

Supervision	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Adults present	93	75	A-	C
Easily viewed	89	81	B+	B-
Crawl spaces	80	44	B-	F
Supervision rules posted	33	23	F	F
Overall Grade: Supervision			C+	D+
Age-Appropriate Design	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Had separate areas	57	40	F	F
Signage for age group provided	29	50	F	F
Provided change of direction	76	68	C	D+
Had guardrails	85	81	B	B-
Prevented climbing outside the structure	69	78	D+	C+
Supporting structure prevented climbing on	85	68	B	D+
Overall Grade: Age - Appropriate Design			C-	D+
Fall Surfacing	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Suitable materials provided	67	56	D+	F
Heights of equipment 8 feet or lower	NA	100	NA	A+
Appropriate depth of loose fill	67	10	D+	F
Six foot use zone had appropriate surface	73	64	C-	D
Concrete footings were covered	72	91	C-	A-
Free of foreign objects	67	67	D+	D+
Overall Grade: Fall Surfacing			D+	C
Equipment Maintenance	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Free of broken parts	52	48	F	F
Free of missing parts	82	63	B-	D-
Free of protruding bolts	70	73	C-	C-
Free of noticeable gaps	67	42	D+	F
Free of head entrapments	85	40	B	F
Free of rust	35	15	F	F
Free of splinter	32	27	F	F
Free of cracks/holes	71	82	C-	B-
Overall Grade: Equipment Maintenance			D+	D

Playground Equipment Profile*		
Year of installation	2004	
Pre 1980	7%	
1981-1990	37%	
1991-1994	15%	
1995-1997	22%	
1998-present	33%	
Not available	4%	
Kinds of Equipment**	2000	2004
Slides	92%	85%
Swings	80%	60%
Horizontal ladders	59%	67%
Sliding poles	37%	48%
Chinning bars	36%	48%
Seesaws	48%	48%
Merry-go-rounds	29%	41%
Geodesic domes	44%	41%
<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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