2022 Statewide Needs Assessment Survey

Envisioning the Future: Coconino County

Arizona Cooperative Extension conducted a statewide needs assessment survey in Fall 2022 to better understand community needs and priorities. Cooperative Extension users, topical experts, and members of the general public from each county were invited to participate via online or paper survey. Participants were shown 99 items across topics relevant to Cooperative Extension and asked to rank how important it is to prioritize each item in their community on a 5-point scale.

Coconino County had 211 survey responses.



Health and community wellbeing

Education and youth development

Agriculture

Natural resources and the environment

Community and economic development

Top Priorities Identified by Coconino County Respondents

Percent of respondents who selected "extremely" or "very" important

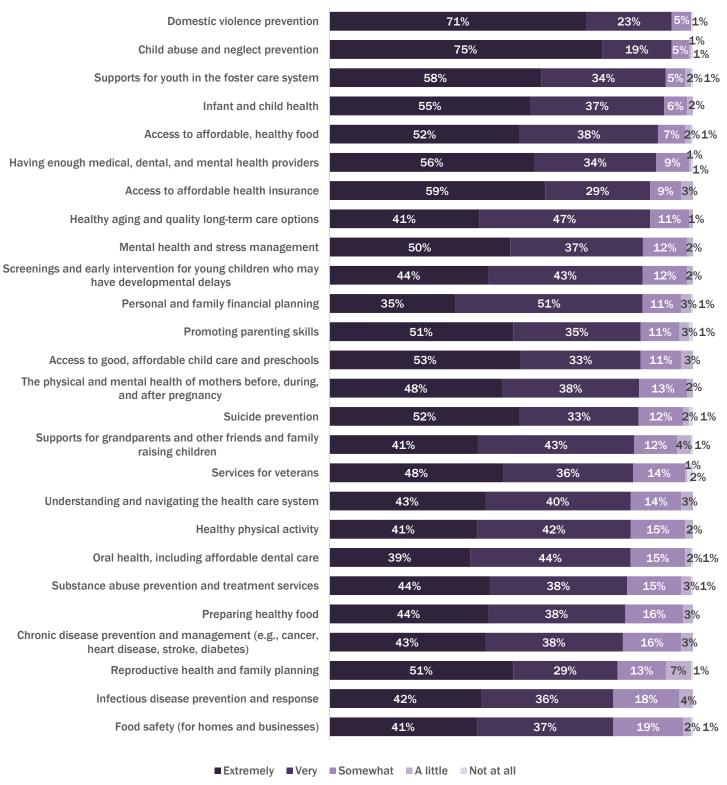
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Water conservation, 96%
Recruitment and retention of qualified teachers, 96%
Planning for and reducing the severity of wildfires, 95%
Quality K-12 education, 95%
Water-efficient farming and ranching, 95%
Domestic violence prevention, 94%
Child abuse and neglect prevention, 94%
Water quality, 94%
Healthy forests, forest restoration, and forest product development, 93%
Planning for and reducing drought effects, 93%
Supports for youth in the foster care system, 93%
Infant and child health, 92%
Water policy and water rights, 92%
Helping all young people graduate high school or get a GED, 92%
Soil health, 91%
Access to affordable, healthy food, 90%
Early childhood reading and language skills, 90%
Having enough medical, dental, and mental health providers, 90%
Sustainable landscaping (e.g., low water use, pollinator-friendly), 89%
Sustainable and regenerative agriculture, 88%
Healthy aging and quality long-term care options, 88%
Access to affordable health insurance, 88%
Supports for at-risk youth (e.g., homeless, English language learners), 88%



HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Priorities ranked by "extremely" + "very important"

