

# **2023 Extension Community Assessment**

## Whitley County Results Summary

This handout provides summary data from the Cooperative Extension Community Needs Assessment conducted in fall 2023 for Whitley County. The interactive data dashboard at <a href="https://extension.ca.uky.edu">https://extension.ca.uky.edu</a> provides additional details, including demographic information about the 607 respondents from Whitley County. The site also includes links to secondary data that correlate with the needs and issues included in the assessment.

### **Top 15 Issues in Whitley County**

Minimizing youth substance use

Ensuring individuals and families have access to affordable nutritious food

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

Support for substance use addiction prevention/recovery

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

Improved access to mental health and wellbeing resources

Minimizing bullying and/or school violence

Building financial literacy and/or resource management skills

Stronger parenting and relationship-building skills

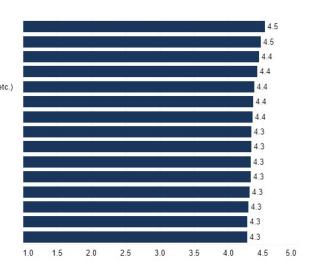
Sustainability of family farms

Senior citizen support programs

Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry

Reducing youth obesity through nutrition education and/or exercise

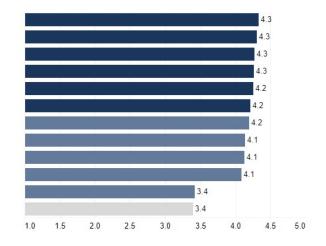
Strengthening youth-adult or mentorship relationships



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

Coping strategies to support youth wellbeing

Sustainability of family farms
Streghtening/supporting the local food and agriculture industry
Preserving/managing agricultural land
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)
Helping individual, families, farmers, and/or businesses recover from natural disasters
Assisting farmers in agricultural production or profitability
Helping individuals, families, farmers, and/or businesses prepare for natural disasters
Helping producers create carbon neutral businesses
Dealing with climate variation

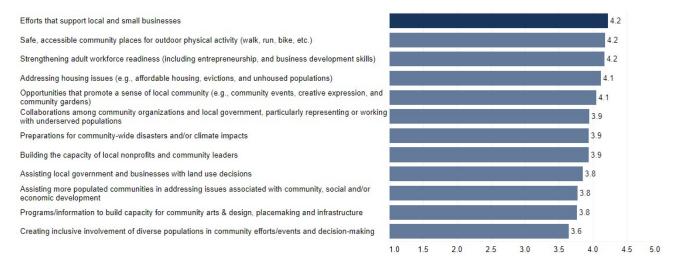


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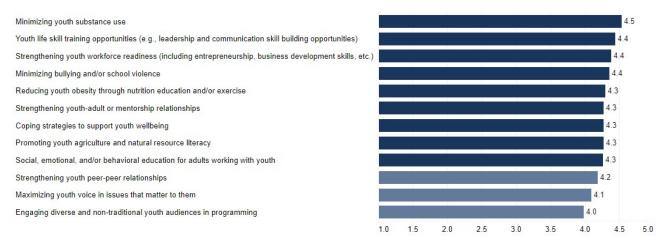




#### **Community and Economic Development Needs**



#### Youth Development Needs



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

