

Data Walk: Shawnee County EDUCATION



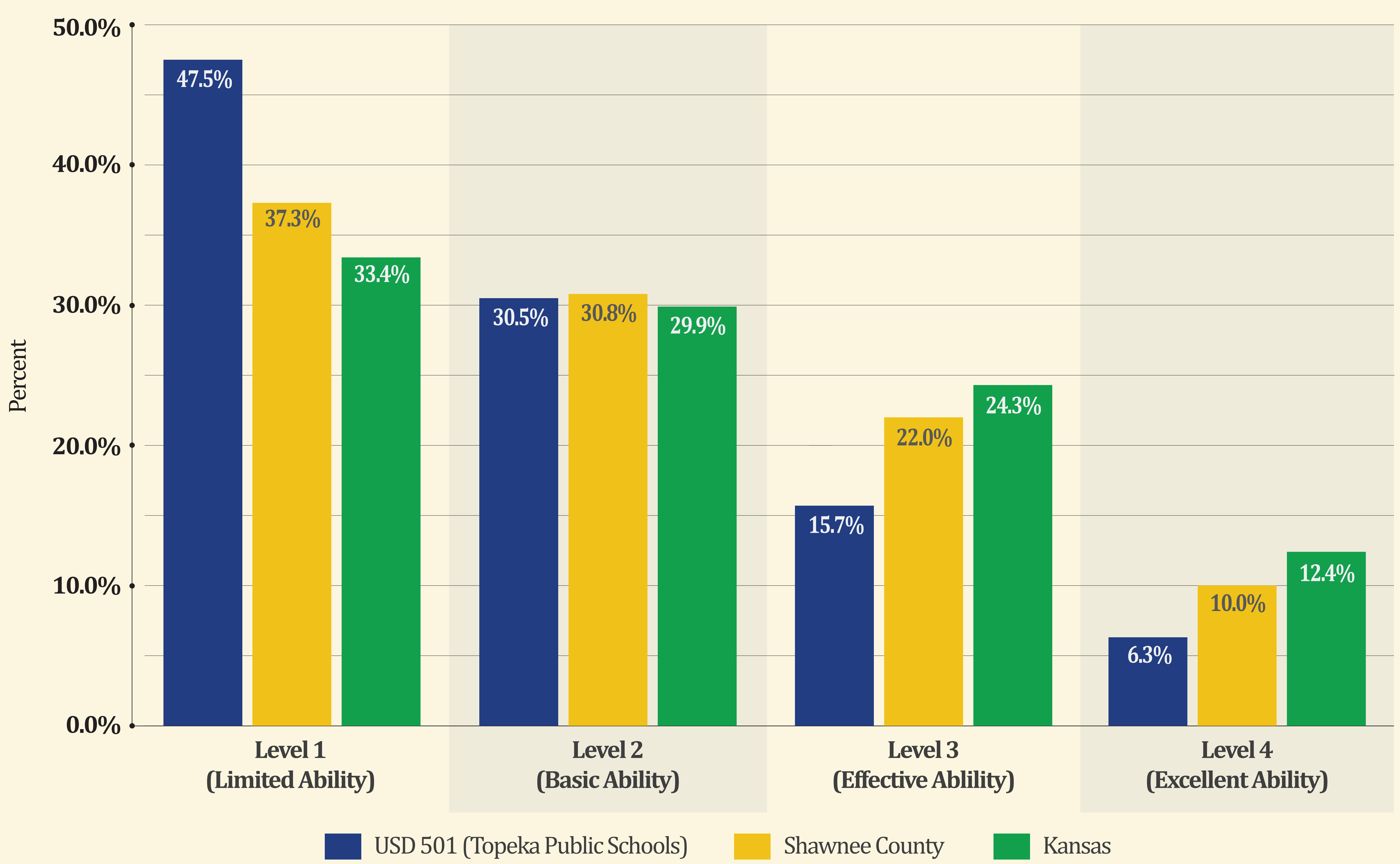
What This Measures:

Average percent of 3rd grade students testing at levels 1-4 for reading across all school districts.

