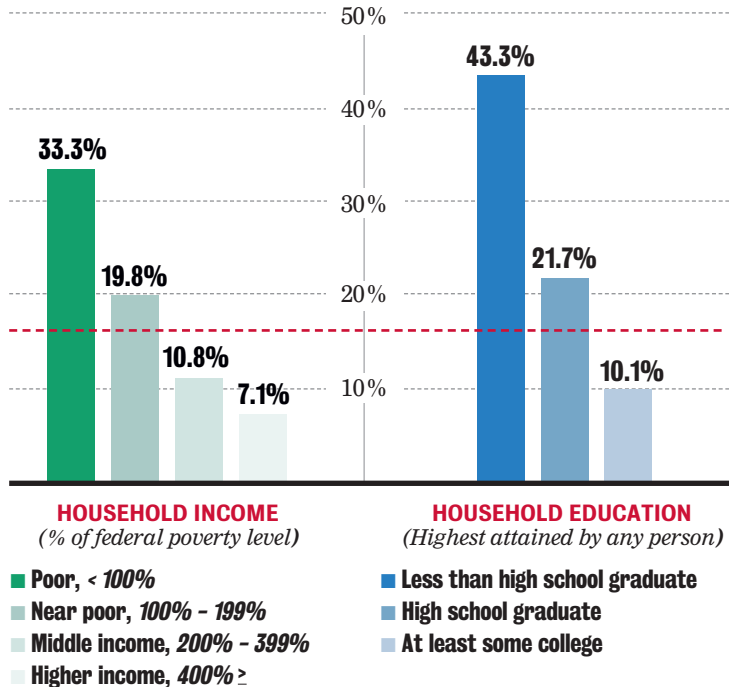


## CHILDREN AGE 17 OR YOUNGER IN LESS THAN VERY GOOD HEALTH

----- U.S. overall total: 15.9%



## CHILD HEALTH GAPS

Children's health status can vary dramatically, even within states. Socioeconomic status is often the key, researchers from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Commission to Build a Healthier America found. An Oct. 8 report comparing infant mortality and child health status by families' level of income and education found that in almost every state, shortfalls were greatest among children in the poorest or least-educated households. Even middle-class children were found to be less healthy than children with greater advantages. This socioeconomic impact is seen most strongly in Colorado, where only 3.5% of children in families with higher incomes and healthier behaviors have poor health.

SOURCE: "AMERICA'S HEALTH STARTS WITH HEALTHY CHILDREN," RWJ FOUNDATION