



Rhode Island



Over the past decade, Rhode Island's afterschool program participation rate has been above the national average, and 2014 is no exception. The percentage of children participating in an afterschool program increased from 17 percent in 2009 to 22 percent in 2014. In 2014, Rhode Island also made gains in parent satisfaction with their child's afterschool program from 2009: a higher percentage of Rhode Island parents report satisfaction with their child's afterschool program overall (90 percent vs. 77 percent), the quality of care (86 percent vs. 78 percent), the variety of activities (86 percent vs. 72 percent) and the program cost (90 percent vs. 51 percent).



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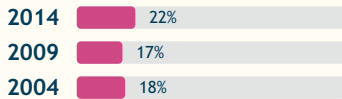
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Children in Afterschool -

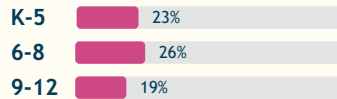
Afterschool program participation in Rhode Island



34,704 children in 2014

In 2014, 22% of Rhode Island's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 17% in 2009 and 18% in 2004.

Children in an afterschool program, by grade



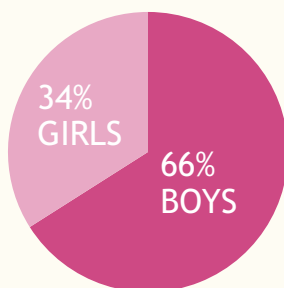
In 2014, 23% of Rhode Island's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 26% in grades 6-8 and 19% in grades 9-12.

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 74% of Rhode Island'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 (20%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (36%).

Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014



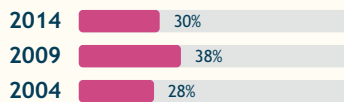
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program.

Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand -

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

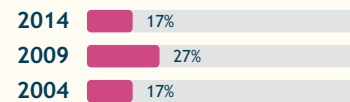
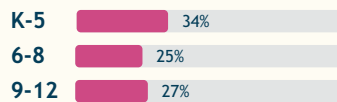
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



37,471 children in 2014

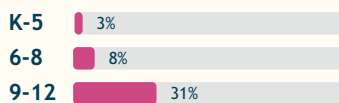
In 2014, 30% of Rhode Island's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 38% in 2009 and 28% in 2004.



27,062 children in 2014

In 2014, 17% of Rhode Island's children are alone and unsupervised between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

Children unsupervised after school, by grade



In 2014, 3% of Rhode Island's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 8% in grades 6-8 and 31% in grades 9-12.

What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are Rhode Island 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
- Lack of child's enjoyment of programs

Average time per week children spend alone & unsupervised after school

2014

7 HOURS

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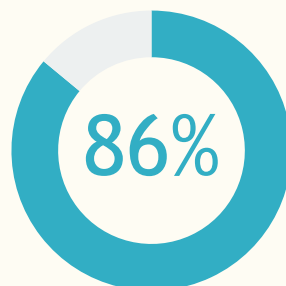
Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

Parents satisfied with their child's afterschool program

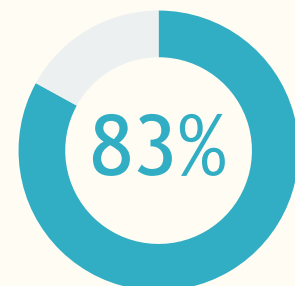


In 2014, 90% of Rhode Island's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 77% in 2009 and 100% in 2004.

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

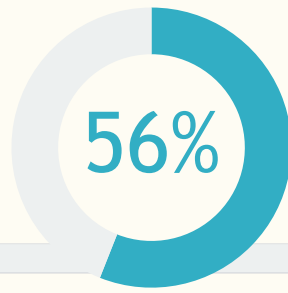
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Homework assistance
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals

Parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills

Top 5 factors in parents' selection of an afterschool program

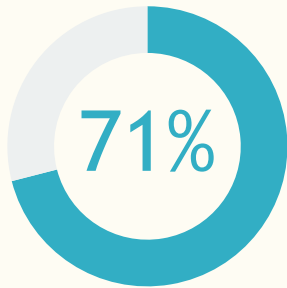
- Their child enjoys the afterschool program
- Is a safe haven

- STEM learning opportunities
- Opportunities for reading or writing



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

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



70%

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. City or town (including Parks and Recreation Department)
3. Library

Public Support for Afterschool Programs -

71%

of Rhode Island parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 25% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

71%

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

69%

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

Footnotes

In Rhode Island, 200 households and 348 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 Rhode Island is 159,191, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Rhode Island After 3PM.



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