



TOPLINE DATA
PARTICIPANTS and NON-PARTICIPANTS COMBINED

1. Shown below are different types of care a parent or guardian might use to care for children after the school day. During a typical week of the 2008-2009 school year, please indicate which of the following caregivers you used and how many of your children were regularly cared for by each type of caregiver in the hours after school. Please just write in the number of children cared for by each type of caregiver in the hours after school (3-6 p.m.).

Parent or guardian	70%
Sibling (brother/sister)	14%
Another adult relative (such as a grandparent, aunt or uncle).....	24%
Another adult (<u>not</u> a relative, such as a neighbor or paid sitter)	10%
Childcare facility or family childcare center	10%
Looking after him/herself (self-care).....	26%
Afterschool program	15%

Sample population base: 29,754

2. Does your child(ren) qualify for free or reduced price lunch at school?

Yes.....	39%
No	51%
Not Sure.....	9%

Sample population base: 28,162

3. During the 2008 summer, did your child(ren) participate in a summer learning program that is a safe, structured program that provided a variety of activities designed to encourage learning and development during the summer months?

Yes.....	25%
No, but I have an interest in	42%
No, and I do not see the need	33%

Sample population base: 28,336

4. Do you agree or disagree that there should be some type of organized activity or place for children and teens to go after school every day that provides opportunities for them to learn?

Completely agree.....	63%
Somewhat agree.....	27%
Neither agree nor disagree.....	8%
Somewhat disagree	1%
Completely disagree	1%

Sample population base: 28,434

- 5a. Do you favor or oppose public funding for programs that provide afterschool opportunities to students in communities that have few opportunities for children and youth?
- 5b. Do you favor or oppose public funding for programs that provide summer learning opportunities to students in communities that have few opportunities for children and youth?

	5a	5b
	<u>ASP</u>	<u>Summer</u>
Favor	83%	83%
Do you <u>favor strongly</u>	66%	66%
<u>Favor NOT so strongly</u>	14%	14%
No answer	3%	3%
Oppose	6%	6%
Do you <u>oppose strongly</u>	3%	3%
<u>Oppose NOT so strongly</u>	3%	3%
Don't know.....	11%	11%
Sample population base:	27,695	27,654

- 6. Please think about the total amount of time your child(ren) spends cared for by someone other than you in the hours after school. Compared to a year ago, how would you compare the total amount of time your child(ren) spends being cared for by someone else, in the hours after school? For each child, please indicate whether you think he/she is spending more time, less time or the same amount of time being cared for by someone else in the hours after school this year?

More time in after school care	11%
The same amount of time.....	58%
Less time in after school care.....	31%

Sample population base: 18,324

(PLEASE ANSWER Q 1c FOR ALL CHILDREN WHO ARE SPENDING LESS TIME IN CARE. CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.)

- 7. For each child that is spending less time in the care of someone else during the after school hours, please indicate which reasons shown below, if any, are reasons why your child is spending less time in the care of someone else during the after school hours this year.

School/District has lengthened the school day	7%
School/District has changed to 4-day school week	1%
My employer has allowed me to work from home.....	9%
My employer has gone to a 4 day work week.....	5%
I am no longer working outside of my home	49%
After school care is no longer available.....	15%
After school care is no longer affordable.....	24%

Sample population base: 3,175

MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE PARTICIPANTS ONLY

Note: For the purposes of this survey, an afterschool program is defined as a program that a child regularly attends that provides a supervised enriching environment in the hours after the school day ends. These programs are usually offered in schools or centers and are different from individual activities, such as sports, special lessons, or hobby clubs.

1. Sometimes it is difficult to make arrangements to look after children all the time. During a typical week of the 2008-2009 school year, how many hours did each of your children spend looking after him/herself? Please respond only for after school hours (3-6 p.m., maximum of 15 hours per week)

Up to 5 hours per week.....	45%
6 – 10 hours per week	25%
11 – 15 hours per week	30%
More than 15 hours per week	0%
Mean.....	8.1
Median	6

Sample population base: 972

2. During a typical week of the 2008-2009 school year, how many hours did each of your children spend in the care of a sibling under the age of 13? Please respond only for after school hours (3-6 p.m., maximum of 15 hours per week)

Up to 5 hours per week.....	67%
6 – 10 hours per week	20%
11 – 15 hours per week	13%
More than 15 hours per week	0%
Mean.....	5.6
Median	5

Sample population base: 417

3. Overall, how satisfied were you with the after school care arrangements for each of your children during the 2008-2009 school year?

