Afterschool Issues

Afterschool Addresses the Impact of COVID-19

COVID-19 stay-at-home orders and school closures impacted the lives of **10 million Georgians,** including Georgia's over **1.7 million students**.[1,2]

COVID-19 IMPACT ON YOUTH

A majority of Georgia's students have experienced adjusting to distance learning and using **online resources.**

In Metro Atlanta, about **21,000 fewer students in ELA** and **29,000 fewer in math** are on track for grade-level proficiency.[3]

A nationwide survey of school-aged kids:

27% reported feelings of anxiousness

23% reported feelings of stress

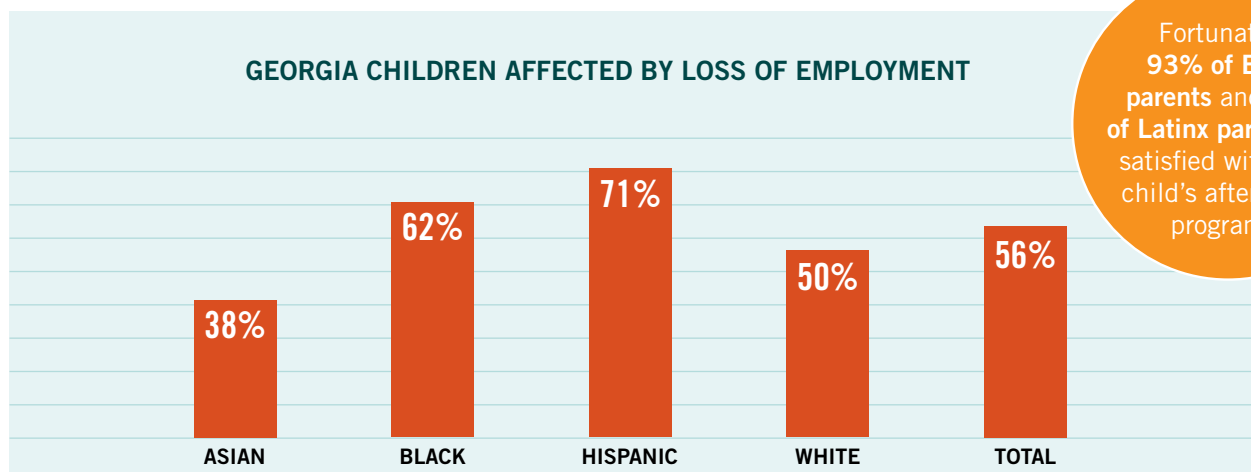**22%** reported feelings of unhappiness[4]

In Georgia, **24% of adults reports** being in households with children who felt down, depressed or hopeless for most of the week.[5]

The virus disproportionally impacted youth of color and youth from low-income households.

