

THE PRICE OF PLAY

Unpacking the Cost of Youth Sports

A study conducted by The Harris Poll on behalf of Good Sports

THE BENEFITS OF PLAYING SPORTS



Parents who believe children benefit from playing a sport.



Parents who say their children have played sports at one point.



Nearly 1 in 5 parents feel playing sports has positive physical and emotional benefits.

*October 2024 Good Sports survey conducted by The Harris Poll among 741 U.S. parents of minors

IF IT WAS MORE AFFORDABLE



46%

of parents whose children ever played sports have strongly considered pulling them out.

DEBTS TO PLAY

Nearly

1 in 5

parents whose kids ever played sports (18%) have taken on a debt to afford to pay for those sports.

COST IS THE PROBLEM

75%

of parents whose children ever played sports have strongly considered pulling them out.



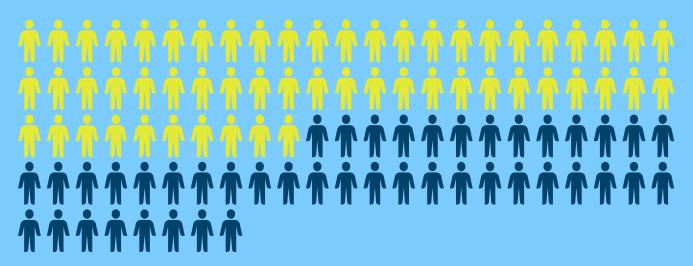
Nearly

3 in 5

or 58% of parents whose children are currently playing sports say paying for the equipment needed to play has become a financial stress for their family.

CAN THEY PLAY?

56% of parents reported they are worried they will not be able to put their children in a sport next year due to the rising costs of participating in sports.



COST ACROSS THE COUNTRY



67%

53%

50%

For more information, please visit www.goodsports.org/the-price-of-play/

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parents of kids who play sports in the West are more likely than those in the Northeast and South to say the cost of sports equipment is a financial stress.

EQUIPMENT EXPENSES

1 in 7

parents (14%) say they have not signed their children up for sports because of the cost of equipment and related expenses.

