

<b>Supervision</b>	<b>2000 %</b>	<b>2004 %</b>	<b>2000 Grade</b>	<b>2004 Grade</b>
Adults present	57	50	F	F
Easily viewed	82	82	B-	B-
Crawl spaces	68	63	D+	D-
Supervision rules posted	0	0	F	F
<b>Overall Grade: Supervision</b>			<b>D+</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Age-Appropriate Design</b>	<b>2000 %</b>	<b>2004 %</b>	<b>2000 Grade</b>	<b>2004 Grade</b>
Had separate areas	22	67	F	D
Signage for age group provided	0	0	F	F
Provided change of direction	91	86	A-	B+
Had guardrails	95	80	A	B-
Prevented climbing outside the structure	29	68	F	D+
Supporting structure prevented climbing on	33	57	F	F
<b>Overall Grade: Age - Appropriate Design</b>			<b>D</b>	<b>C-</b>
<b>Fall Surfacing</b>	<b>2000 %</b>	<b>2004 %</b>	<b>2000 Grade</b>	<b>2004 Grade</b>
Suitable materials provided	59	57	F	F
Heights of equipment 8 feet or lower	NA	100	NA	A+
Appropriate depth of loose fill	36	56	F	F
Six foot use zone had appropriate surface	41	60	F	D-
Concrete footings were covered	64	95	D	A
Free of foreign objects	68	68	D+	D+
<b>Overall Grade: Fall Surfacing</b>			<b>D-</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Equipment Maintenance</b>	<b>2000 %</b>	<b>2004 %</b>	<b>2000 Grade</b>	<b>2004 Grade</b>
Free of broken parts	64	73	D	C-
Free of missing parts	68	74	D+	C
Free of protruding bolts	91	65	A-	D
Free of noticeable gaps	77	61	C	D-
Free of head entrapments	73	61	C-	D-
Free of rust	53	52	F	F
Free of splinter	60	35	D-	F
Free of cracks/holes	90	83	A-	B-
<b>Overall Grade: Equipment Maintenance</b>			<b>C</b>	<b>D+</b>

<b>Playground Equipment Profile*</b>		
<b>Year of installation</b>	<b>2004</b>	
Pre 1980	17%	
1981-1990	26%	
1991-1994	43%	
1995-1997	13%	
1998-present	13%	
Not available	4%	
<b>Kinds of Equipment**</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2004</b>
Slides	95%	83%
Swings	73%	48%
Horizontal ladders	27%	12%
Sliding poles	27%	17%
Chinning bars	23%	4%
Seesaws	27%	22%
Merry-go-rounds	23%	9%
Geodesic domes	9%	9%
<p>* The number in these columns indicates the percentages of the year of installation. These may contain a combination of different installation years at each playground site. NA represents percentages that are not available.</p> <p>** The numbers in these columns reflect percentages of equipment pieces were found.</p> <p>Grading Scale: A=90-100 B=80-89 C=70-79 D=60-69 F=59&gt;</p>		

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**D+**

**2004**

**C-**



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