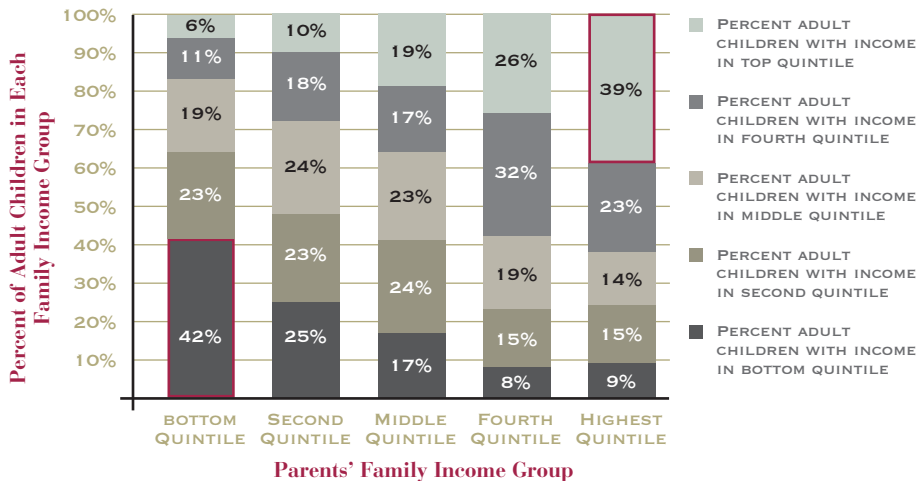


FIGURE 4

Children's Chances of Getting Ahead or Falling Behind, by Parents' Family Income



Source: PSID data tabulations of family income averaged over several years and reported in 2006 dollars.

Note: The bars show the probability of reaching an income ranking for children of a certain parental ranking. For example, the first bar shows that 42 percent of those whose parents were in the bottom quintile ended up in the bottom quintile themselves, 23 percent of them ended in the second quintile, 19 percent in the middle quintile, 11 percent in the fourth quintile and 6 percent in the top quintile.