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INDICATOR 34

Children's Activities After School

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Community Support

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In 2001, 38 percent of children in kindergarten through 8th grade participated in one or more organized activities after school. Parents of 19 percent of these children reported using activities to cover hours when adult supervision was needed for their children.

Indicator 33, Care Arrangements for Children After School, describes various nonparental care arrangements, including center-based care, that provide supervision and organized activities. Many children also spend their out-of-school time in organized activities such as sports, arts, clubs, and community service that are not associated with such center-based arrangements. This indicator presents weekly participation rates in all such organized after-school activities.

Thirty-eight percent of children in grades K–8 participated in one or more after-school activities in 2001. The likelihood of participation was higher for children in grades 3–5 and 6–8 (41 and 42 percent, respectively) than for children in grades K–2 (31 percent) (see supplemental table 34-1).

While the likelihood of participation in an after-school activity varied by grade level, the popularity of specific types of activities was generally consistent at all levels. For example, sports had the highest rate of participation in grades K–2, 3–5, and 6–8 (20 percent, 28 percent, and 32 percent, respectively). Religious activities and the arts were the next two most popular activities at each grade level, although the percentage of 6th-

to 8th-graders participating in religious activities was higher than that for students enrolled in the arts. Also, the percentage of children who participated in after-school community service was lower in grades K–5 than in grades 6–8. Finally, the percentage of children who enrolled in scouts was higher in grades K–5 than in grades 6–8.

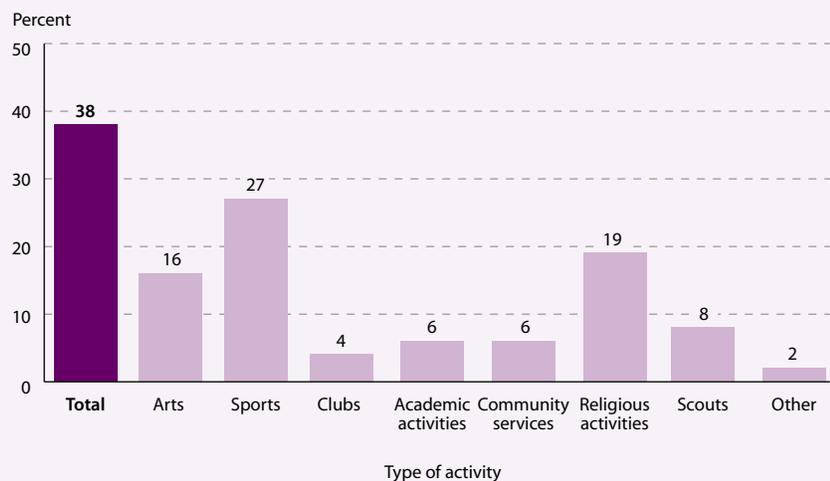
While children participate in after-school activities out of personal interest, many parents use such activities to ensure that their children are supervised during out-of-school time. While 38 percent of children participated in after-school activities in 2001, the parents of about one-fifth (19 percent) reported that such activities helped to cover hours when their children needed adult supervision.

Approximately 45 percent of children in after-school activities were in activities provided by their school. Overall only a small percentage of children were involved in after-school club activities (4 percent) and academic activities (6 percent), but the parents of most of those who were involved in these activities reported that at least some of these activities were provided by their child's school (84 percent and 72 percent, respectively).

NOTE: Includes children participating in one or more regularly scheduled activities that occur after school at least once each week. Homeschooled children and children whose parents reported that they participated in only before-school activities are excluded. Due to multiple responses, children who participated in more than one type of activity are reported under each type of activity in which they participated.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, NCES, Before- and After-School Programs and Activities Survey of the 2001 National Household Education Surveys Program (NHES) (ASPA–NHES:2001).

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Percentage of children enrolled in kindergarten through 8th grade who participated in after-school activities on a weekly basis, by type of activity: 2001



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Table 34-1. Percentage of children enrolled in kindergarten through 8th grade who participated in after-school activities on a weekly basis, by reason and whether any activity was provided by the child's school, grade, and type of activity: 2001

Grade and type of activity	Reason for participation		Did not participate in the type of activity	Activity was provided by child's school ²
	Total	For the purpose of supervision ¹		
Total				
Any activity	37.7	19.4	80.6	62.3
Arts	16.5	21.8	78.2	83.5
Sports	26.7	18.3	81.7	73.3
Clubs	4.4	22.8	77.2	95.6
Academic activities	5.7	28.8	71.2	94.3
Community services	6.3	19.5	80.5	93.7
Religious activities	18.5	18.1	81.9	81.5
Scouts	8.3	15.5	84.5	91.7
Other	2.5	17.8	82.2	97.5
Grades K–2				
Any activity	30.6	16.3	83.7	69.4
Arts	11.8	20.2	79.8	88.2
Sports	20.2	13.8	86.2	79.8
Clubs	1.9	22.5!	77.5	98.1
Academic activities	3.2	25.7!	74.3	96.8
Community services	2.3	16.0!	84.0	97.7
Religious activities	13.0	17.5	82.5	87.0
Scouts	8.1	14.7	85.3	91.9
Other	1.5	11.8!	88.2	98.5
Grades 3–5				
Any activity	40.7	20.1	79.9	59.3
Arts	19.2	22.4	77.6	80.8
Sports	28.1	19.9	80.1	71.9
Clubs	4.1!	21.9	78.1	95.9
Academic activities	5.5	35.8	64.2	94.5
Community services	5.4!	19.1	80.9	94.6
Religious activities	20.1	17.5	82.5	79.9
Scouts	10.5	16.3	83.7	89.5
Other	2.3!	15.1	84.9	97.7

See notes at end of table.

