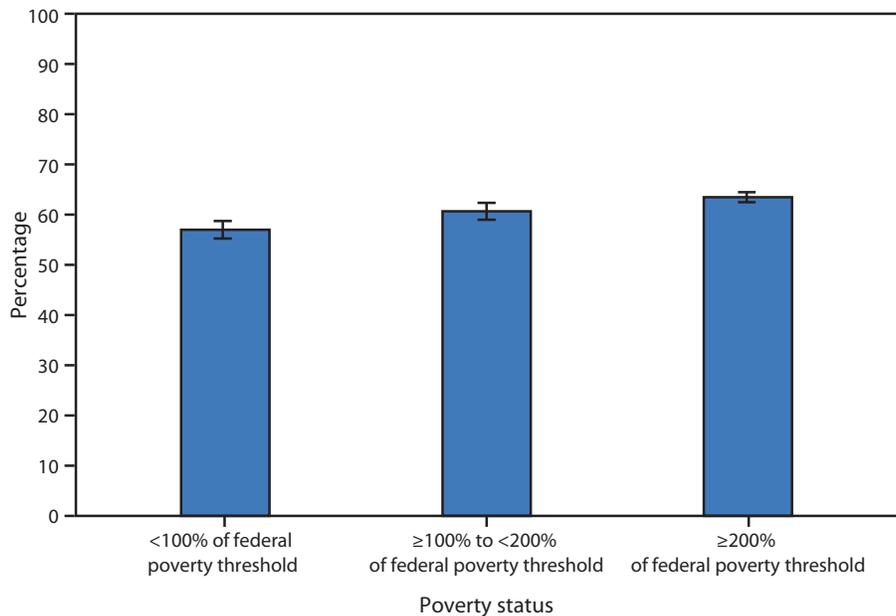


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Percentage* of Adults[†] Who Were Prescribed Medication by a Doctor or Other Health Care Professional During the Past 12 Months,[§] by Poverty Status[¶]
— National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2014**



* Percentages shown with 95% confidence intervals as error bars.

[†] Aged ≥18 years.

[§] Based on the response of “yes” to the survey question, “During the past 12 months, were you prescribed medication by a doctor or other health professional?”

[¶] Poverty status is based on family income and family size using the annually updated U.S. Census Bureau poverty thresholds. Family income was imputed when missing.

** Estimates are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian, noninstitutionalized U.S. population and are derived from the National Health Interview Survey sample adult component.

In 2014, the percentage of adults who were prescribed medication by a doctor or other health care professional during the past 12 months increased as income increased. Among adults aged ≥18 years, 57% of those with family incomes <100% of the federal poverty threshold were prescribed medication in the past 12 months, compared with 60.7% of those with incomes 100%–200% of the federal poverty threshold and 63.5% of those with incomes ≥200% of the federal poverty threshold.

Source: National Health Interview Survey, 2014 data (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm>).

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