

2023 Extension Community Assessment

Franklin County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Franklin County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 264 respondents from Franklin County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Franklin County

Sustainability of family farms

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

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

Preserving/managing agricultural land

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

Minimizing youth substance use

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources

Minimizing bullying and/or school violence

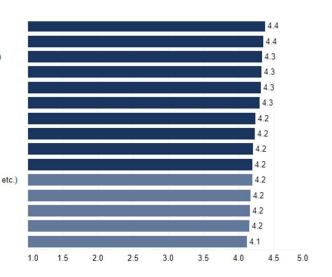
Food as health: addressing food insecurity and diet related chronic diseases

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

Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Maximizing youth voice in issues that matter to them

Sustainability of family farms

Preserving/managing agricultural land

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

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

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

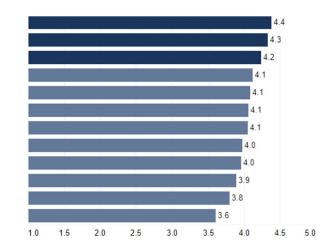
Access to high-speed internet

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

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

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

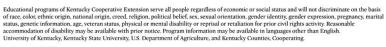
Dealing with climate variation





Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses

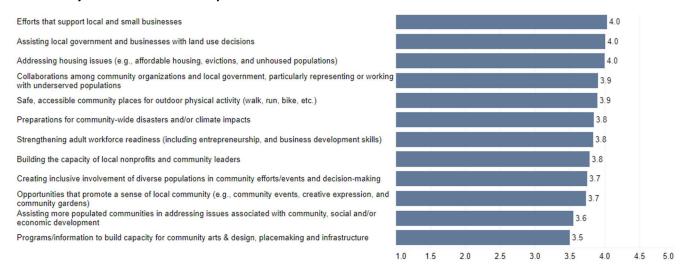




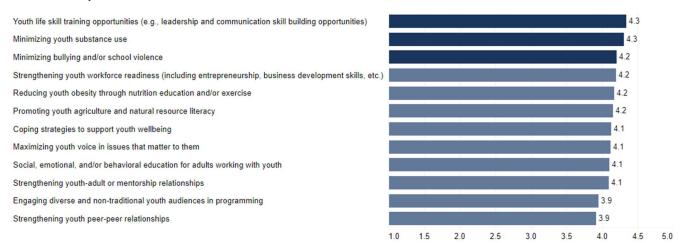




Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

