2022 Statewide Needs Assessment Survey

Envisioning the Future: Maricopa 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.

Maricopa County had 587 survey responses.



Health and community wellbeing

Education and youth development

Agriculture

Natural resources and the environment

Community and economic development

Top PrioritiesIdentified by Maricopa County Respondents

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

Water conservation, 96%
Water quality, 96%
Quality K-12 education, 96%
Recruitment and retention of qualified teachers, 95%
Water-efficient farming and ranching, 94%
Planning for and reducing drought effects, 93%
Child abuse and neglect prevention, 92%
Soil health, 92%
Air quality, 91%
Water policy and water rights, 91%
Early childhood reading and language skills, 91%
Infant and child health, 91%
Domestic violence prevention, 90%
Sustainable landscaping (e.g., low water use, pollinator, wildlife-friendly), 90%
Access to affordable, healthy food, 90%
Access to affordable health insurance, 89%
Having enough medical, dental, and mental health providers, 89%
Helping all young people graduate high school or get a GED, 89%
Planning for and reducing the severity of wildfires, 89%
Food safety in agricultural production, 88%
Screenings and early intervention for developmental delays, 88%
Healthy forests, forest restoration, and forest product development, 88%
Having enough, quality water for irrigation and livestock, 88%
Supports for youth in the foster care system, 88%

