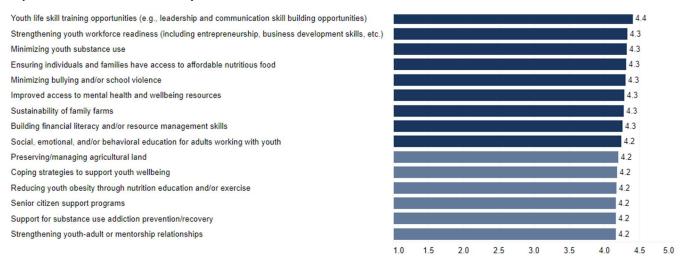


# **2023 Extension Community Assessment**

Kenton County Results Summary

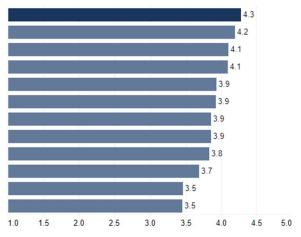
This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Kenton County. The interactive data dashboard at <a href="https://extension.ca.uky.edu">https://extension.ca.uky.edu</a> provides additional details, including demographic information about the 815 respondents from Kenton County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

### **Top 15 Issues in Kenton County**



### Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

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



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# Community and Economic Development Needs

Efforts that support local and small businesses							4.1	
Safe, accessible community places for outdoor physical activity (walk, run, bike, etc.)							4.0	
Addressing housing issues (e.g., affordable housing, evictions, and unhoused populations)							3.9	
Strengthening adult workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, and business development skills)							3.9	
Opportunities that promote a sense of local community (e.g., community events, creative expression, and community gardens)							3.9	
Assisting local government and businesses with land use decisions							3.9	
Collaborations among community organizations and local government, particularly representing or working with underserved populations	9						3.8	
Building the capacity of local nonprofits and community leaders							3.8	
Preparations for community-wide disasters and/or climate impacts						3	.7	
Assisting more populated communities in addressing issues associated with community, social and/or economic development						3.6	6	
Creating inclusive involvement of diverse populations in community efforts/events and decision-making						3.6		
Programs/information to build capacity for community arts & design, placemaking and infrastructure						3.6		
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# Youth Development Needs

Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities)							
Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.)							ļ
Minimizing youth substance use							
Minimizing bullying and/or school violence							
Social, emotional, and/or behavioral education for adults working with youth							
Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing							
Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise							
Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships							
Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy							
Strengthening youth peer-peer relationships							
Maximizing youth voice in issues that matter to them							
Engaging diverse and non-traditional youth audiences in programming							
	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	

# Individual and Family Development Needs

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food								4.3	
Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources								4.3	
Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills								4.3	
Senior citizen support programs							4.	2	
Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery							4.	2	
Food as health: addressing food insecurity and diet related chronic diseases							4.1		
Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills							4.1		
Educational opportunities about home food safety practices (e.g., food preservation and canning)							4.0		
Building life skills of community members							4.0		
Building employee soft skills (e.g., communication, productivity, and teamwork skills)							4.0		
Educational opportunities to promote healthy homes (e.g., mold prevention/treatment and home safety	y						3.9		
Prepare community members for formal/informal leadership and/or volunteer roles							3.8		
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