

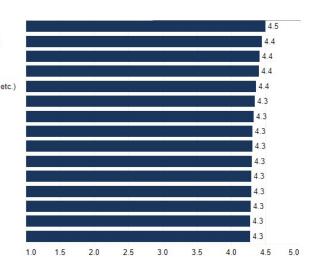
2023 Extension Community Assessment

Pulaski County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Pulaski County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 670 respondents from Pulaski County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

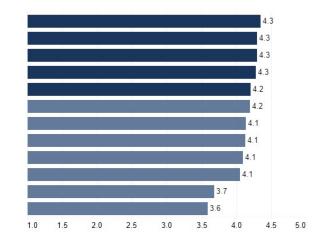
Top 15 Issues in Pulaski County

Minimizing youth substance use Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities) Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.) Sustainability of family farms Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise Minimizing bullying and/or school violence Preserving/managing agricultural land Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry Strengthening youth peer-peer relationships Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Preserving/managing agricultural land Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry Access to high-speed internet Market support for locally grown and produced foods Providing increased market opportunities for farmers Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues) Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability Helping individual, families, farmers, and/or businesses recover from natural disasters Helping individuals, families, farmers, and/or businesses prepare for natural disasters Dealing with climate variation Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses





Access to high-speed internet

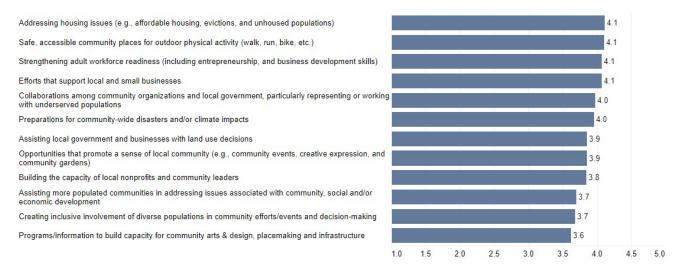
Sustainability of family farms



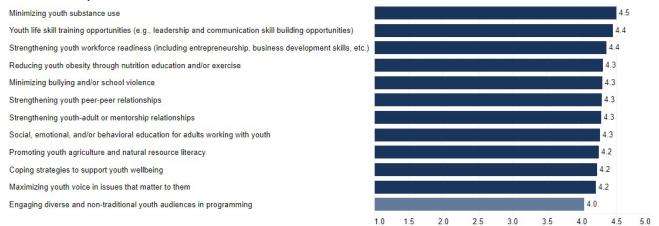


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Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

