



Louisiana



Louisiana's afterschool program participation rate and average amount of time children spend in an afterschool program both remain below the national average. However, after a drop in afterschool program participation from 2004 to 2009, Louisiana saw an increase in 2014 back to their 2004 level of 15 percent. The state did experience a substantial decrease in the time children spend in an afterschool program, dropping from 10 hours per week in 2009 to fewer than 7 hours in 2014. Overall parent satisfaction with their child's afterschool program remains steady and slightly above the national average at 91 percent.



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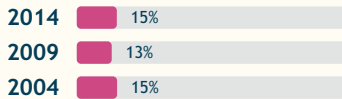
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Children in Afterschool -

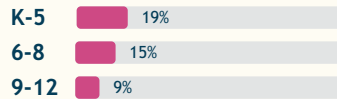
Afterschool program participation in Louisiana



115,540 children in 2014

In 2014, 15% of Louisiana's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 13% in 2009 and 15% in 2004.

Children in an afterschool program, by grade



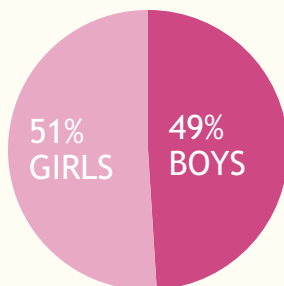
In 2014, 19% of Louisiana's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 15% in grades 6-8 and 9% in grades 9-12.

Average time per week children spend in an afterschool program



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 63% of Louisiana'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 (29%).

Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014



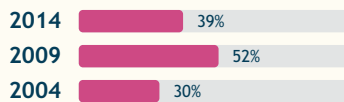
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program.

Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand -

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

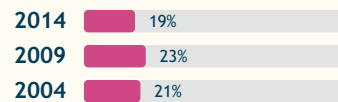
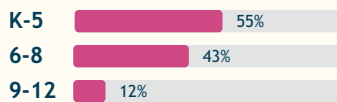
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



256,040 children in 2014

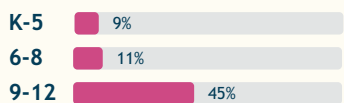
In 2014, 39% of Louisiana's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 52% in 2009 and 30% in 2004.



147,333 children in 2014

In 2014, 19% of Louisiana's children are alone and unsupervised between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

Children unsupervised after school, by grade



In 2014, 9% of Louisiana's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 11% in grades 6-8 and 45% in grades 9-12.

What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are Louisiana 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

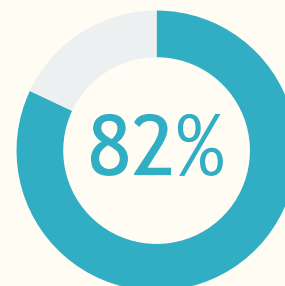


In 2014, 91% of Louisiana's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 90% in 2009 and 96% in 2004.

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

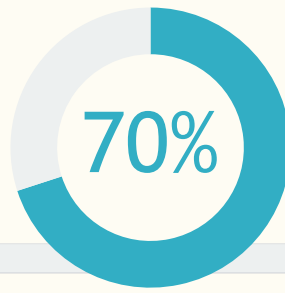
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals
- Opportunities for reading or writing

Parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills

Top 5 factors in parents' selection of an afterschool program

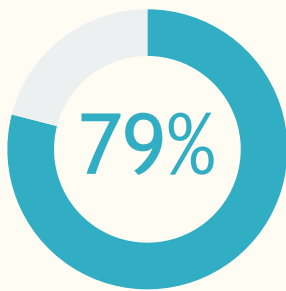
- The hours meet parents' needs
- Is a safe haven
- Physical activity opportunities

- STEM learning opportunities
- Homework assistance



- Quality of care
- Location is convenient

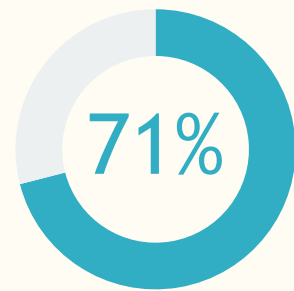
Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



68%

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

87%

of Louisiana parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 6% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

75%

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

80%

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

Footnotes

In Louisiana, 200 households and 605 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 Louisiana is 775,438, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Louisiana After 3PM.



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