

Supervision	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Adults present	96	75	A	C
Easily viewed	100	46	A+	F
Crawl spaces	96	10	A	F
Supervision rules posted	8	4	F	F
Overall Grade: Supervision			B+	D-
Age-Appropriate Design	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Had separate areas	33	37	F	F
Signage for age group provided	0	11	F	F
Provided change of direction	82	96	B-	A
Had guardrails	100	95	A+	A
Prevented climbing outside the structure	67	49	D+	F
Supporting structure prevented climbing on	90	56	A-	F
Overall Grade: Age - Appropriate Design			C	B
Fall Surfacing	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Suitable materials provided	82	84	B-	B
Heights of equipment 8 feet or lower	NA	96	NA	A
Appropriate depth of loose fill	37	18	F	F
Six foot use zone had appropriate surface	63	55	D-	F
Concrete footings were covered	90	85	A-	B
Free of foreign objects	86	44	B	F
Overall Grade: Fall Surfacing			C	B+
Equipment Maintenance	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Free of broken parts	82	67	B-	D+
Free of missing parts	76	81	C	B-
Free of protruding bolts	74	80	C	B-
Free of noticeable gaps	71	44	C-	F
Free of head entrapments	74	87	C	B+
Free of rust	64	48	D	F
Free of splinter	100	16	A+	F
Free of cracks/holes	91	90	A-	A-
Overall Grade: Equipment Maintenance			C+	C

Playground Equipment Profile*		
Year of installation	2004	
Pre 1980	30%	
1981-1990	11%	
1991-1994	21%	
1995-1997	11%	
1998-present	57%	
Not available	4%	
Kinds of Equipment**	2000	2004
Slides	92%	94%
Swings	76%	51%
Horizontal ladders	57%	45%
Sliding poles	51%	33%
Chinning bars	23%	20%
Seesaws	43%	8%
Merry-go-rounds	22%	8%
Geodesic domes	12%	8%
<p>⁵ * 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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