

2023 Extension Community Assessment

Estill County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Estill County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 444 respondents from Estill County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Estill County

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

Minimizing youth substance use

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

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

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

Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources

Sustainability of family farms

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

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

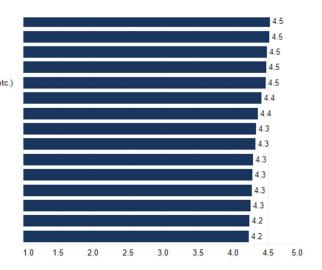
Minimizing bullying and/or school violence

Efforts that support local and small businesses

Educational opportunities about home food safety practices (e.g., food preservation and canning)

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

Preserving/managing agricultural land



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Social, emotional, and/or behavioral education for adults working with youth

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry Preserving/managing agricultural land

Sustainability of family farms

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Access to high-speed internet

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

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

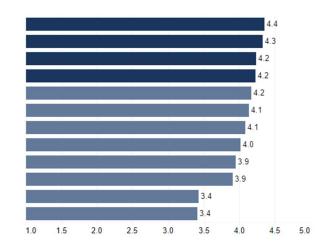
Helping individuals, families, farmers, and/or businesses prepare for natural disasters

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

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

Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses

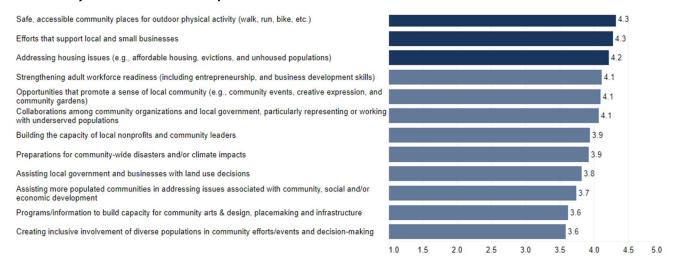
Dealing with climate variation



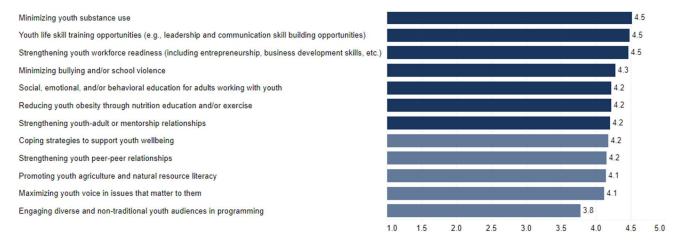




Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

