



# South Dakota



In 2009, South Dakota experienced a dip in afterschool program participation, from 16 percent in 2004 to 12 percent in 2009. This year, afterschool program participation grew slightly, to 14 percent, but remains well below the national average. Similarly, although the percentage of children alone and unsupervised decreased in 2014—from 37 percent in 2009 to 27 percent in 2014—it is 7 percentage points above the national average. Although below the national average, unmet demand for afterschool programs in South Dakota is high. Nearly 1 in 3 children not in an afterschool program would be enrolled if one were available to them.



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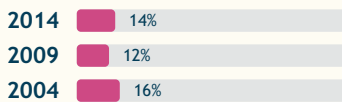
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## Children in Afterschool

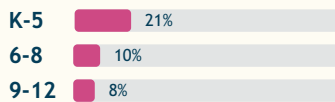
### Afterschool program participation in South Dakota



19,165 children in 2014

In 2014, 14% of South Dakota's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 12% in 2009 and 16% in 2004.

### Children in an afterschool program, by grade



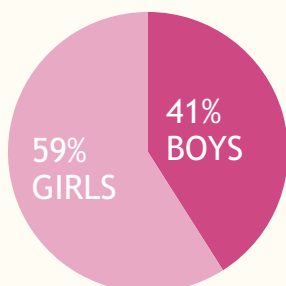
In 2014, 21% of South Dakota's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 10% in grades 6-8 and 8% in grades 9-12.

### 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 74% of South Dakota'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 (12%); sibling care (16%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (21%).

### Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014



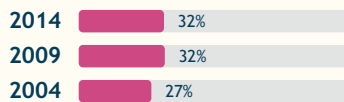
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program.

## Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

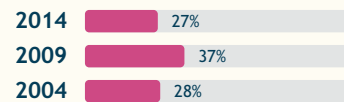
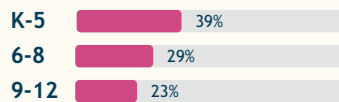
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



36,409 children in 2014

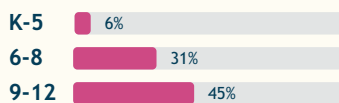
In 2014, 32% of South Dakota's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 32% in 2009 and 27% in 2004.



36,320 children in 2014

In 2014, 27% of South Dakota's children are alone and unsupervised between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

#### Children unsupervised after school, by grade



In 2014, 6% of South Dakota's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 31% in grades 6-8 and 45% in grades 9-12.

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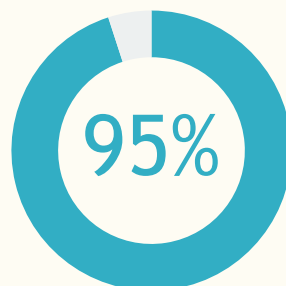
## Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

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

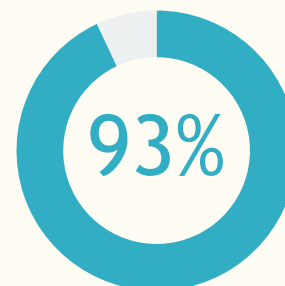


In 2014, 93% of South Dakota's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 100% in 2009 and 91% in 2004.

#### 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

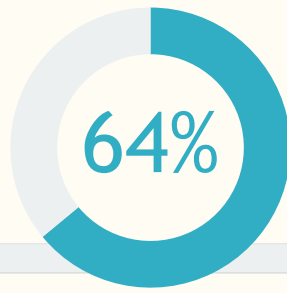
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Opportunities for reading or writing
- Homework assistance

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

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

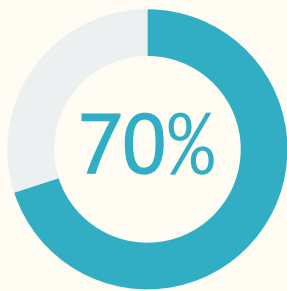
- Is a safe haven
- Location is convenient
- Knowledgeable and well-trained staff

- STEM learning opportunities
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals



- Quality of care
- The hours meet parents' needs

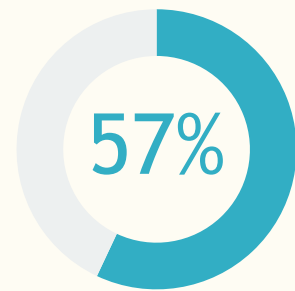
Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



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. Boys & Girls Clubs
3. Religious organization

## Public Support for Afterschool Programs

87%

of South Dakota parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 18% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

78%

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

78%

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

## Footnotes

In South Dakota, 200 households and 406 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 Dakota is 134,021, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in South Dakota After 3PM.



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