



# Florida



Florida jumped five spots in the top 10 states for afterschool from 2009, procuring the number three ranking in 2014. Similar factors that drove Florida's placement on the top 10 list in 2009 are responsible for its placement in 2014, primarily its strong afterschool participation numbers, above-average time children spend in afterschool programs, and a below average rate of children alone and unsupervised after school. Afterschool programs in Florida serve a high-needs population; more than half of children (52 percent) who participate in an afterschool program qualify for the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program. Satisfaction among Florida parents regarding their child's afterschool program has also significantly improved from 2009. Yet, there remain more than 1 million Florida children not currently in an afterschool program who would be enrolled if one were available to them.



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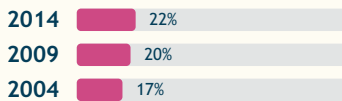
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## Children in Afterschool

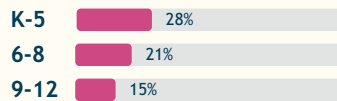
### Afterschool program participation in Florida



627,430 children in 2014

In 2014, 22% of Florida's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 20% in 2009 and 17% in 2004.

### Children in an afterschool program, by grade



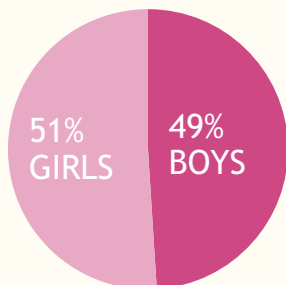
In 2014, 28% of Florida's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 21% in grades 6-8 and 15% in grades 9-12.

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

2014  
**8 HOURS**  
**3 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 Florida'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 (10%); sibling care (19%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (30%).

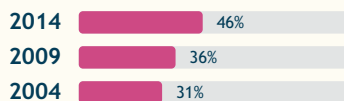
### Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014  
**\$301**

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

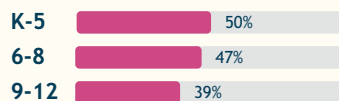
### Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available



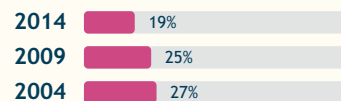
1,031,509 children in 2014

In 2014, 46% of Florida's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 36% in 2009 and 31% in 2004.

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



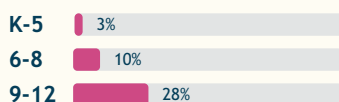
### Children unsupervised after school



541,481 children in 2014

In 2014, 19% of Florida'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 Florida's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 10% in grades 6-8 and 28% in grades 9-12.

### What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are Florida 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  
**6 HOURS**

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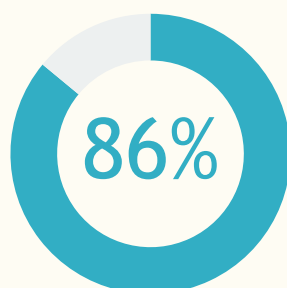
## Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

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

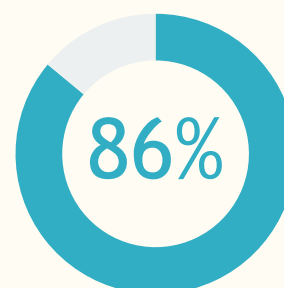


In 2014, 90% of Florida's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 86% in 2009 and 91% in 2004.

### 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

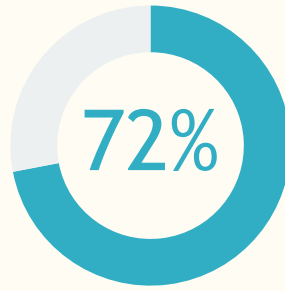


### Top 5 activities/services offered by afterschool programs

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

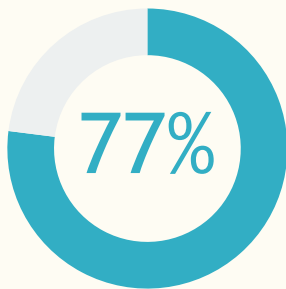
### Top 5 factors in parents' selection of an afterschool program

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



- Quality of care
- Knowledgeable and well-trained staff
- Location is convenient
- Is a safe haven
- Their child enjoys the afterschool program

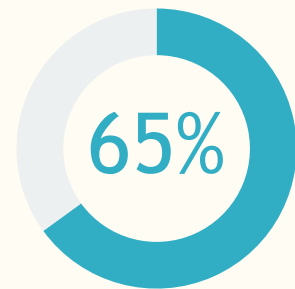
Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



82%

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 -

89%

of Florida parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 27% report receiving government assistance with the

74%

of Florida parents agree that afterschool programs help give working parents peace of mind about their children when they

84%

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

cost of afterschool.

are at work.

## Footnotes

In Florida, 543 households and 2,581 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 Florida is 2,864,977, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Florida After 3PM.



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