

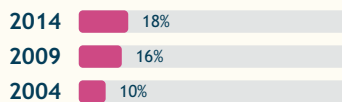


# Illinois

The percentage of Illinois children participating in an afterschool program has steadily increased over the past decade, climbing from 10 percent in 2004 to 16 percent in 2009 to 18 percent in 2014. Illinois afterschool programs are also reaching more high-needs children, with the percentage of children participating in an afterschool program who qualify for the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program growing from 40 percent to 54 percent in 2014, nine percentage points above the national average. Parent satisfaction with their child's afterschool program also saw improvements from previous years. In 2014, 8 in 10 Illinois parents surveyed said that they are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, an increase from 74 percent of parents in 2009.

## Children in Afterschool

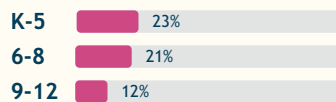
### Afterschool program participation in Illinois



404,791 children in 2014

Participation in afterschool programs has steadily increased over the past decade. In 2014, 10.2 million children are in afterschool programs, up from 8.4 million in 2009 and 6.5 million in 2004.

### Children in an afterschool program, by grade

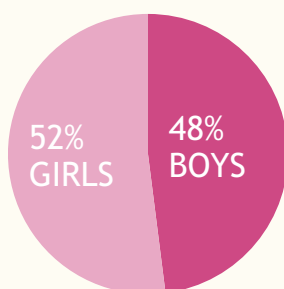


### Average time per week children spend in an afterschool program

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 70% of Illinois'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 (17%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (33%).

### Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014

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The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program. One in 5 parents surveyed report receiving government assistance to pay for their child's afterschool program, at an average of \$113.20 per week.

## Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand

### Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

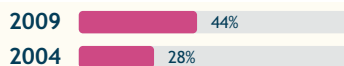


### Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level



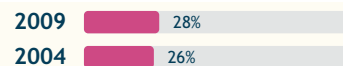
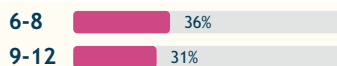
### Children unsupervised after school





741,400 children in 2014

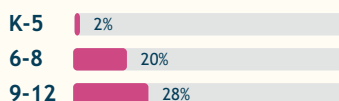
The unmet demand for afterschool — parents who want to enroll their child in a program but say they don't have one available — has increased over the last decade. The parents of a projected 19.4 million children now say they would enroll their child in a program if one were available to



433,390 children in 2014

The number of children alone and unsupervised in the hours after school has decreased, but 1 in 5 children still don't have someone to care for them after school.

#### Children unsupervised after school, by grade



#### What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are Illinois 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 child's enjoyment of programs

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

2014

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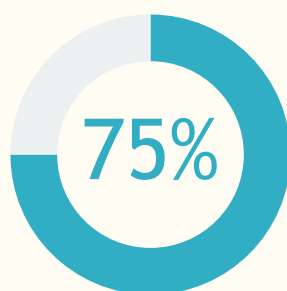
## Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs

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

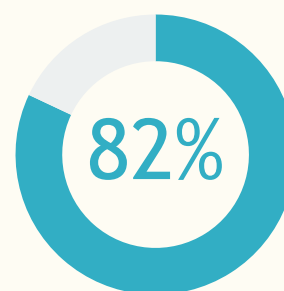


Parents' overall satisfaction with their child's afterschool program has been high over the past decade, where approximately 9 in 10 parents surveyed in 2004, 2009 and 2014 report that they are satisfied.

#### 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



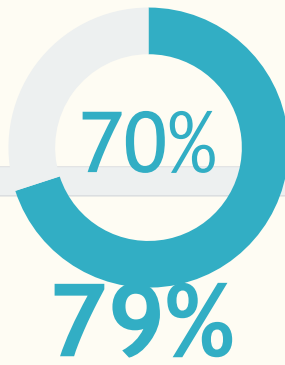
#### Top 5 activities/services offered by afterschool programs

- Opportunities for reading or writing
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals
- Homework assistance
- STEM learning opportunities
- Academic programs/clubs

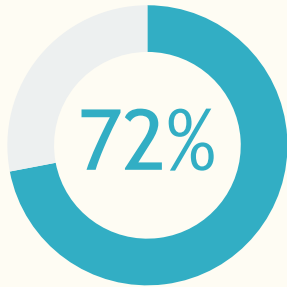
#### Parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills

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

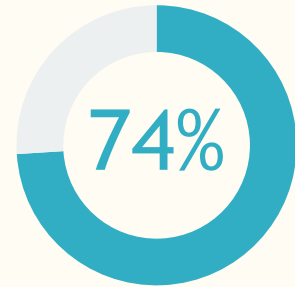
- The hours meet parents' needs
- Knowledgeable and well-trained staff
- Variety of activities
- Homework assistance offered
- Quality of care



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



Parents agree that afterschool programs excite children about learning



#### Most common afterschool program providers

1. Public school
2. Religious organization
3. YMCAs

## Public Support for Afterschool Programs

**84%**

More than 5 in 6 parents report that they favor public funding for afterschool opportunities in communities where children and youth have few opportunities, up slightly from 83 percent in 2009.

In 2014, just 20 percent of parents receive public funding to help pay for an afterschool program.

**79%**

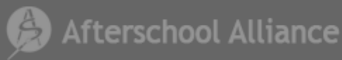
**73%**

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## Healthy Eating and Afterschool Programs

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## Physical Activity and Afterschool Programs



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