

Supervision	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Adults present	76	73	C	C-
Easily viewed	85	66	B	D
Crawl spaces	61	29	D-	F
Supervision rules posted	11	3	F	F
Overall Grade: Supervision			D+	D
Age-Appropriate Design	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Had separate areas	44	14	F	F
Signage for age group provided	18	0	F	F
Provided change of direction	86	93	B	A-
Had guardrails	92	89	A-	B+
Prevented climbing outside the structure	70	45	C-	F
Supporting structure prevented climbing on	76	48	C	F
Overall Grade: Age - Appropriate Design			C-	D+
Fall Surfacing	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Suitable materials provided	76	98	C	A
Heights of equipment 8 feet or lower	NA	100	NA	A+
Appropriate depth of loose fill	41	27	F	F
Six foot use zone had appropriate surface	68	73	D+	C-
Concrete footings were covered	72	84	C-	B
Free of foreign objects	71	44	C-	F
Overall Grade: Fall Surfacing			D+	C
Equipment Maintenance	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Free of broken parts	82	59	B-	F
Free of missing parts	82	76	B-	C
Free of protruding bolts	64	78	D	C+
Free of noticeable gaps	61	66	D-	D
Free of head entrapments	89	88	B+	B+
Free of rust	62	44	D-	F
Free of splinter	66	43	D	F
Free of cracks/holes	80	92	B-	A-
Overall Grade: Equipment Maintenance			C	C-

Playground Equipment Profile*		
Year of installation	2004	
Pre 1980	44%	
1981-1990	7%	
1991-1994	12%	
1995-1997	20%	
1998-present	41%	
Not available	10%	
Kinds of Equipment**	2000	2004
Slides	89%	92%
Swings	69%	60%
Horizontal ladders	59%	62%
Sliding poles	44%	47%
Chinning bars	37%	33%
Seesaws	13%	10%
Merry-go-rounds	12%	95%
Geodesic domes	28%	17%
<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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