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Table 34-1. Percentage of children enrolled in kindergarten through 8th grade who participated in after-school activities on a weekly basis, by reason and whether any activity was provided by the child's school, grade, and type of activity: 2001—Continued

Grade and type of activity	Reason for participation		Did not participate in the type of activity	Activity was provided by child's school ²
	Total	For the purpose of supervision ¹		
Grades 6–8				
Any activity	41.7	21.1	78.9	58.3
Arts	18.2	22.0	78.0	47.9
Sports	31.7	19.8	80.2	52.9
Clubs	7.2	23.4	76.6	94.6
Academic activities	8.6	25.2	74.8	76.3
Community services	11.4	20.5	79.5	36.0
Religious activities	22.4	19.1	80.9	4.6
Scouts	6.3	15.3	84.7	—
Other	3.6	22.3	77.7	40.4

— Not available.

¹Interpret data with caution (estimates are unstable).

¹The percentage of children participating in a type of activity for the purpose of supervision includes children whose parents reported that some of the activity helped to cover the hours when adult supervision was required for the child.

²The percentage of children participating in any activity provided by their school includes children with at least one activity that the parent/respondent reported as being provided by their children's school.

NOTE: Includes children participating in one or more regularly scheduled activities that occur after school at least once each week. Homeschooled children and children whose parents reported that they participated in only before-school activities are excluded. Due to multiple responses, children who participated in more than one type of activity are reported under each type of activity in which they participated. Arts includes activities such as music, dance, or painting. Clubs includes activities such as yearbook, debate, or book club. Academic activities includes activities such as tutoring or math laboratory. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, NCES, Before- and After-School Programs and Activities Survey of the 2001 National Household Education Surveys Program (NHES) (ASPA–NHES:2001).

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Table S34. Standard errors for the percentage of children enrolled in kindergarten through 8th grade who participated in after-school activities on a weekly basis, by type of activity: 2001

Type of activity	Total
Total	0.64
Arts	0.44
Sports	0.65
Clubs	0.24
Academic activities	0.26
Community services	0.27
Religious activities	0.50
Scouts	0.39
Other	0.19

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, NCES, Before- and After-School Programs and Activities Survey of the 2001 National Household Education Surveys Program (NHES) (ASPA-NHES:2001).

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Table S34 -1. Standard errors for the percentage of children enrolled in kindergarten through 8th grade who participated in after-school activities on a weekly basis, by reason and whether any activity was provided by the child's school, grade, and type of activity: 2001

Grade and type of activity	Reason for participation			Did not participate in the type of activity	Activity was provided by child's school
	Total	For the purpose of supervision	Not for the purpose of supervision		
Total					
Any activity	0.64	0.98	0.98	0.64	1.01
Arts	0.44	1.61	1.61	0.44	1.40
Sports	0.65	0.96	0.96	0.65	1.04
Clubs	0.24	2.27	2.27	0.24	2.54
Academic activities	0.26	2.32	2.32	0.26	2.38
Community services	0.27	1.58	1.58	0.27	1.85
Religious activities	0.50	1.34	1.34	0.50	0.64
Scouts	0.39	1.60	1.60	0.39	†
Other	0.19	2.74	2.74	0.19	2.78
Grades K–2					
Any activity	1.07	1.56	1.56	1.07	2.08
Arts	0.70	2.95	2.95	0.70	2.37
Sports	1.05	1.73	1.73	1.05	1.72
Clubs	0.32	6.33	6.33	0.32	8.78
Academic activities	0.40	5.45	5.45	0.40	6.33
Community services	0.30	5.00	5.00	0.30	7.30
Religious activities	0.73	2.86	2.86	0.73	1.12
Scouts	0.61	2.86	2.86	0.61	†
Other	0.27	6.55	6.55	0.27	6.45
Grades 3–5					
Any activity	1.06	1.74	1.74	1.06	1.93
Arts	0.86	2.86	2.86	0.86	2.79
Sports	1.05	1.91	1.91	1.05	2.04
Clubs	0.50	4.63	4.63	0.50	5.05
Academic activities	0.51	5.19	5.19	0.51	4.30
Community services	0.51	3.83	3.83	0.51	5.00
Religious activities	0.99	2.18	2.18	0.99	1.17
Scouts	0.74	2.39	2.39	0.74	†
Other	0.32	4.86	4.86	0.32	6.58

See notes at end of table.

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Grade and type of activity	Reason for participation			Did not participate in the type of activity	Activity was provided by child's school
	Total	For the purpose of supervision	Not for the purpose of supervision		
Grades 6–8					
Any activity	0.82	1.08	1.08	0.82	1.40
Arts	0.63	1.53	1.53	0.63	1.80
Sports	0.74	1.14	1.14	0.74	1.41
Clubs	0.39	2.19	2.19	0.39	1.56
Academic activities	0.48	2.51	2.51	0.48	2.36
Community services	0.49	1.88	1.88	0.49	2.35
Religious activities	0.59	1.28	1.28	0.59	0.68
Scouts	0.35	2.46	2.46	0.35	†
Other	0.33	3.81	3.81	0.33	3.95

†Not applicable.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, NCES, Before- and After-School Programs and Activities Survey of the 2001 National Household Education Surveys Program (NHES) (ASPA–NHES:2001).