

UK Extension Community Needs Assessment Summary of Respondents' Comments Lyon 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 [here](#). 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.

Summary of Respondents' Comments (N=10)

Category	Description	# of Respondents	% of Total
Civic, Public & Governance (Community Wellbeing and Governance)	Practical education targeting community cohesion, engagement, and involvement; governance and responsible use of public funds and taxes; civics education, election education, election processes, and protection of constitutional rights; diversity, inclusion, and cultural understanding; etc.	4	40.0
Substance Use Prevention & Recovery	Practical education targeting substance use prevention, recovery, and sober living; treatment centers and programs; smoking and vaping cessation; transportation and employment support for people in recovery; etc.	1	10.0
School System/ Education	Comments related to need for improvements in public school facilities and public-school programs; teacher pay and training; education of special needs students; tutoring and other supports for adult education; programs for home-schooled children; vocational/trades training; funding for college education; etc.	2	20.0
Support for Seniors the Elderly	Practical education to support seniors and elders in areas such as low-income housing, transportation, help with chores and home	1	10.0



	repairs; provision of senior centers, health care, nursing homes/assisted living; respite for caregivers; computer training for seniors; programs to enhance connection and reduce isolation; etc.		
Environmental Issues	Practical education on habitat protection/restoration, watershed (or stream) protection; dumping and littering; pesticide use and pollinator protection; recycling and sustainability; floodplain protection and drainage issues; etc.	1	10.0
Support for Local Agriculture, Farming, and Gardening	Practical education and support for small and family farms and new farmers; support for organic (or sustainable) and low chemical 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.	4	40.0
Infrastructure	Comments related to need for (and improvements in) infrastructures including transportation, roads, sidewalks, public transit, intercounty transit, trails; utility infrastructure such as water, sewer, internet, and cell service.	1	10.0
Workforce Preparation and Employment	Education on workforce preparation and job readiness; basic skills training; job training 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.	2	20.0
Youth Development	Need for youth development programs including recreation and physical activities, mental health support, prevention of bullying, youth violence and programs targeting youth life skills.	1	10.0
Land Use & Development	Comments related to land use planning and zoning; land preservation and historic preservation; sign ordinances, visual quality, and beautification of community facilities; availability and use of parks, open spaces, and	2	20.0



	conservation areas; need for (and improvements to) public facilities (e.g., sports and recreation centers and conference centers).		
Other	Other comments that did not relate to any of the categories above.	2	20.0

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