



West Virginia



West Virginia continues to make gains in its afterschool program participation rate, from 6 percent in 2004 to 13 percent in 2009, and now above the national average to 19 percent in 2014. West Virginia also saw an improvement in parent satisfaction with their child's afterschool program from 2009 to 2014, from 81 percent to 88 percent. However, unmet demand for afterschool programs in the state continues to grow, increasing from 30 percent in 2009 to 48 percent in 2014.



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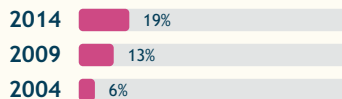
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Children in Afterschool -

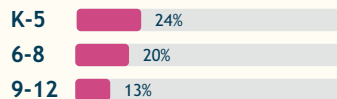
Afterschool program participation in West Virginia



52,325 children in 2014

In 2014, 19% of West Virginia's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 13% in 2009 and 6% in 2004.

Children in an afterschool program, by grade



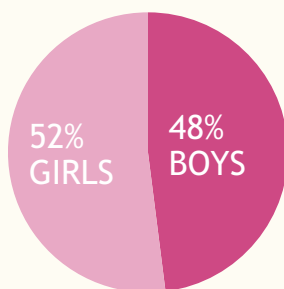
In 2014, 24% of West Virginia's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 20% in grades 6-8 and 13% in grades 9-12.

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 76% of West Virginia'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 (16%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (30%).

Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014

7 **4** \$

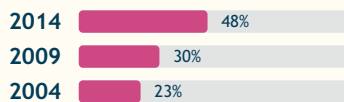
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program.

Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand -

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

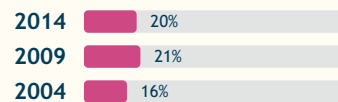
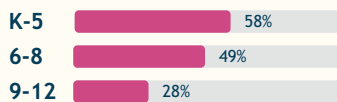
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



108,253 children in 2014

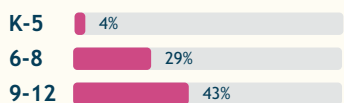
In 2014, 48% of West Virginia's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 30% in 2009 and 23% in 2004.



54,551 children in 2014

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

Children unsupervised after school, by grade



In 2014, 4% of West Virginia's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 29% in grades 6-8 and 43% in grades 9-12.

What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are West Virginia 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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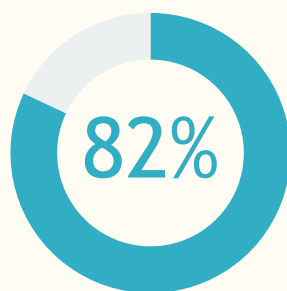
Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

Parents satisfied with their child's afterschool program

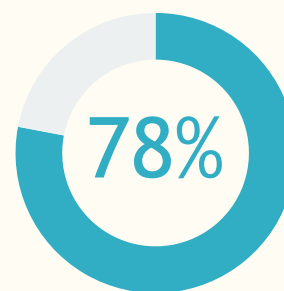


In 2014, 88% of West Virginia's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 81% in 2009 and 98% in 2004.

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

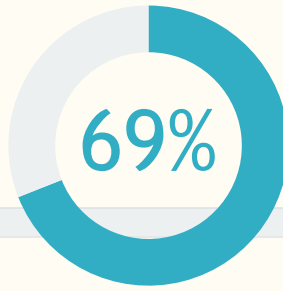
- Homework assistance
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Opportunities for reading or writing

Parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills

Top 5 factors in parents' selection of an afterschool program

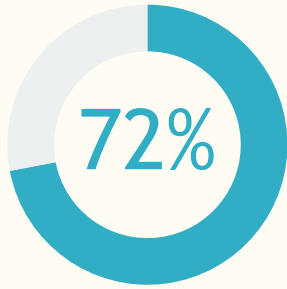
- Quality of care
- Knowledgeable and well-trained staff
- Their child enjoys the afterschool program

- STEM learning opportunities



- Is a safe haven
- The hours meet parents' needs

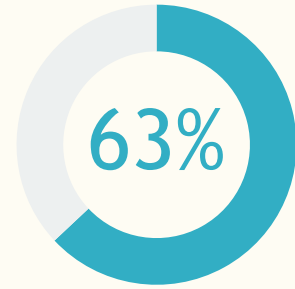
Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



71%

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 West Virginia parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 10% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

69%

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

71%

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

Footnotes

In West Virginia, 200 households and 484 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 West Virginia is 278,322, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in West Virginia After 3PM.



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