

2023 Extension Community Assessment

Breathitt County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Breathitt County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 223 respondents from Breathitt County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Breathitt County

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

Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.)

Minimizing youth substance use

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities)

Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise

Access to high-speed internet

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

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

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

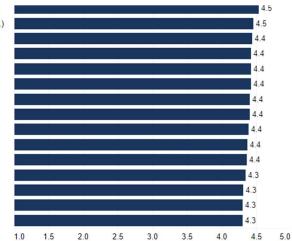
Minimizing bullying and/or school violence

Preparations for community-wide disasters and/or climate impacts

Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

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

Access to high-speed internet

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

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Sustainability of family farms

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

Preserving/managing agricultural land

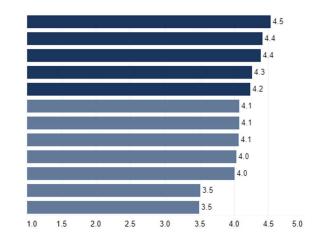
Market support for locally grown and produced foods

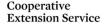
Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses

Dealing with climate variation

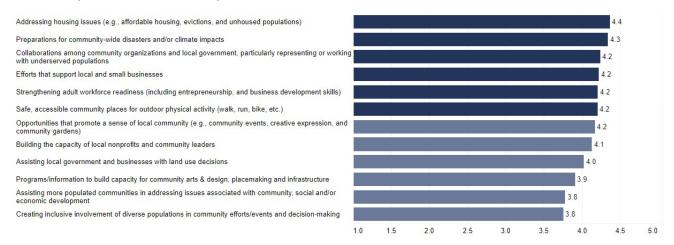




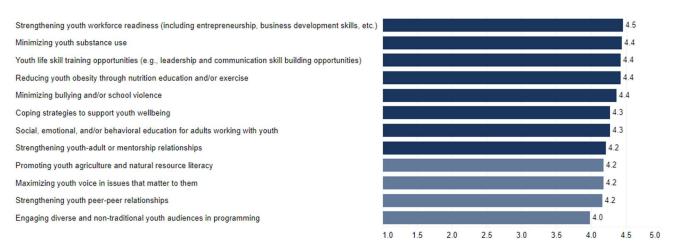




Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