Extremely satisfied.....	49%
Somewhat satisfied.....	30%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied.....	13%
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	7%
Extremely dissatisfied.....	2%
Top 2 combined	79%

Sample population base: 4,428

- 7a. There are many reasons why parents select afterschool programs for children. Reviewing the list below, please indicate which of the reasons played a role in selecting your children's afterschool program(s).
- 7b. Of the reasons selected, what do you consider the most important, 2nd most important, and 3rd most important benefits that played a role in selecting your children's afterschool programs?

	7a	7b
	<u>Reasons</u>	<u>Most Important</u>
My child enjoys the program.....	70%	28%
Location is convenient.....	67%	10%
I can afford the cost	65%	12%
Provides a safe haven.....	54%	9%
Quality of care	51%	11%
Provides a variety of activities	50%	4%
Quality of facilities.....	49%	4%
Quality of academic programs.....	36%	3%
Provides a nurturing environment.....	36%	3%
Provides music, art, and culture	33%	3%
Provides tutoring.....	30%	2%
Quality of athletic programs	24%	1%
Provides mentors and role models	24%	3%
Transportation is provided.....	22%	2%
All my children can attend same program.....	21%	2%
Provides access to technology	20%	0%
No other programs are available	14%	3%
Religious affiliation of program.....	11%	1%
Sample population base:	2,006	1,829

- 8a. How many days per week did each of your children attend an afterschool program in the 2008-2009 school year?
- 8b. How many hours per day did each of your children attend an afterschool program in the 2008-2009 school year?

Up to 5 hours per week.....	44%
6 – 10 hours per week.....	26%
11 – 15 hours per week.....	18%
More than 15 hours per week.....	12%
Average hours per week.....	8.1
Average days per week.....	2.9

Sample population base: 4,427

9. On average, how much did your family spend on childcare per child, per week during the 2008-2009 school year?

Up to \$20 per week.....	21%
\$21 - \$40 per week	20%
\$41 - \$60 per week	20%
\$61 - \$80 per week	12%
\$81 - \$100 per week	10%
More than \$100 per week.....	17%
Average per week (excluding 0)	\$69.76

Sample population base: 3,077

10. Of your total childcare expenditures, how much did your family spend on afterschool program weekly tuition/fees during the 2008-2009 school year?

Up to \$20 per week.....	26%
\$21 - \$40 per week	23%
\$41 - \$60 per week	19%
\$61 - \$80 per week	9%
\$81 - \$100 per week	9%
More than \$100 per week.....	14%
Average per week (excluding 0)	\$67.35

Sample population base: 2,389

11. How much did your family spend on afterschool program annual enrollment fees during the 2008-2009 school year?

Up to \$20 per week.....	23%
\$21 - \$40 per week	23%
\$41 - \$60 per week	12%
\$61 - \$80 per week	6%
\$81 - \$100 per week	8%
More than \$100 per week.....	28%
Average per week (excluding 0)	\$155.39

Sample population base: 2,153

12. For each of your children who attended an afterschool program in the 2008-2009 school year, please indicate if you received any governmental assistance with the cost of these afterschool programs (such as reduced cost or sliding scale cost)?

Received government assistance.....	15%
Did not receive government assistance	85%
Up to \$25 per week.....	20%
\$25 - \$49 per week	30%
\$50 - \$75 per week	28%
\$76 - \$99 per week	3%
\$100 - \$199 per week	15%
\$200 or more per week	5%
Average per week (excluding 0)	\$64.25

Sample population base: 333

13. What is the maximum amount you are willing/able to pay for an afterschool program, not including any assistance you may get?

