



Delaware



After falling behind the national afterschool program participation average in 2009, Delaware has made up ground and caught up with the national average, with afterschool program participation rates increasing from 14 percent in 2009 to 18 percent in 2014. The state also made significant progress decreasing the percentage of children in self-care from 31 percent in 2009 to 19 percent in 2014. However, there remain 40 percent of Delaware children not in an afterschool program who would be if one were available.



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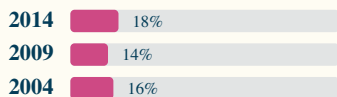
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Children in Afterschool -

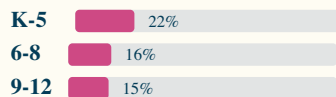
Afterschool program participation in Delaware



26,240 children in 2014

In 2014, 18% of Delaware's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 14% in 2009 and 16% in 2004.

Children in an afterschool program, by grade



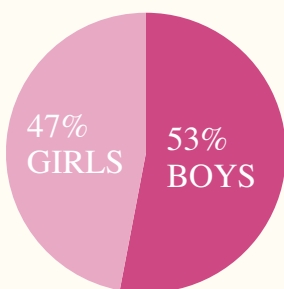
In 2014, 22% of Delaware's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 16% in grades 6-8 and 15% in grades 9-12.

Average time per week children spend in an afterschool program

2014
8 HOURS
4 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 65% of Delaware'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 (13%); sibling care (19%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (34%).

Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014
\$9.8

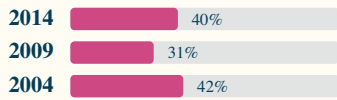
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program.

Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand -

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

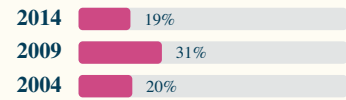
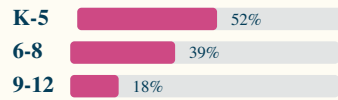
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



48,140 children in 2014

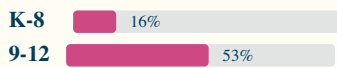
In 2014, 40% of Delaware's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 31% in 2009 and 42% in 2004.



28,292 children in 2014

In 2014, 19% of Delaware's children are alone and unsupervised between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

Children unsupervised after school, by grade



In 2014, 16% of Delaware's children in grades K-8 were unsupervised after school, compared to 53% in grades 9-12.

What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are Delaware 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

9 HOURS

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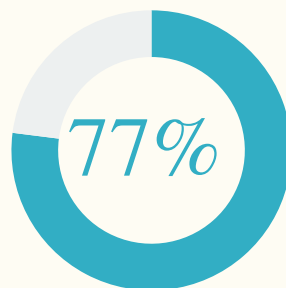
Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

Parents satisfied with their child's afterschool program

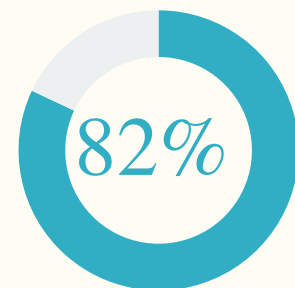


In 2014, 81% of Delaware's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 83% in 2009 and 100% in 2004.

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

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

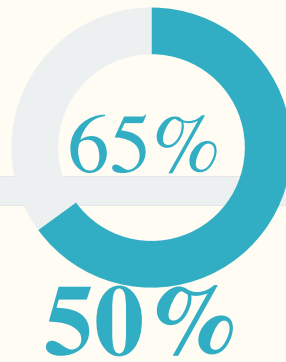
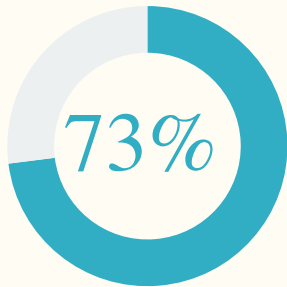
Parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills

Top 5 factors in parents' selection of an afterschool program

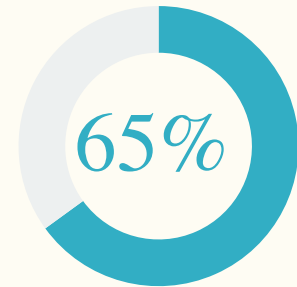
- Is a safe haven
- Their child enjoys the afterschool program
- The hours meet parents' needs
- Quality of care

- Knowledgeable and well-trained staff

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



Parents agree that afterschool programs excite children about learning



50%
of afterschool programs are located in a public school building

Most common afterschool program providers

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

Public Support for Afterschool Programs

84%

of Delaware parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 39% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

71%

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

75%

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

Footnotes

In Delaware, 200 households and 352 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 Delaware is 146,591, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Delaware After 3PM.



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