

Supervision	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Adults present	77	57	C+	F
Easily viewed	100	93	A+	A-
Crawl spaces	90	61	A-	D-
Supervision rules posted	4	6	F	F
Overall Grade: Supervision			B-	D+
Age-Appropriate Design	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Had separate areas	39	18	F	F
Signage for age group provided	7	11	F	F
Provided change of direction	96	81	A	B-
Had guardrails	94	76	A	C
Prevented climbing outside the structure	57	73	F	C-
Supporting structure prevented climbing on	66	71	D	C-
Overall Grade: Age - Appropriate Design			C-	D+
Fall Surfacing	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Suitable materials provided	77	71	C+	C-
Heights of equipment 8 feet or lower	NA	97	NA	A
Appropriate depth of loose fill	48	12	F	F
Six foot use zone had appropriate surface	72	31	C-	F
Concrete footings were covered	93	88	A-	B+
Free of foreign objects	66	87	D	B+
Overall Grade: Fall Surfacing			C-	C+
Equipment Maintenance	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Free of broken parts	89	83	B+	B-
Free of missing parts	81	87	B-	B+
Free of protruding bolts	79	78	C+	C+
Free of noticeable gaps	54	60	F	D-
Free of head entrapments	85	67	B	D+
Free of rust	67	76	D+	D
Free of splinter	88	81	B+	B-
Free of cracks/holes	97	100	A	A+
Overall Grade: Equipment Maintenance			B-	C+

Playground Equipment Profile*		
Year of installation	2004	
Pre 1980	5%	
1981-1990	35%	
1991-1994	11%	
1995-1997	14%	
1998-present	51%	
Not available	16%	
Kinds of Equipment**	2000	2004
Slides	98%	93%
Swings	69%	69%
Horizontal ladders	59%	37%
Sliding poles	43%	35%
Chinning bars	29%	22%
Seesaws	22%	19%
Merry-go-rounds	14%	9%
Geodesic domes	24%	20%
<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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