2022 Statewide Needs Assessment Survey

Envisioning the Future: La Paz 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.

La Paz County had 166 survey responses.



Health and community wellbeing

Education and youth development

Agriculture

Natural resources and the environment

Community and economic development

Top Priorities Identified by La Paz County Respondents

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

Water conservation, 95%
Water quality, 95%
Domestic violence prevention, 94%
Child abuse and neglect prevention, 93%
Quality K-12 education, 93%
Having enough medical, dental, and mental health providers, 93%
Water policy and water rights, 91%
Having enough, quality water for irrigation and livestock, 90%
Water-efficient farming and ranching, 90%
Affordable housing, 90%
Planning for and reducing drought effects, 90%
Access to affordable, healthy food, 90%
Recruitment and retention of qualified teachers, 90%
Promoting parenting skills, 90%
Services for veterans, 89%
Small and local business support, 87%
Well-paying job opportunities at all skill levels, 87%
Job training and workforce development, 87%
Supports for youth in the foster care system, 87%
Healthy aging and quality long-term care options, 87%
Infant and child health, 87%

