

Supervision	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Adults present	79	86	C+	B
Easily viewed	98	73	A	C-
Crawl spaces	97	46	A	F
Supervision rules posted	14	14	F	F
Overall Grade: Supervision			B-	D+
Age-Appropriate Design	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Had separate areas	53	73	F	C-
Signage for age group provided	6	18	F	F
Provided change of direction	57	82	F	B-
Had guardrails	72	89	C	B+
Prevented climbing outside the structure	61	79	D-	C+
Supporting structure prevented climbing on	71	83	C-	B-
Overall Grade: Age - Appropriate Design			D-	C+
Fall Surfacing	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Suitable materials provided	41	52	F	F
Heights of equipment 8 feet or lower	NA	100	NA	A+
Appropriate depth of loose fill	34	3	F	F
Six foot use zone had appropriate surface	41	67	F	D+
Concrete footings were covered	55	91	F	A-
Free of foreign objects	84	63	B	D-
Overall Grade: Fall Surfacing			D-	C-
Equipment Maintenance	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Free of broken parts	80	39	B-	F
Free of missing parts	74	73	C	C-
Free of protruding bolts	93	67	A-	D+
Free of noticeable gaps	88	26	B+	F
Free of head entrapments	86	60	B	D-
Free of rust	77	32	C+	F
Free of splinter	71	56	C-	F
Free of cracks/holes	88	77	B+	C+
Overall Grade: Equipment Maintenance			B-	D

Playground Equipment Profile*		
Year of installation	2004	
Pre 1980	7%	
1981-1990	17%	
1991-1994	15%	
1995-1997	27%	
1998-present	32%	
Not available	7%	
Kinds of Equipment**	2000	2004
Slides	89%	84%
Swings	61%	59%
Horizontal ladders	41%	25%
Sliding poles	25%	27%
Chinning bars	5%	7%
Seesaws	35%	14%
Merry-go-rounds	10%	7%
Geodesic domes	16%	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></p>		



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