



## AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM Communication to Board of County Commissioners

**To:** Chair Sandy Hollingsworth, Commissioner Web Sill, Commissioner Linda Isenhart

**From:** Jennifer Cook  
Name

Gilpin CSU Extension Director  
Title

**Today's Date:** 4/21/2022

**BoCC Meeting Date:** May 3, 2022

**Item:** CSU Extension Community Needs Assessment Results

**Request or Issue:** Informational only

**Financial Impact(s):** NA

**Finance/HR Staff:** NA

**Grant Apps:** NA

**Associated Agencies:** NA

**Background Information:**

- From 2020-21: CSU Extension embarked on a year-long, formal community needs assessment (CNA) process
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- Gilpin County CSU Extension results will be discussed with the Board of County Commissioners.

**Amount of agenda time needed:** 10 minutes

**Is this item time sensitive:** No

**Contact for Follow Up:** Jennifer Cook



# The Story of Our Community

*Where Colorado State University Meets Community*

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Gilpin County

May 3, 2022



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
EXTENSION

# TODAY'S CONVERSATION

- Overview of the Community Needs Assessment Process
- Key Statewide Findings
- Local Community Findings
- Gilpin Extension Priority Areas

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*Education for Everyone,  
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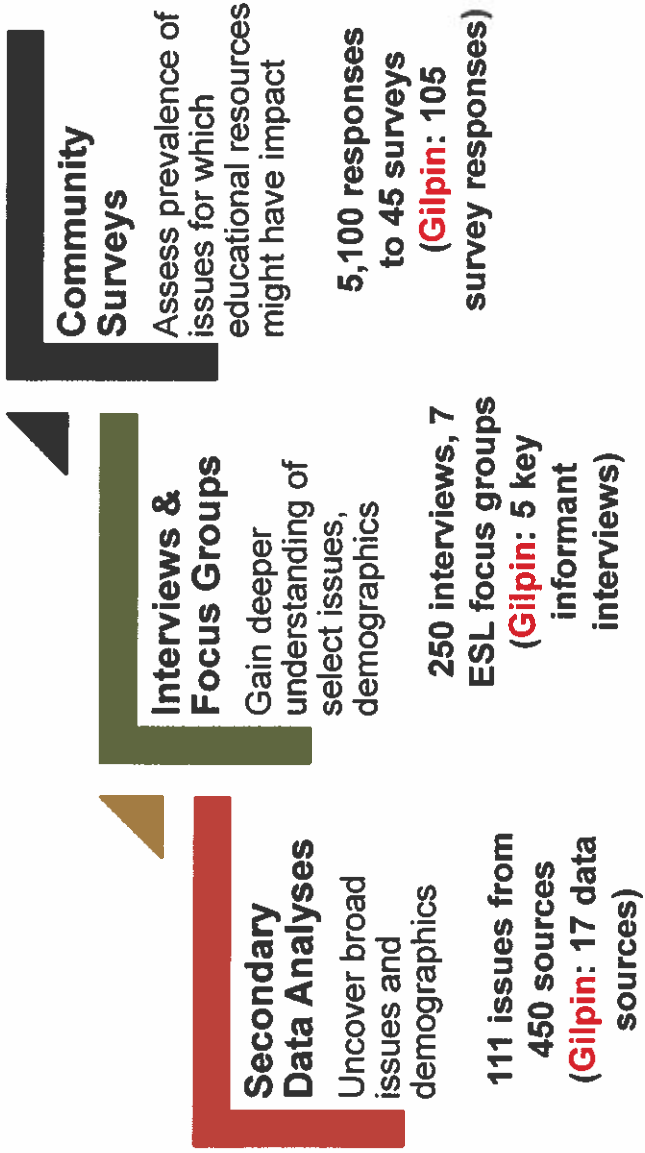
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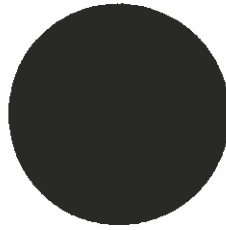
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# GILPIN COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

