



# Virginia



After jumping ahead of the national afterschool program participation rate in 2009, Virginia lost ground in 2014 as afterschool program participation decreased from 16 percent to 15 percent. The average time Virginia children spend in an afterschool program also dropped slightly below the national average, from 8 hours per week in 2009 to 7.31 hours in 2014. And, while Virginia's parent satisfaction with their child's afterschool program remains high at 87 percent, it dropped slightly from 92 percent in 2009.



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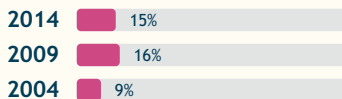
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## Children in Afterschool -

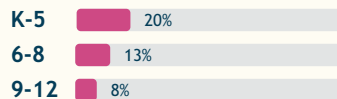
### Afterschool program participation in Virginia



190,444 children in 2014

In 2014, 15% of Virginia's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 16% in 2009 and 9% in 2004.

### Children in an afterschool program, by grade



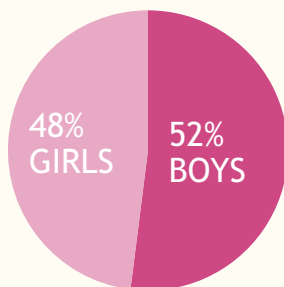
In 2014, 20% of Virginia's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 13% in grades 6-8 and 8% in grades 9-12.

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



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 69% of 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 (8%); sibling care (13%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (22%).

### Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014



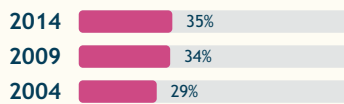
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program.

## Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand -

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

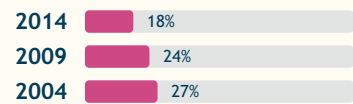
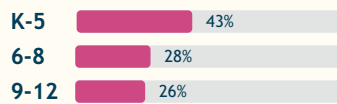
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



390,792 children in 2014

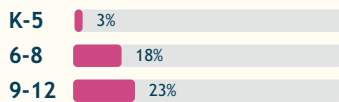
In 2014, 35% of Virginia's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 34% in 2009 and 29% in 2004.



236,414 children in 2014

In 2014, 18% of Virginia'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 Virginia's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 18% in grades 6-8 and 23% in grades 9-12.

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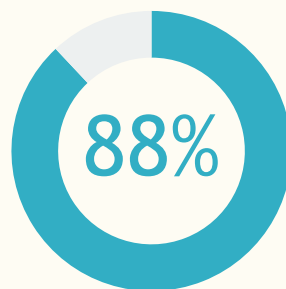
## Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

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

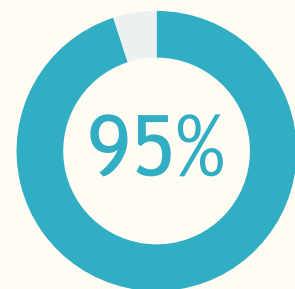


In 2014, 87% of Virginia's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 92% in 2009 and 87% in 2004.

#### 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

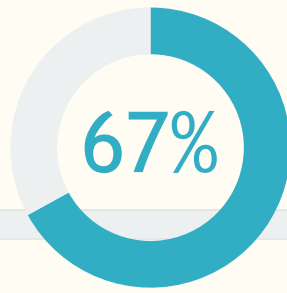
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Homework assistance
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals
- Opportunities for reading or writing

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

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

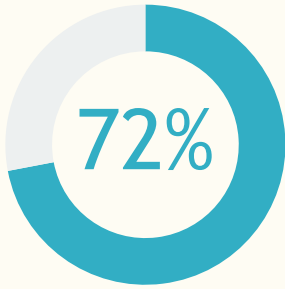
- Is a safe haven
- Quality of care
- Location is convenient
- The hours meet parents' needs

- Academic programs/clubs



- Their child enjoys the afterschool program

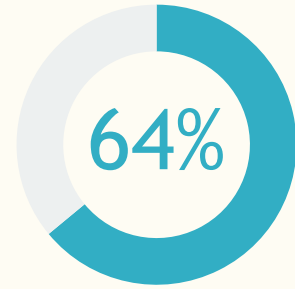
Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



68%

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. Private school
3. Boys & Girls Clubs

## Public Support for Afterschool Programs -

79%

of Virginia parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 19% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

78%

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

77%

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

## Footnotes

In Virginia, 284 households and 1,494 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 Virginia is 1,313,409, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Virginia After 3PM.



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