

# **2023 Extension Community Assessment**

## McCreary County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for McCreary 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 476 respondents from McCreary County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

### **Top 15 Issues in McCreary County**

Minimizing youth substance use

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

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

Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources

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

Minimizing bullying and/or school violence

Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

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

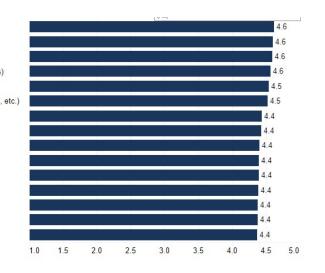
Strengthening youth peer-peer relationships

Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise

Efforts that support local and small businesses

Social, emotional, and/or behavioral education for adults working with youth

Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills



## **Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs**

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Sustainability of family farms

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Access to high-speed internet

Preserving/managing agricultural land

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

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

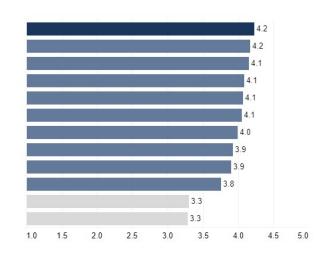
Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

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

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

Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses

Dealing with climate variation

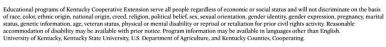




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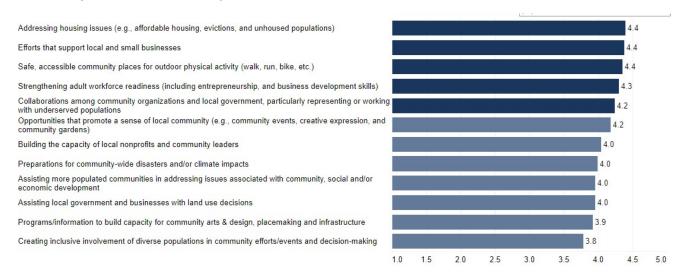
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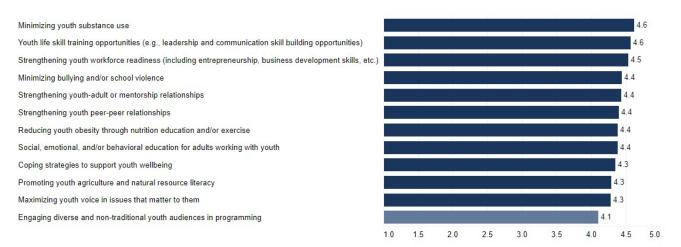




#### **Community and Economic Development Needs**



#### Youth Development Needs



## **Individual and Family Development Needs**

