

2023 Extension Community Assessment

Perry County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Perry County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 576 respondents from Perry County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Perry County

Minimizing youth substance use

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

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

Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources

Minimizing bullying and/or school violence

Preparations for community-wide disasters and/or climate impacts

Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise

Addressing housing issues (e.g., affordable housing, evictions, and unhoused populations)

Access to high-speed internet

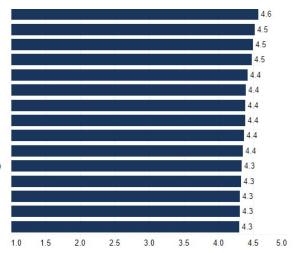
Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.)

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

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

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

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



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

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

Access to high-speed internet

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

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Preserving/managing agricultural land

Sustainability of family farms

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

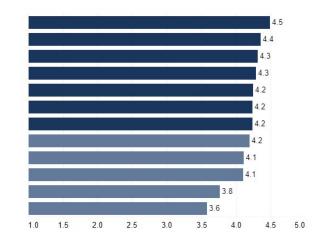
Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

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

Dealing with climate variation

Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses

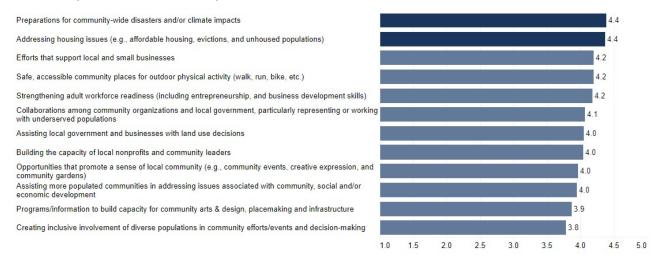




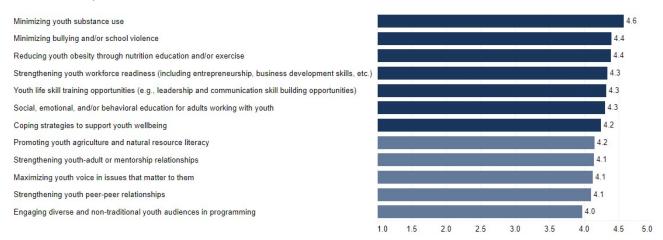




Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

