



## 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?

	<b>5a</b>	<b>5b</b>
	<b><u>ASP</u></b>	<b><u>Summer</u></b>
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%
<b>Sample population base:</b>	<b>27,695</b>	<b>27,654</b>

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

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**

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)

	<b>Agree Completely/ Somewhat</b>	<b>Mean Rating</b>
Information on after school care is readily available in my community .....	60%	3.6
The cost of after school care limits my options for after school care.....	58%	3.5
Finding after school care that matches my work schedule is a challenge .....	45%	3.2
Finding an enriching environment for my children in the hours after school is a challenge .....	54%	3.4
The after school care options in my community are limited .....	54%	3.4
My child/children are old enough to be able to care for themselves in the hours after school .....	33%	2.6
My child/children require a structured environment in the hours after school .....	59%	3.6
I am concerned that my children do not have a safe place to be in the hours after school .....	29%	2.5
I prefer to use several different types of after school care.. .....	27%	2.7
I have difficulty finding transportation for after school care .....	29%	2.6

- 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?

	<b>5a INFO</b>	<b>5b CARE</b>
Extremely satisfied .....	24%	23%
Somewhat satisfied .....	41%	47%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied .....	16%	15%
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	17%	12%
Extremely dissatisfied.....	2%	3%

**Sample population base:**                      **2,007**                      **2,007**

- 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 2008-2009 school year.

	<b>6a Offered in Community</b>	<b>6b Participate</b>
Afterschool program run by public school.....	54%	43%
YMCA afterschool program .....	43%	19%
Boys & Girls Club afterschool program.....	33%	16%
Afterschool program run by religious organization .....	29%	16%
Afterschool program run by city or town .....	22%	10%
Afterschool program run by private school.....	20%	11%
YWCA afterschool program.....	12%	3%
4-H afterschool program .....	8%	2%
Police Athletic League afterschool program .....	5%	2%
21st Century Community Learning Centers program .....	4%	2%
Campfire program .....	2%	1%
Other .....	10%	7%

**Sample population base:**                      **2,007**                      **2,138**

- 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> most important, and 3<sup>rd</sup> most important benefits that played a role in selecting your children's afterschool programs?

	<b>7a</b>	<b>7b</b>
	<b><u>Reasons</u></b>	<b><u>Most Important</u></b>
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%
<b>Sample population base:</b>	<b>2,006</b>	<b>1,829</b>

- 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)?

	<b><u>Top 2 Box</u></b>	<b><u>Mean</u></b>
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)?

	<b><u>Top 2 Box</u></b>	<b><u>Mean</u></b>
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?

	<b><u>Top 2 Box</u></b>
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)

	<b>Agree Completely/ Somewhat</b>	<b>Mean Rating</b>
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?

	<b>5a INFO</b>	<b>5b CARE</b>
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.

	<b>Offered in Community</b>
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.

	<b><u>Top 2 Box Importance</u></b>	<b><u>Mean Rating</u></b>
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...

	<b><u>Top 2 Box Agreement</u></b>	<b><u>Mean Rating</u></b>
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?

	<b><u>Participation</u></b>	<b><u>Likely Participants / Continue Other Care</u></b>
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.

	<b><u>Top 2 Box Benefit</u></b>	<b><u>Mean Rating</u></b>
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?

	<b><u>Top 2 Box Agreement</u></b>	<b><u>Mean Rating</u></b>
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?

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