

2023 Extension Community Assessment

Jackson County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Jackson County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 177 respondents from Jackson County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Jackson County

Minimizing youth substance use

Sustainability of family farms

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

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

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

Preserving/managing agricultural land

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships

Market support for locally grown and produced foods
Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

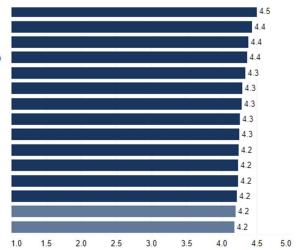
Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Efforts that support local and small businesses

Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Sustainability of family farms

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

Preserving/managing agricultural land

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

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

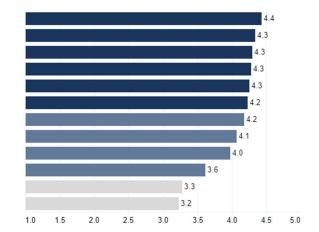
Helping individual, families, farmers, and/or businesses recover from natural disasters

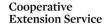
Helping individuals, families, farmers, and/or businesses prepare for natural disasters

Access to high-speed internet

Dealing with climate variation

Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses

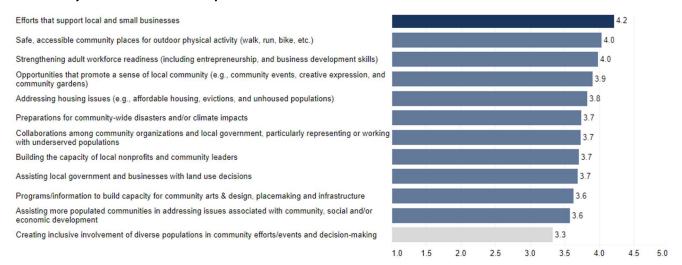




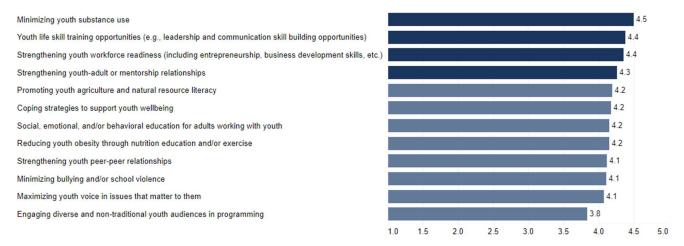




Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

