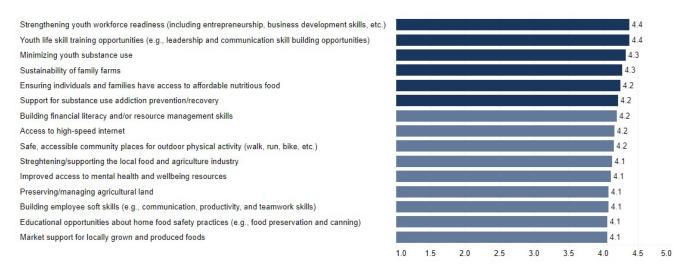


# **2023 Extension Community Assessment**

**Rockcastle County Results Summary** 

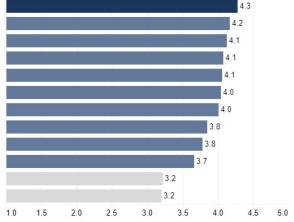
This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Rockcastle County. The interactive data dashboard at <a href="https://extension.ca.uky.edu">https://extension.ca.uky.edu</a> provides additional details, including demographic information about the 268 respondents from Rockcastle County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

## **Top 15 Issues in Rockcastle County**



## Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

| Sustainability of family farms  |  |
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| Access to high-speed internet   |  |
| Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry                         |  |
| Preserving/managing agricultural land   |  |
| 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)                          |  |
| 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**

Safe, accessible community places for outdoor physical activity (walk, run, bike, etc.)

Efforts that support local and small businesses

Strengthening adult workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, and business development skills)

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

Opportunities that promote a sense of local community (e.g., community events, creative expression, and community gardens)

Building the capacity of local nonprofits and community leaders

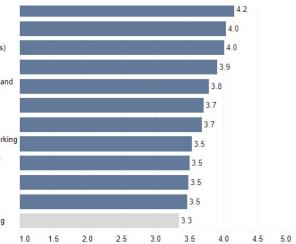
Assisting local government and businesses with land use decisions

Collaborations among community organizations and local government, particularly representing or working with underserved populations Assisting more populated communities in addressing issues associated with community, social and/or economic development

Programs/information to build capacity for community arts & design, placemaking and infrastructure

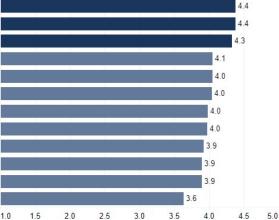
Preparations for community-wide disasters and/or climate impacts

Creating inclusive involvement of diverse populations in community efforts/events and decision-making



## Youth Development Needs

Strengthening youth workforce readiness (including entrepreneurship, business development skills, etc.) Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities) Minimizing youth substance use Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy Social, emotional, and/or behavioral education for adults working with youth Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing Minimizing bullying and/or school violence Maximizing youth voice in issues that matter to them Strengthening youth peer-peer relationships Engaging diverse and non-traditional youth audiences in programming 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0



## Individual and Family Development Needs

