

2023 Extension Community Assessment

Spencer County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Spencer County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 201 respondents from Spencer County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Spencer County

Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities) Access to high-speed internet

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

Sustainability of family farms

Preserving/managing agricultural land

Minimizing youth substance use

Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships

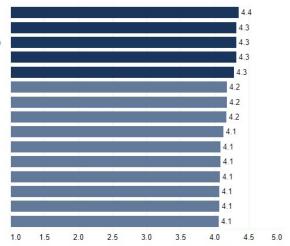
Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise

Minimizing bullying and/or school violence

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Promoting youth agriculture and natural resource literacy

Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing



Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs

Access to high-speed internet

Sustainability of family farms

Preserving/managing agricultural land

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

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

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

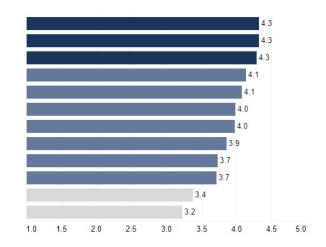
Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

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





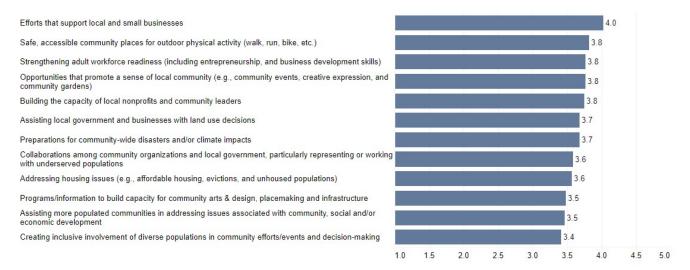
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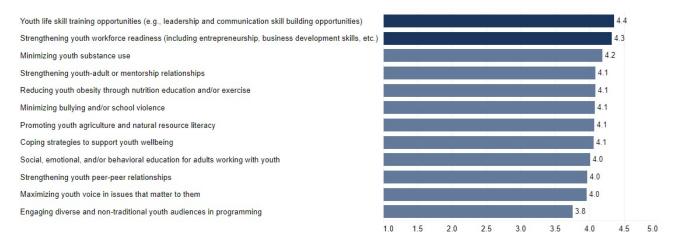




Community and Economic Development Needs



Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