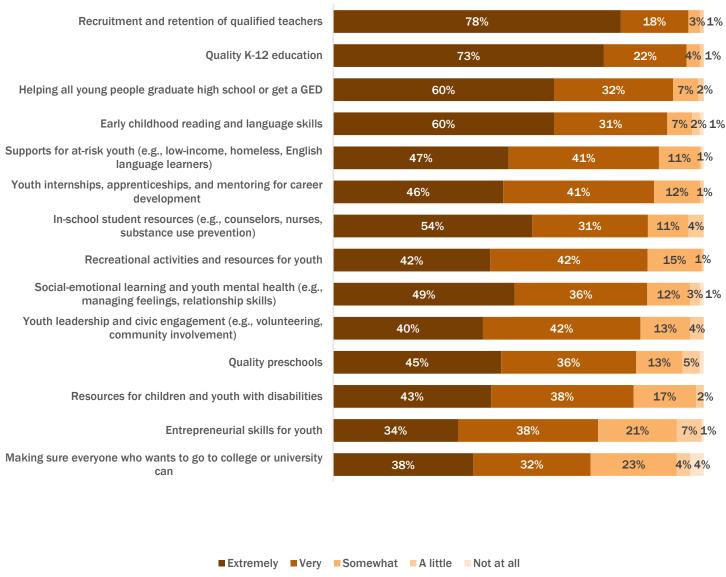
Between 186 and 189 participants responded to each item in this section.



EDUCATION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Priorities ranked by "extremely" + "very important"

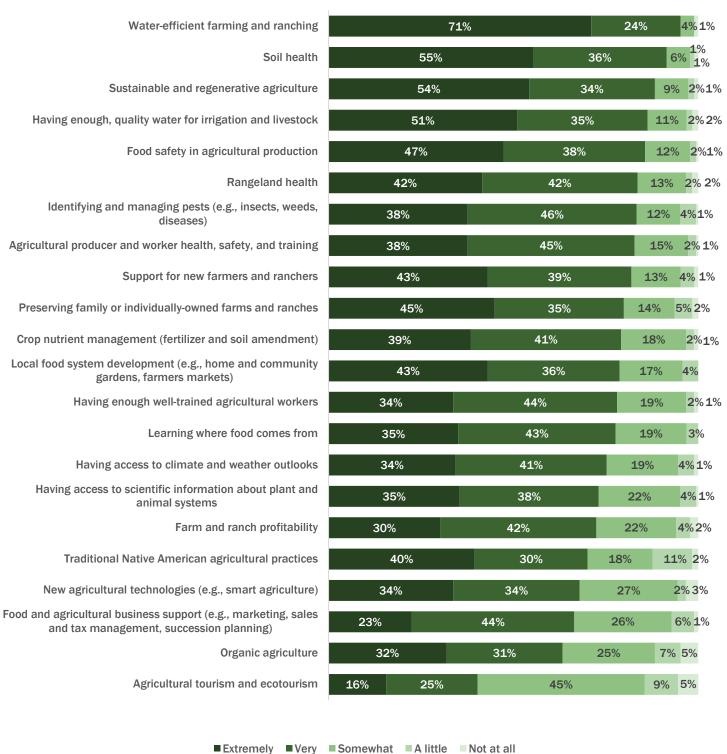
Between 190 and 194 participants responded to each item in this section.



AGRICULTURE

Priorities ranked by "extremely" + "very important"

