

2023 Extension Community Assessment

Graves County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Graves County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 573 respondents from Graves County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Graves County

Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities) Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.) Minimizing youth substance use Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources

Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

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

Minimizing bullying and/or school violence

Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing

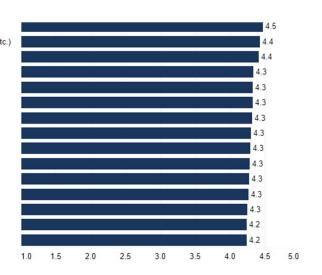
Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

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

Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills

Preparations for community-wide disasters and/or climate impacts

Strengthening youth peer-peer relationships



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

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

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

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

Sustainability of family farms

Access to high-speed internet

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Preserving/managing agricultural land

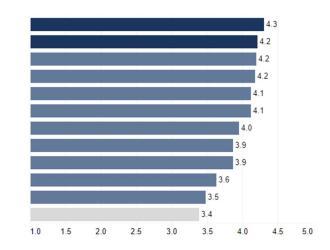
Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues)

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

Dealing with climate variation

Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses



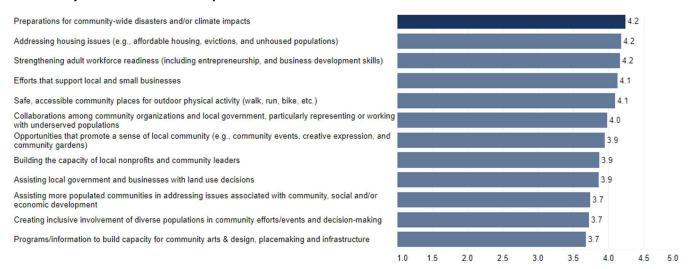


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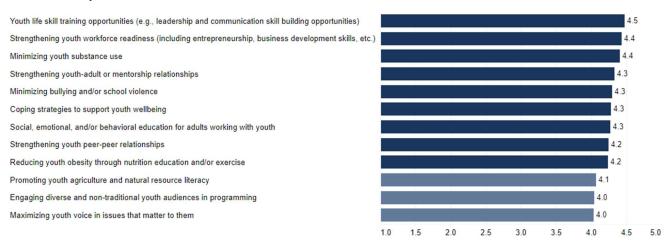




Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

