



Wyoming



Wyoming's afterschool participation rate decreased from 2009 to 2014, and at 15 percent, is currently below the national average. And while approximately 2 in 3 Wyoming parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program overall, this number decreased from 77 percent in 2009. Unmet demand for afterschool programs also increased, jumping from 28 percent in 2009 to 45 percent in 2014, as did support for public funding of afterschool programs, from 74 percent in 2009 to 85 percent in 2014.



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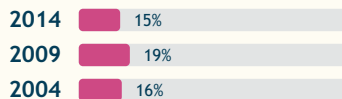
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Children in Afterschool -

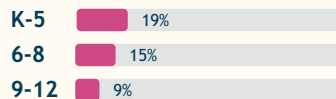
Afterschool program participation in Wyoming



14,026 children in 2014

In 2014, 15% of Wyoming's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 19% in 2009 and 16% in 2004.

Children in an afterschool program, by grade



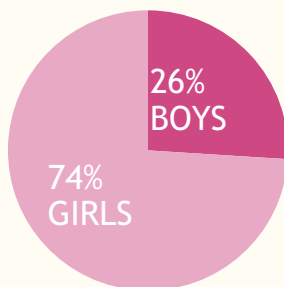
In 2014, 19% of Wyoming's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 15% in grades 6-8 and 9% in grades 9-12.

Average time per week children spend in an afterschool program

2014
6 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 78% of Wyoming'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 (4%); sibling care (12%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (19%).

Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014

79 \$

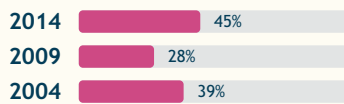
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program.

Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand -

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

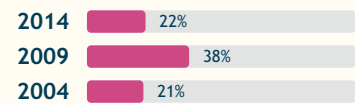
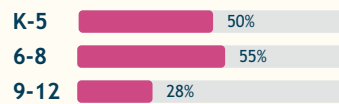
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



34,827 children in 2014

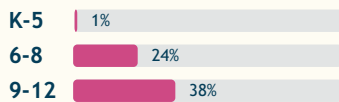
In 2014, 45% of Wyoming's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 28% in 2009 and 39% in 2004.



19,855 children in 2014

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

Children unsupervised after school, by grade



In 2014, 1% of Wyoming's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 24% in grades 6-8 and 38% in grades 9-12.

What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are Wyoming 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' locations are not convenient
- Lack of child's enjoyment of programs

Average time per week children spend alone & unsupervised after school

2014

7 HOURS

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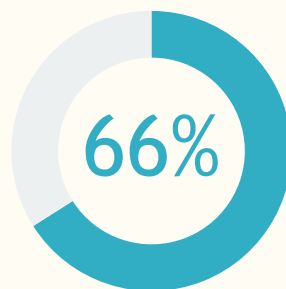
Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

Parents satisfied with their child's afterschool program

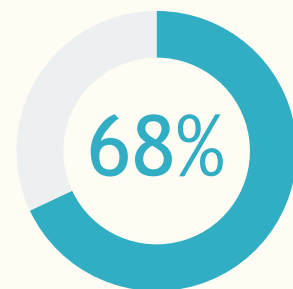


In 2014, 67% of Wyoming's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 77% in 2009 and 89% in 2004.

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

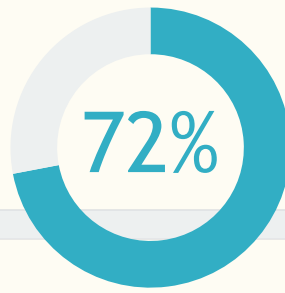
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Opportunities for reading or writing
- Music or art
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals

Parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills

Top 5 factors in parents' selection of an afterschool program

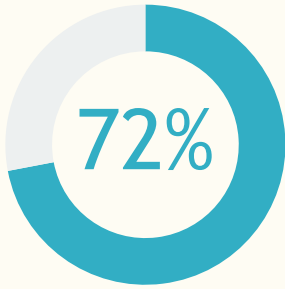
- Quality of care
- Their child enjoys the afterschool program
- Is a safe haven

- Parent/family activities



- Knowledgeable and well-trained staff
- The hours meet parents' needs

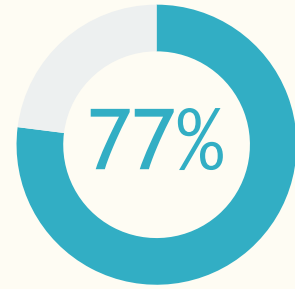
Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



83%

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. City or town (including Parks and Recreation Department)

Public Support for Afterschool Programs -

85%

of Wyoming parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 5% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

74%

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

69%

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

Footnotes

In Wyoming, 202 households and 409 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 Wyoming is 91,076, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Wyoming After 3PM.



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