

# **2023 Extension Community Assessment**

## **Fulton County Results Summary**

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Fulton 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 90 respondents from Fulton County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

## **Top 15 Issues in Fulton County**

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

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

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

Minimizing youth substance use

Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships

Access to high-speed internet

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills

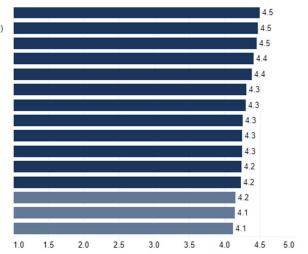
Building life skills of community members

Minimizing bullying and/or school violence

Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise

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

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



## **Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs**

Access to high-speed internet

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

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

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Sustainability of family farms

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Preserving/managing agricultural land

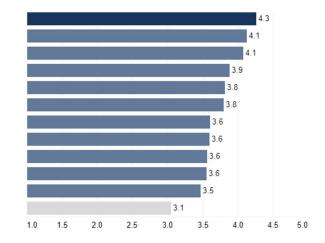
Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues)

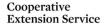
Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

Dealing with climate variation

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses

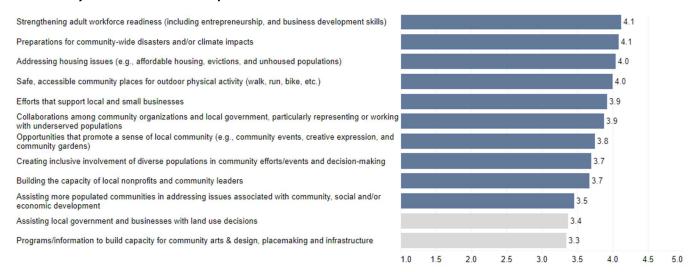




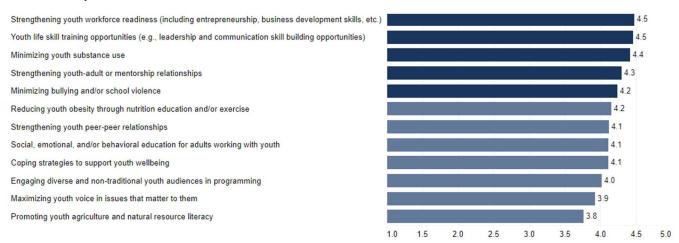




### **Community and Economic Development Needs**



## Youth Development Needs



#### **Individual and Family Development Needs**

