

2023 Extension Community Assessment

Meade County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Meade County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 240 respondents from Meade County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Meade County

Minimizing youth substance use	4.4
Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.)	4.4
Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities)	4.3
Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources	4.3
Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food	4.3
Sustainability of family farms	4.3
Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery	4.3
Minimizing bullying and/or school violence	4.3
Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships	4.3
Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills	4.2
Preserving/managing agricultural land	4.2
Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise	4.2
Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills	4.1
Senior citizen support programs	4.1
Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry	4.1

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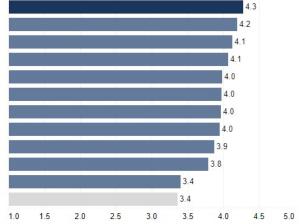
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Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Sustainability of family farms	
Preserving/managing agricultural land	
Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry	
Market support for locally grown and produced foods	
Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability	
Providing increased market opportunities for farmers	
Access to high-speed internet	
Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues)	
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

Efforts that support local and small businesses

Safe, accessible community places for outdoor physical activity (walk, run, bike, etc.)

Strengthening adult workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, and business development skills)

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

Preparations for community-wide disasters and/or climate impacts

Opportunities that promote a sense of local community (e.g., community events, creative expression, and community gardens)

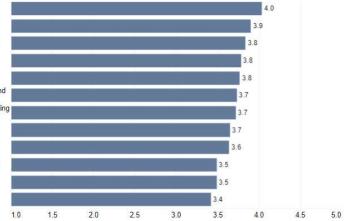
Collaborations among community organizations and local government, particularly representing or working with underserved populations

Assisting local government and businesses with land use decisions

Building the capacity of local nonprofits and community leaders

Creating inclusive involvement of diverse populations in community efforts/events and decision-making Assisting more populated communities in addressing issues associated with community, social and/or economic development

Programs/information to build capacity for community arts & design, placemaking and infrastructure



Youth Development Needs

Minimizing youth substance use								4.4	
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Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing							4.	1	
Strengthening youth peer-peer relationships							4.	1	
Social, emotional, and/or behavioral education for adults working with youth							4.1	1	
Maximizing youth voice in issues that matter to them							4.1	1	
Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy							4.1		
Engaging diverse and non-traditional youth audiences in programming							3.8		
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Individual and Family Development Needs

