

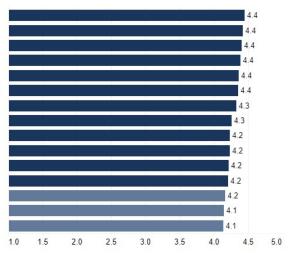
2023 Extension Community Assessment

Simpson County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Simpson County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 180 respondents from Simpson County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

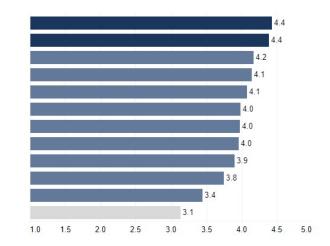
Top 15 Issues in Simpson County

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



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Preserving/managing agricultural land Sustainability of family farms Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry Market support for locally grown and produced foods Access to high-speed internet Providing increased market opportunities for farmers Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues) Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability 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





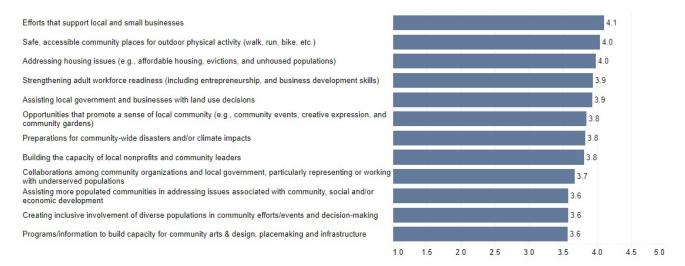
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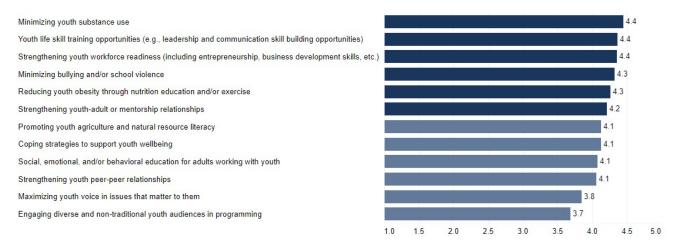




Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