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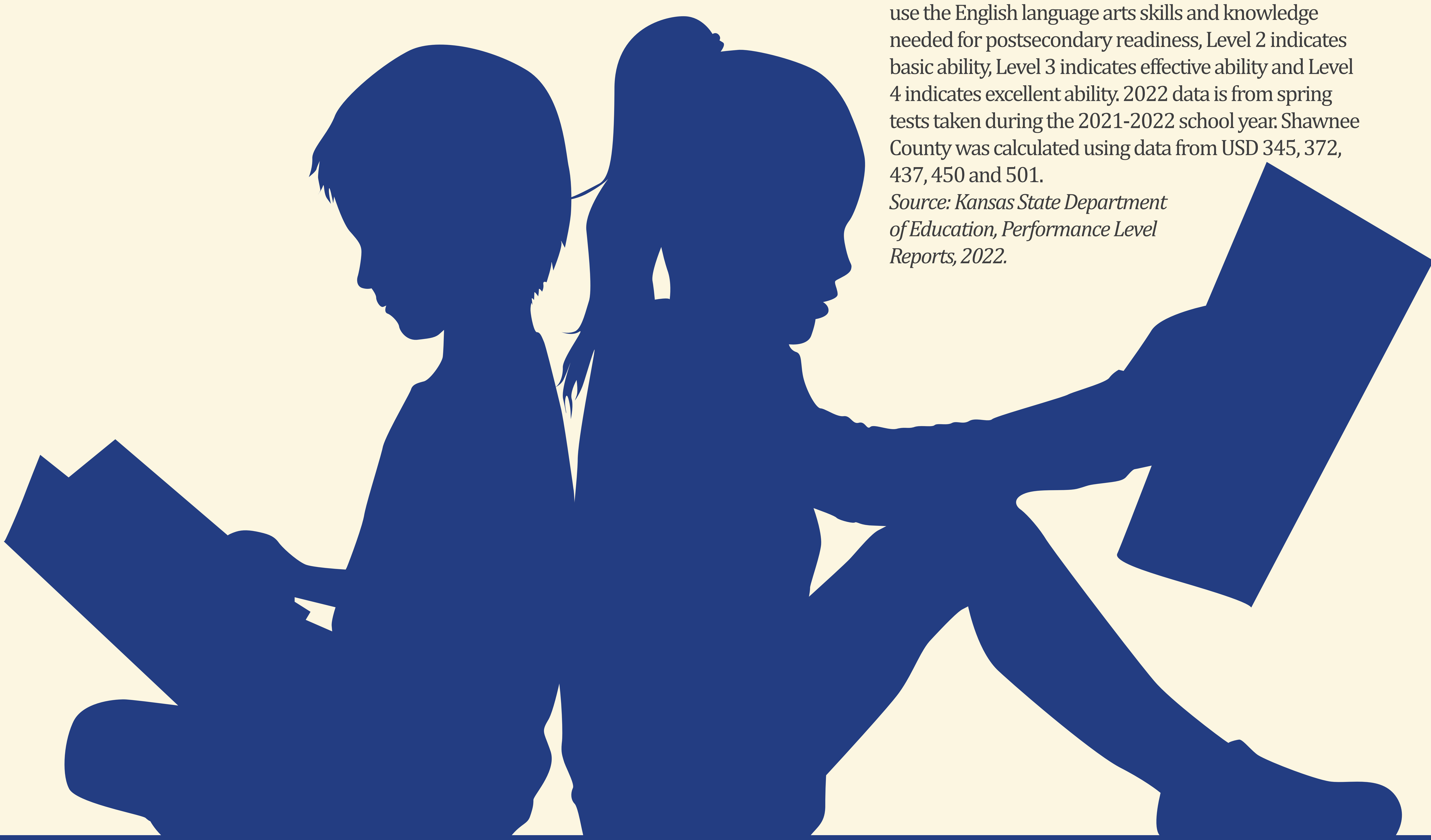
Nearly half of USD 501
(Topeka Public Schools) 3rd graders
test below a basic level in English language arts.

Reading Levels of USD 501 (Topeka Public Schools), Shawnee County, and Kansas
3rd Graders, 2022



Note: Level 1 indicates limited ability to understand and use the English language arts skills and knowledge needed for postsecondary readiness, Level 2 indicates basic ability, Level 3 indicates effective ability and Level 4 indicates excellent ability. 2022 data is from spring tests taken during the 2021-2022 school year. Shawnee County was calculated using data from USD 345, 372, 437, 450 and 501.

Source: Kansas State Department of Education, Performance Level Reports, 2022.



Why this is important: Students who are **competent readers** are more likely to **perform well** in other subjects, such as math and science. **Reading achievement** also predicts one's **likelihood of graduating** from high school and attending college.

(Source: County Health Rankings.)

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