

# **2023 Extension Community Assessment**

# **Owen County Results Summary**

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Owen County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 166 respondents from Owen County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

#### **Top 15 Issues in Owen County**

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

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

Minimizing youth substance use

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Sustainability of family farms

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

Efforts that support local and small businesses

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

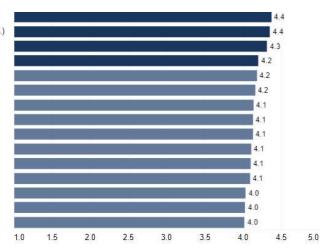
Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food



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

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Sustainability of family farms

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

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

Access to high-speed internet

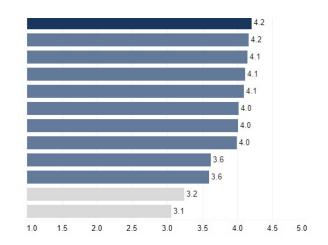
Preserving/managing agricultural land

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

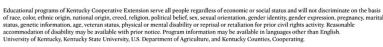
Helping individual, families, farmers, and/or businesses recover from natural disasters

Dealing with climate variation

Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses





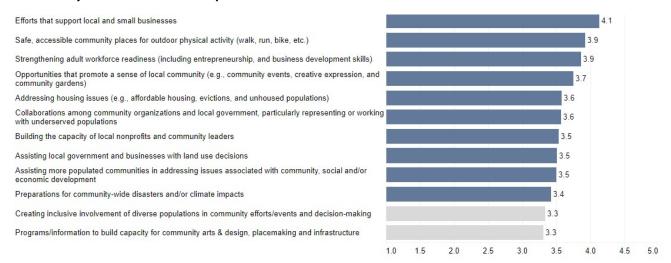


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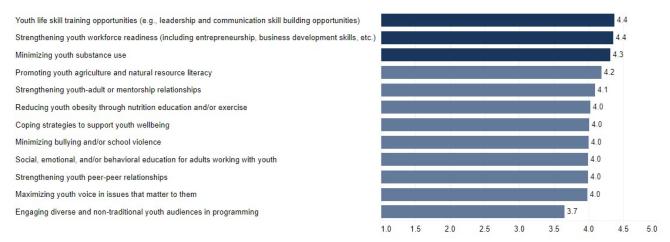




#### **Community and Economic Development Needs**



## Youth Development Needs



## **Individual and Family Development Needs**

