

## OSU Extension Lorain summary of Needs Assessment Findings

Completed responses: 66 were completed from the 106 surveys distributed, response rate 62.3% approximately 20.3% higher than the statewide response rate

Completed responses statewide: 3831 (9132 surveys distributed, response rate = 41.95%)

### Community Quality of Life Questions

Average agreement on 5-point scale:

#### Most Satisfied with:

I have access to clean water in my community.	4.5	
There are opportunities to volunteer in my community.	4.4	
I have access to healthy food in my community.	4.4	
This community is a safe place to live.	4.2	
This community is a good place to raise children.	4.1	
There are recreational activities available in my community	4.1	

#### Moderately Satisfied with:

This is a diverse community in which to live.	3.9
This community is a good place to retire.	3.8
I am satisfied with the public schools in my community.	3.6
There are economic opportunities in my community.	3.6
I am satisfied with the healthcare system in my community.	3.5

### Average Rating of Impact Areas

Based on weighted mean on a 5-point priority scale

Workforce Development	4.06
Engaged Ohioans, Vibrant Communities	3.99
Thriving Across the Lifespan	3.98
Environmental Quality	3.96
Health and Wellness	3.89
Sustainable Food Systems	3.76



## Highest Rated Issues Across Impact Areas

Percent indicating issue is either “high priority” or “essential” on 5-point priority scale

Personal budget planning	83.3%
Addiction issues	82.5%
Interpersonal communication	82.3%
Job preparedness for adults	81.4%
Land use	80.4%
Protecting livestock and poultry from infectious diseases	77.8%
Healthy lifestyle opportunities and practice	77.6%
Workplace preparedness for youth	77.4%
Communication skills	77.3%
Decision making skills	77.3%
Access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food	77.3%
Creating and retaining local businesses	76.8%
Community leadership	75.4%

## Highest Rated Issues for Each Impact Area

Issues rated 4.0 or more on 5-point priority scale

### Health and Wellness

Drug/alcohol abuse (addiction issues)	4.1
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### Workforce Development

Workplace preparedness for youth	4.2
Job preparedness for adults	4.1
Communication skills	4.1
Decision making skills	4.1
Leadership skills development	4.0

### Thriving Across the Lifespan

Personal budget planning	4.3
Strengthening family relationships	4.0
Decision making	4.0

### Sustainable Food Systems

Access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food	4.1
Crop production	4.1

### Engaged Ohioans, Vibrant Communities

Keeping and creating local business	4.2
Community leadership	4.0
Rural economic development	4.0

### Environmental Quality

Land use	4.2
Protecting livestock and poultry from infectious diseases	4.1
Efficient use of nitrogen and phosphorus in crop production	4.0