

Supervision	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Adults present	100	NA	A+	NA
Easily viewed	98	81	A	B-
Crawl spaces	94	33	A	F
Supervision rules posted	0	7	F	F
Overall Grade: Supervision			B+	D
Age-Appropriate Design	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Had separate areas	33	0	F	F
Signage for age group provided	0	33	F	F
Provided change of direction	100	38	A+	F
Had guardrails	100	21	A+	F
Prevented climbing outside the structure	91	26	A-	F
Supporting structure prevented climbing on	79	30	C+	F
Overall Grade: Age - Appropriate Design			C	F
Fall Surfacing	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Suitable materials provided	23	22	F	F
Heights of equipment 8 feet or lower	NA	100	NA	A+
Appropriate depth of loose fill	9	0	F	F
Six foot use zone had appropriate surface	18	8	F	F
Concrete footings were covered	93	91	A-	A-
Free of foreign objects	98	44	A	F
Overall Grade: Fall Surfacing			C-	C-
Equipment Maintenance	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Free of broken parts	89	81	B+	B-
Free of missing parts	98	93	A	A-
Free of protruding bolts	86	85	B	B
Free of noticeable gaps	96	51	A	F
Free of head entrapments	98	43	A	F
Free of rust	96	61	A	D-
Free of splinter	93	75	A-	C
Free of cracks/holes	100	100	A+	A+
Overall Grade: Equipment Maintenance			A-	C

Playground Equipment Profile*		
Year of installation	2004	
Pre 1980	3%	
1981-1990	32%	
1991-1994	24%	
1995-1997	26%	
1998-present	58%	
Not available	7%	
Kinds of Equipment**	2000	2004
Slides	86%	85%
Swings	71%	56%
Horizontal ladders	15%	12%
Sliding poles	0%	2%
Chinning bars	0%	2%
Seesaws	39%	27%
Merry-go-rounds	27%	15%
Geodesic domes	7%	2%
* 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.		
** The numbers in these columns reflect percentages of equipment pieces were found.		
Grading Scale: A=90-100 B=80-89 C=70-79 D=60-69 F=59>		

Louisiana's Child Care Grade:

2000

B-

2004

D+



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