



# Utah



The percentage of Utah children participating in an afterschool program has doubled over the past decade, growing from 5 percent in 2004 to 10 percent in 2014. However, the percentage of Utah children participating in an afterschool program as well as the amount of time per week Utah children spend in an afterschool program is markedly below the national average. Ninety-two percent of Utah parents who are able to take advantage of afterschool programs are highly satisfied with their child's afterschool program.



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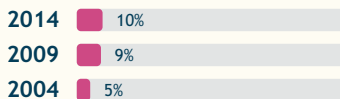
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## Children in Afterschool

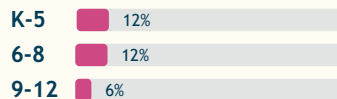
### Afterschool program participation in Utah



57,686 children in 2014

In 2014, 10% of Utah's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 9% in 2009 and 5% in 2004.

### Children in an afterschool program, by grade



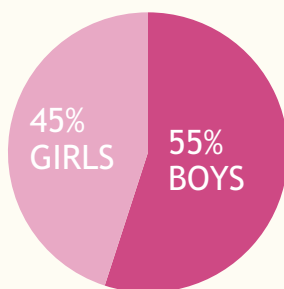
In 2014, 12% of Utah's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 12% in grades 6-8 and 6% in grades 9-12.

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

2014  
**4** 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 76% of Utah'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 (5%); sibling care (19%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (22%).

### Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014

**3** **4** \$

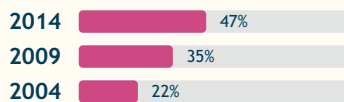
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program.

## Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

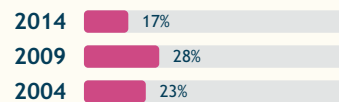
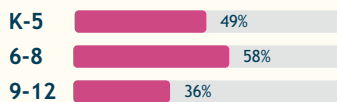
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



257,482 children in 2014

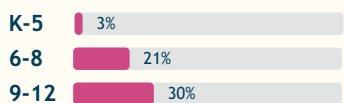
In 2014, 47% of Utah's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 35% in 2009 and 22% in 2004.



99,148 children in 2014

In 2014, 17% of Utah'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 Utah's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 21% in grades 6-8 and 30% in grades 9-12.

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

**6 HOURS**

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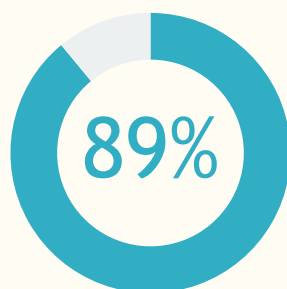
## Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

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

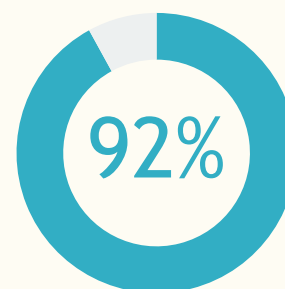


In 2014, 92% of Utah's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 86% in 2009 and 70% in 2004.

#### 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

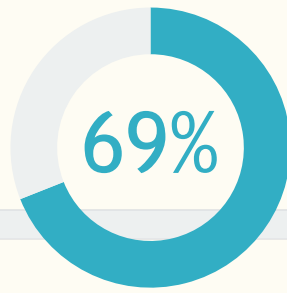
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Music or art
- Opportunities for reading or writing
- STEM learning opportunities

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

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

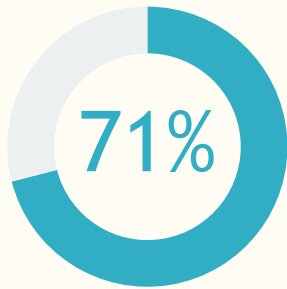
- Knowledgeable and well-trained staff
- Quality of care
- Is a safe haven
- The hours meet parents' needs

- Beverages, snacks and/or meals



- Location is convenient

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



73%

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. Boys & Girls Clubs
3. Library

## Public Support for Afterschool Programs -

81%

of Utah parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 14% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

81%

of Utah 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 Utah, 202 households and 887 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 Utah is 600,898, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Utah After 3PM.



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