



Kansas



Kansas has seen a steady increase in the percentage of children participating in an afterschool program—growing from 9 percent in 2004 to 13 percent in 2009 to 14 percent in 2014. However, Kansas’ afterschool participation rate still falls considerably below the national average. Parent satisfaction with various aspects of their child’s afterschool program saw some improvement from 2009 to 2014, for instance satisfaction with the program’s quality of care and variety of activities, yet parent satisfaction with their child’s afterschool program overall decreased 25 percentage points, falling below the national average. Unmet demand for afterschool programs in Kansas holds steady from 2009 at 31 percent.



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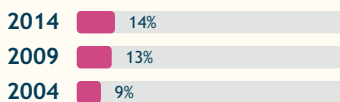
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Children in Afterschool

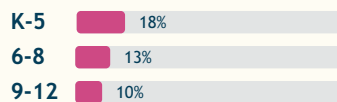
Afterschool program participation in Kansas



70,407 children in 2014

In 2014, 14% of Kansas’s children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 13% in 2009 and 9% in 2004.

Children in an afterschool program, by grade



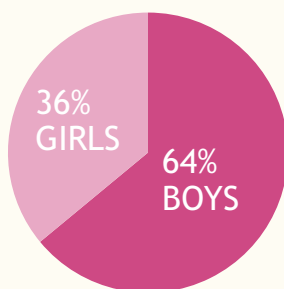
In 2014, 18% of Kansas’s children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 13% in grades 6-8 and 10% in grades 9-12.

Average time per week children spend in an afterschool program

2014
8 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 69% of Kansas’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 (6%); sibling care (10%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (21%).

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.

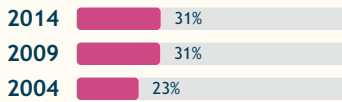
Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand

Children who would participate if

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Children unsupervised after school

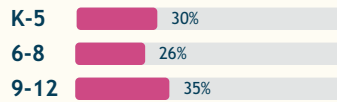
an afterschool program were available



132,731 children in 2014

In 2014, 31% of Kansas's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 31% in 2009 and 23% in 2004.

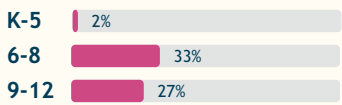
an afterschool program were available, by grade level



91,728 children in 2014

In 2014, 19% of Kansas's children are alone and unsupervised between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

Children unsupervised after school, by grade



In 2014, 2% of Kansas's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 33% in grades 6-8 and 27% in grades 9-12.

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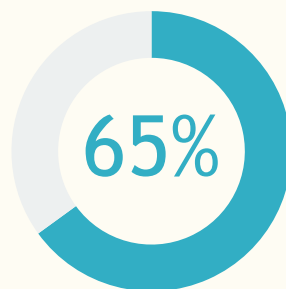
Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

Parents satisfied with their child's afterschool program

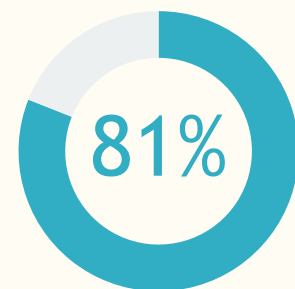


In 2014, 70% of Kansas's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 95% in 2009 and 100% in 2004.

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

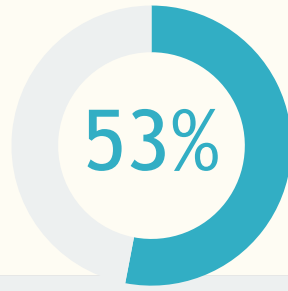
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals

Parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills

Top 5 factors in parents' selection of an afterschool program

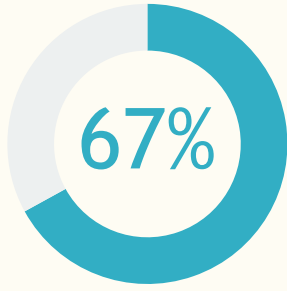
- Is a safe haven
- Quality of care

- Homework assistance
- STEM learning opportunities
- Opportunities for reading or writing



- The hours meet parents' needs
- Location is convenient
- Physical activity opportunities

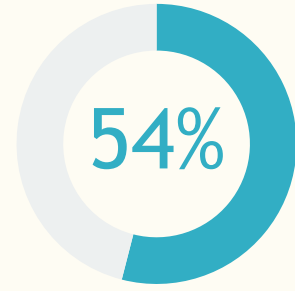
Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



62%

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

75%

of Kansas parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 27% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

65%

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

60%

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

Footnotes

In Kansas, 200 households and 606 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 Kansas is 495,827, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Kansas After 3PM.



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