

2023 Extension Community Assessment

Allen County Results Summary

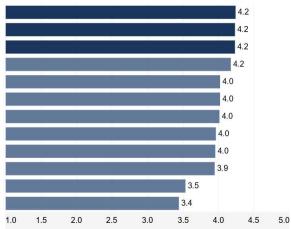
This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Allen County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 264 respondents from Allen County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Allen County

Minimizing youth substance use								4.4	
Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery								4.3	
Minimizing bullying and/or school violence								4.3	
Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food								4.3	
Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry								4.2	
Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources								4.2	
Preserving/managing agricultural land								4.2	
Sustainability of family farms								4.2	
Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.)								4.2	
Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities)								4.2	
Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise								4.2	
Senior citizen support programs								4.2	
Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy	1							4.2	
Helping individual, families, farmers, and/or businesses recover from natural disasters								4.2	
Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills								4.2	
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Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industryImage: Constraint of the local food and agriculture industryPreserving/managing agricultural landImage: Constraint of the local food and agriculture industrySustainability of family farmsImage: Constraint of the local food and agriculture industryHelping individual, families, farmers, and/or businesses recover from natural disastersImage: Constraint of the local food and agriculture industryProviding increased market opportunities for farmersImage: Constraint of the local food and produced foodsHelping individuals, families, farmers, and/or businesses prepare for natural disastersImage: Constraint of the local food and produced food and produced



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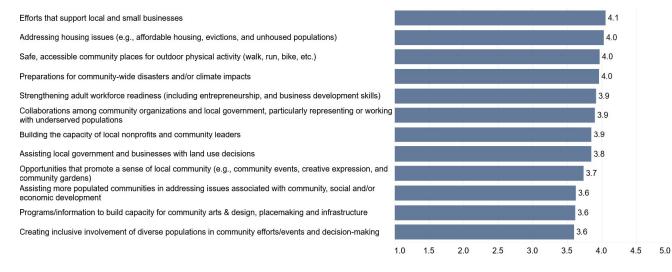
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Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs

Minimizing youth substance use								4.4	
Minimizing bullying and/or school violence								4.3	
Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.)							4	4.2	
Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities)							4	4.2	
Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise							4	.2	
Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy							4	.2	
Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships							4.1	1	
Strengthening youth peer-peer relationships							4.1		
Social, emotional, and/or behavioral education for adults working with youth							4.1		
Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing							4.1		
Maximizing youth voice in issues that matter to them							4.1		
Engaging diverse and non-traditional youth audiences in programming							3.9		
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Individual and Family Development Needs

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery								4.3	
Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food								4.3	
Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources							4	4.2	
Senior citizen support programs							4.	2	
Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills							4.2	2	
Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills							4.1		
Prepare community members for formal/informal leadership and/or volunteer roles							4.1		
Food as health: addressing food insecurity and diet related chronic diseases							4.1		
Educational opportunities about home food safety practices (e.g., food preservation and canning)							4.1		
Building employee soft skills (e.g., communication, productivity, and teamwork skills)							4.0		
Building life skills of community members							4.0		
Educational opportunities to promote healthy homes (e.g., mold prevention/treatment and home safe	ty						4.0		
	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0