

**AMERICA AFTER 3 PM:
A Household Survey on Afterschool in America**

Screener Questionnaire

1. During a typical week of the 2002-2003 school year, please indicate which of the following best describes how your children were regularly cared for in the hours after school.

Parent or guardian	67%
Sibling (brother/sister)	11%
Another adult, such as neighbor	15%
Day care facility	11%
Looking after him/herself (self-care)	25%
Afterschool program	11%

Sample population base 51,781

(Note: Throughout all surveys, 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.)

2. How many of your children, who are enrolled in an afterschool program, are enrolled in multiple programs that they attend regularly? 28%
- Base (those who participated in afterschool programs) 5,889

**MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE
PARTICIPANTS and NON-PARTICIPANTS COMBINED**

1. During a typical week of the 2002-2003 school year, please think about the ways in which your children in kindergarten through 12th grade were regularly cared for in the hours after school (3-6 pm). For each child, please check (✓) the boxes that describe the ways in which that child was regularly cared for in a typical week. Check all that apply.

Parent or guardian	70%
Sibling (brother/sister) (sibling-care).....	12%
Another adult; not a relative	9%
Grandparent or other relative	16%
Childcare facility or family childcare center	6%
Looking after him/herself (self-care).....	22%
Afterschool program	9%
Sports.....	11%
Special lessons	3%
Hobby clubs	3%
Sample Population Base	29,848

**MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE
PARTICIPANTS ONLY**

2. Sometimes it is difficult to make arrangements to look after children all the time. During a typical week of the 2002-2003 school year, how many hours did each of your children spend looking after him/herself?

Up to 5 hours per week.....	47%
6-10 hours per week	33%
11-15 hours per week	19%
More than 15 hours per week	1%
Average	7 hours per week
Sample population base	437

3. During a typical week of the 2002-2003 school year, how many hours in a typical week did each of your children spend in the care of a sibling under the age of 13?

Up to 5 hours per week.....90%
 6-10 hours per week6%
 11-15 hours per week4%
 Average4 hours per week
 Sample population base245

4. Overall, how satisfied were you with the afterschool care arrangements for each of your children during the 2002-2003 school year?

Extremely satisfied60%
 Somewhat satisfied32%
 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied.....4%
 Somewhat dissatisfied.....4%
 Not at all satisfied1
 Top 2 combined92%
 Sample population base.....3,102

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

I have no need for afterschool care.....1.9
 The cost of afterschool care limits my options for after school care.....3.1
 Finding afterschool care that meets my needs is a challenge.....2.9
 Finding an enriching environment for my children in the hours after school is a challenge.....3.0
 Information on afterschool care is readily available in my community.....3.5
 I am concerned that my children will not be sufficiently cared for in the afterschool hours.....2.4
 The afterschool care options in my community are limited.....3.1
 My child/children are old enough to be able to care for themselves in the hours after school.....2.2
 My child/children require a structured environment in the hours after school.....3.5
 I am concerned that my children do not have a safe place to be in the hours after school2.1
 I prefer to use several different types of afterschool care.....2.3

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

6b. Looking at the list below, please indicate which of the following programs each of your children participated in during the 2002-2003 school year.

	<u>Q. 6a</u> Offered in Community	<u>Q. 6b</u> Children Participated
YMCA afterschool program.....	50%	49%
YWCA afterschool program	17%	17%
Boys & Girls Club afterschool program	33%	34%
Inner-City Games afterschool program	8%	8%
Afterschool program run by public school	64%	65%
Police Athletic League afterschool program.....	9%	9%
Afterschool program run by religious organization	36%	34%
Afterschool program run by city or town.....	27%	26%
Afterschool program run by private school.....	32%	30%
4-H afterschool program	8%	8%
21st Century Community Learning Centers program	5%	5%
Other _____	20%	21%
Don't know _____	2%	1%
Sample population base _____	2,038	3,434

- 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). Check all that apply.
- 7b. Of the reasons selected, what do you consider the most important, 2nd most important, and 3rd most important benefits in the selection of the programs? Choose only one in each column under Q.7b.

	<u>Q. 7a</u>	<u>Q.7b</u>
	<u>Reasons</u>	<u>Most Important</u>
Quality of facilities.....	67%	9.7%
Provides music, art, and culture	40%	1.6%
My child enjoys the program.....	80%	19.6%
I can afford the cost.....	79%	15.0%
No other programs are available	14%	1.6%
Religious affiliation of program	11%	0.5%
Transportation is provided	24%	2.2%
Location is convenient.....	76%	8.1%
Quality of care	60%	7.3%
Quality of academic programs	29%	1.7%
Quality of athletic programs	17%	0.6%
Provides a safe haven.....	61%	6.6%
Provides a nurturing environment.....	45%	1.5%
Provides a variety of activities	57%	1.2%
The facility and teachers are safe.....	67%	16.6%
Provides access to technology	24%	4.7%
Other	6%	1.7%

- 8a. How many days per week did each of your children attend an afterschool program in the 2002-2003 school year?
- 8b. How many hours per day did each of your children attend an afterschool program in the 2002-2003 school year?

