



SUMMER MATTERS

The Cost of Summer

While middle and upper-income children are able to keep learning each summer by visiting museums and camps or going on family vacations, children from low-income families are falling behind. High-quality summer learning programs are a cost-effective way to prevent summer learning loss and close both the opportunity and achievement gaps.



\$37 per day

The average cost per day for each child in an 8 hour program

\$186 per week

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\$2.23 - \$7.14 per hour

Summer learning programs surveyed cost between \$2.23 and \$7.14 per pupil, per hour.



70% staff wages

The largest portion of the budget (up to 70%) among all summer learning programs surveyed was program staff.



Public and private funding

Most programs surveyed relied on a mix of public funding (such as ASES Supplemental, 21st CCLC, and LCFF) and private funding from foundation grants.



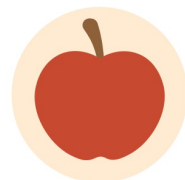
Learning Loss

Children from low-income families lose more than two months of reading achievement every summer.



Achievement Gap

By fifth grade, low-income children without summer learning opportunities are already two years behind their peers.



Poor Nutrition

Without high-quality summer learning, children can gain unhealthy weight from too much time indoors and poor nutrition.