



Tennessee



This is Tennessee's first year in the list of top 10 states for afterschool, with its entry driven by the high percentage of high-needs students served by afterschool programs. More than half of Tennessee's children in afterschool programs qualify for the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program. The low percentage of children unsupervised after school as well as the high number of parents extremely satisfied with their afterschool program overall also contribute to Tennessee's number nine spot. Although the percentage of children participating in afterschool programs in Tennessee increased 5 percentage points from 2009 to 2014, the state remains in the middle of the pack regarding afterschool program participation and has more than a quarter of a million children not in an afterschool program who would be enrolled if one were available.



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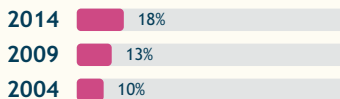
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Children in Afterschool

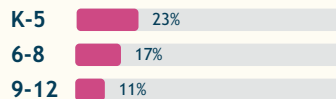
Afterschool program participation in Tennessee



179,897 children in 2014

In 2014, 18% of Tennessee's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 13% in 2009 and 10% in 2004.

Children in an afterschool program, by grade



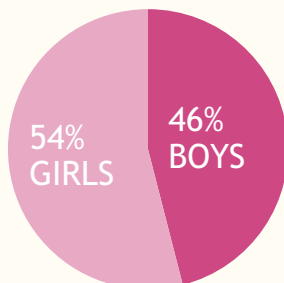
In 2014, 23% of Tennessee's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 17% in grades 6-8 and 11% in grades 9-12.

Average time per week children spend in an afterschool program

2014
7 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 75% of Tennessee'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 (8%); sibling care (15%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (30%).

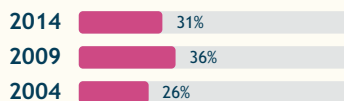
Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014
8 **7** \$

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

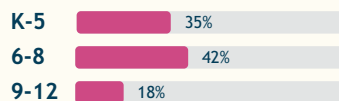
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available



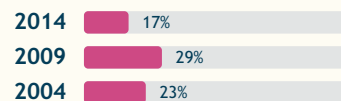
263,754 children in 2014

In 2014, 31% of Tennessee's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 36% in 2009 and 26% in 2004.

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



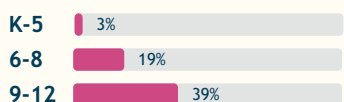
Children unsupervised after school



170,645 children in 2014

In 2014, 17% of Tennessee'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 Tennessee's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 19% in grades 6-8 and 39% in grades 9-12.

What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are Tennessee 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

8 HOURS

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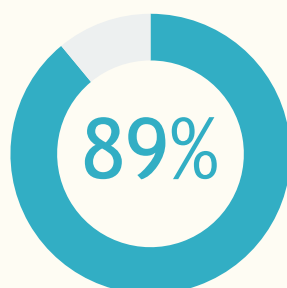
Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

Parents satisfied with their child's afterschool program

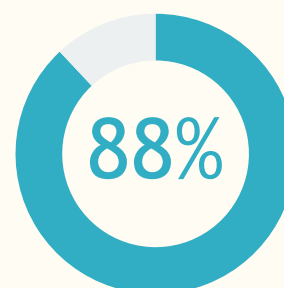


In 2014, 92% of Tennessee's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 90% in 2009 and 92% in 2004.

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

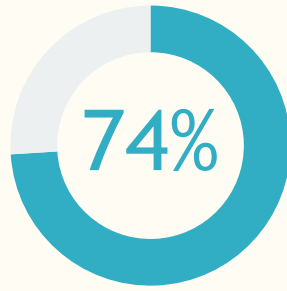


Top 5 activities/services offered by afterschool programs

Parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills

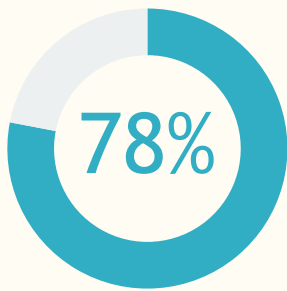
Top 5 factors in parents' selection of an afterschool program

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



- Location is convenient
- Quality of care
- Their child enjoys the afterschool program
- Is a safe haven
- The hours meet parents' needs

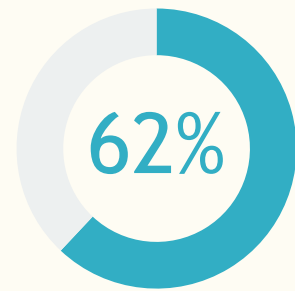
Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



69%

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. YMCAs

Public Support for Afterschool Programs -

86%

of Tennessee parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 19% report receiving government assistance

83%

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

78%

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

with the cost of afterschool.

are at work.

Footnotes

In Tennessee, 250 households and 995 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 Tennessee is 1,027,980, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Tennessee After 3PM.



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