

# **2023 Extension Community Assessment**

## **Mason County Results Summary**

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Mason 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 120 respondents from Mason County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

#### **Top 15 Issues in Mason County**

Minimizing youth substance use

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

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

Sustainability of family farms

Minimizing bullying and/or school violence

Access to high-speed internet

Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.)

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

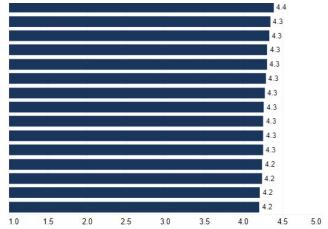
Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise

Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills

Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships

Senior citizen support programs



#### **Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs**

Sustainability of family farms

Access to high-speed internet

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Preserving/managing agricultural land

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

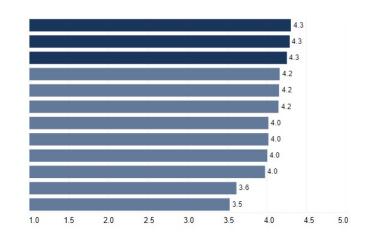
Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues)

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

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

Dealing with climate variation

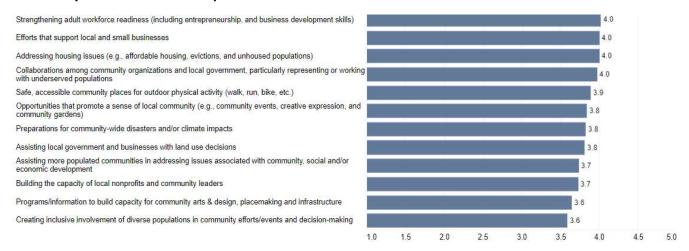
Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses



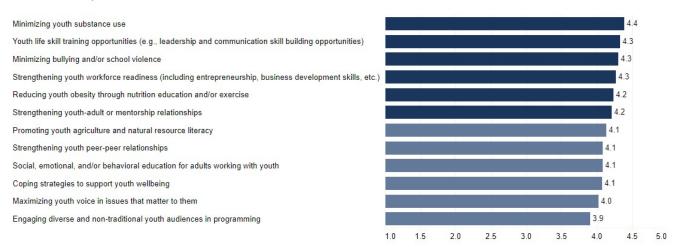




#### **Community and Economic Development Needs**



#### Youth Development Needs



### **Individual and Family Development Needs**

