



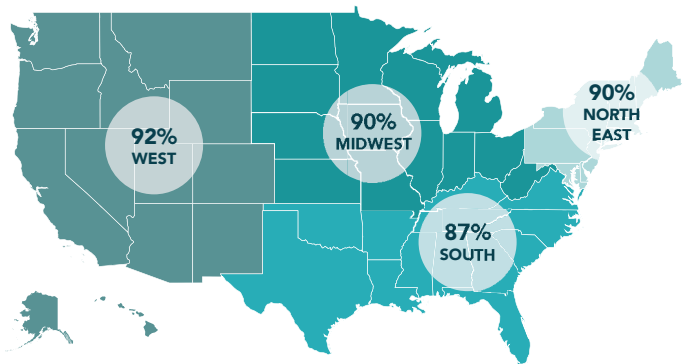
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# America for Afterschool


An overwhelming majority of adults recognize the benefits of afterschool and summer learning programs according to a new national public opinion survey. It finds that the public values these programs more than ever and wants elected officials to invest in afterschool and summer learning.<sup>1</sup>


## The public values afterschool


**89%** of adults overall agree that afterschool programs are important to their community.



**88%** of adults agree that school-aged children should have opportunities outside of the school day to:

 Explore topics that interest them

 Try out new things

 Gain skills like communication and teamwork

## There is widespread support for public investment in afterschool

**2 in 3** adults want public funding for afterschool programs, with strong majority support across races and ethnicities.

74% of Hispanic adults



72% of African-American adults

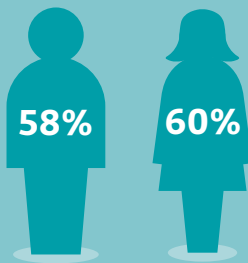


63% of white adults



Among adults who support funding for afterschool programs, nearly **2 in 3** agree (65%) that public funding for afterschool and summer learning programs should be increased even if it means they would pay more in taxes.

Men and women say they are more likely to vote for an elected official who supported public funding for afterschool and summer learning programs.



**2 in 3** parents (67%) say the same.

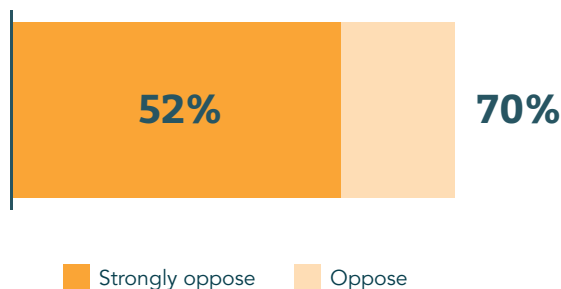
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## The public is opposed, with a majority strongly opposed, to eliminating federal funds for afterschool programs.

70% of adults oppose eliminating federal funding for afterschool programs. 52% strongly oppose it.



### Opposition to eliminating federal funds for afterschool programs cuts across party lines.

79% of Democrats are opposed to the elimination of federal funds for afterschool programs



62% of Republicans are opposed to the elimination of federal funds for afterschool programs



### Support for afterschool and summer programs continues to grow.

The percentage of individuals who strongly agree that afterschool programs are “an absolute necessity” for their community has risen over the last decade.<sup>2</sup>

2003



2006



2008



2018



**Pamela Shope**

Mother of two boys who attend afterschool programs in West Virginia

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“I wouldn’t be able to work without the afterschool programs. To have the peace of mind to know that they are getting picked up from school, they are getting fed a nutritious meal, they get homework help, and then they get to have fun. So, for me, it’s a win-win because I know they’re in a good place, and I can keep working without that guilt that I think every mother has that’s at work. Not having these programs would be devastating to our community. These programs are necessary not only for my kids, [but] for our whole community, and we must have this funding.”

#### Endnotes:

<sup>1</sup> All data, unless otherwise noted, are based on a Lake Research Partners and the Tarrance Group designed survey conducted online in Ipsos’s Omnibus using the web-enabled “KnowledgePanel.” The survey was conducted between September 7-9, reaching 1,001 adults nationwide and has a margin of error of +/- 3%. Find more information, including the survey questionnaire topline, at: <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/research.cfm>.

<sup>2</sup> Surveys conducted by Lake Research Partners, with bipartisan analysis by Lake Research Partners and The Tarrance Groups between 2003 and 2018.



The Afterschool Alliance is working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. Learn more at: [www.afterschoolalliance.org](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org)