



Vermont



Vermont is 1 of 6 states new to the top 10 list for afterschool in 2014. A strong afterschool participation number and an increase in the average time children spend in afterschool programs are contributing factors to Vermont's fourth-place ranking. Strong parent satisfaction with their child's afterschool program overall, the quality of care, and program cost are also drivers of Vermont's entry into the top 10. Despite the fact that 95 percent of Vermont parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program and 88 percent of parents support public funding for afterschool programs, unmet demand for afterschool programs in the state is high. One in 3 children not enrolled in an afterschool program would be enrolled if one were available to them.



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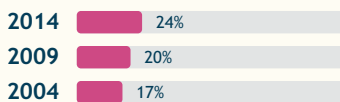
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Children in Afterschool

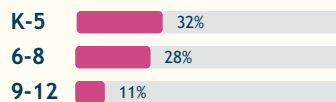
Afterschool program participation in Vermont



21,690 children in 2014

In 2014, 24% of Vermont's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 20% in 2009 and 17% in 2004.

Children in an afterschool program, by grade



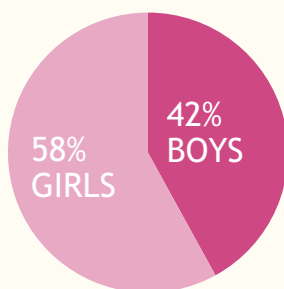
In 2014, 32% of Vermont's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 28% in grades 6-8 and 11% in grades 9-12.

Average time per week children spend in an afterschool program

2014
8 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 66% of Vermont'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 (17%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (33%).

Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014

7 \$

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

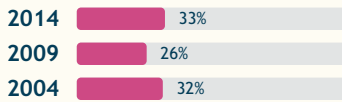
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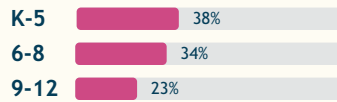
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22,163 children in 2014

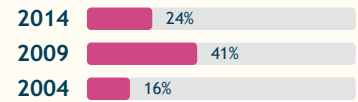
In 2014, 33% of Vermont's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 26% in 2009 and 32% in 2004.

an afterschool program were available, by grade level

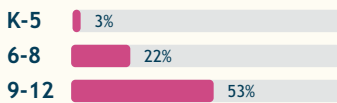


21,690 children in 2014

In 2014, 24% of Vermont'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 Vermont's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 22% in grades 6-8 and 53% in grades 9-12.

What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are Vermont 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

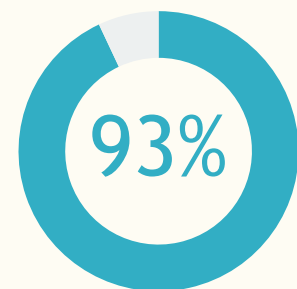


In 2014, 95% of Vermont's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 92% in 2009 and 93% in 2004.

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

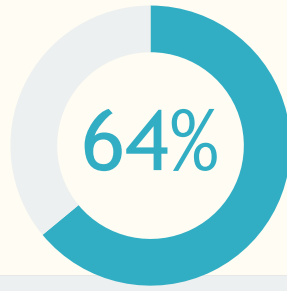
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Opportunities for reading or writing

Parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills

Top 5 factors in parents' selection of an afterschool program

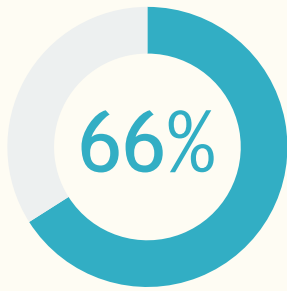
- Quality of care
- Their child enjoys the afterschool

- Beverages, snacks and/or meals
- Music or art
- Homework assistance



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

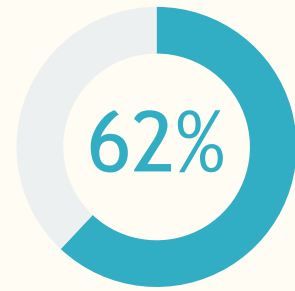
Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



85%

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. City or town (including Parks and Recreation Department)
3. YMCAs

Public Support for Afterschool Programs -

88%

of Vermont parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 9% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

81%

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

79%

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

Footnotes

In Vermont, 205 households and 374 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 Vermont is 89,261, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Vermont After 3PM.



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