

UPWARD MOBILITY Data Walk

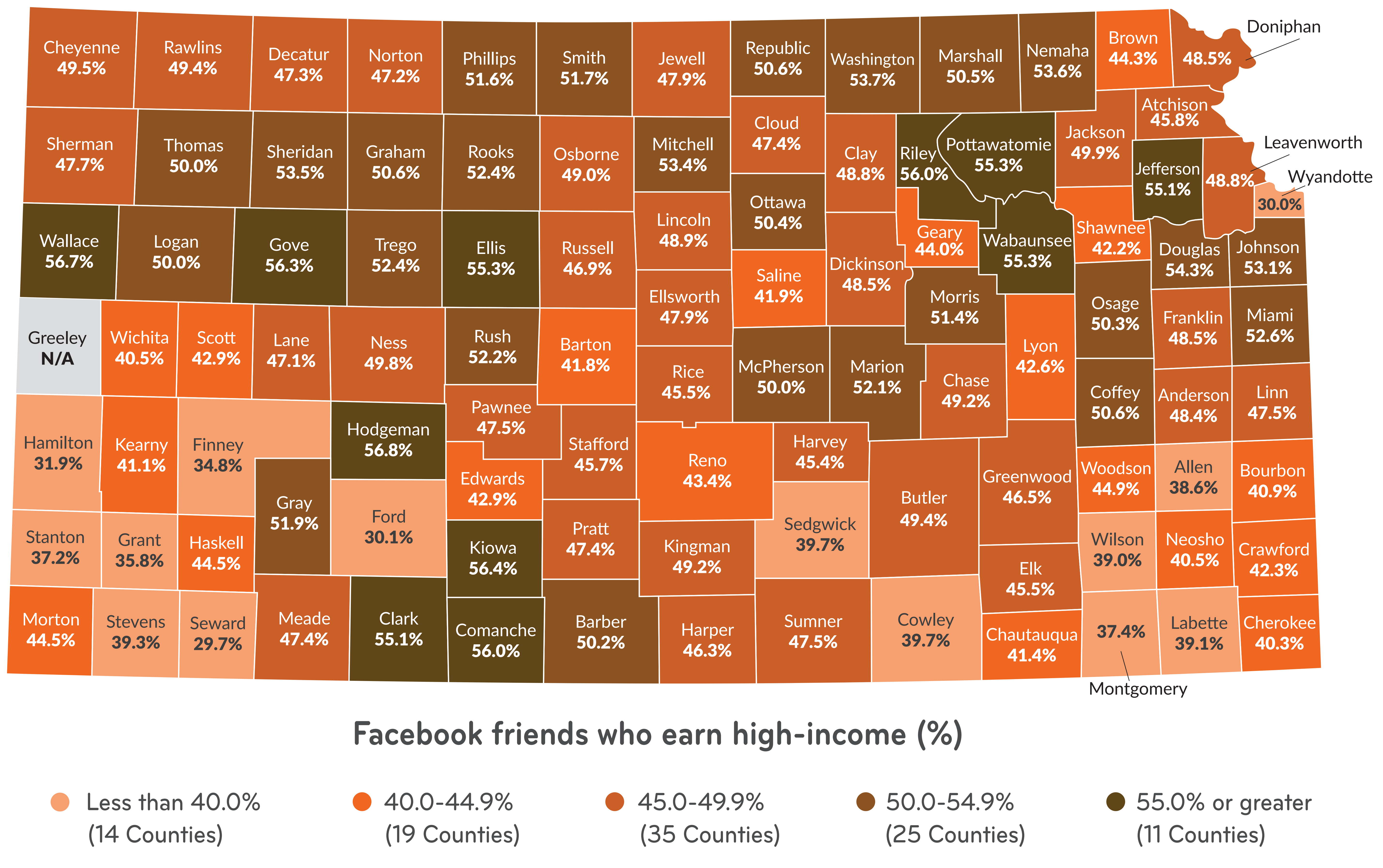


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What this measures:

For people earning below median income, the percentage of their Facebook friends who earn above the median income is a proxy for economic connectedness. Economic connectedness measures interactions across socio-economic class.

Economic Connectedness of Kansans Age 25-44 by County, 2022



Source: (Figure and Narrative) Chetty et al. Social Capital I: Measurement and Associations With Economic Mobility, Nature, 2022, 608(7921):108-121; Chetty et al. Social Capital II: Determinants of Economic Connectedness, Nature, 2022, 608(7921):122-134.

One-third

of Kansas counties (36 of 105) display high economic connectedness — on average, at least half of Facebook friends of those earning below the median income earn above the median income.



Attending college, participating in community activities with high integration across income levels, and living in affordable mixed-income housing can increase economic connectedness. Increased connections with people of higher socioeconomic status are linked to improved upward mobility, or children's ability to rise out of poverty in adulthood.

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