2022 Statewide Needs Assessment Survey

Envisioning the Future: Gila 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.

Apache County had 150 survey responses.



Health and community wellbeing

Education and youth development

Agriculture

Natural resources and the environment

Community and economic development

Top PrioritiesIdentified by Gila County Respondents

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

Recruitment and retention of qualified teachers, 97%
Water conservation, 95%
Planning for and reducing the severity of wildfires, 95%
Child abuse and neglect prevention, 95%
Domestic violence prevention, 95%
Quality K-12 education, 95%
Helping all young people graduate high school or get a GED, 94%
Having enough medical, dental, and mental health providers, 93%
Having enough, quality water for irrigation and livestock, 93%
Water quality, 92%
Promoting parenting skills, 92%
Water-efficient farming and ranching, 91%
Infant and child health, 90%
Healthy forests, forest restoration, and forest product development, 90%
Water policy and water rights, 89%
Access to good, affordable child care and preschools, 89%
Access to affordable, healthy food, 89%
Planning for and reducing drought effects, 89%
Services for veterans, 89%
Mental health and stress management, 89%
Supports for youth in the foster care system, 89%
Soil health, 89%
Suicide prevention, 89%
Substance abuse prevention and treatment services, 89%

