



Illinois



The percentage of Illinois children participating in an afterschool program has steadily increased over the past decade, climbing from 10 percent in 2004 to 16 percent in 2009 to 18 percent in 2014. Illinois afterschool programs are also reaching more high-needs children, with the percentage of children participating in an afterschool program who qualify for the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program growing from 40 percent to 54 percent in 2014, nine percentage points above the national average. Parent satisfaction with their child's afterschool program also saw improvements from previous years. In 2014, 8 in 10 Illinois parents surveyed said that they are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, an increase from 74 percent of parents in 2009.



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Children in Afterschool

Afterschool program participation in Illinois

| Year | Participation Rate |
|------|--------------------|
| 2014 | 18% |
| 2009 | 16% |
| 2004 | 10% |

404,791 children in 2014

In 2014, 18% of Illinois's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 16% in 2009 and 10% in 2004.

Children in an afterschool program, by grade

| Grade | Participation Rate |
|-------|--------------------|
| K-5 | 23% |
| 6-8 | 21% |
| 9-12 | 12% |

In 2014, 23% of Illinois's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 21% in grades 6-8 and 12% in grades 9-12.

Average time per week children spend in an afterschool program

2014

7 HOURS
3 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

| Gender | Percentage |
|--------|------------|
| GIRLS | 52% |
| BOYS | 48% |

Most families piece together a variety of afterschool solutions, with 70% of Illinois'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 (17%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (33%).

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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.

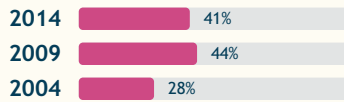
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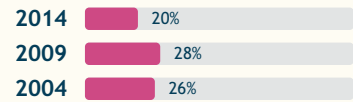
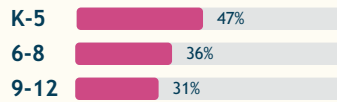
an afterschool program were available



741,400 children in 2014

In 2014, 41% of Illinois's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 44% in 2009 and 28% in 2004.

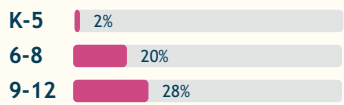
an afterschool program were available, by grade level



433,390 children in 2014

In 2014, 20% of Illinois's children are alone and unsupervised between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

Children unsupervised after school, by grade



In 2014, 2% of Illinois's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 20% in grades 6-8 and 28% in grades 9-12.

What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are Illinois 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 child's enjoyment of programs

Average time per week children spend alone & unsupervised after school

2014

7 HOURS

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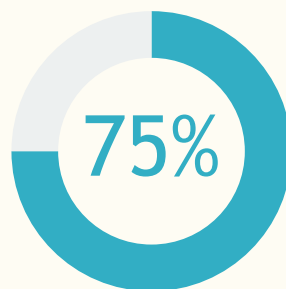
Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

Parents satisfied with their child's afterschool program

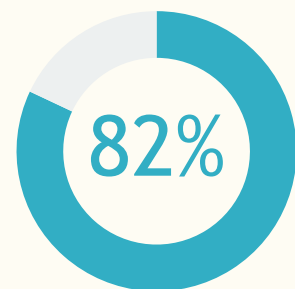


In 2014, 80% of Illinois's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 74% in 2009 and 93% in 2004.

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

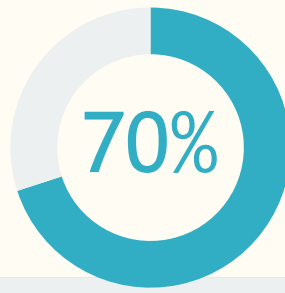
- Opportunities for reading or writing
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals

Parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills

Top 5 factors in parents' selection of an afterschool program

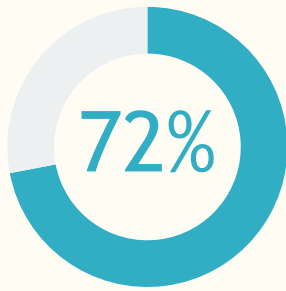
- The hours meet parents' needs
- Knowledgeable and well-trained staff

- Homework assistance
- STEM learning opportunities
- Academic programs/clubs



- Variety of activities
- Homework assistance offered
- Quality of care

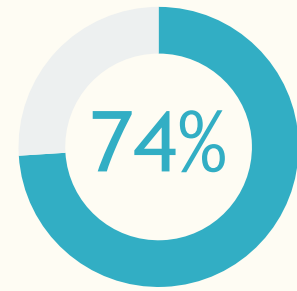
Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



79%

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. Religious organization
3. YMCAs

Public Support for Afterschool Programs

84%

of Illinois parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 36% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

79%

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

73%

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

Footnotes

In Illinois, 407 households and 1,959 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 Illinois is 2,199,949, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Illinois After 3PM.



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