

2023 Extension Community Assessment

Statewide Results Summary

This handout provides statewide summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 35,830 respondents. The site also includes links to individual county summary reports in PDF format and secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Kentucky

Minimizing youth substance use

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

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

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources

Sustainability of family farms

Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise

Minimizing bullying and/or school violence

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

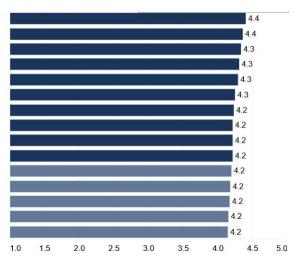
Access to high-speed internet

Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills

Social, emotional, and/or behavioral education for adults working with youth



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

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

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

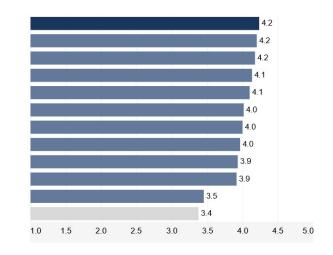
Helping individual, families, farmers, and/or businesses recover from natural disasters

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

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

Dealing with climate variation

Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses





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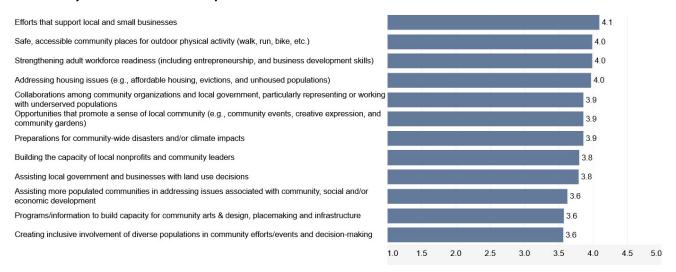
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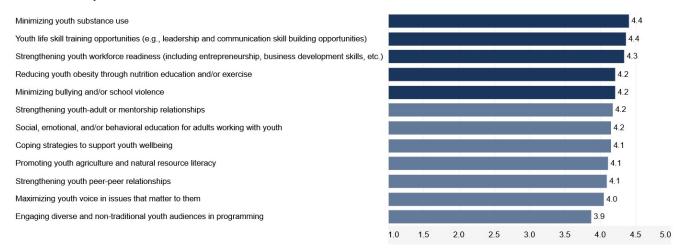




Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

