



# Minnesota



Minnesota's afterschool program participation rate has continued to climb over the past decade, growing from 8 percent in 2004 to 12 percent in 2009 to 15 percent in 2014. Additionally, the percentage of Minnesota children alone and unsupervised after school has decreased over the years, dropping from 35 percent in 2004 to 25 percent in 2014. Although Minnesota's afterschool program participation is below the national average, parents who are able to take advantage of the programs are satisfied. Ninety-four percent of Minnesota parents report that they are satisfied with their child's afterschool program's variety of activities and 92 percent report that they are satisfied with the quality of care—both above the national average.



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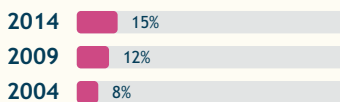
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## Children in Afterschool

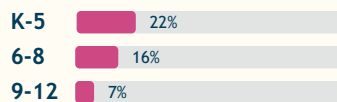
### Afterschool program participation in Minnesota



136,041 children in 2014

In 2014, 15% of Minnesota's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 12% in 2009 and 8% in 2004.

### Children in an afterschool program, by grade



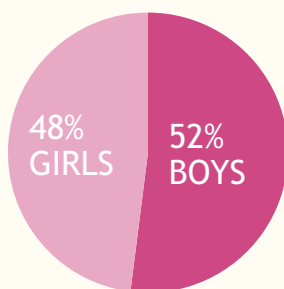
In 2014, 22% of Minnesota's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 17% in grades 6-8 and 7% in grades 9-12.

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

2014  
**7** 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 67% of Minnesota'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 (13%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (21%).

### Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014

**19** \$

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

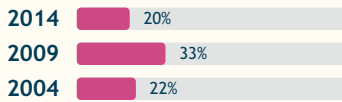
## Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand

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Children unsupervised after school

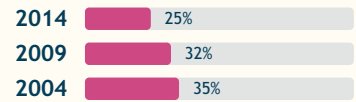
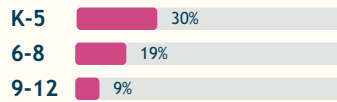
#### an afterschool program were available



149,516 children in 2014

In 2014, 20% of Minnesota's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 33% in 2009 and 22% in 2004.

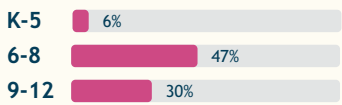
#### an afterschool program were available, by grade level



219,277 children in 2014

In 2014, 25% of Minnesota'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 Minnesota's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 47% in grades 6-8 and 30% in grades 9-12.

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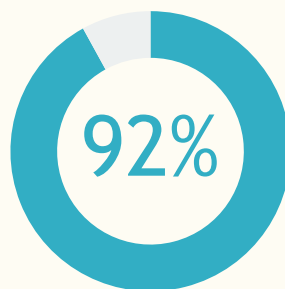
## Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

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

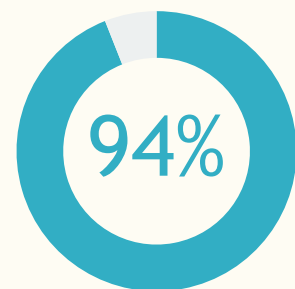


In 2014, 95% of Minnesota's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 94% in 2009 and 75% in 2004.

#### 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

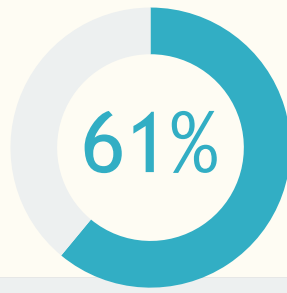
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Opportunities for reading or writing

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

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

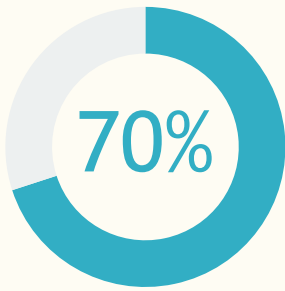
- Knowledgeable and well-trained staff
- Quality of care

- Beverages, snacks and/or meals
- Homework assistance
- STEM learning opportunities



- Is a safe haven
- Variety of activities
- The hours meet parents' needs

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



79%

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

82%

of Minnesota parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 10% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

77%

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

71%

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

## Footnotes

In Minnesota, 253 households and 1,158 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 Minnesota is 895,008, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Minnesota After 3PM.



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