73% of programs serving the majority of children from **higher-income families** were open, compared to just **38%** of programs serving the majority of children from **low-income families** in summer of 2020.[6]
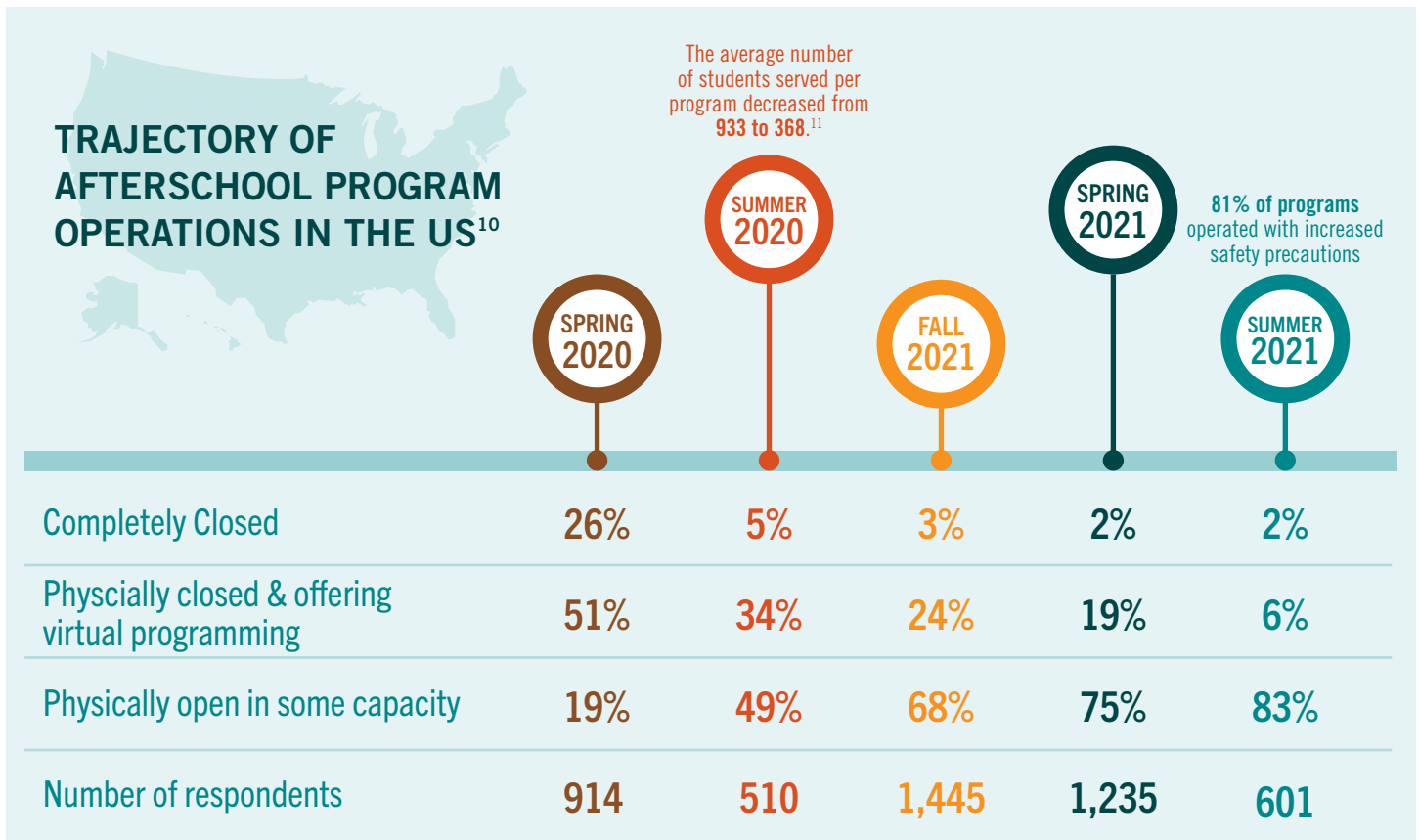
GEORGIA CHILDREN AFFECTED BY LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT

ASIAN	BLACK	HISPANIC	WHITE	TOTAL
38%	62%	71%	50%	56%

Fortunately, **93% of Black parents** and **94% of Latinx parents** are satisfied with their child's afterschool program.[8]

56% of Georgia households with children lost some form of employment income by November 2020. This number increases to 62% among Black households and 71% among Hispanic households.[7]

COVID-19 Impact on Afterschool and Summer Learning Programs

In 2020, the Georgia Department of Labor business layoff and closure numbers reported **569 losses** from afterschool or childcare programs.[9]

TRAJECTORY OF AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM OPERATIONS IN THE US[10]

The average number of students served per program decreased from **933 to 368**.[11]

81% of programs operated with increased safety precautions

	SPRING 2020	SUMMER 2020	FALL 2021	SPRING 2021	SUMMER 2021
Completely Closed	26%	5%	3%	2%	2%
Physcially closed & offering virtual programming	51%	34%	24%	19%	6%
Physically open in some capacity	19%	49%	68%	75%	83%
Number of respondents	914	510	1,445	1,235	601

Future Concerns

{ **57%** of program providers are concerned about being able to hire enough staff, while **51%** are concerned about funding and their long term future.[12]

Impact of Afterschool

In Georgia, for every child in an afterschool program, 2 more are waiting to get in, with **238,265 children alone and unsupervised** after school.[13]

Afterschool Programs stepped up to support youth, families, and communities by[14]:

- Providing a safe and well-supervised learning environments
- Providing childcare for essential workers
- Offering positive and supportive relationships
- Supporting adolescent brain development and social emotional learning

BY SUMMER 2020

53% of programs adapted to support students for full-day virtual learning[15]

95% of summer programs were able to open in some capacity[16]

53% of programs provided some form of meal assistance[17]

52% of programs connected families with community resources[18]