

# Data Walk: Shawnee County

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What surprises you?
- What else do you want to learn?



## CHILD CARE

- There are 5,587 (55.9 percent) children under age 6 with working parents in Shawnee County who are without child care options.
- Family households with one child under age 3, spent \$10,189 on average each year on child care, which is 17.0 percent of the median household income (\$59,849.00).
- There are up to 10 children under age 3 per one child care opening in Shawnee County.

## POVERTY

- Greater proportions of Black and Hispanic populations in Shawnee County experience poverty compared to their White counterparts.



## HOUSING

- Four in 10 renter-occupied households in Shawnee County do not have affordable housing.

## NEIGHBORHOODS

- Topeka neighborhoods east of Southwest Washburn Avenue are ranked among the most disadvantaged of all neighborhoods in the United States.

## INFANT MORTALITY

- Hispanic and Black infant mortality rates rose to 2-3 times more than the rate for White infants in Shawnee County.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

- One in 5 children in Shawnee County is Hispanic or Latino.



## EDUCATION

- The 2021-2022 graduation rate (84.7 percent) in USD 501 (Topeka Public Schools) increased since the 2019-2020 school year (81.7 percent), although it still trails behind Shawnee County and Kansas.
- Nearly half of USD 501 (Topeka Public Schools) 3rd graders test below a basic level in English language arts.

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