Up to \$20 per week.....	22%
\$21 - \$40 per week	21%
\$41 - \$60 per week	24%
\$61 - \$80 per week	8%
\$81 - \$100 per week	12%
More than \$100 per week.....	12%
Average per week (excluding 0)	\$64.42

Sample population base: 3,844

14. During the 2008-2009 school year, where were each of your children's afterschool programs located?

Public school	57%
YMCA.....	17%
Private school.....	16%
Religious center	14%
Recreation/Community center.....	13%
Boys & Girls Club	11%
Library.....	7%
Private home	5%
YWCA.....	3%
Other	5%

Sample population base: 2,244

15. Overall, how satisfied were you with the afterschool program(s) each of your children attended in the 2008-2009 school year?

Satisfied Overall	89%
Extremely satisfied	51%
Somewhat satisfied	38%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	7%
Dissatisfied Overall.....	5%
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	4%
Extremely dissatisfied.....	1%

Sample population base: 2,244

16. Overall, how satisfied were you with each of the following aspects of your children's afterschool program(s)?

	<u>Top 2 Box</u>	<u>Mean</u>
Providing a safe environment	85%	4.4
Offering a convenient location	82%	4.4
Number of days per week your child can attend.....	80%	4.2
Providing quality care.....	79%	4.2
Providing a nurturing environment.....	78%	4.2
Hours open each day	77%	4.1
Providing opportunities for physical activity	77%	4.2
Providing knowledgeable and caring staff	76%	4.1
Providing a variety of activities	74%	4.1
Providing quality academic programs.....	68%	3.9
Providing homework assistance	64%	3.9
How much money the program costs.....	63%	3.8
Providing access to role models and mentors.....	63%	3.8
Providing tutoring.....	57%	3.7
Promoting workforce skills, such as team work and critical thinking ...	57%	3.7
Providing music, art, and culture	56%	3.6
Providing access to technology	55%	3.6
Providing opportunities for community service.....	49%	3.6
Providing adequate transportation	44%	3.5

17. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding afterschool programs (ASP)?

	Top 2 Box	Mean
Afterschool programs help my children develop social skills	81%	4.2
Afterschool programs in my area keep kids safe.....	77%	4.1
ASP offer my children opportunities to be physically active.....	76%	4.1
ASP for elementary age students are available in my area.....	76%	4.0
The hours of operation adequately meet my needs	71%	3.9
Afterschool programs help kids succeed in school	71%	4.0
ASP help prevent children from committing / becoming victims of crime	68%	4.0
Afterschool programs help prevent my children from using drugs.	68%	4.0
ASP provides access to caring adults and mentors.....	67%	3.9
Afterschool programs in my area provide a high quality of care	66%	3.9
My children have a positive opinion of the ASP in our area	66%	3.9
ASP help my children complete homework	63%	3.8
Afterschool programs are readily accessible to me	62%	3.7
The afterschool programs in my area are affordable	61%	3.7
ASP for middle school age students are available in my area	57%	3.6
ASP help prevent my children from engaging in sexual activity.	56%	3.8
ASP provide healthy snacks and/or meals for my children	56%	3.6
Afterschool programs help my children get better grades.....	54%	3.6
ASP provide opportunities for community service & service learning.....	54%	3.6
Afterschool programs offer my children access to technology	52%	3.5
Afterschool programs address the special needs of my children.....	50%	3.6
Although my children attend programs, I prefer other types of after school care for my children for part of the week.....	44%	3.3
I am aware of free afterschool programs in my area	42%	3.0
ASP for high school age students are available in my area	38%	3.2
ASP help my children prepare for standardized tests	38%	3.2

18. Thinking about children and the hours after school, would you say that afterschool programs are an absolute necessity for your community?

Agree	88%
Disagree.....	5%
Don't Know.....	6%

Sample population base: 2,007

19. Finally, please indicate below how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding the current economic conditions?

