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Hawai'i After 3PM

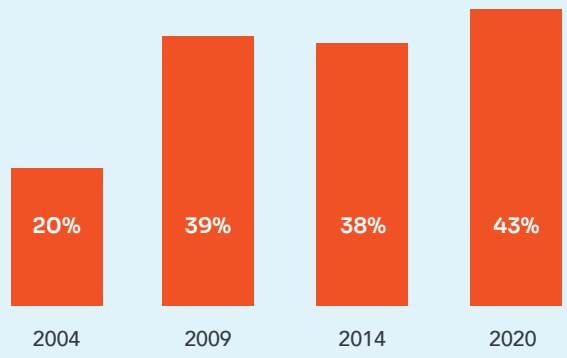
For years, afterschool programs have kept kids safe, inspired them to learn, and offered parents peace of mind that their children are constructively engaged in the hours between the end of the school day and when parents return from work.

Yet, in Hawai'i, America After 3PM found that **for every child in an afterschool program, 2 are waiting** to get in, with **35,067 children** alone and unsupervised after school.

The number of students left without afterschool in Hawai'i is on the rise

There are now 74,501 children (43%) in Hawai'i who would be enrolled in an afterschool program if one were available to them. In the last decade, the number of children unable to access afterschool programs has grown in Hawai'i by 15,881.

Unmet demand for afterschool programs by year



Hawai'i children who are fortunate enough to take part in afterschool programs are receiving critical supports

99% of Hawai'i parents are satisfied with their child's afterschool program. Hawai'i children in afterschool programs are:

Building life skills	66%
Getting help with homework	77%
Engaging in STEM or computer science learning opportunities	61%

Taking part in physical activities	90%
Receiving healthy snacks or meals	50%
Interacting with peers and building social skills	97%

Additionally, Hawai'i parents report high levels of satisfaction with supports in their child's afterschool program, including:

A safe environment	**90%**
Knowledgeable and caring staff	**82%**

Moreover, Hawai'i parents report that afterschool programs are a lifeline for working families:

81%	of parents with a child in an afterschool program agree that the program helps them keep their job or work more hours
84%	of parents overall agree that afterschool programs provide working parents peace of mind

37,572
Number of children in afterschool programs

6.9 hours
Average hours per week children spend in an afterschool program

3.8 days
Average days per week children spend in an afterschool program

$66.80
Average weekly cost of afterschool programs*

**Among parents who report that they pay a fee for their child's afterschool program*

18%
Percentage of children in afterschool who are from low-income households

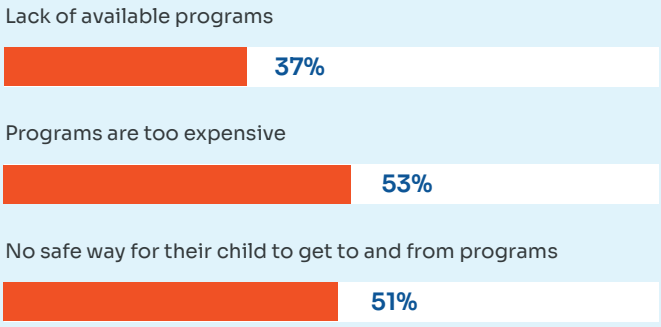
80%
Percentage of afterschool programs located in a public school building

Afterschool in Hawai'i

Cost and access top the list of roadblocks to afterschool program participation

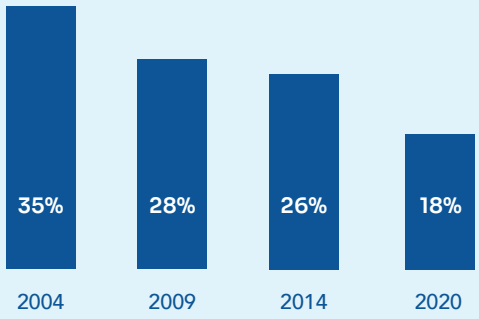
A significant percentage of parents in Hawai'i report challenges to enrolling their child in an afterschool program, for example, **more than 1 in 2** parents said that the cost of programs was an important factor in their decision not to enroll their child in a program.

% of parents reporting they did not enroll their child in an afterschool program because of the following:



As high levels of parents reported barriers to participation, afterschool program participation in Hawai'i saw a decrease compared to the last America After 3PM survey in 2014.

Afterschool program participation by year

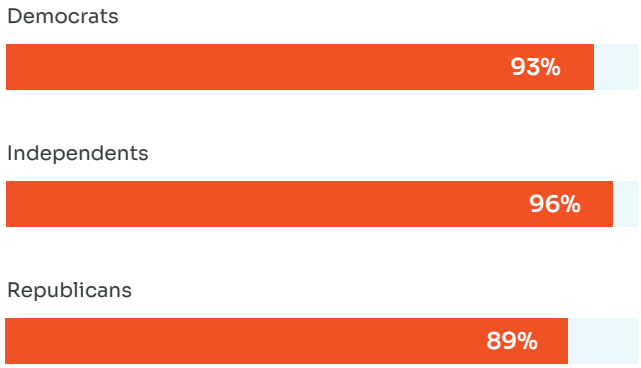


There is significant bipartisan support for greater investment in afterschool

To help ensure that all children in Hawai'i who want to participate in an afterschool program are able, greater investment in afterschool is needed. Support for public funding for afterschool programs in Hawai'i is high, with **90% of parents in favor of funding** for programs that provide afterschool opportunities.

In the face of the ongoing pandemic, parents nationally continue to see afterschool programs as a resource to promote their child's growth and development while also helping parents maintain or find employment. In an October 2020 national survey of parents, **77%** agreed that Congress should provide additional funding for afterschool programs to operate during virtual school days.

Strong support for public funding across the political spectrum



About the survey

America After 3PM is a national survey of parents or guardians of school-aged children, screening 31,055 households and having 14,393 households completing in-depth interviews via an online survey using a blend of national consumer panels. At least 200 households completed interviews in every state and Washington D.C., between January 27 and March 17, 2020. Where the minimum could not be met, supplemental telephone interviews were conducted. Data were collected by Edge Research on behalf of the Afterschool Alliance. The percentages and projected numbers in America After 3PM are based on survey responses from parents. In Hawai'i, 262 households and 251 children were screened for this study. Child-level statewide projections and total school enrollment numbers are based on 2018-2019 Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics. Total school enrollment for Hawai'i is 209,568.

For additional information about America After 3PM, visit: http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/AA3PM/.

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