



# Georgia



For the first time, Georgia's afterschool program participation rate falls below the national average, dropping back down to its 2004 level of 16 percent. Additionally, despite strong parent satisfaction with their child's afterschool program and parent support for public funding for afterschool programs, unmet demand for afterschool programs in Georgia continues to climb. The percentage of children not in an afterschool program who would be enrolled in a program if one were available increased from 26 percent in 2004 to 32 percent in 2009 to 40 percent in 2014.



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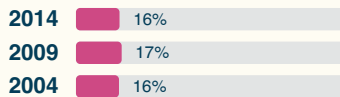
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## Children in Afterschool -

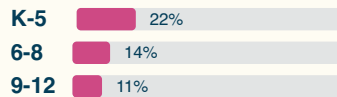
### Afterschool program participation in Georgia



**282,453 children in 2014**

In 2014, 16% of Georgia's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 17% in 2009 and 16% in 2004.

### Children in an afterschool program, by grade



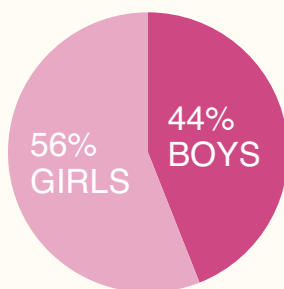
In 2014, 22% of Georgia's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 14% in grades 6-8 and 11% in grades 9-12.

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

2014  
**7 HOURS**  
**4 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 66% of Georgia'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 (8%); sibling care (16%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (30%).

### Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014

**29 \$**

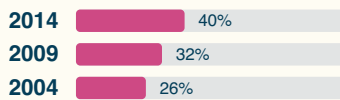
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program.

## Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand -

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

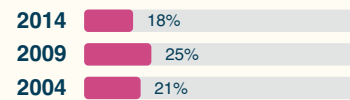
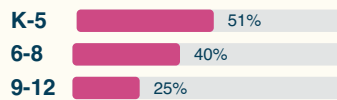
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



**590,278 children in 2014**

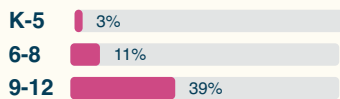
In 2014, 40% of Georgia's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 32% in 2009 and 26% in 2004.



**317,324 children in 2014**

In 2014, 18% of Georgia's children are alone and unsupervised between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

#### Children unsupervised after school, by grade



In 2014, 3% of Georgia's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 11% in grades 6-8 and 39% in grades 9-12.

#### What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are Georgia 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

**7 HOURS**

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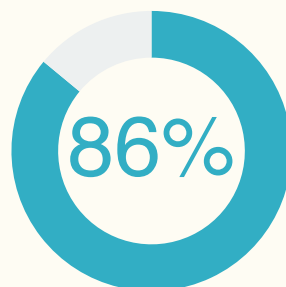
## Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

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

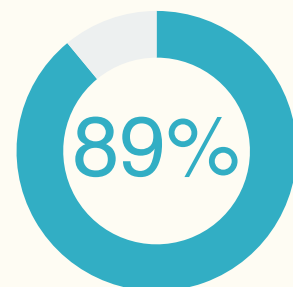


In 2014, 90% of Georgia's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 87% in 2009 and 82% in 2004.

#### 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

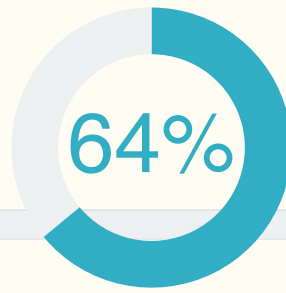
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals
- Homework assistance
- Opportunities for reading or writing

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

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

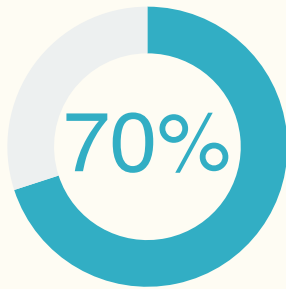
- The hours meet parents' needs
- Their child enjoys the afterschool program
- Quality of care

- STEM learning opportunities



- Is a safe haven
- Location is convenient

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



76%

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. YMCAs
3. Boys & Girls Clubs

## Public Support for Afterschool Programs ➡

88%

of Georgia parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 14% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

79%

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

78%

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

## Footnotes

In Georgia, 349 households and 1,991 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 Georgia is 1,743,537, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Georgia After 3PM.



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