

2023 Extension Community Assessment

Hickman County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Hickman County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 241 respondents from Hickman County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Hickman County

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

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

Minimizing youth substance use

Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources

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

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

Access to high-speed internet

Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills

Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships

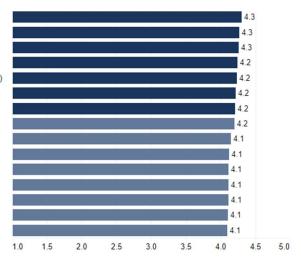
Senior citizen support programs

Efforts that support local and small businesses

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

Building life skills of community members

Minimizing bullying and/or school violence



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Access to high-speed internet

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

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

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Sustainability of family farms

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

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

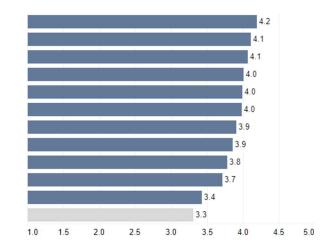
Preserving/managing agricultural land

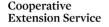
Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

Dealing with climate variation

Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses

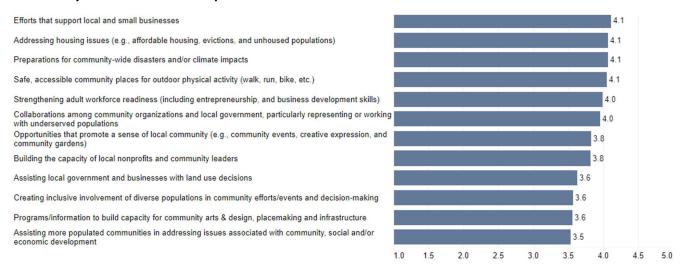




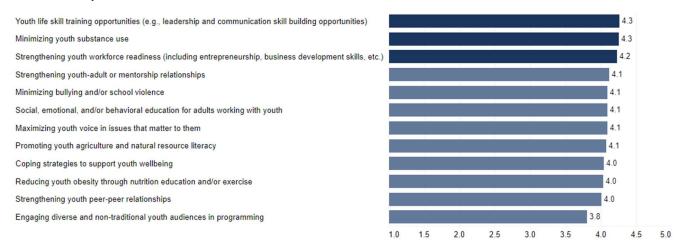




Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