SELF-IDENTIFIED

**ETHNIC  
MINORITIES**



**6.9%**

STATE: 20.8%

**UNEMPLOYMENT  
RATE**



**7.6%**

STATE: 6.4%

**COLLEGE  
DEGREE**



**38.9%**

STATE: 38.8%

**MEDIAN  
AGE**



**45.7**

STATE: 36.6

**MEDIAN  
INCOME**



**\$65,747**

STATE: \$73,219

**POPULATION  
IN POVERTY**



**2.9%**

STATE: 7.2%

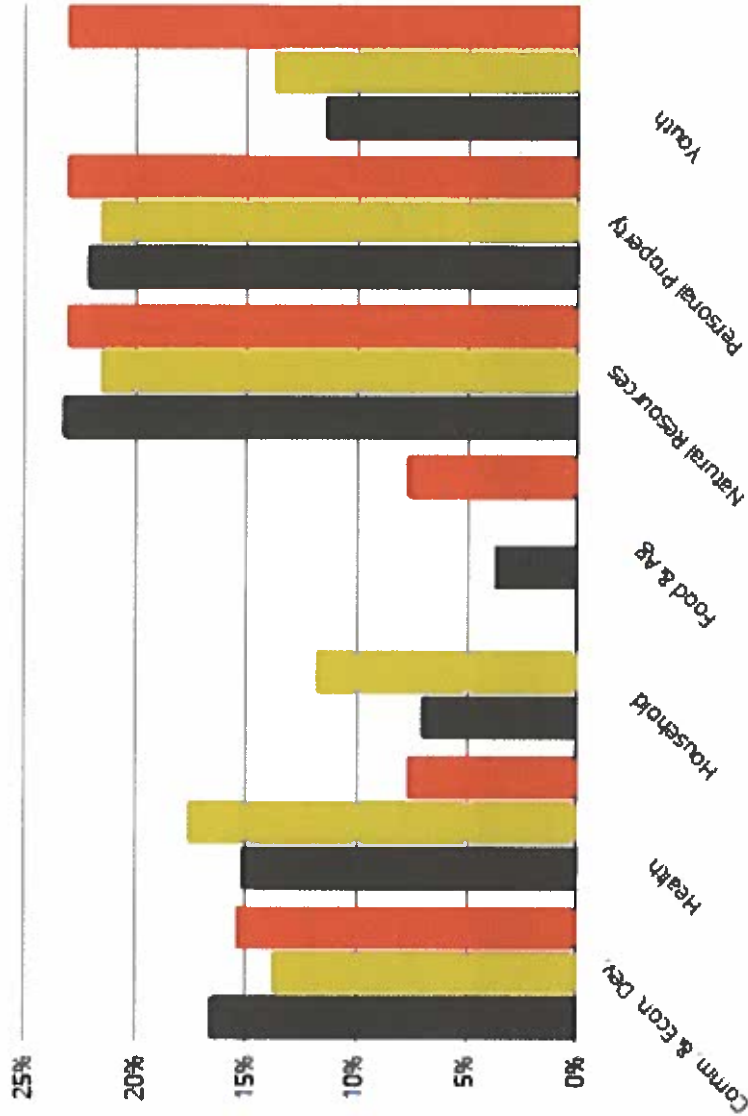
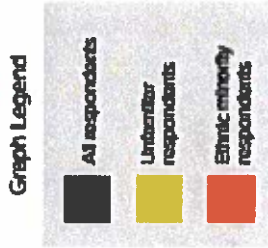




# COMMUNITY NEEDS IDENTIFIED

Priority issues from review of secondary data, key informant interviews and community survey

	Self-identified Ethnic Minority	Bachelor's Degree	Female
Survey Respondents	4.8%	62.9%	74.3%
County	6.9%	38.9%	47.5%



# STATEWIDE THEMES AND PRIORITIES\*

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	YOUTH	FAMILY & HOUSEHOLD	HEALTH & WELL-BEING	PERSONAL PROPERTY	NATURAL RESOURCES	FOOD & AG
Encouraging discussions between people with different views	Youth life skills	Support for aging adults & caregivers	Nutrition/ healthy food prep	Choosing sustainable landscapes	Water supply/ conservation	Supporting local foods
Creating a welcoming/ safe/inclusive community	Mental health	Financial management	Mental health	Managing landscapes	Healthy ecosystems	Drought planning for agriculture
Economic and business development	Youth leadership skills	Food insecurity	Access to healthy foods	Gardening/ growing food	Environmental education	Food handling/safety
Community emergency management	Afterschool and out-of-school learning (including STEM)	Emergency preparedness	Healthy aging		Climate change	Ag land preservation
Certifications for workforce skills	College/career prep	Parenting/childcare resources	*Based on survey and ESL focus groups. Accounts for all, ethnic minority, unfamiliar preference			Farm/ranch succession planning
Civic engagement and leadership	Access/equity/ opportunity					

# COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

*Areas identified that Gilpin CSU Extension will address over the next 5 years*



- Residents identified the following as important for youth: social and recreational opportunities, mental health, & building leadership and life skills
- Goal – increase participation in EAGLE afterschool program for teens

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- Gilpin has 4<sup>th</sup> highest levels of radon on CO
- Goal – increase radon awareness and number of household tests conducted

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- Residents ranked gardening as an important issue in which they could benefit from education
- Gardening is beneficial to mental and physical health, and promotes healthy aging
- Goal – More residents growing food at community garden

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- Residents value environmental sustainability
- Goal – increase adoption of planting natives and managing noxious weeds

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- Residents believe they could benefit from education on forest wildfire mitigation and emergency prep
- Goal – increase adoption of fire mitigation, defensible space, and wildfire emergency prep practices

