

2023 Extension Community Assessment

Shelby County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Shelby County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 205 respondents from Shelby County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Shelby County

Preserving/managing agricultural land
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)
Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Minimizing youth substance use

Sustainability of family farms

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

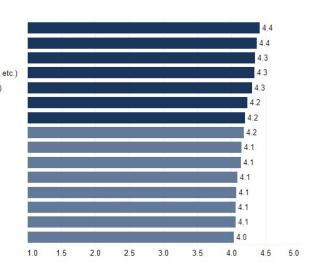
Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

Food as health: addressing food insecurity and diet related chronic diseases

Efforts that support local and small businesses



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Sustainability of family farms

Preserving/managing agricultural land

Access to high-speed internet

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

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

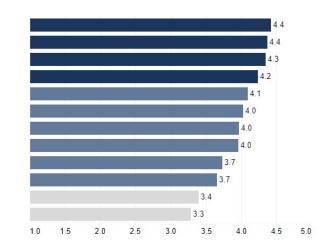
Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

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

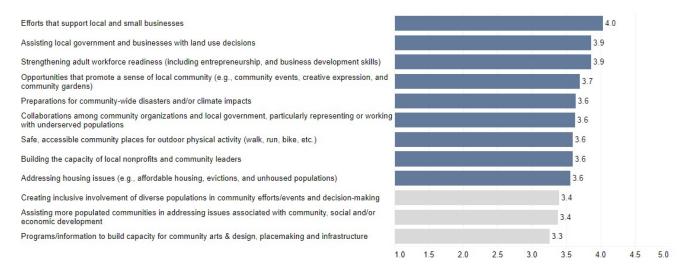




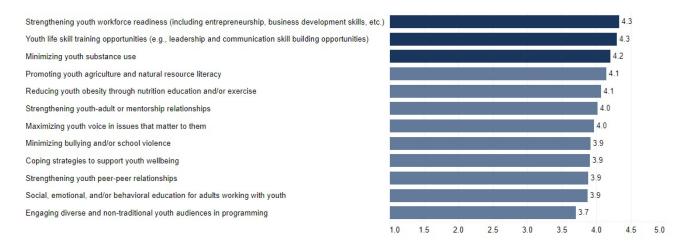




Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

