



# Kentucky



Kentucky continues to make progress regarding afterschool program participation, increasing from 7 percent in 2004 to 12 percent in 2009 to 15 percent in 2014. Kentucky parent satisfaction with their child's afterschool program's quality of care, variety of activities and cost also saw improvements compared to 2009.



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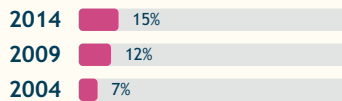
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## Children in Afterschool

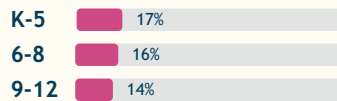
### Afterschool program participation in Kentucky



104,693 children in 2014

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

### Children in an afterschool program, by grade



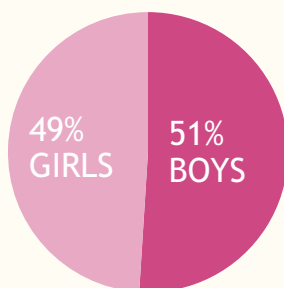
In 2014, 17% of Kentucky's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 16% in grades 6-8 and 14% in grades 9-12.

### 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 72% of Kentucky'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 (16%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (30%).

### Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014  
**39** \$

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

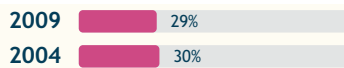


### Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level



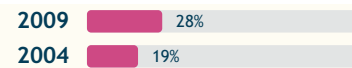
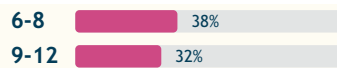
### Children unsupervised after school





265,184 children in 2014

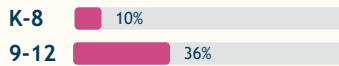
In 2014, 44% of Kentucky's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 29% in 2009 and 30% in 2004.



126,622 children in 2014

In 2014, 18% of Kentucky's children are alone and unsupervised between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

#### Children unsupervised after school, by grade



In 2014, 10% of Kentucky's children in grades K-8 were unsupervised after school, compared to 36% in grades 9-12.

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

**7 HOURS**

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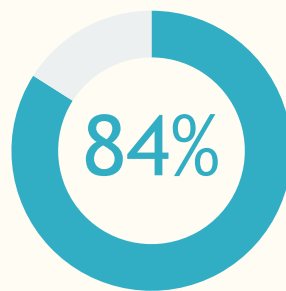
## Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

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

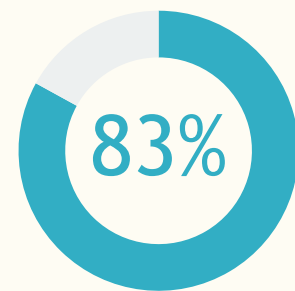


In 2014, 86% of Kentucky's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 90% in 2009 and 98% in 2004.

#### 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

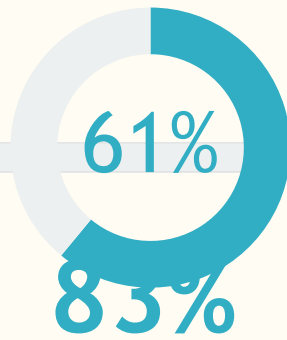
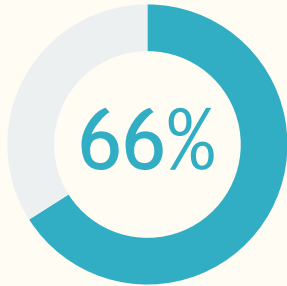
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Homework assistance
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals
- Opportunities for reading or writing
- STEM learning opportunities

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

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

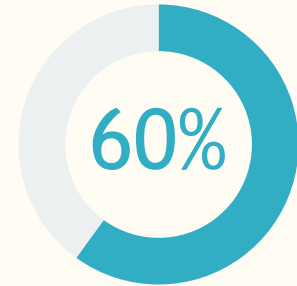
- Quality of care
- Knowledgeable and well-trained staff
- Their child enjoys the afterschool program
- Location is convenient
- Is a safe haven

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



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. Boys & Girls Clubs

## Public Support for Afterschool Programs

87%

of Kentucky parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 17% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

76%

of Kentucky 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.

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## Footnotes

In Kentucky, 219 households and 871 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 Kentucky is 707,384, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Kentucky After 3PM.



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