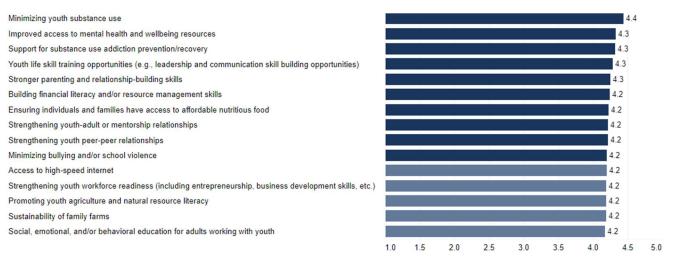


# **2023 Extension Community Assessment**

**Carroll County Results Summary** 

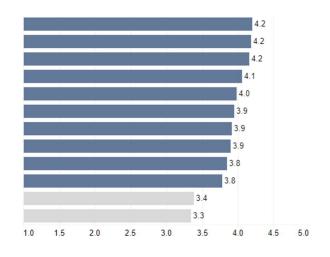
This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Carroll County. The interactive data dashboard at <a href="https://extension.ca.uky.edu">https://extension.ca.uky.edu</a> provides additional details, including demographic information about the 184 respondents from Carroll County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

## **Top 15 Issues in Carroll County**



# Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Access to high-speed internet Sustainability of family farms Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry 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 Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues) Helping individuals, families, farmers, and/or businesses prepare for natural disasters Helping individual, families, farmers, and/or businesses recover from natural disasters Dealing with climate variation Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses



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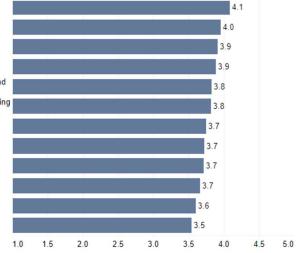
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## **Community and Economic Development Needs**

Efforts that support local and small businesses		
Strengthening adult workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, and business development skills)		
Safe, accessible community places for outdoor physical activity (walk, run, bike, etc.)		
Addressing housing issues (e.g., affordable housing, evictions, and unhoused populations)		
Opportunities that promote a sense of local community (e.g., community events, creative expression, and community gardens)		
collaborations among community organizations and local government, particularly representing or working with underserved populations		
Building the capacity of local nonprofits and community leaders		
Preparations for community-wide disasters and/or climate impacts		
Assisting local government and businesses with land use decisions		
Creating inclusive involvement of diverse populations in community efforts/events and decision-making		
Assisting more populated communities in addressing issues associated with community, social and/or economic development		
Programs/information to build capacity for community arts & design, placemaking and infrastructure		



## Youth Development Needs

Minimizing youth substance use								4.4	
Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities)								4.3	
Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships							4	4.2	
Strengthening youth peer-peer relationships							4	4.2	
Minimizing bullying and/or school violence							4	.2	
Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.)							4	.2	
Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy							4	.2	
Social, emotional, and/or behavioral education for adults working with youth							4	2	
Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing							4.	1	
Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise							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

