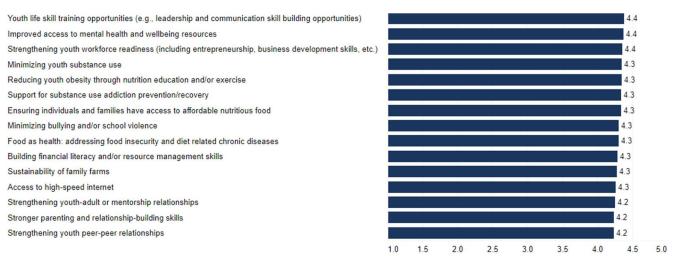


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Calloway County Results Summary

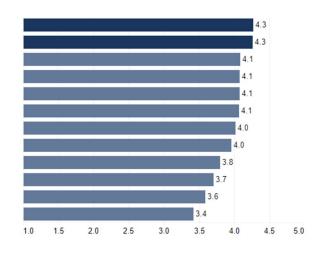
This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Calloway County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 152 respondents from Calloway County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Calloway County



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Sustainability of family farms
Access to high-speed internet
Market support for locally grown and produced foods
Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry
Helping individuals, families, farmers, and/or businesses prepare for natural disasters
Preserving/managing agricultural land
Helping individual, families, farmers, and/or businesses recover from natural disasters
Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues)
Providing increased market opportunities for farmers
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

Strengthening adult workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, and business development skills) Collaborations among community organizations and local government, particularly representing or working with underserved populations

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

Efforts that support local and small businesses

Preparations for community-wide disasters and/or climate impacts

Safe, accessible community places for outdoor physical activity (walk, run, bike, etc.)

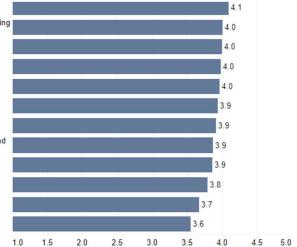
Building the capacity of local nonprofits and community leaders

 $Opportunities \ that \ promote \ a \ sense \ of \ local \ community \ (e.g., \ community \ events, \ creative \ expression, \ and \ community \ gardens)$

Creating inclusive involvement of diverse populations in community efforts/events and decision-making

Assisting local government and businesses with land use decisions

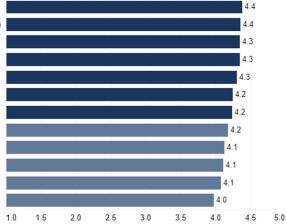
Programs/information to build capacity for community arts & design, placemaking and infrastructure Assisting more populated communities in addressing issues associated with community, social and/or economic development



Youth Development Needs

Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities)	
Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.)	
Minimizing youth substance use	
Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise	
Minimizing bullying and/or school violence	
Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships	
Strengthening youth peer-peer relationships	
Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing	
Maximizing youth voice in issues that matter to them	
Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy	
Social, emotional, and/or behavioral education for adults working with youth	

Engaging diverse and non-traditional youth audiences in programming



Individual and Family Development Needs

Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources								4.4	
Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery								4.3	
Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food								4.3	
Food as health: addressing food insecurity and diet related chronic diseases								4.3	
Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills								4.3	
Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills								4.2	
Senior citizen support programs								4.2	
Educational opportunities about home food safety practices (e.g., food preservation and canning)							4	2	
Building employee soft skills (e.g., communication, productivity, and teamwork skills)							4	2	
Building life skills of community members							4.0		
Prepare community members for formal/informal leadership and/or volunteer roles							4.0		
Educational opportunities to promote healthy homes (e.g., mold prevention/treatment and home safety							4.0		
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