



Washington



Washington state has seen a steady increase in the percentage of children participating in an afterschool program—growing from 8 percent in 2004 to 12 percent in 2009 to 17 percent in 2014. However, Washington’s afterschool participation rate still falls just below the national average. Unmet demand for afterschool programs in Washington has also seen an upward trend, increasing from 24 percent in 2004 to 27 percent in 2009 to 36 percent in 2014.



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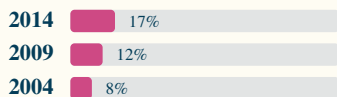
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Children in Afterschool -

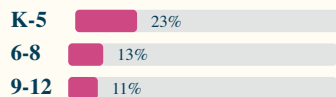
Afterschool program participation in Washington



183,099 children in 2014

In 2014, 17% of Washington’s children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 12% in 2009 and 8% in 2004.

Children in an afterschool program, by grade



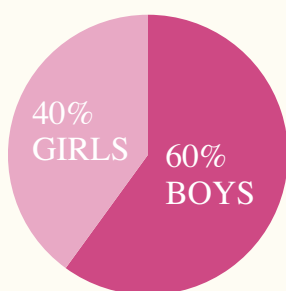
In 2014, 23% of Washington’s children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 13% in grades 6-8 and 11% in grades 9-12.

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



Most families piece together a variety of afterschool solutions, with 68% of Washington’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 (10%); sibling care (12%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (25%).

Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014
\$901

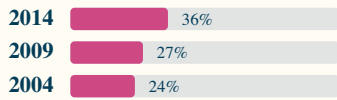
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child’s afterschool program.

Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand -

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

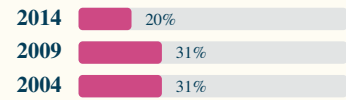
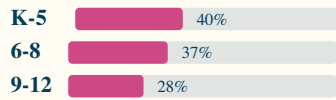
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



333,927 children in 2014

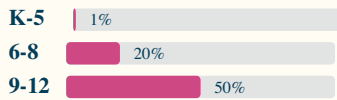
In 2014, 36% of Washington's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 27% in 2009 and 24% in 2004.



217,293 children in 2014

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

Children unsupervised after school, by grade



In 2014, 1% of Washington's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 20% in grades 6-8 and 50% in grades 9-12.

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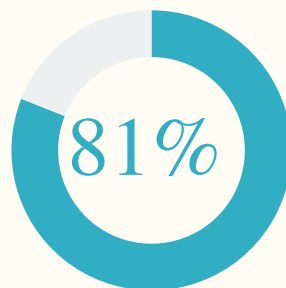
Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

Parents satisfied with their child's afterschool program

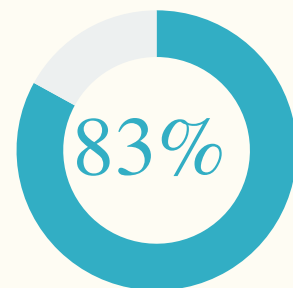


In 2014, 87% of Washington's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 87% in 2009 and 100% in 2004.

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

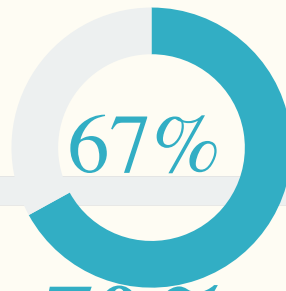
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Opportunities for reading or writing
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals
- Academic programs/clubs
- STEM learning opportunities

Parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills

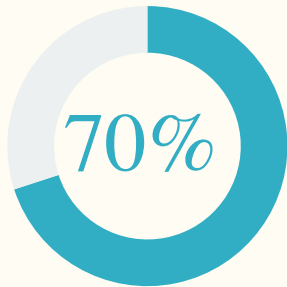
Top 5 factors in parents' selection of an afterschool program

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

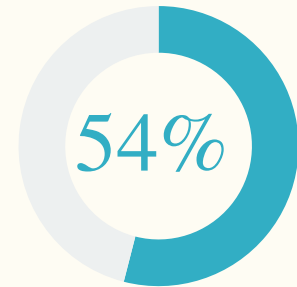
- The hours meet parents' needs



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



Parents agree that afterschool programs excite children about learning



70%
of afterschool programs are located in a public school building

Most common afterschool program providers

1. Public school
2. Boys & Girls Clubs
3. YMCAs

Public Support for Afterschool Programs

83%

of Washington parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 16% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

75%

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

69%

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

Footnotes

In Washington, 293 households and 1,394 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 Washington is 1,103,009, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Washington After 3PM.



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