

2023 Extension Community Assessment

Union County Results Summary

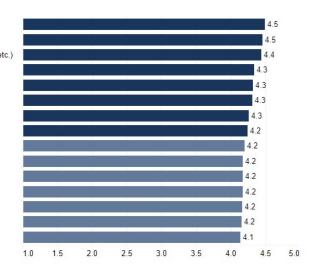
This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Union County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 117 respondents from Union County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

Top 15 Issues in Union County

Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills

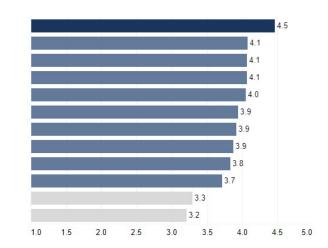
Efforts that support local and small businesses

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.) Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food Minimizing youth substance use Minimizing bullying and/or school violence Senior citizen support programs Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise Building employee soft skills (e.g., communication, productivity, and teamwork skills) Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships



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



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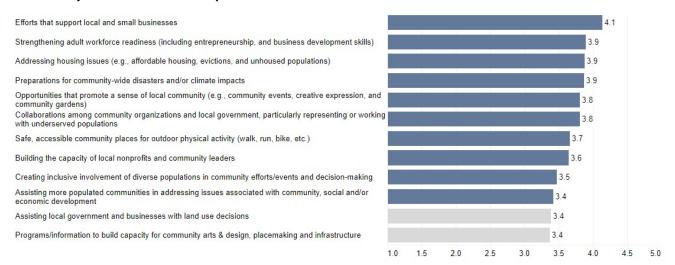
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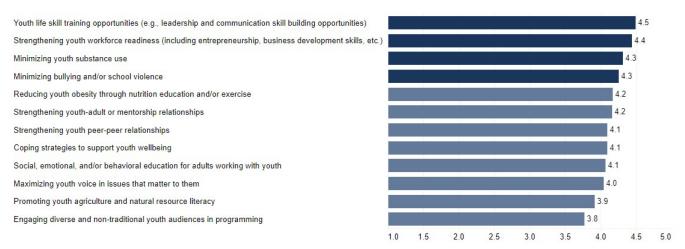


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Youth Development Needs



Individual and Family Development Needs

