



# Idaho



The percentage of Idaho children participating in an afterschool program has hovered around 9 percent over the past decade, while the national average afterschool program participation rate has continued to climb. While Idaho has slipped further behind other states in 2014, moving from 9 percent down to 8 percent program participation, the national average grew from 11 percent in 2004 to 18 percent in 2014. However, of Idaho parents who are able to take advantage of afterschool programs, an overwhelming majority—9 in 10—are satisfied with them overall.



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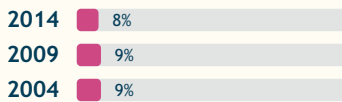
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## Children in Afterschool -

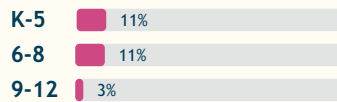
### Afterschool program participation in Idaho



23,361 children in 2014

In 2014, 8% of Idaho's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 9% in 2009 and 9% in 2004.

### Children in an afterschool program, by grade



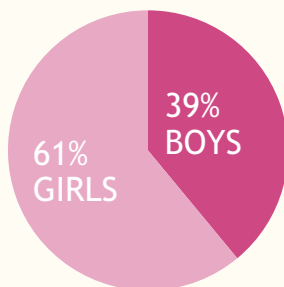
In 2014, 11% of Idaho's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 11% in grades 6-8 and 3% in grades 9-12.

### Average time per week children spend in an afterschool program

2014  
**8 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



Most families piece together a variety of afterschool solutions, with 71% of Idaho'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 (6%); sibling care (15%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (27%).

### Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014

**\$37**

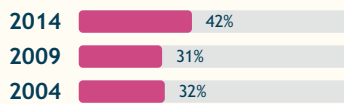
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program.

## Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand -

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

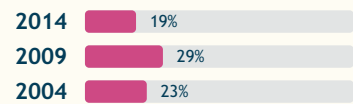
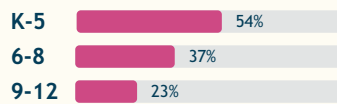
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



111,583 children in 2014

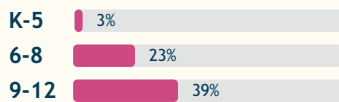
In 2014, 42% of Idaho's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 31% in 2009 and 32% in 2004.



54,797 children in 2014

In 2014, 19% of Idaho'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 Idaho's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 23% in grades 6-8 and 39% in grades 9-12.

#### What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are Idaho 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

**7 HOURS**

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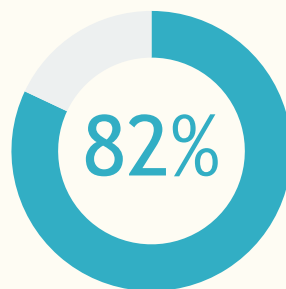
## Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

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

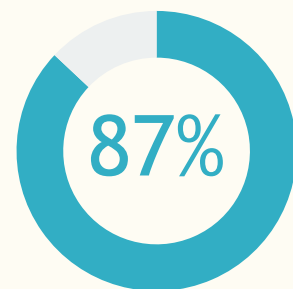


In 2014, 90% of Idaho's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 69% in 2009 and 93% in 2004.

#### 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

- Homework assistance
- STEM learning opportunities
- Opportunities for reading or writing
- Opportunities for physical activity

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

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

- Homework assistance offered
- Opportunities for reading or writing offered
- Is a safe haven

- Beverages, snacks and/or meals

60%

- Program cost
- The hours meet parents' needs

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

69%

76%

of afterschool programs are located in a public school building

Parents agree that afterschool programs excite children about learning

54%

Most common afterschool program providers

1. Public school
2. Boys & Girls Clubs
3. 4-Hs

## Public Support for Afterschool Programs -

83%

of Idaho parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 8% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

70%

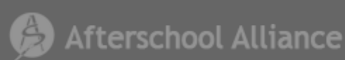
of Idaho parents agree that afterschool programs help give working parents peace of mind about their children when they are at work.

62%

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

## Footnotes

In Idaho, 200 households and 553 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 Idaho is 288,403, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Idaho After 3PM.



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