

2023 Extension Community Assessment

Ohio County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Ohio County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 328 respondents from Ohio County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Ohio County

Access to high-speed internet

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

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

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

Minimizing youth substance use

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources

Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing

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

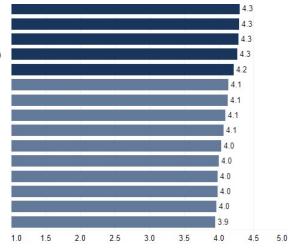
Sustainability of family farms

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

Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Strengthening youth peer-peer relationships



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Access to high-speed internet

Sustainability of family farms

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Preserving/managing agricultural land

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

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

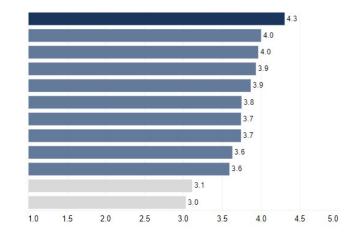
Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues)

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

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

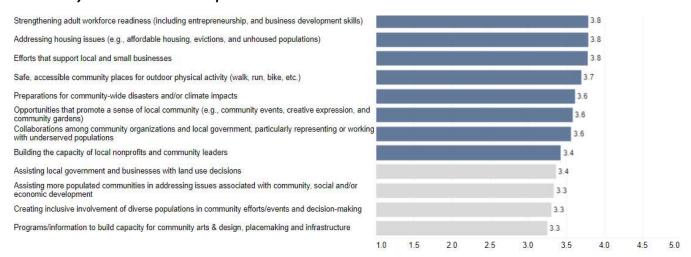
Dealing with climate variation

Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses

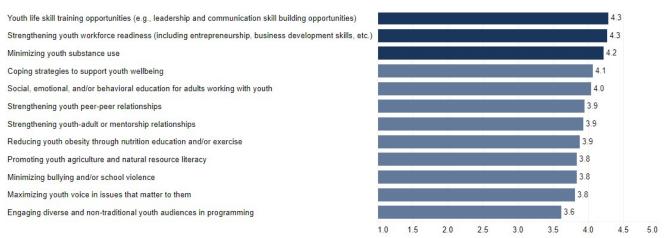




Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

