



RICA Missouri



After holding steady in 2004 and 2009, the percentage of Missouri children in an afterschool program increased from 12 percent to 14 percent in 2014. Additionally, parent satisfaction with the quality of care of their child's afterschool program increased from 69 percent to 93 percent and satisfaction with the variety of activities increased from 65 percent to 85 percent.





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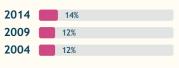
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Children in Afterschool

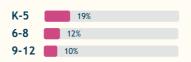
Afterschool program participation in Missouri



137,964 children in 2014

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

Children in an afterschool program, by grade



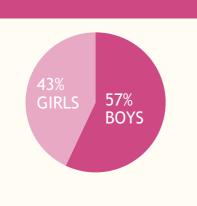
In 2014, 19% of Missouri's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 12% in grades 6-8 and 10% in grades 9-12.

Average time per week children spend in an afterschool program

2014

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 67% of Missouri'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 (13%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (27%).

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.

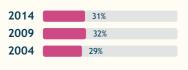
Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand



Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

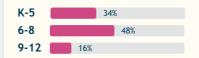
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

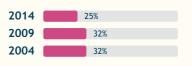
Children unsupervised after school



263,077 children in 2014

In 2014, 31% of Missouri's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 32% in 2009 and 29% in 2004.

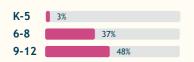




248,530 children in 2014

In 2014, 25% of Missouri'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 Missouri's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 37% in grades 6-8 and 48% in grades 9-12.

What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are Missouri 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

7 HOURS

For the purposes of this study, timing was limited to 15 hours per week, reflecting the hours of 3 to 6 p.m.

Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs 🕒

Parents satisfied with their child's afterschool program



In 2014, 91% of Missouri's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 84% 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

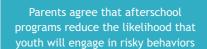
- Opportunities for physical activity
- · Opportunities for reading or writing
- Homework assistance
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals
- STEM learning opportunities

Parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills

Top 5 factors in parents' selection of an afterschool program

- Quality of care
- Is a safe haven
- Their child enjoys the afterschool program
- Location is convenient

Knowledgeable and well-trained staff







of afterschool programs are located in a public school building

Parents agree that afterschool programs excite children about learning



Most common afterschool program

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

Public Support for Afterschool Programs •

82%

of Missouri parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 16% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool. 73%

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

70%

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

Footnotes

In Missouri, 266 households and 1,414 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 Missouri is 978,466, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Missouri After 3PM.



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