Up to 5 hours per week	33%
6-10 hours per week	35%
11-15 hours per week	32%
More than 15 hours per week	0
Average hours per week.....	8
Average hours per day.....	2
Average days per week	3.3
Sample populations base.....	2,840

- 8c. On average, how much did your family spend on childcare per child, per week during the 2002-2003 school year?

Up to \$20 per week	58%
\$21 to \$40 per week	12%
\$41 to \$60 per week	9%
\$61 to \$80 per week	7%
\$81 to \$100 per week	6%
More than \$100 per week.....	9%
Average per week.....	\$37
Sample population base	2,314

- 8d. Of your total child care expenditures, how much did your family spend on afterschool programs per week during the 2002-2003 school year?

Up to \$20 per week	63%
\$21 to \$40 per week	15%
\$41 to \$60 per week	9%
\$61 to \$80 per week	5%
\$81 to \$100 per week	8%
More than \$100 per week.....	0%
Average per week	\$22
Sample population base	2547

9. For each of your children who attended an afterschool program in the 2002-2003 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	13%
Did not receive government assistance	87%
Sample population base	2,836

10. During the 2002-2003 school year, where were each of your children's afterschool programs located? You may check more than one location if your child attended more than one program.

YMCA.....	8%
YWCA	0%
Boys & Girls Club	6%
Inner-City Games location	1%
Public school	52%
Private school.....	17%
Private home.....	8%
Religious center	9%
Community center	8%
Other	13%
Sample population base.....	2,696

11. Overall, how satisfied were you with the afterschool program(s) each of your children attended in the 2002-2003 school year?

Extremely satisfied	53%
Somewhat satisfied	38%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied.....	4%
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	4%
Not at all satisfied.....	1%
Top-2 Rating	91%
Sample population base.....	2,724

12. Overall, how satisfied are were you with each of the following aspects of your children's afterschool program(s)? (scale of 1-5, not at all satisfied – extremely satisfied)

How much money the program costs	4.0
Hours open each day	4.3
Number of days per week your child can attend ..	4.5
Providing quality care	4.3
Providing a variety of activities	4.2
Offering a convenient location	4.6
Providing adequate transportation.....	3.6
Providing a safe environment.....	4.5
Providing a nurturing environment.....	4.2
Providing quality academic programs.....	3.9
Providing opportunities for physical activity	4.2
Providing homework assistance	3.9
Providing music, art, and culture	3.5

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

	Percentage Responding Somewhat Agree or Completely Agree
Afterschool programs are available in my area	78%
Afterschool programs are readily accessible to me	71%
The hours of operation adequately meet my needs.....	77%
Afterschool programs in my area keep kids safe.....	83%

Afterschool programs in my area provide a high quality of care.....	71%
Although my children attend programs, I prefer other types of afterschool care for my children for part of the week ...	31%
The afterschool programs in my area are affordable	63%
I am aware of free afterschool programs in my area	31%
My children have a positive opinion of the afterschool programs in our area	71%
Afterschool programs offer my children access to technology	45%
Afterschool programs help my children prepare for standardized tests.....	26%
Afterschool programs offer my children opportunities to be physically active	79%
Afterschool programs help my children get better grades ...	38%
Afterschool programs help my children develop social skills.....	79%
Afterschool programs help prevent my children from using drugs.....	66%
Afterschool programs help prevent my children from committing crimes or becoming the victims of crime.....	68%
Afterschool programs address the special needs of my children	45%
Afterschool programs provide healthy snacks and/or meals for my children	61%
Afterschool programs help prevent my children from engaging in sexual activity.	52%
Afterschool programs help my children complete homework	60%

MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE NON-PARTICIPANTS

2. Sometimes it is difficult to make arrangements to look after children all the time. During a typical week of the 2002-2003 school year, how many hours did each of your children spend looking after him/herself?
- Up to 5 hours per week52%
- 6-10 hours per week.....18%
- 11-15 hours per week.....29%
- More than 15 hours per week0%
- Average hours per week7
- Sample population base.....5,533
- 2a. During a typical week of the 2002-2003 school year, how many hours did each of your children spend in the care of a sibling under the age of 13?
- Up to 5 hours per week89%
- 6-10 hours per week.....8%
- 11-15 hours per week.....3%
- Average hours per week5
- Sample population base.....2,678
3. Overall, how satisfied were you with the afterschool care arrangements for each of your children during the 2002-2003 school year?

