## 2022 Statewide Needs Assessment Survey

Yavapai County To better understand community needs and priorities, Arizona Cooperative Extension conducted a statewide needs assessment survey in Fall 2022.

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. The percentages here reflect the proportion of survey participants who scored the item as extremely or very important.

Yavapai County had 320 survey responses.

## **Top Priorities** Identified by Yavapai County Respondents

Water conservation	99%
Recruitment and retention of qualified teachers	98%
Quality 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-friendly)	89%

## **Cooperative Extension**

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