	Top 2 Box
Economy impacts HOW I care for children after school	55%
Economy impacts how I PAY FOR after school care	58%

Sample population base: 2,007

MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE NON - PARTICIPANTS ONLY

1. Sometimes it is difficult to make arrangements to look after children all the time. During a typical week of the 2008-2009 school year, how many hours did each of your children spend looking after him/herself? Please respond only for after school hours (3-6 p.m., maximum of 15 hours per week)

Up to 5 hours per week.....	49%
6 – 10 hours per week	24%
11 – 15 hours per week	24%
More than 15 hours per week	3%
Mean.....	7.9
Median	6

Sample population base: 3,057

2. During a typical week of the 2008-2009 school year, how many hours did each of your children spend in the care of a sibling under the age of 13? Please respond only for after school hours (3-6 p.m., maximum of 15 hours per week)

Up to 5 hours per week.....	68%
6 – 10 hours per week	20%
11 – 15 hours per week	11%
More than 15 hours per week	**
Mean.....	5.2
Median	4

Sample population base: 824

** - Less than 0.5%

3. Overall, how satisfied were you with the after school care arrangements for each of your children during the 2008-2009 school year?

Extremely satisfied	64%
Somewhat satisfied	15%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	14%
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	4%
Extremely dissatisfied.....	3%
Top 2 combined.....	79%

Sample population base: 14,406

4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding finding care for your children during the after school hours? (scale of 1-5, completely disagree – completely agree)

	Agree Completely/ Somewhat	Mean Rating
I have no need for after school care.....	64%	3.8
Information on after school care is readily available in my community	47%	3.3
My child/children are old enough to be able to care for themselves in the hours after school	44%	3.0
The cost of after school care limits my options for after school care.....	43%	3.3
The after school care options in my community are limited.....	41%	3.2
Finding an enriching environment for my children in the hours after school is a challenge	36%	3.1
My child/children require a structured environment in the hours after school	32%	3.0
Finding after school care that matches my work schedule is a challenge	27%	2.8
I have difficulty finding transportation for after school care	22%	2.5
I am concerned that my children do not have a safe place to be in the hours after school	13%	2.0
I prefer to use several different types of after school care..	8%	2.1

5a. Overall, how satisfied are you with the **information available to you** in your community regarding after school care for your children?

5b. And, how satisfied are you with the actual **after school care available to you** in your community?

	5a INFO	5b CARE
Extremely satisfied	20%	16%
Somewhat satisfied	23%	19%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	33%	44%
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	15%	12%
Extremely dissatisfied.....	9%	9%
Sample population base:	7,752	7,526

6. Looking at the list below, please indicate which of the following programs are offered in your community.

	Offered in Community
Afterschool program run by public school.....	45%
YMCA afterschool program	38%
Boys & Girls Club afterschool program.....	25%
Afterschool program run by religious organization	21%
Afterschool program run by private school.....	15%
Afterschool program run by city or town	12%
YWCA afterschool program.....	7%
4-H afterschool program	6%
Police Athletic League afterschool program	4%
21st Century Community Learning Centers program	2%
Campfire program.....	2%
Other	12%
Sample population base:	7,376

7. Many factors may have influenced your decision not to enroll your child/children in afterschool programs. Please think about the factors that influenced your decision and indicate how important each of the following was in your decision not to have your children attend an afterschool program.

	<u>Top 2 Box Importance</u>	<u>Mean Rating</u>
A parent or guardian is home during the hours after school.....	78%	4.3
The afterschool programs are too expensive.....	52%	3.5
I prefer my child participate in lessons, hobby clubs, and/or sports	47%	3.4
Transportation to and from the program is not provided.....	38%	3.1
My children do not have a safe way to get to and come home from afterschool programs.....	35%	3.0
The quality of care in afterschool programs is not satisfactory.....	34%	3.1
The quality of academic help in afterschool programs is not satisfactory.....	33%	3.1
Afterschool programs are not available for my child/children's age group.....	32%	3.0
The afterschool programs' locations are not convenient.....	31%	2.9
My child does not enjoy afterschool programs.....	31%	3.0
The afterschool programs' hours of operation do not meet my needs	26%	2.8
Afterschool programs do not address the special needs of my child/children.....	24%	2.7
Afterschool programs are not available in my community.....	27%	2.9

8. Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. I prefer my current method of after school care because...

