
Parents strongly support public funding for afterschool programs regardless of political affiliation, where they live or race or ethnicity.

Support for public funding for afterschool programs is bipartisan, strong across all geographic regions, and high regardless of racial or ethnic background. Overall, more than 4 in 5 parents (84 percent) report that they favor public funding for afterschool opportunities in communities that have few opportunities for children and youth, a slight increase from 83 percent in 2009.

Support for public funding for afterschool programs also crosses party lines—91 percent of parents who identify as Democrats, 86 percent of parents who self-identify as Independents and 80 percent of parents identifying as Republicans report that they favor public funding for afterschool programs.

Parents across all geographic regions support public funding for afterschool programs. Eighty-six percent of parents living in the Southeastern region of the United States, 85 percent of parents in the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic region, 85 percent of parents in the West and 83 percent of parents in the Midwest favor public funding for afterschool programs.

Support for public funding of afterschool programs is even higher among African-American parents, Hispanic parents and working mothers.

More than 9 in 10 African-American parents (91 percent), 87 percent of Hispanic parents and 87 percent of working mothers support public funding for afterschool programs.

1. Due to the change in survey collection, the projected numbers and percentages reported on this year for participation in afterschool programs, children in self-care, and children not in an afterschool program but whose parent would enroll them if one were available, is based on child level data rather than household level data that was reported on in previous years. The household level percentages are included in the topline questionnaire.