

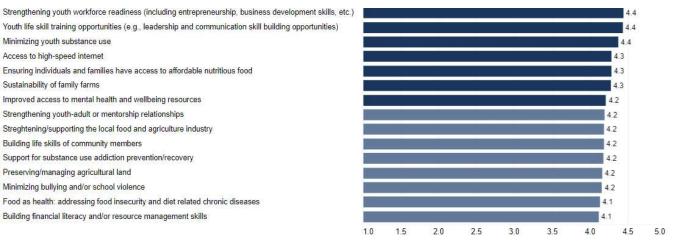
# **2023 Extension Community Assessment**

## Montgomery County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Montgomery County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 151 respondents from Montgomery County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

### **Top 15 Issues in Montgomery County**

Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities) Minimizing youth substance use Access to high-speed internet Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food Sustainability of family farms Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry Building life skills of community members Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery



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

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

Food as health: addressing food insecurity and diet related chronic diseases

Access to high-speed internet

Preserving/managing agricultural land Minimizing bullying and/or school violence

Sustainability of family farms

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

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Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

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

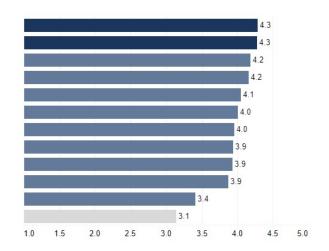
Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

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

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

Dealing with climate variation

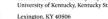
Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses





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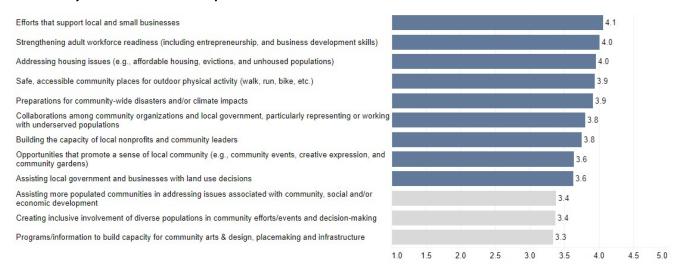
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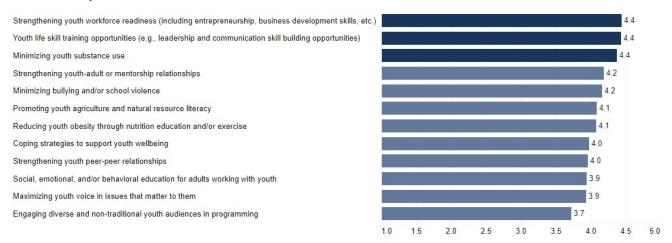




#### **Community and Economic Development Needs**



#### Youth Development Needs



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

