

Supervision	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Adults present	100	100	A+	A+
Easily viewed	100	78	A+	C+
Crawl spaces	100	20	A+	F
Supervision rules posted	33	11	F	F
Overall Grade: Supervision			B+	C
Age-Appropriate Design	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Had separate areas	64	11	D	F
Signage for age group provided	20	NA	F	NA
Provided change of direction	50	29	F	F
Had guardrails	67	80	D+	B-
Prevented climbing outside the structure	67	100	D+	A+
Supporting structure prevented climbing on	78	63	C+	D-
Overall Grade: Age - Appropriate Design			D	C-
Fall Surfacing	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Suitable materials provided	56	33	F	F
Heights of equipment 8 feet or lower	NA	100	NA	A+
Appropriate depth of loose fill	56	0	F	F
Six foot use zone had appropriate surface	63	43	D-	F
Concrete footings were covered	50	83	F	B-
Free of foreign objects	67	67	D+	D+
Overall Grade: Fall Surfacing			D-	D+
Equipment Maintenance	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Free of broken parts	45	67	F	D+
Free of missing parts	67	78	D+	C+
Free of protruding bolts	56	89	F	B+
Free of noticeable gaps	56	23	F	F
Free of head entrapments	89	44	B+	F
Free of rust	34	13	F	F
Free of splinter	14	50	F	F
Free of cracks/holes	56	88	F	B+
Overall Grade: Equipment Maintenance			D	D+

Playground Equipment Profile*		
Year of installation	2004	
Pre 1980	11%	
1981-1990	22%	
1991-1994	22%	
1995-1997	22%	
1998-present	33%	
Not available	11%	
Kinds of Equipment**	2000	2004
Slides	89%	100%
Swings	89%	22%
Horizontal ladders	33%	25%
Sliding poles	0%	13%
Chinning bars	57%	13%
Seesaws	33%	57%
Merry-go-rounds	22%	43%
Geodesic domes	13%	14%
<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>		

Alabama's Child Care Grade:

2000

D+

2004

C-



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