2022 Statewide Needs Assessment Survey

Envisioning the Future: Yavapai 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.

Yavapai County had 320 survey responses.

Top Priorities Identified by Yavapai County Respondents

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

Water conservation, 99%

Recruitment and retention of qualified teachers, 98%

 ${\it Quality}\ {\it K-12}\ education,\ 97\%$

Water quality, 96%

Water-efficient farming and ranching, 96%

Planning for and reducing the severity of wildfires, 95%

Planning for and reducing drought effects, 94%

Helping all young people graduate high school or get a GED, 93%

Water policy and water rights, 93%

Healthy forests, forest restoration, and forest product development, 92%

Child abuse and neglect prevention, 92%

Access to affordable health insurance, 92%

Access to affordable, healthy food, 91%

Early childhood reading and language skills, 91%

Having enough medical, dental, and mental health providers, 90%

Having enough, quality water for irrigation and livestock, 90%

Domestic violence prevention, 90%

Infant and child health, 90%

Soil health, 90%

Sustainable and regenerative agriculture, 89%

Sustainable landscaping (e.g., low water use, pollinator, wildlife-friendly), 89%



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