



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF KERN COUNTY

IMPACT REPORT

2022 HIGHLIGHT

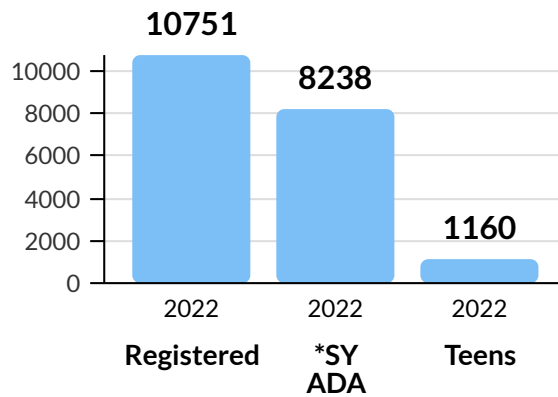
YOUTH PROGRAMS

THE NEED

Nearly 325 million children are not in an afterschool program but would be if a program were available to them.¹

Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County fills the gap between school and home. We provide welcoming, positive environments in which kids and teens have fun, participate in life-changing programs, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County served
8238
children every day after school

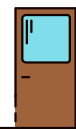


*School Year Average Daily Attendance



District Partners

14



Program Sites

71

NUTRITION PROGRAM

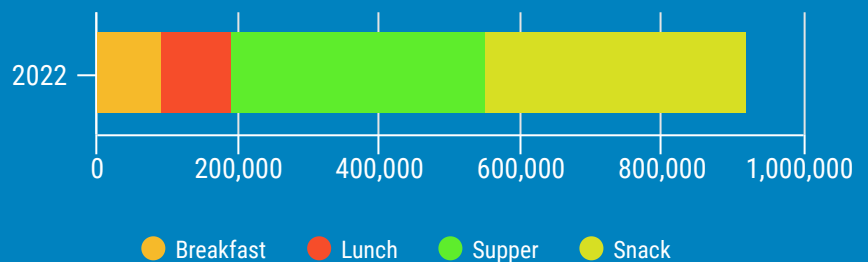
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1 in 8 children lived in food insecure households in 2022.²

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County serve as sites and sponsors for the USDA meal and snack programs, providing healthy meals, and snacks to children during out-of-school times, while also supporting educational and enrichment programs that keep children learning, engaged, and safe when school is not in session.



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County served
919,929
MEALS
in 2022





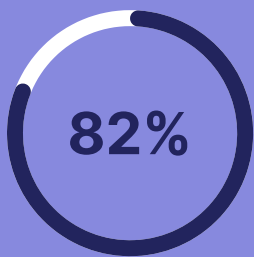
7 out of 10 children rate their ability to cope with challenges as medium to very low ³



SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING

The past few years have been incredibly difficult as kids and teens faced school closings, social isolation, heightened uncertainties and more. With the pandemic exacerbating a decade-long rise in youth mental health concerns, it's more important than ever that young people have safe, nonjudgmental adults they feel comfortable approaching about tough topics.

Due to restrictions and disruptions caused by the pandemic, young people experienced higher instances of food insecurity, housing insecurity, isolation, and lack of access to vital mental health services leading to these rising rates of anxiety and depression. Supporting the physical and emotional health of kids and teens is more important than ever.



82% of Club members (ages 12-17) report earning A's and B's ⁴

ACADEMIC RECOVERY

For over 160 years, Boys & Girls Clubs have prioritized the academic success of youth by cultivating high expectations through supportive relationships and high-yield activities and programs which are designed to empower youth to excel in school and lead healthy, productive lives. Clubs provide a safe space for youth to go when school is not in session, keeping them learning, growing and having fun.

Through the ongoing support of elected officials, Clubs can address the disparate academic impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic that exacerbated academic inequities, particularly for youth of color, and have yet to close achievement gaps, particularly within these disproportionately impacted communities. Every day, Clubs provide youth with access to vital programming and services around academics and mentoring that give them the tools they need to define their own success.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

With your generous support, Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County creates opportunities to help more kids and teens achieve great futures. To make a donation or to learn about other ways you can help, contact Zane Smith, Executive Director, Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County at 661-325-3730 or by visiting www.bgclubsofkerncounty.org

1. Afterschool Alliance (2020). America After 3PM.
 2. USDA. 2022. Food Security in the United States.
 3. Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Youth Right Now.
 4. 2022 National Youth Outcomes Initiative, Boys & Girls Clubs of America.