



# Arizona



The exceptionally high number of parents who report satisfaction with various aspects of their child's afterschool program drives Arizona's number six ranking in the top 10 states for afterschool. Arizona parents who report they are extremely satisfied with their child's afterschool program overall almost doubled between 2009 and 2014. However, while parent satisfaction with their child's afterschool program has increased, the percentage of Arizona children in an afterschool program has stayed level from 2009 to 2014 and the average number of hours children spend in afterschool programs in Arizona dropped significantly, from more than 11 hours in 2009 to 6.79 hours in 2014.



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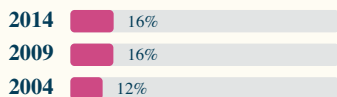
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## Children in Afterschool -

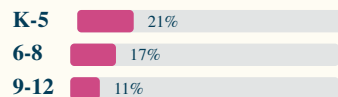
### Afterschool program participation in Arizona



**178,554 children in 2014**

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

### Children in an afterschool program, by grade



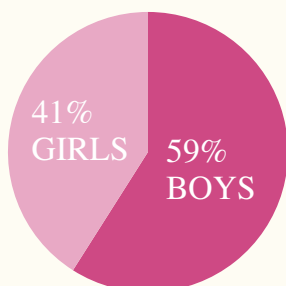
In 2014, 21% of Arizona's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 17% in grades 6-8 and 11% in grades 9-12.

### 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 74% of Arizona'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 (14%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (28%).

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### Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014

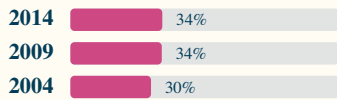
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program.

## Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand -

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

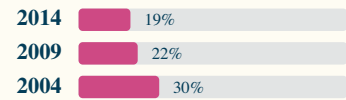
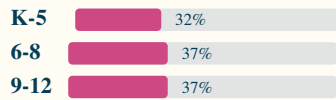
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



**318,223 children in 2014**

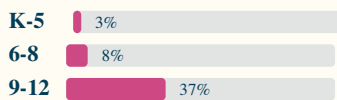
In 2014, 34% of Arizona's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 34% in 2009 and 30% in 2004.



**214,043 children in 2014**

In 2014, 19% of Arizona'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 Arizona's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 8% in grades 6-8 and 37% in grades 9-12.

#### What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are Arizona 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

**6 HOURS**

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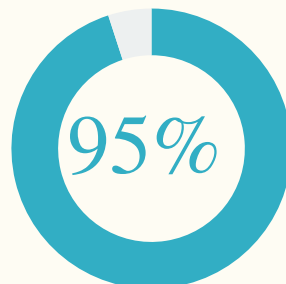
## Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

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

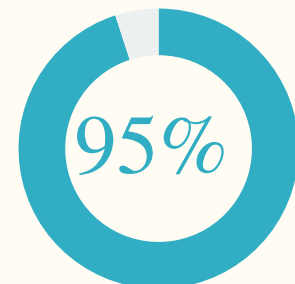


In 2014, 97% of Arizona's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 86% in 2009 and 86% in 2004.

#### 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

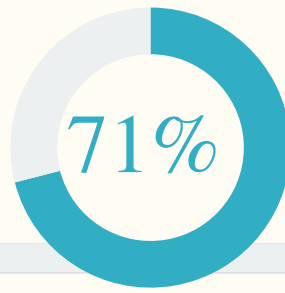
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Homework assistance
- Opportunities for reading or writing

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

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

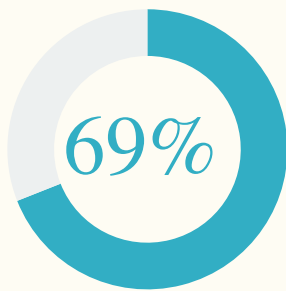
- Their child enjoys the afterschool program
- Quality of care

- Music or art
- Parent/family activities



- Location is convenient
- Opportunities for reading or writing offered
- Is a safe haven

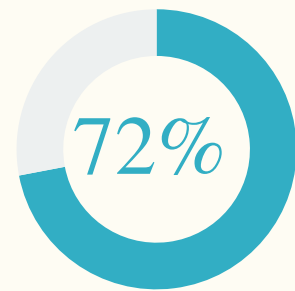
Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



**46%**

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. Private school

## Public Support for Afterschool Programs

**84%**

of Arizona parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 32% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

**72%**

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

**73%**

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

## Footnotes

In Arizona, 261 households and 1,117 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 Arizona is 1,109,029, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Arizona After 3PM.



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