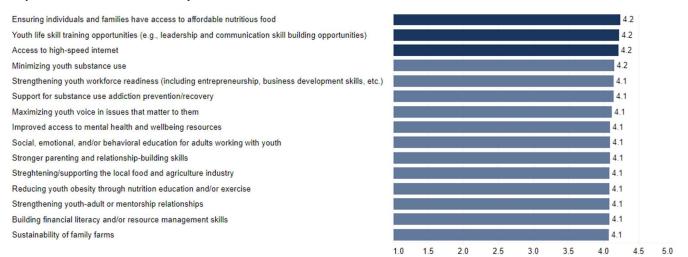


2023 Extension Community Assessment

Green County Results Summary

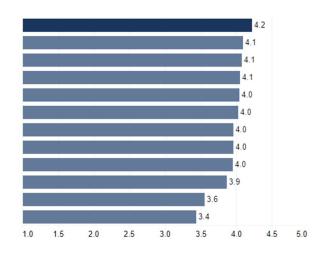
This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Green County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 236 respondents from Green County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Green County



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Access to high-speed internet Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry Sustainability of family farms Market support for locally grown and produced foods Preserving/managing agricultural land Providing increased market opportunities for farmers Helping individuals, families, farmers, and/or businesses prepare for natural disasters Helping individual, families, farmers, and/or businesses recover from natural disasters Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues) Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability Dealing with climate variation Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses



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Youth Development Needs

Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities)	4.2
Minimizing youth substance use	4.2
Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.)	4.1
Maximizing youth voice in issues that matter to them	4.1
Social, emotional, and/or behavioral education for adults working with youth	4.1
Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise	4.1
Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships	4.1
Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing	4.1
Minimizing bullying and/or school violence	4.0
Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy	4.0
Strengthening youth peer-peer relationships	4.0
Engaging diverse and non-traditional youth audiences in programming	3.9

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Individual and Family Development Needs

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food							4	.2	
Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery							4.1		
Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources							4.1		
Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills							4.1		
Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills							4.1		
Building employee soft skills (e.g., communication, productivity, and teamwork skills)							4.1		
Senior citizen support programs							4.0		
Food as health: addressing food insecurity and diet related chronic diseases							4.0		
Educational opportunities about home food safety practices (e.g., food preservation and canning)							4.0		
Building life skills of community members							3.9		
Educational opportunities to promote healthy homes (e.g., mold prevention/treatment and home safe	ty						3.9		
Prepare community members for formal/informal leadership and/or volunteer roles							3.9		
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