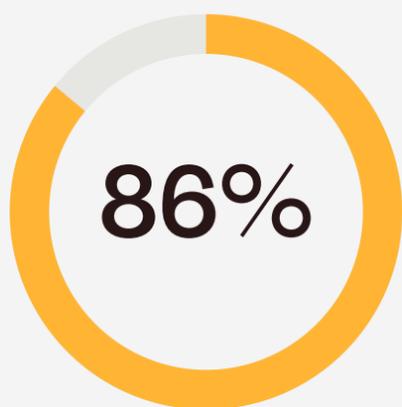




THE STATE OF OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME IN DALLAS

Results from *The Afterschool Alliance, Wave 5 Dallas Research Data, June 2021*



Most OST programs were physically open in some capacity this summer.

While many programs were open, **75% operated at reduced capacity** with only 25% operating at pre-COVID capacity limits.

75% reported a waitlist.

Dallas OST programs offer a variety of supports to youth and families.

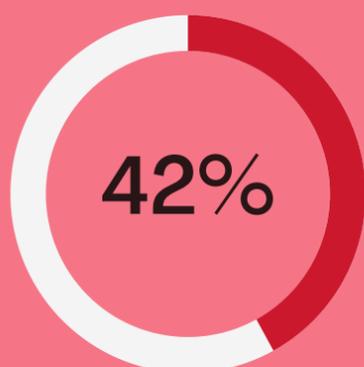
77% provide **academic enrichment, physical activities**, and opportunities for youth to **talk about their feelings**.

58% provide **meals** to families.

68% connect families with **community resources**.

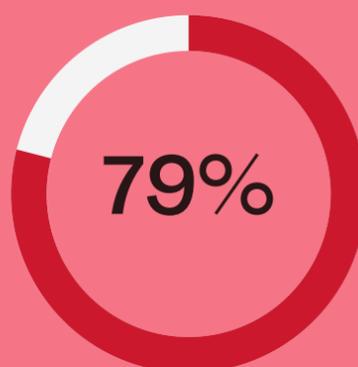


42% report an increase in their cost-per-child.



A majority of these programs report an increase of **more than 10%**.

79% will offer fall programming.



Of those returning, **80%** plan to serve students via in-person programming.

Concerns about students remain.

74% are concerned about **student learning loss** and a lack of opportunities for **social connection**.

84% are concerned about **students' mental and emotional health**.



Providers are concerned about their programs, too.

60% are **most concerned** with being able to **hire enough staff**.

53% are still concerned about **long term funding** and their program's future.

The good news? Dallas Afterschool is here to help.

We're building a new future for Out-of-School Time to ensure every child in Dallas has the opportunity to succeed.

Learn more at www.DallasAfterschool.org.

THEIR NEEDS, OUR PRIORITY

What is most important to OST programs *right now*?

1. Funding
2. Guidance on health and safety
3. Ensuring staff are vaccinated
4. Guidance from school districts
5. Understanding Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding and how to access it

What resources would be most helpful to OST programs?

1. Advice on funding streams
2. How to prevent staff burnout and keep them engaged
3. COVID-relevant updates
4. Communication tools to help families understand the benefits of OST
5. Best practices on working with school districts



Dallas Afterschool continues to respond to the changing needs of OST providers.

Assistance with Funding

- Dallas Afterschool secured **\$75,000+** in funding for our partner programs last year to support safety and quality for students.
- We regularly share information on new funding streams.
- Our team hosts training sessions to assist OST partners with funding. Sessions include [Fundraising 101](#), [Grantwriting](#), [Applying for PPP Funds](#), and [Best Practices for Applications to United Way and Dallas ISD](#).
- We distribute in-kind items to partners several times a year to better support students. Examples include [school supplies](#), [PPE](#), [technology](#), [Wonder Kits® STEM activities](#), and [social-emotional Calm Kits](#).
- Dallas Afterschool mobilizes citizens and helps secure public funding so more students have access to safe, high quality OST.

Guidance on Health, Safety & Quality

- We host a variety of virtual roundtable sessions on topics like [Talking to Youth about COVID-19](#), [How to Maximize your Virtual Learning Space](#), and [Reopening Recommendations and Protocols](#).
- Dallas Afterschool provides online safety and quality resources which have been [downloaded over 17,000 times](#) this past year.
- We train afterschool professionals on a wide variety of topics related to health, safety, and quality, including those related to [self-care for OST educators](#).
- Our team advocates for the needs of students and makes policy recommendations at the state, city, and school district level with our [Policy Brief](#) (which also helps parents understand the importance of OST).

And so much more!

- [Visit our website](#) or [sign up for our newsletter](#) to learn more.



The best part? Our work transforms the lives of children.

Dallas Afterschool levels the playing field for children of all races and economic backgrounds by increasing the quality and availability of afterschool and summer programs for over 10,000 students in Dallas.