

2023 Extension Community Assessment

Hardin County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Hardin County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 363 respondents from Hardin County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Hardin County

Sustainability of family farms

Preserving/managing agricultural land

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

Minimizing youth substance use

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

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

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

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

Minimizing bullying and/or school violence

Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources

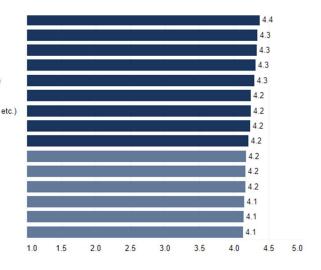
Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise

Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy

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



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Sustainability of family farms

Preserving/managing agricultural land

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

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

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

Access to high-speed internet

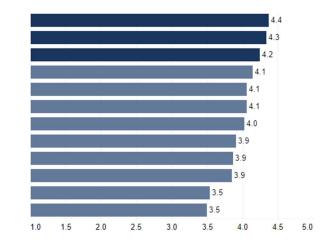
Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

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

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

Dealing with climate variation

Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses





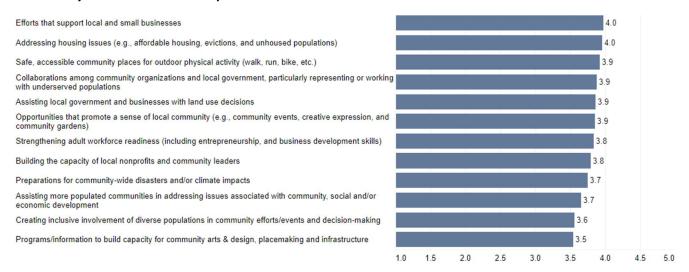
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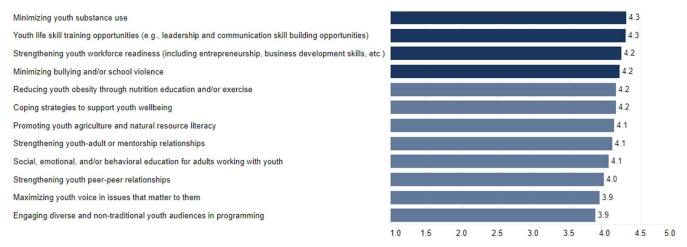




Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

