



District of Columbia



The District of Columbia holds the number two spot in the top 10 states for afterschool in its first appearance in America After 3PM, driven primarily by the percentage of D.C.'s children who participate in afterschool programs and the amount of time that they spend in these programs. However, there remain a significant number of children in the District of Columbia who are not able to take advantage of the opportunities afterschool programs have to offer, where 2 in 3 children (66 percent) in D.C. not enrolled in an afterschool program would be enrolled if one were available to them.



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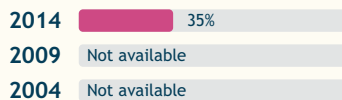
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Children in Afterschool

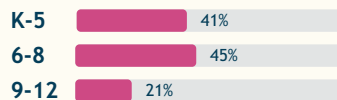
Afterschool program participation in District of Columbia



26,619 children in 2014

In 2014, 35% of District of Columbia's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to NA% in 2009 and NA% in 2004.

Children in an afterschool program, by grade



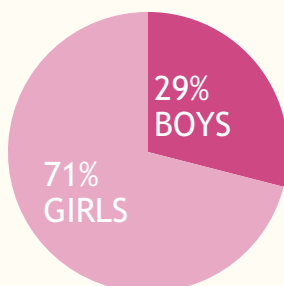
In 2014, 41% of District of Columbia's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 45% in grades 6-8 and 21% in grades 9-12.

Average time per week children spend in an afterschool program

2014
9 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 61% of District of Columbia'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 (11%); sibling care (17%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (36%).

Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014

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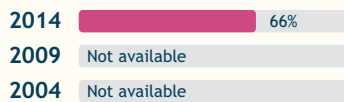
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program.

Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

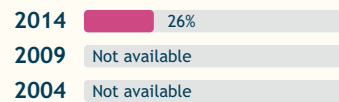
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



32,436 children in 2014

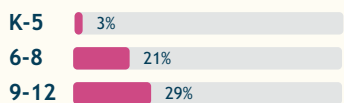
In 2014, 66% of District of Columbia's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to NA% in 2009 and NA% in 2004.



19,718 children in 2014

In 2014, 26% of District of Columbia'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 District of Columbia's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 21% in grades 6-8 and 29% in grades 9-12.

What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are District of Columbia families facing?

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

- Preference for alternative activities
- The quality of care in afterschool programs is not satisfactory

Average time per week children spend alone & unsupervised after school

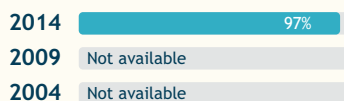
2014

6 HOURS

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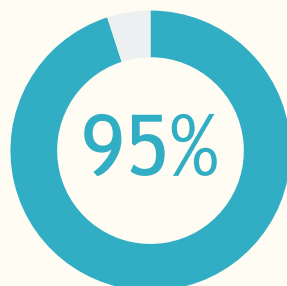
Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

Parents satisfied with their child's afterschool program

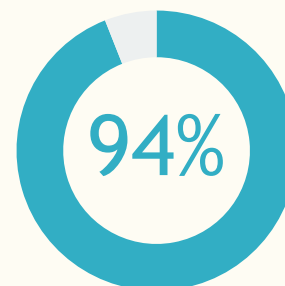


In 2014, 97% of District of Columbia's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to NA% in 2009 and NA% in 2004.

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

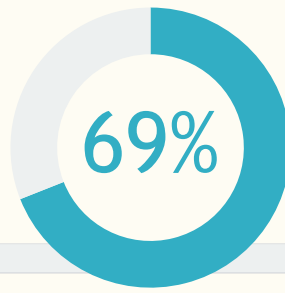
- Opportunities for physical activity
- STEM learning opportunities
- Homework assistance

Parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills

Top 5 factors in parents' selection of an afterschool program

- Location is convenient
- The hours meet parents' needs
- Program cost

- Opportunities for reading or writing
- Academic programs/clubs



- Is a safe haven
- Their child enjoys the afterschool program

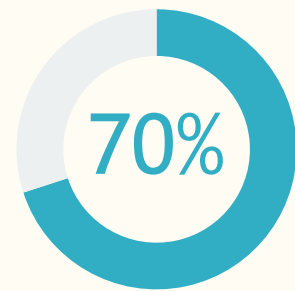
Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



80%

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. Boys & Girls Clubs
3. Private school

Public Support for Afterschool Programs -

93%

of District of Columbia parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 7% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

83%

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

82%

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

Footnotes

In the District of Columbia, 200 households and 342 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 the District of Columbia is 75,839, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in District of Columbia After 3PM.



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