

Afterschool in America

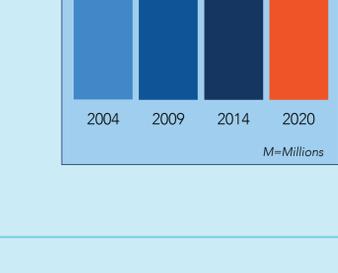
Access to Enrichment Isn't Equal

Children who participate in afterschool programs do better in school, are more engaged in learning, and build critical life and work skills. But barriers to participating in afterschool programs have grown, and disproportionately affect youth in low-income families, especially low-income families of color.

Inequities in accessing afterschool programs

Unmet demand for afterschool programs is high

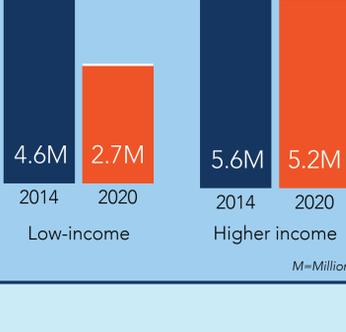
For every child in a program, **three are waiting to get in**



For the first time in more than a decade, the **number of kids in afterschool programs decreased**

Inequities are prominent

The number of **children from low-income households participating in afterschool fell by nearly 2 million children**. The number of children from higher income households decreased by a fraction of that amount



Higher income families are spending more on out-of-school time activities



Families in the highest income bracket spend **more than five times** as much on out-of-school time activities annually compared to families in the lowest income bracket

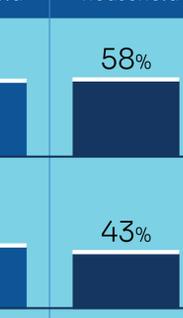
9 in 10 parents in the highest income bracket (89%) report that their child participates in at least one out-of-school time experience, **compared to 6 in 10 parents in the lowest income bracket**



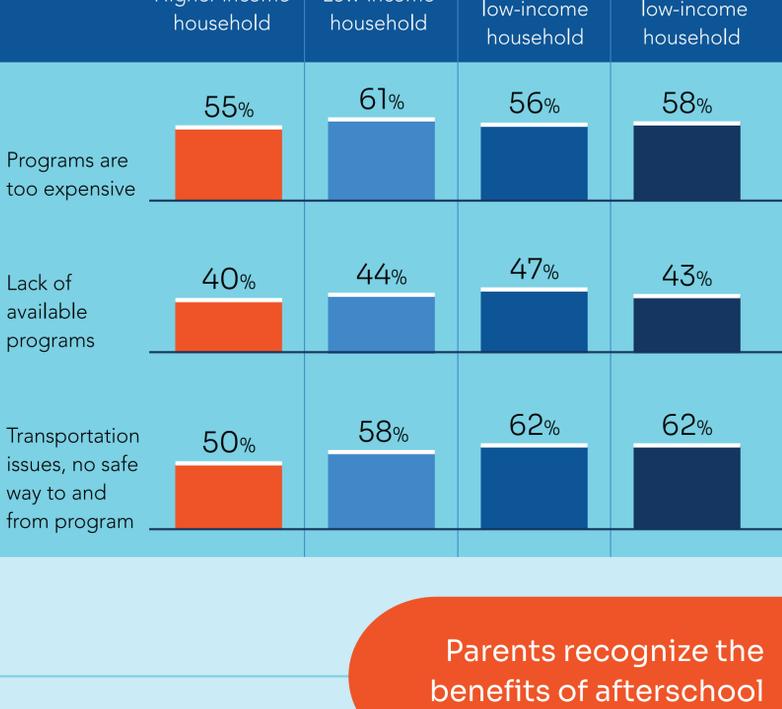
Barriers to participation

Barriers to participation have increased since 2014, with cost, transportation, and access topping the list of roadblocks

Cost is the number one barrier to afterschool participation reported by low-income families

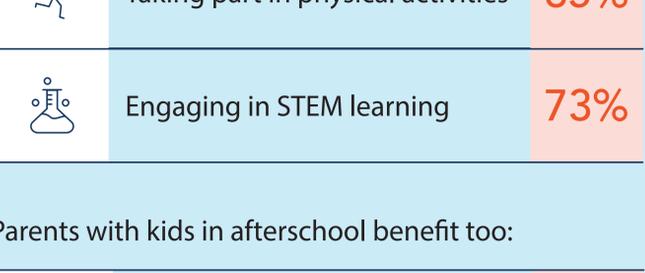


Across the board, barriers are higher for low-income families

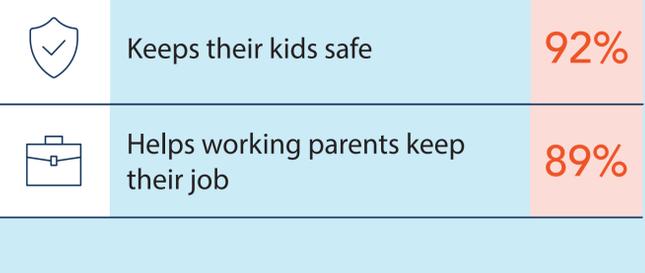


Parents recognize the benefits of afterschool

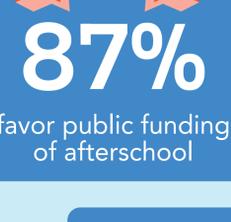
Kids in afterschool enjoy a wide range of benefits:



Parents with kids in afterschool benefit too:



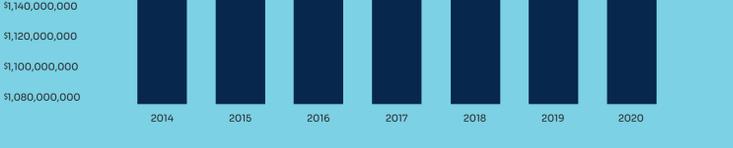
Parents are satisfied with programs and want greater investments



It's a critical time to invest in afterschool

Cost is a major driver behind the decline in participation among low-income families, and points to a lack of available affordable programs nationwide. The decline comes as public investments in afterschool programs have largely stalled and not kept up with growing demand.

21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Funding History



Adjusted for inflation, funding for 21st CCLC, the only federal funding stream dedicated exclusively to afterschool, before-school, and summer learning programs, **in 2020 is \$10 million below the 2014 level**. A multi-faceted approach, with investments at the local, state, and federal levels of government, is needed to increase quality, affordable afterschool opportunities.

Afterschool is a smart investment in our children's future. Too many kids are missing out. Help us change that.