



# New Hampshire



New Hampshire saw an increase in afterschool program participation, from 16 percent in 2009 to 17 percent in 2014, as well as an increase in the time children spend in an afterschool program, from an average of 5 hours per week in 2009 to 7 hours per week in 2014. The state also continues to make gains in parent satisfaction with afterschool programs, where an overwhelming majority of parents—96 percent—report that they are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, an increase from 77 percent in 2004 and 87 percent in 2009.



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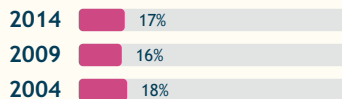
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## Children in Afterschool

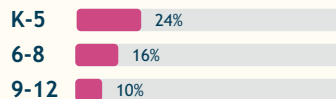
### Afterschool program participation in New Hampshire



35,302 children in 2014

In 2014, 17% of New Hampshire's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 16% in 2009 and 18% in 2004.

### Children in an afterschool program, by grade



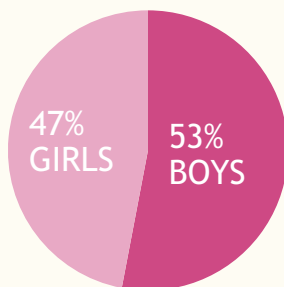
In 2014, 24% of New Hampshire's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 16% in grades 6-8 and 10% in grades 9-12.

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

2014  
**7** 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 67% of New Hampshire'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 (8%); sibling care (12%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (27%).

### Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014

**\$38**

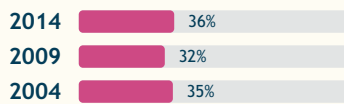
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program.

## Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

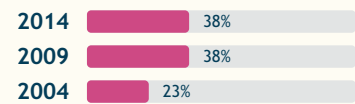
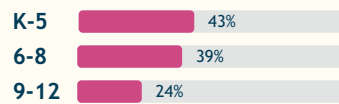
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



60,756 children in 2014

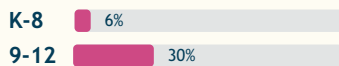
In 2014, 36% of New Hampshire's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 32% in 2009 and 35% in 2004.



46,037 children in 2014

In 2014, 22% of New Hampshire's children are alone and unsupervised between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

#### Children unsupervised after school, by grade



In 2014, 6% of New Hampshire's children in grades K-8 were unsupervised after school, compared to 30% in grades 9-12.

#### What barriers to afterschool program enrollment are New Hampshire 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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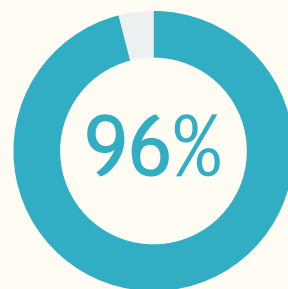
## Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

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

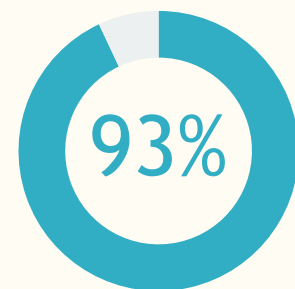


In 2014, 96% of New Hampshire's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 87% in 2009 and 77% in 2004.

#### 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

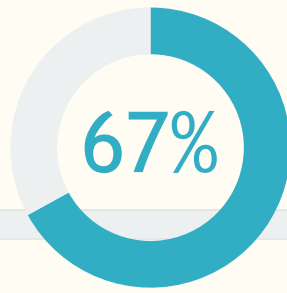
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Music or art
- Homework assistance
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals

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

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

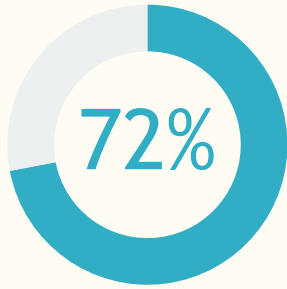
- Is a safe haven
- Their child enjoys the afterschool program
- Quality of care

- Opportunities for reading or writing



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

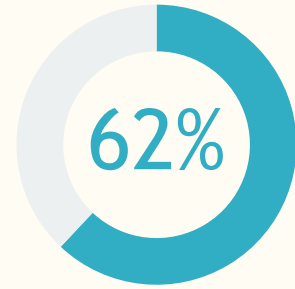
Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



58%

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. Child care center
2. Boys & Girls Clubs
3. Public school

## Public Support for Afterschool Programs -

87%

of New Hampshire parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 36% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

82%

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

84%

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

## Footnotes

In New Hampshire, 200 households and 426 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 New Hampshire is 206,445, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in New Hampshire After 3PM.



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