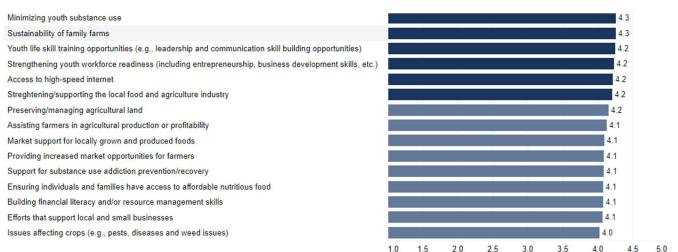


# **2023 Extension Community Assessment**

Henry County Results Summary

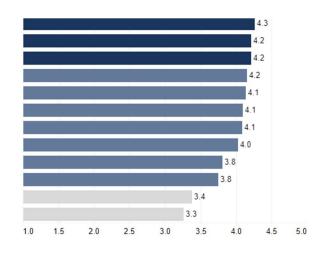
This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Henry County. The interactive data dashboard at <a href="https://extension.ca.uky.edu">https://extension.ca.uky.edu</a> provides additional details, including demographic information about the 169 respondents from Henry County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

### **Top 15 Issues in Henry County**



## Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Sustainability of family farms Access to high-speed internet Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry Preserving/managing agricultural land Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability Market support for locally grown and produced foods Providing increased market opportunities for farmers Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues) 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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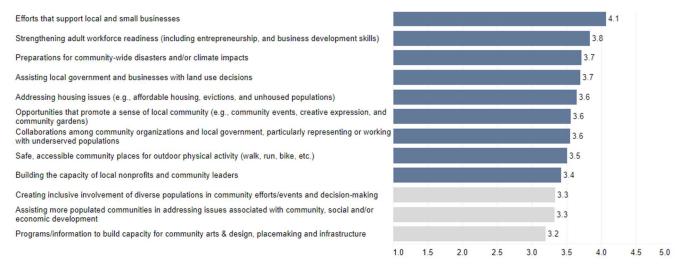
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Family and Consumer Sciences 4-H Youth Development Community and Economic Development

## **Community and Economic Development Needs**



## Youth Development Needs

Minimizing youth substance use								4.3	
Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities)								4.2	
Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.)								4.2	
Minimizing bullying and/or school violence							4.0		
Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships							4.0		
Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise							4.0		
Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy							4.0		
Maximizing youth voice in issues that matter to them							3.9		
Social, emotional, and/or behavioral education for adults working with youth							3.8		
Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing							3.8		
Strengthening youth peer-peer relationships							3.8		
Engaging diverse and non-traditional youth audiences in programming						3.6			
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## Individual and Family Development Needs

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery							4.1		
Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food							4.1		
Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills							4.1		
Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources							4.0		
Food as health: addressing food insecurity and diet related chronic diseases							3.9		
Senior citizen support programs							3.9		
Educational opportunities about home food safety practices (e.g., food preservation and canning)							3.8		
Building life skills of community members							3.8		
Building employee soft skills (e.g., communication, productivity, and teamwork skills)							3.8		
Prepare community members for formal/informal leadership and/or volunteer roles							3.8		
Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills							3.8		
Educational opportunities to promote healthy homes (e.g., mold prevention/treatment and home safe	ety					3	.6		
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