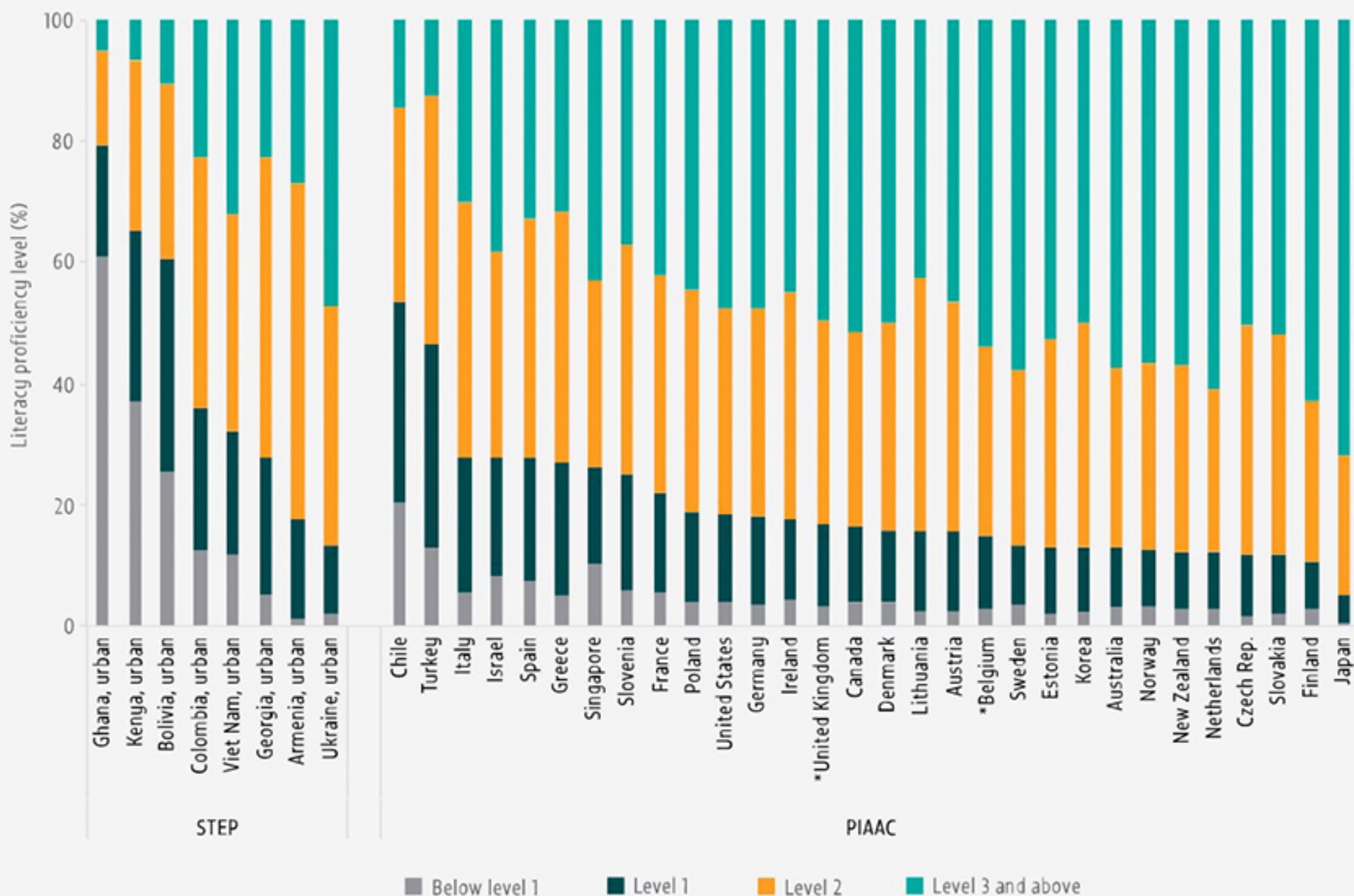


**FIGURE 12:**

**Assessing literacy on a continuous scale more accurately reflects adult skills**

*Adult population by literacy proficiency level, 2011-2014*



Note: For countries with an asterisk (\*), the PIAAC data refer to individual regions only: England and Northern Ireland for the United Kingdom, and Flanders for Belgium.

Sources: OECD (2013; 2016) and GEM Report team analysis using World Bank STEP data.