

2023 Extension Community Assessment

Garrard County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Garrard County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 177 respondents from Garrard County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Garrard County

Minimizing youth substance use

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

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

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

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources

Access to high-speed internet

Minimizing bullying and/or school violence

Sustainability of family farms

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

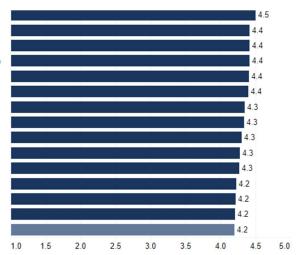
Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise

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

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Access to high-speed internet

Sustainability of family farms

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Preserving/managing agricultural land

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

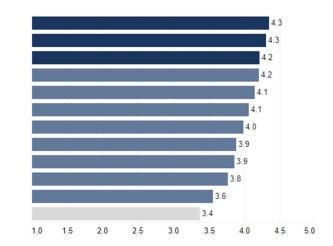
Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues)

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

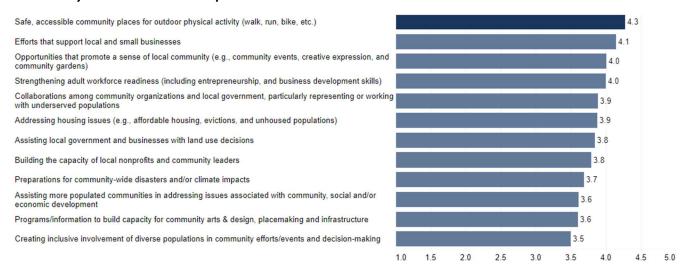




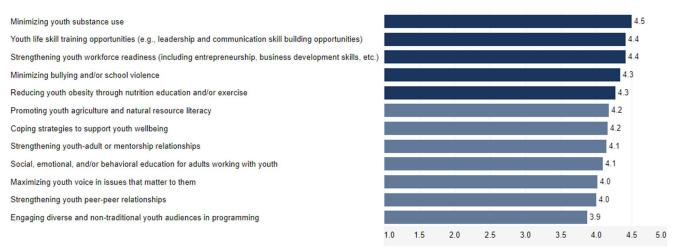




Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

