

2023 Extension Community Assessment

Marion County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Marion County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 148 respondents from Marion County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Marion County

Minimizing youth substance use Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities) Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.) Sustainability of family farms Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills Social, emotional, and/or behavioral education for adults working with youth

Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

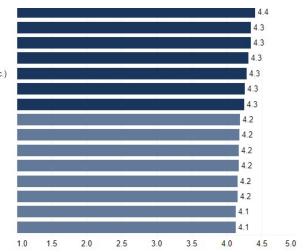
Building employee soft skills (e.g., communication, productivity, and teamwork skills)

Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise

Minimizing bullying and/or school violence

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

Preserving/managing agricultural land



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Sustainability of family farms

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

Preserving/managing agricultural land

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

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

Access to high-speed internet

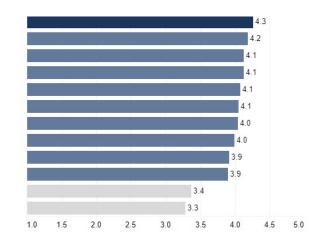
Market support for locally grown and produced foods

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

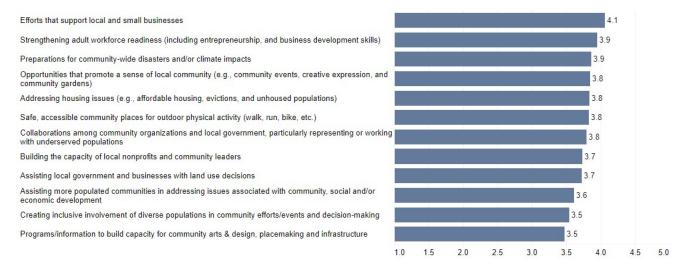




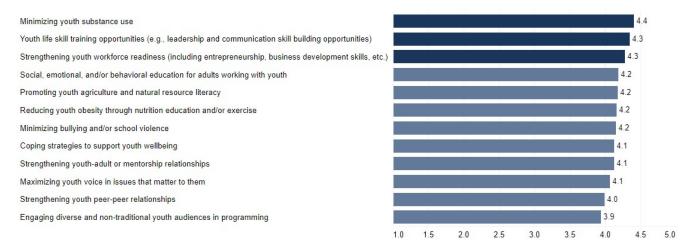




Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

