

2023 Extension Community Assessment

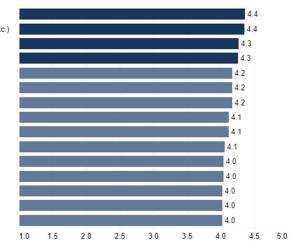
Ballard County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Ballard County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 165 respondents from Ballard County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Ballard County

Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities) Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.) Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships Minimizing youth substance use Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills Sustainability of family farms Social, emotional, and/or behavioral education for adults working with youth

Addressing housing issues (e.g., affordable housing, evictions, and unhoused populations)



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise

Sustainability of family farms

Preserving/managing agricultural land

Efforts that support local and small businesses

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Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

Helping individuals, families, farmers, and/or businesses prepare for natural disasters

Access to high-speed internet

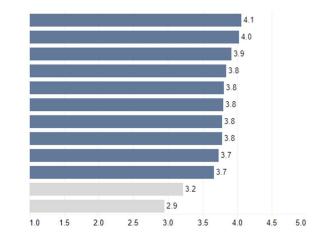
Helping individual, families, farmers, and/or businesses recover from natural disasters

Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues)

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

Dealing with climate variation

Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses





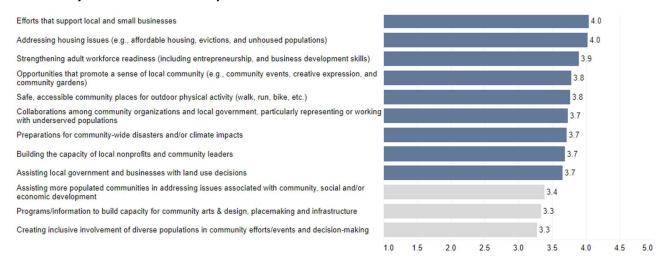
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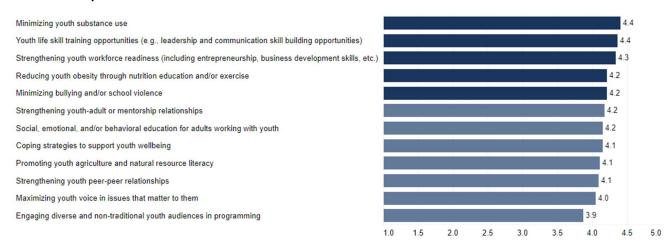




Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

