



South Carolina



After an increase in afterschool program participation from 13 percent in 2004 to 15 percent in 2009, the percentage of South Carolina children taking part in an afterschool program dropped back down to 13 percent in 2014, falling behind the national average. The time children spend in an afterschool program also slightly decreased, from an average of 8 hours per week in 2009 to just more than 7 hours in 2014. Unmet demand for afterschool programs continues to rise in South Carolina, from 41 percent in 2004 to 46 percent in 2009 to 51 percent in 2014.



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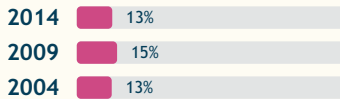
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Children in Afterschool

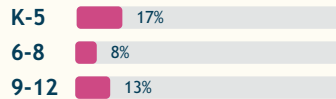
Afterschool program participation in South Carolina



98,111 children in 2014

In 2014, 13% of South Carolina's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 15% in 2009 and 13% in 2004.

Children in an afterschool program, by grade



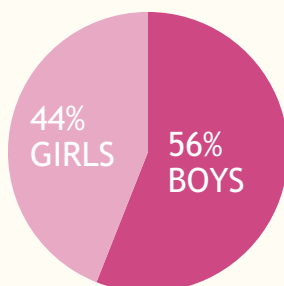
In 2014, 17% of South Carolina's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 8% in grades 6-8 and 13% in grades 9-12.

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 73% of South Carolina'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 (7%); sibling care (12%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (27%).

Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014

17 \$

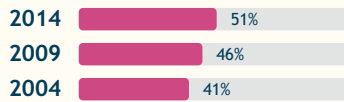
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program.

Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

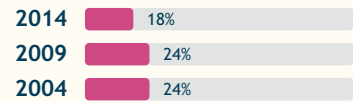
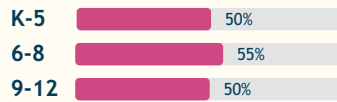
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



330,964 children in 2014

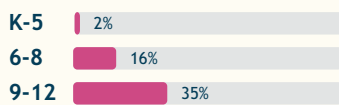
In 2014, 51% of South Carolina's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 46% in 2009 and 41% in 2004.



133,788 children in 2014

In 2014, 18% of South Carolina'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 South Carolina's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 16% in grades 6-8 and 35% in grades 9-12.

What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are South Carolina 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

9 HOURS

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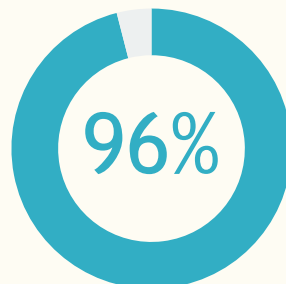
Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

Parents satisfied with their child's afterschool program



In 2014, 91% of South Carolina's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 92% in 2009 and 85% 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

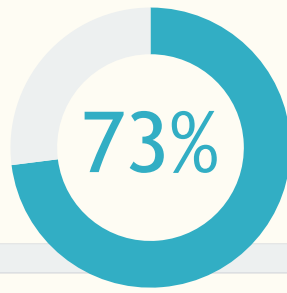
- Homework assistance
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals

Parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills

Top 5 factors in parents' selection of an afterschool program

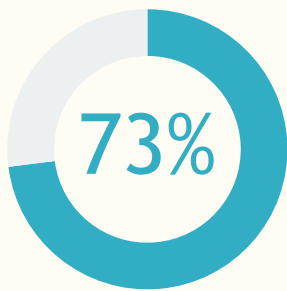
- Knowledgeable and well-trained staff
- Is a safe haven
- Their child enjoys the afterschool

- Opportunities for reading or writing
- STEM learning opportunities



- program
- Quality of care
 - The hours meet parents' needs

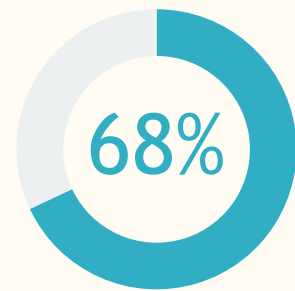
Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



66%

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. YMCAs
3. Child care center

Public Support for Afterschool Programs

82%

of South Carolina parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 20% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

77%

of South Carolina 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 South Carolina, 209 households and 795 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 South Carolina is 743,266, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in South Carolina After 3PM.



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