

2023 Extension Community Assessment

Mercer County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Mercer County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 445 respondents from Mercer County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Mercer County

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

Minimizing youth substance use

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

Sustainability of family farms

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

Access to high-speed internet

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

Preserving/managing agricultural land

Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships

Minimizing bullying and/or school violence

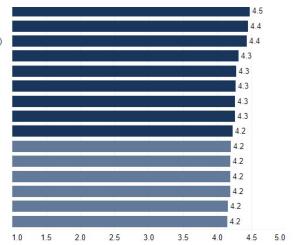
Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Sustainability of family farms

Access to high-speed internet

Preserving/managing agricultural land

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

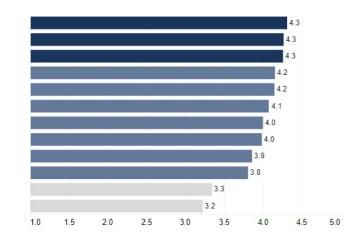
Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues)

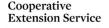
Helping individual, families, farmers, and/or businesses recover from natural disasters

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

Dealing with climate variation

Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses

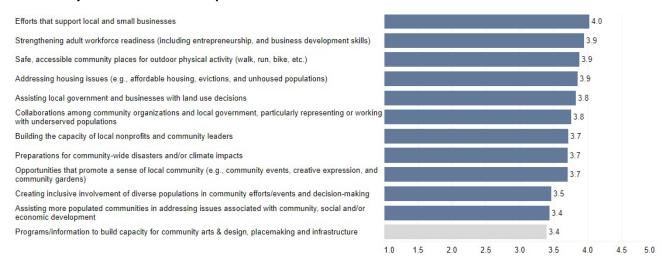




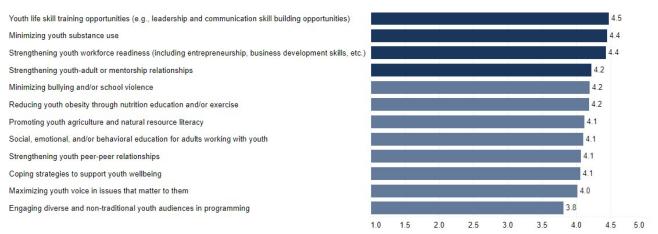




Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

