2022 Statewide Needs Assessment Survey

Envisioning the Future: Navajo 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.

Navajo County had 72 survey responses.

Top Priorities Identified by Navajo County Respondents

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

Having enough, quality water for irrigation and livestock, 97%

Recruitment and retention of qualified teachers, 97%

Access to affordable, healthy food, 95%

Having enough medical, dental, and mental health providers, 93%

Child abuse and neglect prevention, 93%

Domestic violence prevention, 93%

Quality K-12 education, 92%

Helping all young people graduate high school or get a GED, 92%

Small and local business support, 91%

Affordable housing, 91%

Job training and workforce development, 91%

In-school resources (e.g., counselors, nurses, substance use prevention), 90%

Preserving family or individually-owned farms and ranches, 89%

Access to affordable health insurance, 88%

Services for veterans, 88%

Suicide prevention, 88%

Job opportunities that keep people in their home communities, 88%

Support for entrepreneurs, 88%

Support for new farmers and ranchers, 88%

Water-efficient farming and ranching, 87%

Early childhood reading and language skills, 87%

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