



# Michigan



Although Michigan's afterschool program participation has increased over the past 10 years, the state continues to fall further behind the national average. In 2004 and 2009, Michigan was three percentage points behind the national average; in 2014, with afterschool program participation at 13 percent, it falls 5 percentage points behind the national average. Meanwhile, unmet demand for afterschool programs in Michigan continues to rise, increasing from 27 percent in 2004 to 35 percent in 2009 to 44 percent in 2014.



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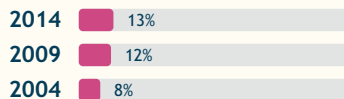
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## Children in Afterschool -

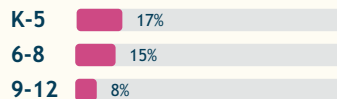
### Afterschool program participation in Michigan



210,386 children in 2014

In 2014, 13% of Michigan's children participate in an afterschool program, compared to 12% in 2009 and 8% in 2004.

### Children in an afterschool program, by grade



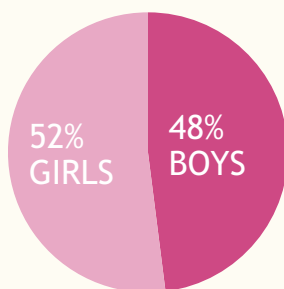
In 2014, 17% of Michigan's children in grades K-5 participate in an afterschool program, compared to 15% in grades 6-8 and 8% in grades 9-12.

### 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 69% of Michigan'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 (16%); and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (25%).

### Average weekly cost of afterschool programs

2014

**0.01** \$

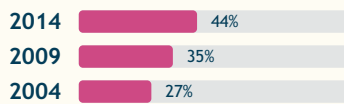
The average weekly cost only includes parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program.

## Children Unsupervised After School & Unmet Demand -

Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available

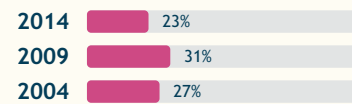
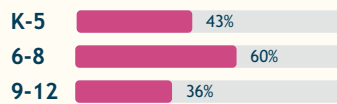
Children who would participate if an afterschool program were available, by grade level

Children unsupervised after school



625,026 children in 2014

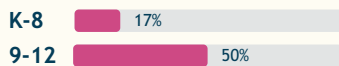
In 2014, 44% of Michigan's children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available, compared to 35% in 2009 and 27% in 2004.



373,476 children in 2014

In 2014, 23% of Michigan's children are alone and unsupervised between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

#### Children unsupervised after school, by grade



In 2014, 17% of Michigan's children in grades K-8 were unsupervised after school, compared to 50% in grades 9-12.

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

**7 HOURS**

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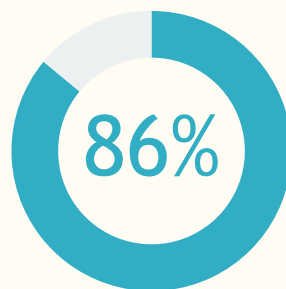
## Parent Satisfaction with Afterschool Programs -

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

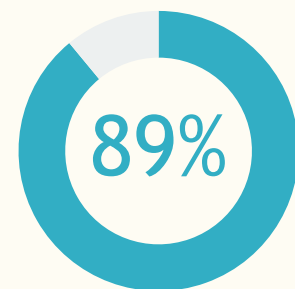


In 2014, 88% of Michigan's parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program, compared to 97% in 2009 and 91% in 2004.

#### 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

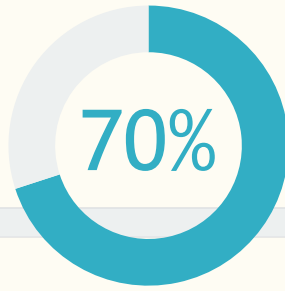
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Homework assistance
- Opportunities for reading or writing
- Beverages, snacks and/or meals

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

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

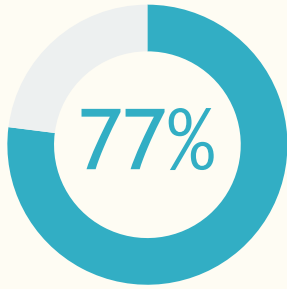
- Is a safe haven
- Location is convenient
- Their child enjoys the afterschool program

- STEM learning opportunities



- Knowledgeable and well-trained staff
- Quality of care

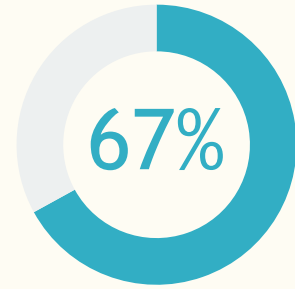
Parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors



81%

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. City or town (including Parks and Recreation Department)

## Public Support for Afterschool Programs -

89%

of Michigan parents support public funding for afterschool programs, while just 18% report receiving government assistance with the cost of afterschool.

74%

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

66%

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

## Footnotes

In Michigan, 360 households and 2,469 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 Michigan is 1,630,900, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Michigan After 3PM.



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