	<u>Top 2 Box Agreement</u>	<u>Mean Rating</u>
My children are cared for by someone I trust.....	85%	4.6
My children are provided time to do homework.....	78%	4.2
Afterschool programs cost too much money.....	54%	3.6
My children are old enough to care for themselves.....	50%	3.1
My children are provided academic opportunities.....	49%	3.5
My children participate in school sponsored sports, bands, or clubs	44%	3.1
My children participate in private music, sports, or tutoring lessons	37%	2.9
It is difficult to find transportation to afterschool programs.....	37%	3.1
My neighborhood is safe, so it is OK for my children to care for themselves during the after school hours.....	36%	2.8
Afterschool programs would not benefit my child.....	24%	2.8
Afterschool programs are only for kids who need academic help....	5%	1.8

9. An afterschool program is defined as a program that a child regularly attends that provides a supervised enriching environment in the hours after the school day ends. These programs are usually offered in schools or centers and are different from individual activities, such as sports, special lessons, or hobby clubs. If a program as described was available in your community, please indicate how likely you would be to have your children participate in such an afterschool program?

Top-2 Rating.....	38%
Extremely Likely.....	14%
Somewhat Likely.....	24%
Neither likely nor unlikely.....	23%
Somewhat unlikely.....	11%
Not at all likely.....	28%

Sample population base

7,738

10. If an afterschool program was available 5 days per week, how many days per week would each of your children be likely to participate?

1 day per week.....	6%
2 days per week.....	16%
3 days per week.....	21%
4 days per week.....	7%
5 days per week.....	50%

Sample population base: 5,726

11. If your child/children went to an afterschool program, how likely would you be to continue using other methods of after school care for part of each week?

	<u>Participation</u>	<u>Likely Participants / Continue Other Care</u>
Extremely likely	14%	17%
Somewhat likely	24%	25%
Neither likely nor unlikely	23%	31%
Somewhat unlikely	11%	11%
Extremely unlikely	28%	16%

Sample population base: 7,738 4,353

12. Compared to your current methods of after school care, please indicate to what extent you feel that you or your child would benefit in the following ways from an afterschool program such as the one described on the previous page.

	<u>Top 2 Box Benefit</u>	<u>Mean Rating</u>
Provide a fun experience for your child	68%	3.9
Provide opportunities for community service and service learning.	60%	3.7
Provide academic enrichment	59%	3.6
Promote workforce skills such as teamwork and critical thinking...	59%	3.7
Keep your child safe and out of trouble.....	59%	3.6
Improve your child's social skills.....	58%	3.6
Help your child complete homework	56%	3.5
Improve the physical activity and overall health of your child	56%	3.5
Provide access to caring adults and mentors.....	55%	3.5
Reduce the chances of your child using drugs	51%	3.4
Improve your child's test scores	50%	3.4
Provide greater access to technology	49%	3.4
Reduce the chances of your child becoming a teen parent.....	49%	3.4
Reduce the likelihood that your child will commit a crime or become the victim of a crime.....	48%	3.3
Help your child stay in school and graduate.....	46%	3.3
Improve your child's behavior in school	45%	3.2
Provide discipline and instill morals.....	45%	3.3

13. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding afterschool programs?

	<u>Top 2 Box Agreement</u>	<u>Mean Rating</u>
Afterschool Programs are available in my area	57%	3.6
Afterschool programs in my area keep kids safe.....	51%	3.6
Afterschool programs help kids succeed in school	47%	3.5
Afterschool programs are readily accessible to me	44%	3.3
The hours of operation adequately meet my needs	36%	3.2
Afterschool programs in my area provide a high quality of care .	35%	3.3
The afterschool programs in my area are affordable	23%	2.9
My children have a positive opinion of the ASP in our area	20%	2.9
I am aware of free afterschool programs in my area	19%	2.3

14. Thinking about children and the hours after school, would you say that afterschool programs are an absolute necessity for your community?

Agree	73%
Disagree.....	11%
Don't Know.....	16%

Sample population base: **7,694**

15. Finally, please indicate below how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding the current economic conditions?

	<u>Top 2 Box</u>
Economy impacts HOW I care for children after school	36%
Economy impacts how I PAY FOR after school care	42%