

UK Extension Community Needs Assessment Summary of Respondents' Comments Hopkins County

A statewide survey was conducted between August and December 2023 to understand Kentuckian's perceptions of the extent to which practical education and assistance is needed in their communities. More than 35,000 Kentuckians, representing all 120 counties of the Commonwealth, responded to the survey. The survey consisted of four scales targeting needs related to: Agricultural and Natural Resources, Youth Development, Family and Individual Development, and Community and Economic Development. State- and county-level survey results are available <u>here</u>. The survey also included an open-ended question that asked respondents to describe other issues in their communities that need practical education and/or assistance. The table below summarizes responses to this question.

Category Description # of % of				
Category	Description	Respondents	Total	
Civic, Public &	Practical education targeting community	6	40.0	
Governance	••••	0	40.0	
	cohesion, engagement, and involvement;			
(Community	governance and responsible use of public funds			
Wellbeing and	and taxes; civics education, election education,			
Governance)	election processes, and protection of			
	constitutional rights; diversity, inclusion, and			
	cultural understanding; etc.			
Substance Use	Practical education targeting substance use	1	6.7	
Prevention &	prevention, recovery, and sober living; treatment			
Recovery	centers and programs; smoking and vaping			
	cessation; transportation and employment			
	support for people in recovery; etc.			
Support for Local	Practical education and support for small and	1	6.7	
Agriculture,	family farms and new farmers; support for			
Farming, and	organic (or sustainable) and low chemical			
Gardening	farming; training on farmland preservation;			
	training on farm safety and food safety on farms,			
	and farmers markets; market support for locally			
	produced foods; education on off-grid living and			
	home gardening; etc.			

Summary of Respondents' Comments (N=15)

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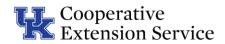
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Food Access,	Practical education and support on topics	1	6.7
-	related to hunger and food insecurity; food		
Eating	banks and pantries; nutrition education and		
	access to healthy food; education on growing,		
	preserving, and canning food; etc.		
Housing/Shelter	Need for support and education on	1	6.7
	homelessness and low income/ affordable		
	housing; housing for domestic abuse survivors;		
	teaching people how to take care of their		
-	property/homes; and housing for families.		
Infrastructure	Comments related to need for (and	1	6.7
	improvements in) infrastructures including		
	transportation, roads, sidewalks, public transit,		
	intercounty transit, trails; utility infrastructure		
	such as water, sewer, internet, and cell		
	service.		
Workforce	Education on workforce preparation and job	1	6.7
Preparation and	readiness; basic skills training; job training		
Employment	including vocational and trade schools; business		
	recruitment and economic development; support		
	for the working class (e.g., transportation to		
	work and childcare); need for living wage; etc.		
Youth	Need for youth development programs including	3	20.0
Development	recreation and physical activities, mental health		
	support, prevention of bullying, youth violence		
	and programs targeting youth life skills.		
Land Use &	Comments related to land use planning and	1	6.7
Development	zoning; land preservation and historic		
	preservation; sign ordinances, visual quality,		
	and beautification of community facilities;		
	availability and use of parks, open spaces, and		
	conservation areas; need for (and		
	improvements to) public facilities (e.g., sports		
	and recreation centers and conference		
	centers).		
Health/Healthcare	Access to healthcare, cost of care, support for	1	6.7
	chronic illnesses; improvements to healthcare		
	systems; programs (and advocacy) to promote		
	holistic health, healthy choices (e.g., nutrition		

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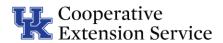
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	and physical activity) and healthy lifestyle advocacy.		
Public Assistance	Comments related to the need for public and community assistance to address poverty, disaster recovery, child nutrition, single parents, etc.	2	13.3
Recreation & Physical Activity	Need for public buildings for exercise or recreation; parks and outdoor recreation facilities (e.g., walking, hiking, and/or biking trails); entertainment and play areas for children, youth, and family; need for organizations like Boy Scouts.	2	13.3
Public Safety	Comments related to need for (and improvements) in public safety including crime, internet safety, fraud prevention, night safety, and quality of law enforcement; safety training (e.g., gun safety, safe driving, and driver's education); first aid and disaster preparedness; need for additional first responders and ambulances; training and education on combatting misinformation; animal control, loose pets, and animal cruelty; jail and prison and re- entry issues; etc.	2	13.3
Other	Other comments that did not relate to any of the categories above.	1	6.7

Scan the QR code to access the UK **Community Needs** Assessment



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