

# **2023 Extension Community Assessment**

# Monroe County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Monroe 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 342 respondents from Monroe County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

## **Top 15 Issues in Monroe County**

Minimizing youth substance use

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

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

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

Sustainability of family farms

Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships

Access to high-speed internet

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

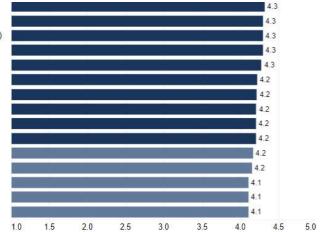
Efforts that support local and small businesses

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

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

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

Market support for locally grown and produced foods



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

Sustainability of family farms

Access to high-speed internet

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Preserving/managing agricultural land

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

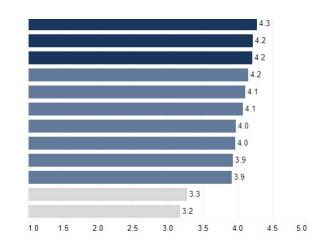
Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues)

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

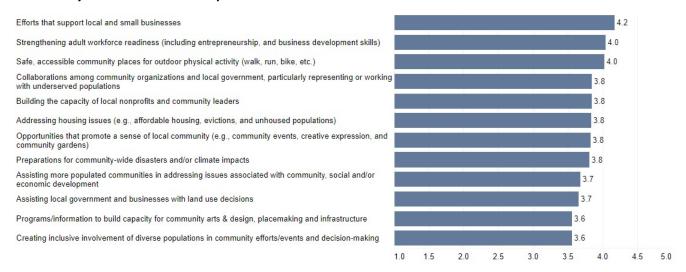
Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses



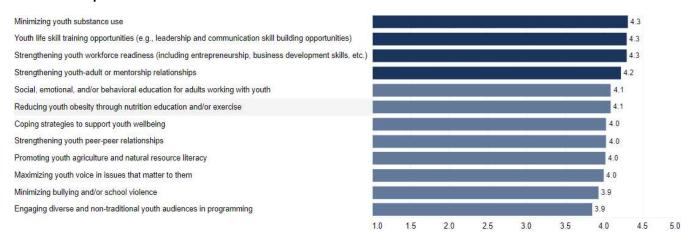




#### **Community and Economic Development Needs**



#### Youth Development Needs



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

