



# New Mexico



New Mexico's afterschool program participation rate has fluctuated throughout the past 10 years, decreasing from 19 percent in 2004 to 17 percent in 2009 and back up to 21 percent in 2014. While the percentage of children participating in an afterschool program has increased, the average amount of time spent in a program per week has decreased—dropping from 9 hours in 2009 to fewer than 7 in 2014—playing a role in New Mexico's fall out of the top 10 states for afterschool. Satisfaction with afterschool programs overall has remained high in New Mexico; currently 92 percent of parents report that they are satisfied with their child's afterschool program.



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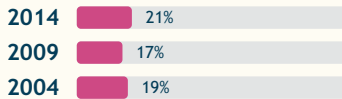
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## Children in Afterschool

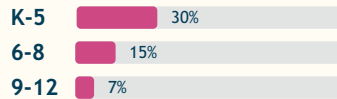
### Afterschool program participation in New Mexico



70,841 children in 2014

In 2014, 21% of New Mexico's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 17% in 2009 and 19% in 2004.

### Children in an afterschool program, by grade



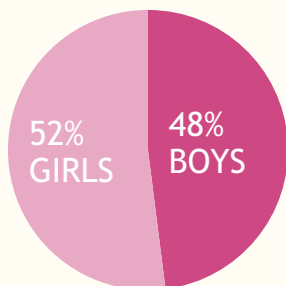
In 2014, 30% of New Mexico's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 15% in grades 6-8 and 7% in grades 9-12.

### 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 78% of New Mexico'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 (4%); sibling care (12%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (27%).

### Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014



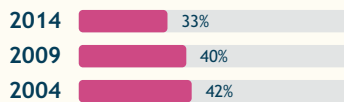
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program.

## Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

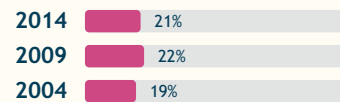
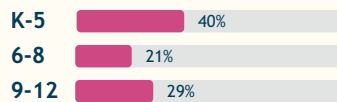
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



90,659 children in 2014

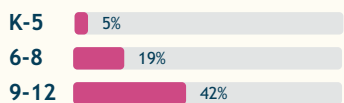
In 2014, 33% of New Mexico's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 40% in 2009 and 42% in 2004.



71,532 children in 2014

In 2014, 21% of New Mexico's children are alone and unsupervised between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

#### Children unsupervised after school, by grade



In 2014, 5% of New Mexico's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 19% in grades 6-8 and 42% in grades 9-12.

#### What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are New Mexico 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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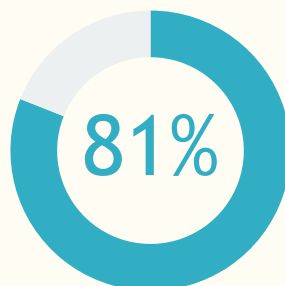
## Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

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

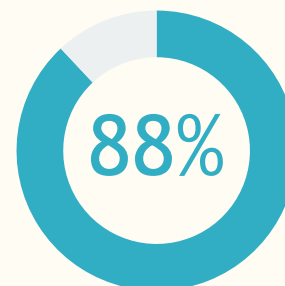


In 2014, 92% of New Mexico's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 90% in 2009 and 89% in 2004.

#### 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

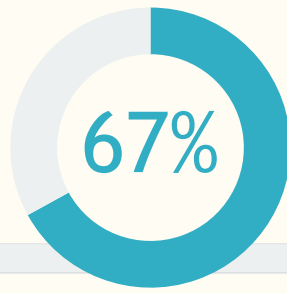
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Homework assistance
- Opportunities for reading or writing

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

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

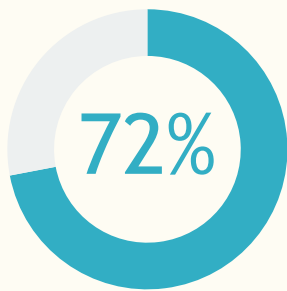
- The hours meet parents' needs
- Location is convenient
- Knowledgeable and well-trained staff

- Beverages, snacks and/or meals
- Academic programs/clubs



- Is a safe haven
- Quality of care

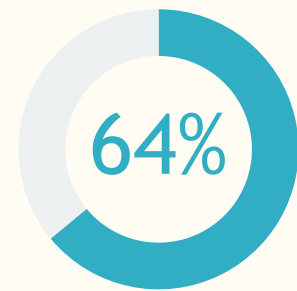
Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



67%

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. YMCAs

## Public Support for Afterschool Programs

91%

of New Mexico parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 2% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

75%

of New Mexico 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 New Mexico, 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 New Mexico is 345,566, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in New Mexico After 3PM.



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