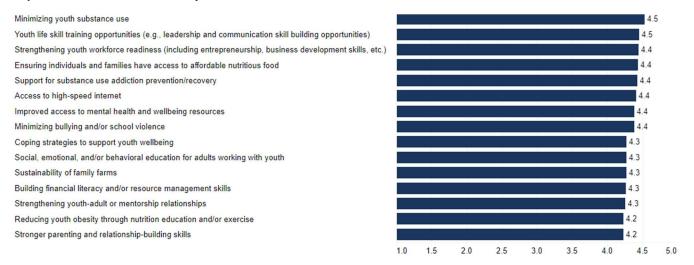


# **2023 Extension Community Assessment**

Lincoln County Results Summary

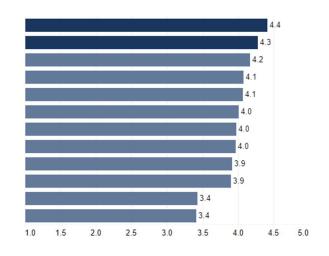
This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Lincoln County. The interactive data dashboard at <a href="https://extension.ca.uky.edu">https://extension.ca.uky.edu</a> provides additional details, including demographic information about the 857 respondents from Lincoln County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

### **Top 15 Issues in Lincoln County**



## Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Access to high-speed internet
Sustainability of family farms
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
Helping individuals, families, farmers, and/or businesses prepare for natural disasters
Helping individual, families, farmers, and/or businesses recover from natural disasters
Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability
Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues)
Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses
Dealing with climate variation



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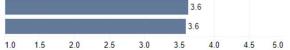


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## **Community and Economic Development Needs**

Efforts that support local and small businesses		
Strengthening adult workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, and business development skills)		4
Addressing housing issues (e.g., affordable housing, evictions, and unhoused populations)		4
Safe, accessible community places for outdoor physical activity (walk, run, bike, etc.)		4
Collaborations among community organizations and local government, particularly representing or working with underserved populations		3.9
Preparations for community-wide disasters and/or climate impacts		3.9
Opportunities that promote a sense of local community (e.g., community events, creative expression, and community gardens)		3.9
Building the capacity of local nonprofits and community leaders		3.8
Assisting local government and businesses with land use decisions		3.7
Programs/information to build capacity for community arts & design, placemaking and infrastructure	3	.6
Assisting more populated communities in addressing issues associated with community, social and/or economic development	3.	.6

Creating inclusive involvement of diverse populations in community efforts/events and decision-making



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## Youth Development Needs

Minimizing youth substance use	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.)	4.4
Minimizing bullying and/or school violence	4.4
Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing	4.3
Social, emotional, and/or behavioral education for adults working with youth	4.3
Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships	4.3
Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise	4.2
Strengthening youth peer-peer relationships	4.2
Maximizing youth voice in issues that matter to them	4.1
Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy	4.1
Engaging diverse and non-traditional youth audiences in programming	4.0

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# Individual and Family Development Needs

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	
Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills	
Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills	
Senior citizen support programs	
Food as health: addressing food insecurity and diet related chronic diseases	
Building employee soft skills (e.g., communication, productivity, and teamwork skills)	
Building life skills of community members	
Educational opportunities about home food safety practices (e.g., food preservation and canning)	
Educational opportunities to promote healthy homes (e.g., mold prevention/treatment and home safety	
Prepare community members for formal/informal leadership and/or volunteer roles	
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