



# North Dakota



After North Dakota's afterschool program participation dropped from 14 percent in 2004 to 9 percent in 2009, it bounced back in 2014 to 20 percent, surpassing the national average. The state also made gains when looking at parent satisfaction of their child's afterschool programs overall as well as with the program's quality of care, variety of activities and cost.



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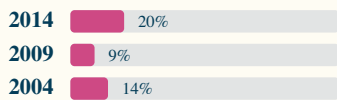
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## Children in Afterschool

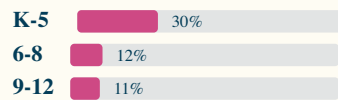
### Afterschool program participation in North Dakota



**19,865 children in 2014**

In 2014, 20% of North Dakota's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 9% in 2009 and 14% in 2004.

### Children in an afterschool program, by grade



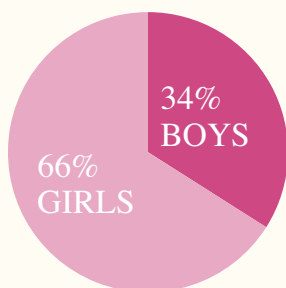
In 2014, 30% of North Dakota's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 12% in grades 6-8 and 11% in grades 9-12.

### 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 64% of North Dakota'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 (14%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (27%).

### Average weekly cost of afterschool programs



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

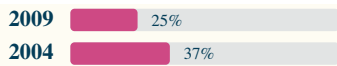


### Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level



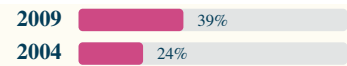
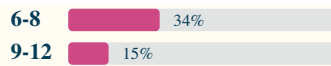
### Children unsupervised after school





**26,857 children in 2014**

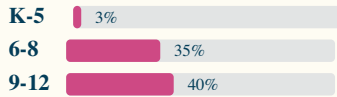
In 2014, 34% of North Dakota's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 25% in 2009 and 37% in 2004.



**23,341 children in 2014**

In 2014, 24% of North Dakota'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 North Dakota's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 35% in grades 6-8 and 40% in grades 9-12.

#### What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are North Dakota families facing?

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

- Preference for alternative activities
- Lack of a safe way to get to and come home from afterschool programs

#### Average time per week children spend alone & unsupervised after school

2014

**7 HOURS**

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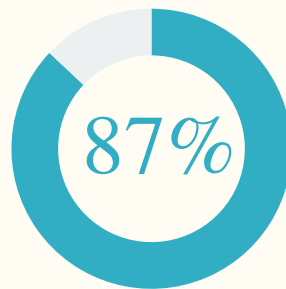
## Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

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

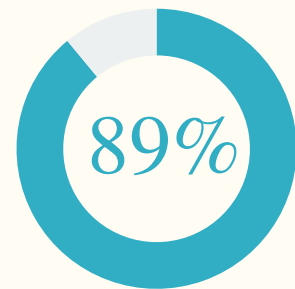


In 2014, 97% of North Dakota's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 75% in 2009 and 64% in 2004.

#### 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

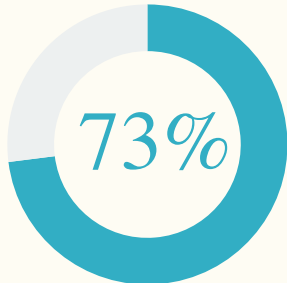
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Academic programs/clubs
- Homework assistance
- Opportunities for reading or writing
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals

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

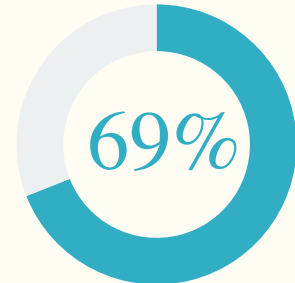
#### Top 5 factors in parents' selection of an afterschool program

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

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



Parents agree that afterschool programs excite children about learning



75%  
of afterschool programs are located in a public school building

#### Most common afterschool program providers

1. Public school
2. YMCAs
3. City or town (including Parks and Recreation Department)

## Public Support for Afterschool Programs -

86%

of North Dakota parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 13% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

77%

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

77%

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

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## Footnotes

In North Dakota, 203 households and 400 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 North Dakota is 99,325, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in North Dakota After 3PM.



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