



# Nebraska



Currently in its first year as one of the top 10 states for afterschool, Nebraska comes in at number eight. Nebraska owes its place on the top 10 list primarily to the amount of time Nebraska children spend in afterschool programs—an average of nearly 10 hours per week. The percentage of children in an afterschool program increased significantly, as did parent satisfaction with their child’s afterschool program’s cost and quality of care compared to 2009. Additionally, an overwhelming percentage of Nebraska parents are satisfied with their child’s afterschool program overall (97 percent).



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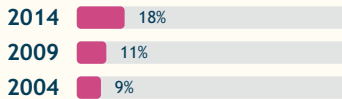
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## Children in Afterschool

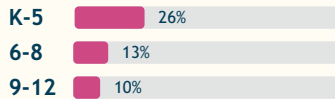
### Afterschool program participation in Nebraska



57,201 children in 2014

In 2014, 18% of Nebraska’s children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 11% in 2009 and 9% in 2004.

### Children in an afterschool program, by grade



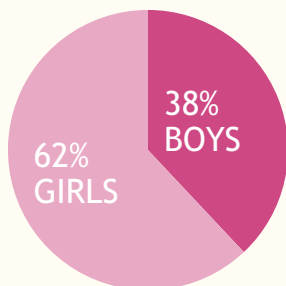
In 2014, 26% of Nebraska’s children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 13% in grades 6-8 and 10% in grades 9-12.

### Average time per week children spend in an afterschool program

2014  
**0 1 4** HOURS  
DAYS

For the purposes of this study, timing was limited to 15 hours per week in afterschool care, reflecting the hours of 3 to 6 p.m.

### Children in an afterschool program, by gender



Most families piece together a variety of afterschool solutions, with 68% of Nebraska’s K-12 children spending some portion of the hours after school in the care of a parent or guardian. Other afterschool arrangements include traditional child care centers (9%); sibling care (12%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (24%).

### Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014

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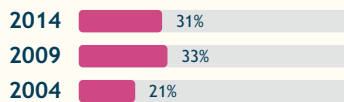
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child’s afterschool program.

## Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

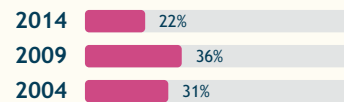
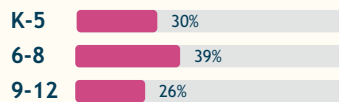
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



81,887 children in 2014

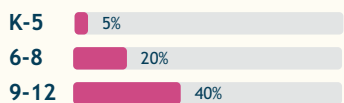
In 2014, 31% of Nebraska's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 33% in 2009 and 21% in 2004.



71,983 children in 2014

In 2014, 22% of Nebraska's children are alone and unsupervised between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

#### Children unsupervised after school, by grade



In 2014, 5% of Nebraska's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 20% in grades 6-8 and 40% in grades 9-12.

#### What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are Nebraska families facing?

After lack of need, the predominant challenges parents face enrolling their child in an afterschool program include:

- Preference for alternative activities
- The afterschool programs are too expensive

#### Average time per week children spend alone & unsupervised after school

2014

**8 HOURS**

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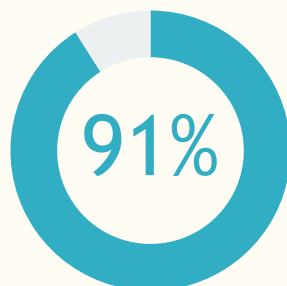
## Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

#### Parents satisfied with their child's afterschool program

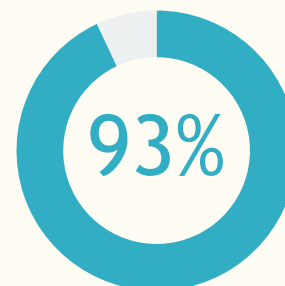


In 2014, 97% of Nebraska's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 97% in 2009 and 83% in 2004.

#### Parents satisfied with the quality of care in their child's afterschool program



#### Parents satisfied with the safe environment of their child's afterschool program



#### Top 5 activities/services offered by afterschool programs

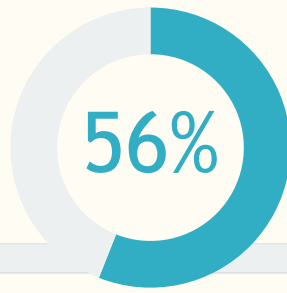
- Opportunities for reading or writing
- Homework assistance
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals

#### Parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills

#### Top 5 factors in parents' selection of an afterschool program

- Location is convenient
- Knowledgeable and well-trained staff
- Quality of care

- Opportunities for physical activity
- STEM learning opportunities



- The hours meet parents' needs
- Their child enjoys the afterschool program

Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



50%

of afterschool programs are located in a public school building

Parents agree that afterschool programs excite children about learning



Most common afterschool program providers

1. Public school
2. Private school
3. 4-Hs

## Public Support for Afterschool Programs

77%

of Nebraska parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 17% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

61%

of Nebraska parents agree that afterschool programs help give working parents peace of mind about their children when they are at work.

64%

of parents agree that afterschool programs help parents keep their jobs.

## Footnotes

In Nebraska, 200 households and 438 children were screened for this study. According to the Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics data for 2011-2012, the total school enrollment in Nebraska is 321,352, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Nebraska After 3PM.



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