

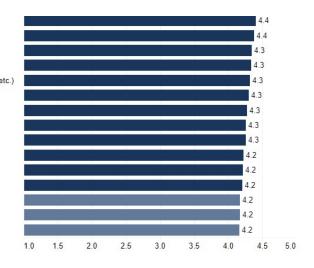
2023 Extension Community Assessment

Madison County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Madison County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 462 respondents from Madison County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Madison County

Minimizing youth substance use Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities) Sustainability of family farms Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.) Preserving/managing agricultural land Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships Food as health: addressing food insecurity and diet related chronic diseases Market support for locally grown and produced foods



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Sustainability of family farms Preserving/managing agricultural land

Minimizing bullying and/or school violence

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Access to high-speed internet

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

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

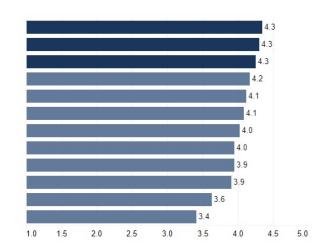
Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

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

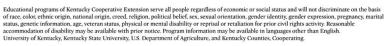
Helping individuals, families, farmers, and/or businesses prepare for natural disasters

Dealing with climate variation

Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses





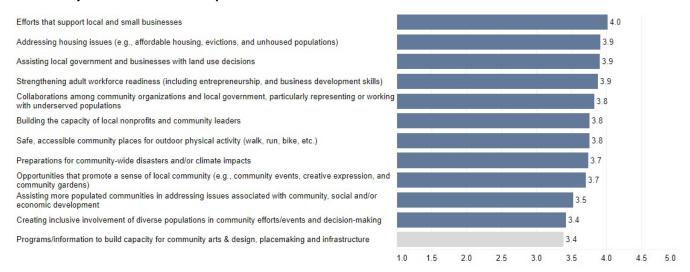


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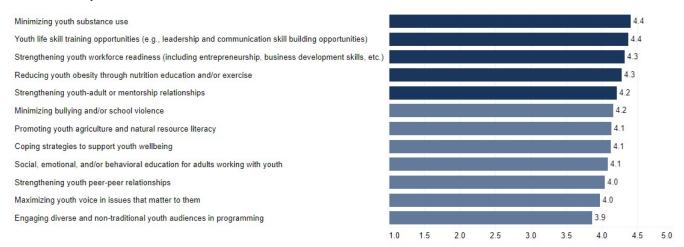




Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