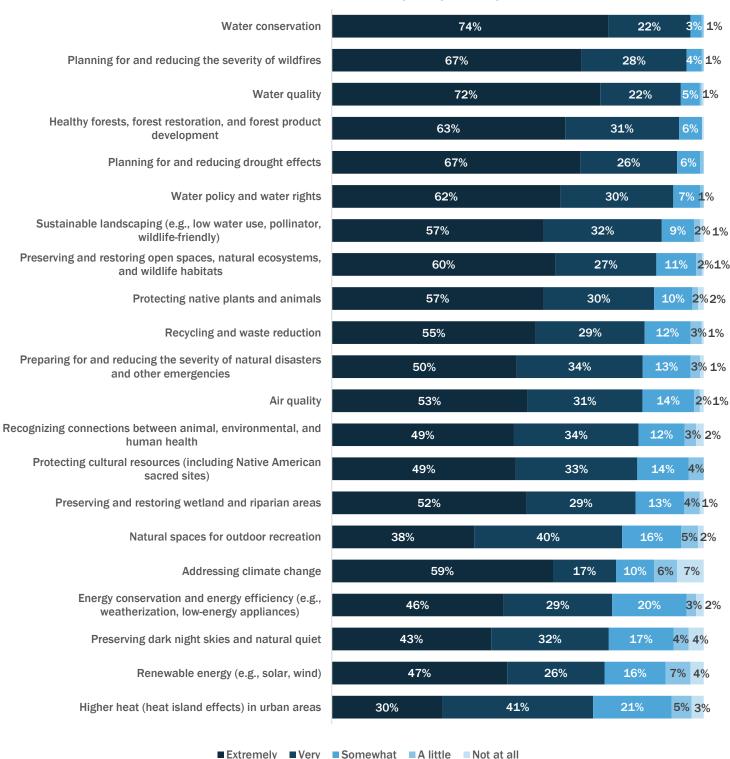
Between 181 and 190 participants responded to each item in this section.



NATURAL RESOURCES

Priorities ranked by "extremely" + "very important"

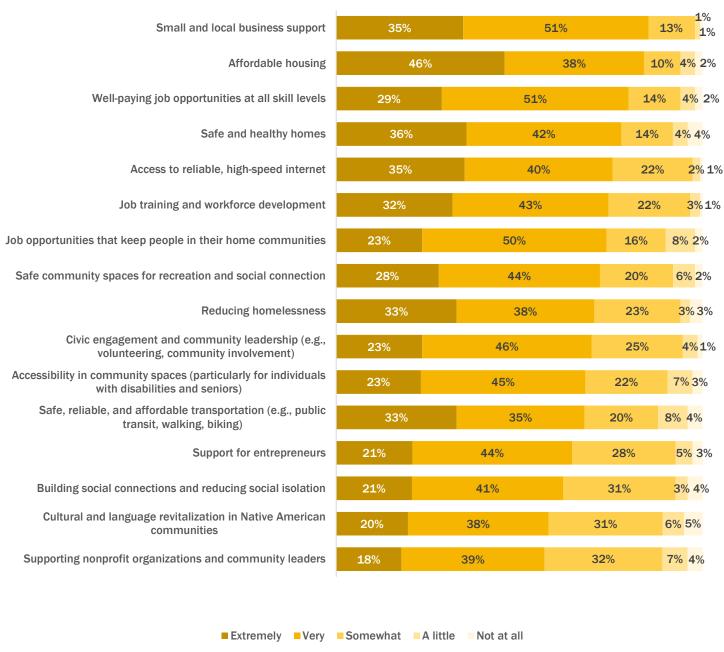
Between 185 and 196 participants responded to each item in this section.



COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Priorities ranked by "extremely" + "very important"

Between 138 and 151 participants responded to each item in this section.



WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY?

58% of survey participants identified as rural residents.

(n=209)

100% of respondents took the survey in **English**.

(n=211)

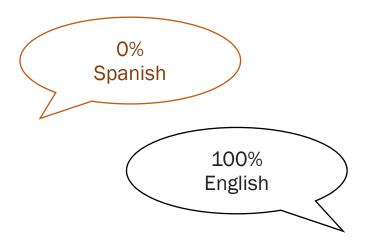


58% Rural

42% Urban



Note: Rural includes respondents who reported living on tribal lands.

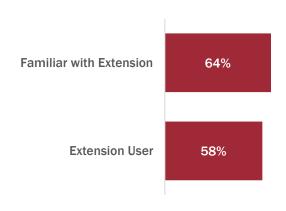


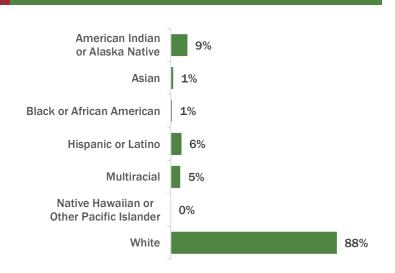
64% of survey participants were **familiar** with Cooperative Extension, and 58% had attended an event or program.

