



Maine



After holding steady at 15 percent in 2004 and 2009, the percentage of Maine children participating in an afterschool program rose to 18 percent in 2014. Additionally, while below the national average in overall parent satisfaction with their child's afterschool program, Maine has made gains in this area, increasing from 84 percent of parents satisfied with their child's afterschool program overall in 2009 to 87 percent in 2014.



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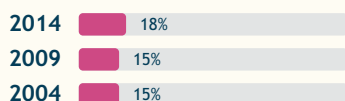
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Children in Afterschool -

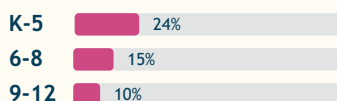
Afterschool program participation in Maine



33,387 children in 2014

In 2014, 18% of Maine's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 15% in 2009 and 15% in 2004.

Children in an afterschool program, by grade



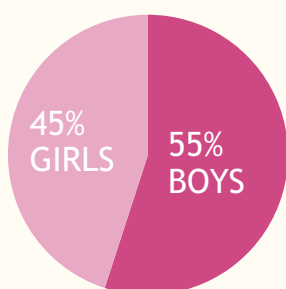
In 2014, 24% of Maine's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 15% in grades 6-8 and 10% in grades 9-12.

Average time per week children spend in an afterschool program

2014
5 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 73% of Maine'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 (18%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (32%).

Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014

55 \$

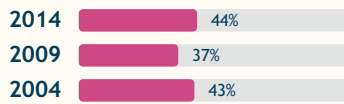
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program.

Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand -

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

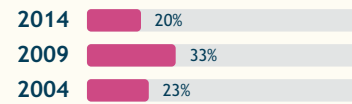
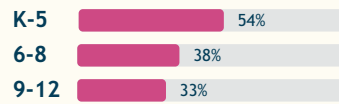
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



68,777 children in 2014

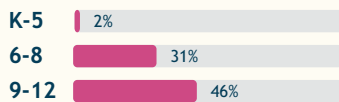
In 2014, 44% of Maine's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 37% in 2009 and 43% in 2004.



38,129 children in 2014

In 2014, 20% of Maine'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 Maine's children in grades K-5 were unsupervised after school, compared to 31% in grades 6-8 and 46% in grades 9-12.

What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are Maine families facing?

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

- The afterschool programs are too expensive
- Preference for alternative activities

Average time per week children spend alone & unsupervised after school

2014

8 HOURS

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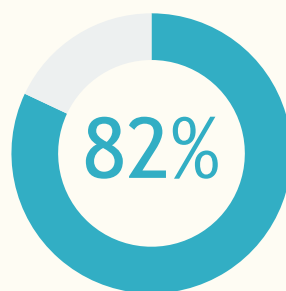
Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

Parents satisfied with their child's afterschool program

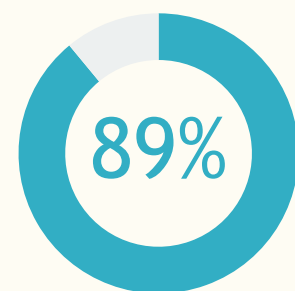


In 2014, 87% of Maine's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 84% in 2009 and 83% in 2004.

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
- Academic programs/clubs
- Workforce skills development, such as teamwork, leadership and critical

Parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills

Top 5 factors in parents' selection of an afterschool program

- Quality of care
- Their child enjoys the afterschool program
- Is a safe haven
- Knowledgeable and well-trained staff

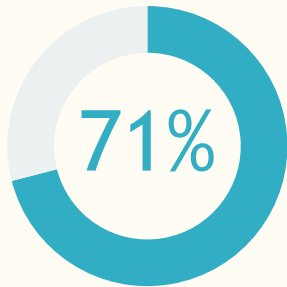
thinking

- Parent/family activities

- Location is convenient

67%

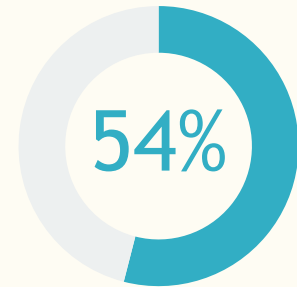
Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



72%

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. Child care center

Public Support for Afterschool Programs

85%

of Maine parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 13% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

74%

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

76%

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

Footnotes

In Maine, 200 households and 438 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 Maine is 189,697, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Maine After 3PM.



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