

# **2023 Extension Community Assessment**

**Knox County Results Summary** 

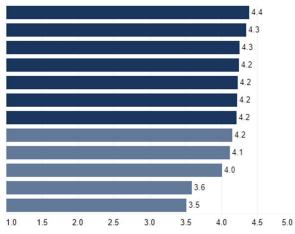
This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Knox County. The interactive data dashboard at <a href="https://extension.ca.uky.edu">https://extension.ca.uky.edu</a> provides additional details, including demographic information about the 545 respondents from Knox County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

## **Top 15 Issues in Knox County**

Minimizing bullying and/or school violence								4.6	5
Minimizing youth substance use								4.6	5
Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food								4.5	
Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities)								4.5	
Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.)								4.5	
Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery								4.5	
Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources								4.5	
Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills								4.5	
Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing								4.5	
Social, emotional, and/or behavioral education for adults working with youth								4.4	
Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise								4.4	
Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships								4.4	
Sustainability of family farms								4.4	
Senior citizen support programs								4.4	
Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills								4.4	
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## Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

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



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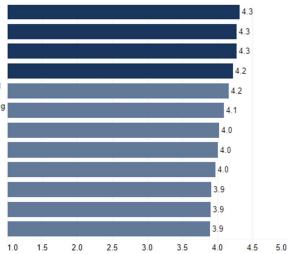
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### **Community and Economic Development Needs**

Strengthening adult workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, and business development skills) Efforts that support local and small businesses Safe, accessible community places for outdoor physical activity (walk, run, bike, etc.) Addressing housing issues (e.g., affordable housing, evictions, and unhoused populations) Opportunities that promote a sense of local community (e.g., community events, creative expression, and community gardens) Collaborations among community organizations and local government, particularly representing or working with underserved populations Preparations for community-wide disasters and/or climate impacts Building the capacity of local nonprofits and community leaders Assisting more populated communities in addressing issues associated with community, social and/or economic development Assisting local government and businesses with land use decisions Programs/information to build capacity for community arts & design, placemaking and infrastructure Creating inclusive involvement of diverse populations in community efforts/events and decision-making 1.0 1.5



# Youth Development Needs

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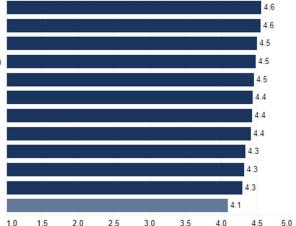
 Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise
 Image: Strengthening youth adult or mentorship relationships
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 Strengthening youth peer-peer relationships
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 Maximizing youth voice in issues that matter to them
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 Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy
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 Engaging diverse and non-traditional youth audiences in programming
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## Individual and Family Development Needs