Extremely satisfied	81%
Somewhat satisfied	13%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	4%
Somewhat dissatisfied	1%
Not at all satisfied	0%
Top-2 Rating	94%
Sample population base	23,730

4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding afterschool care? (scale of 1-5, completely disagree – completely agree)

I have no need for afterschool care	4.0
The cost of afterschool care limits my options for after school care.....	3.1
Finding afterschool care that meets my needs is a challenge.....	2.9
Finding an enriching environment for my children in the hours after school is a challenge.....	2.9
Information on afterschool care is readily available in my community.....	3.3
I am concerned that my children will not be sufficiently cared for in the afterschool hours.....	2.5
The afterschool care options in my community are limited.....	3.0
My child/children are old enough to be able to care for themselves in the hours after school.....	3.1
My child/children require a structured environment in the hours after school.....	3.0
I am concerned that my children do not have a safe place to be in the hours after school.....	2.1
I prefer to use several different types of afterschool care.....	2.2

5. Which of the following programs are offered in your community? Remember 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.

YMCA afterschool program	42%
YWCA afterschool program	10%
Boys & Girls Club afterschool program.....	26%
Inner-City Games afterschool programs.....	4%
Afterschool program run by public school	49%
Police Athletic League afterschool program.....	4%
Afterschool program run by religious organization	28%
Afterschool program run by city or town	18%
Afterschool program run by private school	20%
4-H afterschool program	6%
21st Century Community Learning Centers program.....	2%
Other	11%
Don't know	12%
Sample population base	14,019

6. 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. (Scale of 1-5, not at all important-very important)

My child does not enjoy afterschool programs	3.0
A parent or guardian is home during the hours after school.....	4.4
Afterschool programs are not available in my community	2.8
I prefer my child participate in lessons, hobby clubs, and/or sports.....	3.4
The afterschool programs' hours of operation are not adequate	2.7
The afterschool programs' locations are not convenient	2.8
The quality of care in afterschool programs is not satisfactory	3.1
The quality of academic help in afterschool programs is not satisfactory	3.0
After school programs do not address the special needs of my child/children	2.8
After school programs are not available for my child/children's age group	3.0
My children do not have a safe way to get to and come home from afterschool programs	3.1

7. Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. I prefer my current method of afterschool care because... (scale of 1-5, not at all agree – completely agree)

My children are cared for in an enriching environment	4.4
My children are cared for by someone I trust	4.6
My children spend the afterschool hours with other children with the same interests	3.4
My children are provided academic opportunities	3.6
My children participate in school sponsored sports, bands, or clubs	3.3
My children participate in private music, sports, or tutoring lessons	3.0
My children are provided time to do homework	4.4
My children are offered cultural opportunities	3.3
Afterschool programs would not benefit my child	2.9
Afterschool programs cost too much money	3.5
Afterschool programs are not safe	2.4
My neighborhood is safe, so it is OK for my children to care for themselves during the afterschool hours	2.8
Afterschool programs are only for kids who need academic help	1.8

8. 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?

Not at all likely	37%
Somewhat unlikely	12%
Neither Likely nor Unlikely	21%
Somewhat Likely	15%
Extremely Likely	15%
Top-2 Rating	30%
Sample population base	15,247

9. 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	10%
2 days per week	21%
3 days per week	20%
4 days per week.....	8%
5 days per week.....	40%
Sample population base.....	8,738

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

Not at all likely.....	24%
Somewhat unlikely.....	9%
Neither likely nor unlikely.....	24%
Somewhat likely.....	15%
Extremely likely.....	28%
Sample population base.....	7,595

11. Compared to your current methods of afterschool care, please indicate to what extent you feel that you or your child would benefit from an afterschool program such as the one described above.

Improve your child's social skills	3.4
Provide greater access to technology.....	3.2
Provide academic enrichment.....	3.4
Help your child complete homework.....	3.3
Keep your child safe and out of trouble	3.4
Provide discipline and instill morals	3.1
Reduce the chances of your child using drugs	3.2
Reduce the chances of your child becoming a teen parent...	3.2
Improve the physical activity and health of your child.....	3.4
Reduce the likelihood that your child will commit a crime or become the victim of a crime	3.2
Improve your child's test scores.....	3.2
Improve your child's behavior in school.....	3.0
Help your child remain in school	3.0
Provide a fun experience for your child	3.7