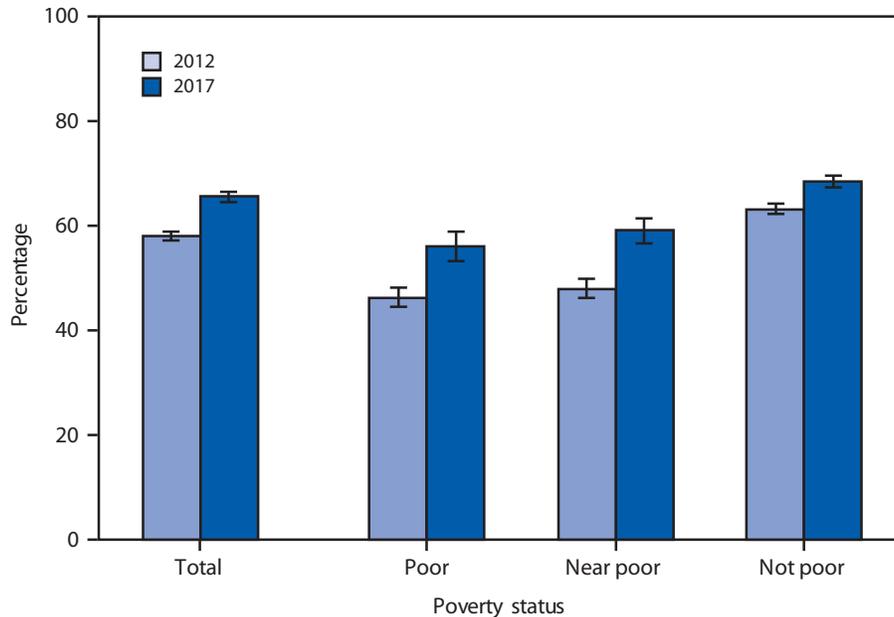


## QuickStats

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## Percentage\* of Adults Aged 20–64 Years with a Blood Cholesterol Check by a Health Professional† During the Past 12 Months, by Poverty Status‡ — National Health Interview Survey, 2012 and 2017¶



\* With 95% confidence intervals shown with error bars.

† Based on a positive response to the question “During the past 12 months, have you had your blood cholesterol checked by a doctor, nurse, or other health professional?”

‡ Poverty status is based on family income and family size using the U.S. Census Bureau’s poverty thresholds. “Poor” persons are defined as those with incomes below the poverty threshold; “near poor” persons have incomes of 100% to <200% of the poverty threshold; and “not poor” persons have incomes of 200% of the poverty threshold or greater.

¶ 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.

The percentage of adults aged 20–64 years who had a blood cholesterol check by a health professional in the past 12 months increased from 58.0% in 2012 to 65.5% in 2017. From 2012 to 2017, there was an increase in the percentage of adults with a blood cholesterol check among poor (46.3% to 56.0%), near poor (47.9% to 59.0%), and not poor (63.2% to 68.5%) adults. In both years, not poor adults were more likely than poor and near poor adults to have had a blood cholesterol check.

**Source:** National Health Interview Survey, 2012 and 2017 data. <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm>.

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