

2023 Extension Community Assessment

Letcher County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Letcher County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 585 respondents from Letcher County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Letcher County

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

Minimizing youth substance use

Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources

Addressing housing issues (e.g., affordable housing, evictions, and unhoused populations)

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

Senior citizen support programs

Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise

Minimizing bullying and/or school violence

Preparations for community-wide disasters and/or climate impacts

Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills

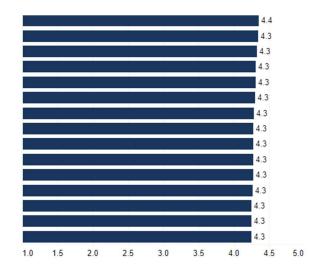
Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities)

Access to high-speed internet

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing

Food as health: addressing food insecurity and diet related chronic diseases



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Access to high-speed internet

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

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

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Sustainability of family farms

Preserving/managing agricultural land

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

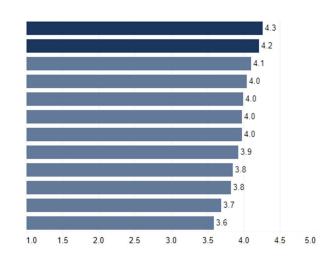
Market support for locally grown and produced foods

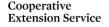
Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses

Dealing with climate variation

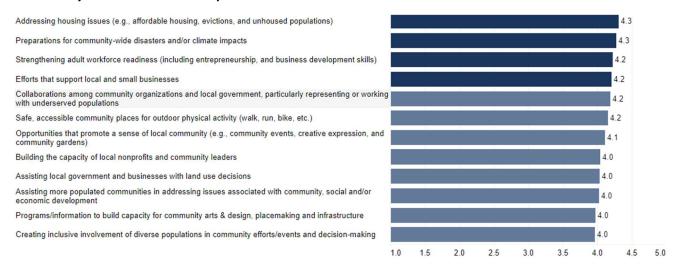




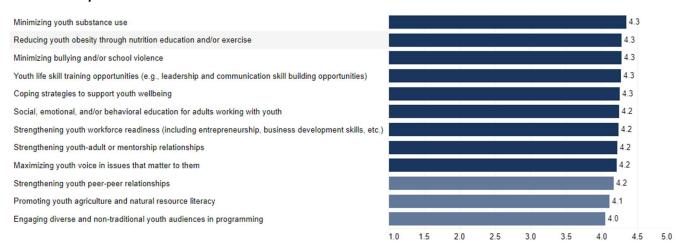




Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

