



# Ohio



Afterschool program participation in Ohio has risen from 7 percent in 2004 to 12 percent in 2009 to 15 percent in 2014. Although parent satisfaction with their child's afterschool program dropped slightly from 2009 to 2014, more than 9 in 10 Ohio parents still report that they are satisfied with their child's afterschool program. While the state has seen an increase in afterschool program participation, unmet demand for afterschool programs also continues to grow — increasing from 30 percent in 2009 to more than half of children not in an afterschool program who would be enrolled in a program if one were available to them.



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## Children in Afterschool

### Afterschool program participation in Ohio

2014 15%  
2009 12%  
2004 7%

**284,519 children in 2014**

In 2014, 15% of Ohio's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 12% in 2009 and 7% in 2004.

### Children in an afterschool program, by grade

K-5 18%  
6-8 17%  
9-12 9%

In 2014, 18% of Ohio's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 17% in grades 6-8 and 9% in grades 9-12.

### Average time per week children spend in an afterschool program

2014

**6 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

50% BOYS  
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### Most families piece together a variety of afterschool solutions, with 73% of Ohio'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 (9%); sibling care (18%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (32%).

**80%**

### Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014

**\$8.01**

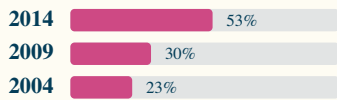
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program.

## Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

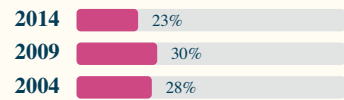
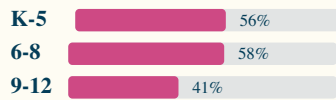
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



**846,248 children in 2014**

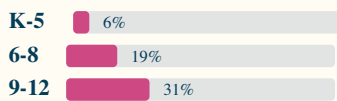
In 2014, 53% of Ohio's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 30% in 2009 and 23% in 2004.



**431,489 children in 2014**

In 2014, 23% of Ohio's children are alone and unsupervised between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

#### Children unsupervised after school, by grade



In 2014, 6% of Ohio's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 19% in grades 6-8 and 31% in grades 9-12.

#### What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are Ohio families facing?

After lack of need, the predominant challenges parents face enrolling their child in an afterschool program include:

- Preference for alternative activities
- Lack of a safe way to get to and come home from afterschool programs

#### Average time per week children spend alone & unsupervised after school

2014

**7 HOURS**

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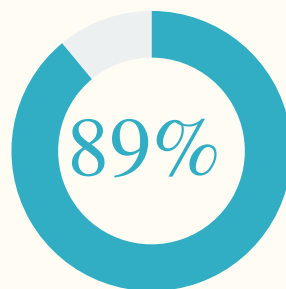
## Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

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

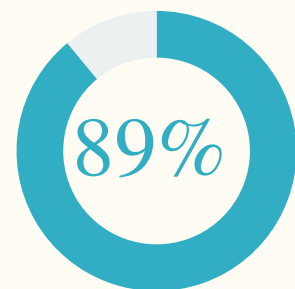


In 2014, 95% of Ohio's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 98% in 2009 and 95% in 2004.

#### 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

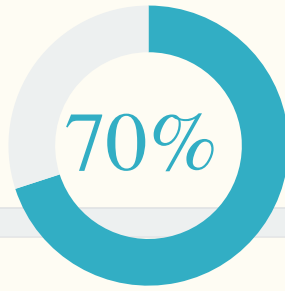
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals
- Homework assistance
- STEM learning opportunities

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

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

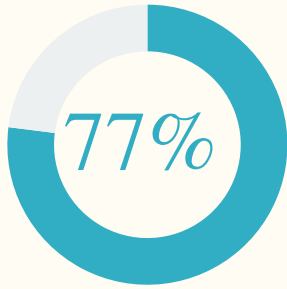
- Knowledgeable and well-trained staff
- Their child enjoys the afterschool program
- Quality of care

- Opportunities for reading or writing



- Is a safe haven
- Location is convenient

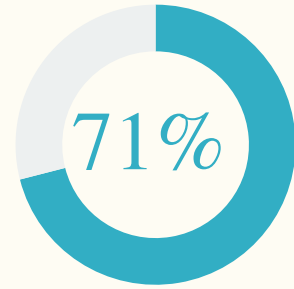
Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



**72%**

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. YMCAs
3. Library

## Public Support for Afterschool Programs

**90%**

of Ohio parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 21% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

**78%**

of Ohio 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 Ohio, 364 households and 2,194 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 Ohio is 1,884,231, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Ohio After 3PM.



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