



Pennsylvania



After holding steady at 9 percent in 2004 and 2009, the percentage of Pennsylvania children participating in afterschool programs increased to 17 percent in 2014, just below the national average. Additionally, parents satisfied with their child's afterschool program increased from 84 percent in 2009 to 93 percent in 2014. Unmet demand for afterschool programs also continues to climb, increasing from 26 percent in 2004 to 32 percent in 2009 to 50 percent in 2014.



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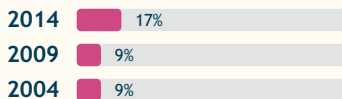
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Children in Afterschool

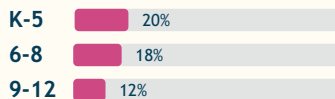
Afterschool program participation in Pennsylvania



321,296 children in 2014

In 2014, 17% of Pennsylvania's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 9% in 2009 and 9% in 2004.

Children in an afterschool program, by grade



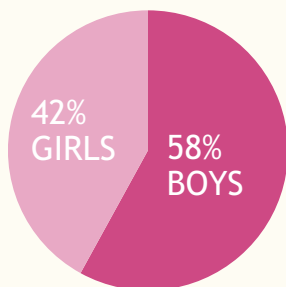
In 2014, 20% of Pennsylvania's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 18% in grades 6-8 and 12% in grades 9-12.

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 70% of Pennsylvania'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 (16%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (32%).

Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014



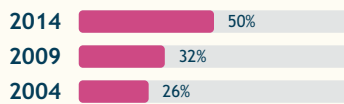
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program.

Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

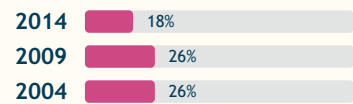
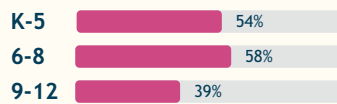
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



811,954 children in 2014

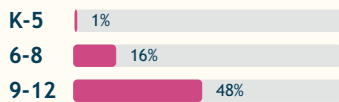
In 2014, 50% of Pennsylvania's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 32% in 2009 and 26% in 2004.



346,458 children in 2014

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

Children unsupervised after school, by grade



In 2014, 1% of Pennsylvania's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 16% in grades 6-8 and 48% in grades 9-12.

What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are Pennsylvania families facing?

After lack of need, the predominant challenges parents face enrolling their child in an afterschool program include:

- Preference for alternative activities
- Lack of a safe way for child to get to and come home from afterschool programs

Average time per week children spend alone & unsupervised after school

2014

9 HOURS

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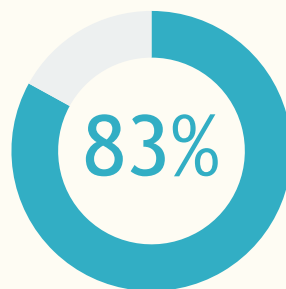
Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

Parents satisfied with their child's afterschool program

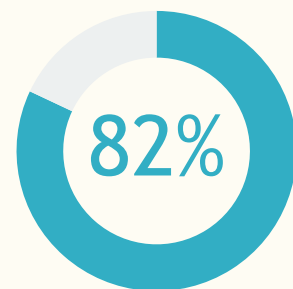


In 2014, 93% of Pennsylvania's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 84% in 2009 and 84% in 2004.

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

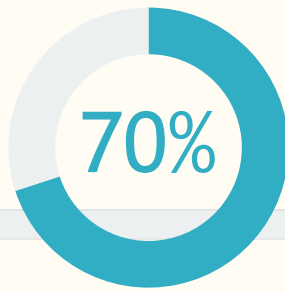
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Homework assistance
- Opportunities for reading and writing
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals

Parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills

Top 5 factors in parents' selection of an afterschool program

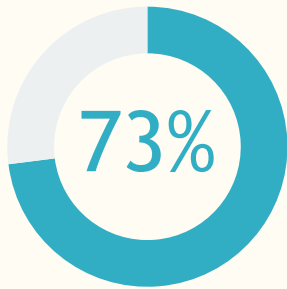
- Is a safe haven
- Quality of care
- Location is convenient
- Knowledgeable and well-trained staff

- STEM learning opportunities



- Their child enjoys the afterschool program

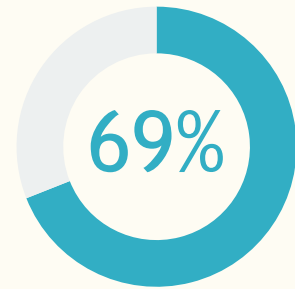
Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



57%

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 -

85%

of Pennsylvania parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 19% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

71%

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

74%

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

Footnotes

In Pennsylvania, 435 households and 2,557 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 Pennsylvania is 1,935,518, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Pennsylvania After 3PM.



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