

# **2023 Extension Community Assessment**

# Webster County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Webster County. The interactive data dashboard at https://extension.ca.uky.edu provides additional details, including demographic information about the 126 respondents from Webster County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

### **Top 15 Issues in Webster County**

Access to high-speed internet

Youth life skill training opportunities (e.g., leadership and communication skill building opportunities)

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

Minimizing youth substance use

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

Minimizing bullying and/or school violence

Efforts that support local and small businesses

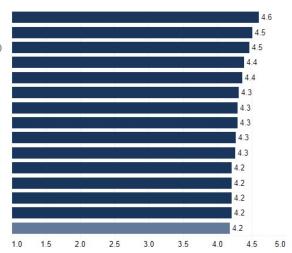
Sustainability of family farms

Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise

Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources

Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing

Strengthening youth peer-peer relationships



#### **Agriculture and Natural Resources Needs**

Access to high-speed internet

Sustainability of family farms

Market support for locally grown and produced foods

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Providing increased market opportunities for farmers

Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability

Preserving/managing agricultural land

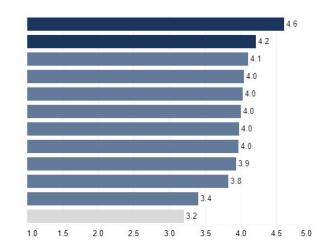
Issues affecting crops (e.g., pests, diseases and weed issues)

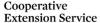
Helping individual, families, farmers, and/or businesses recover from natural disasters

Helping individuals, families, farmers, and/or businesses prepare for natural disasters

Dealing with climate variation

Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses



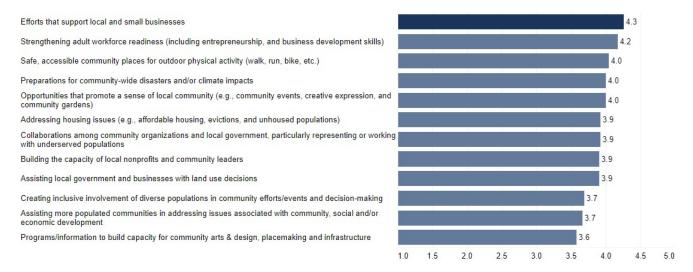




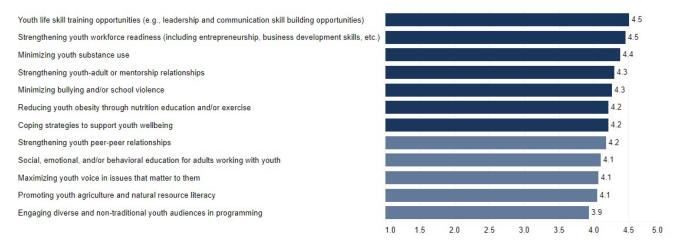


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#### **Community and Economic Development Needs**



## Youth Development Needs



#### **Individual and Family Development Needs**