(n=211)

88% of survey respondents identified as White.

(n=160)





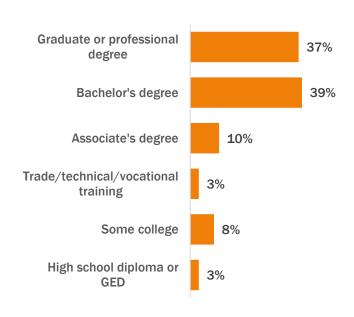
Note: Race/ethnicity categories are inclusive, meaning that respondents are included in each category they selected.

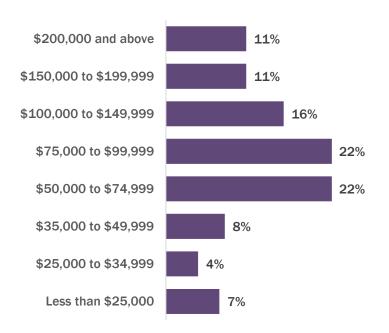


(n = 171)

19% of participants had an annual household income of less than \$50,000.





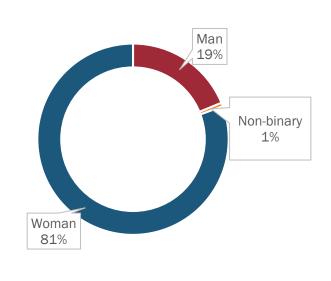


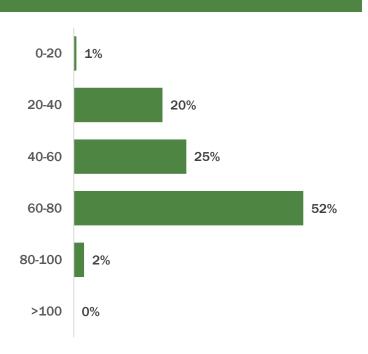
81% of survey respondents identified as female.

(n = 165)

77% of participants were between the ages of 40 - 80 years old.

(n = 162)





ABOUT THIS REPORT

Arizona Cooperative Extension is the outreach arm of the University of Arizona and the Division of Agriculture, Life and Veterinarian Sciences, and Cooperative Extension (ALVSCE) with the mission of engaging with people through applied research and education to improve lives, families, communities, the environment and economies in Arizona and beyond. Arizona Cooperative Extension has offices in every county and five tribal reservations. It is part of a nationwide network of scientists and educators who work with communities to solve problems using scientific and local knowledge.

To better understand community needs and priorities, Arizona Cooperative Extension partnered with the Community Research, Evaluation, and Development (CRED) team within the Norton School of Human Ecology to lead a statewide needs assessment survey effort in 2022. The results summarized in this report can be used to inform strategic planning efforts and to facilitate dialogue about how best to meet community needs.

The needs assessment survey, available in English and Spanish, included 99 items across the following topics:

- Health and community well-being (26 items)
- Education and youth development (14 items)
- Community and economic development (16 items)
- Agriculture (22 items)
- Natural resources and the environment (21 items)

Participants were asked to rank how important it is to prioritize each item in their community using the following scale: (5) extremely important, (4) very important, (3) somewhat important, (2) a little important, (1) not at all important, or I don't know (not included in analysis).

Both a web-based version and a paper and pencil version were available in English and Spanish. More details about the survey development and methods can be found in the statewide report.

Coconino County had 211 total survey respondents. Counties used various methods to distribute the survey including tabling at community events, posting to social media and listservs, and initiating snowball sampling by asking friends, family, and community partners to distribute the survey via their own social media, listservs, and personal contacts.