

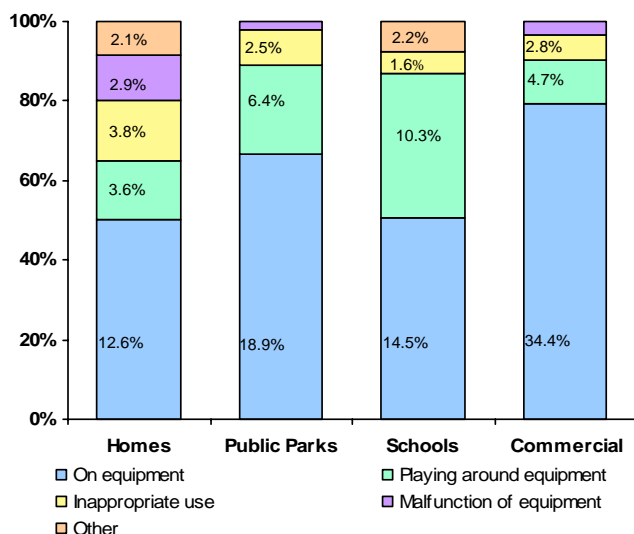


# DATA SAMPLER

## INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

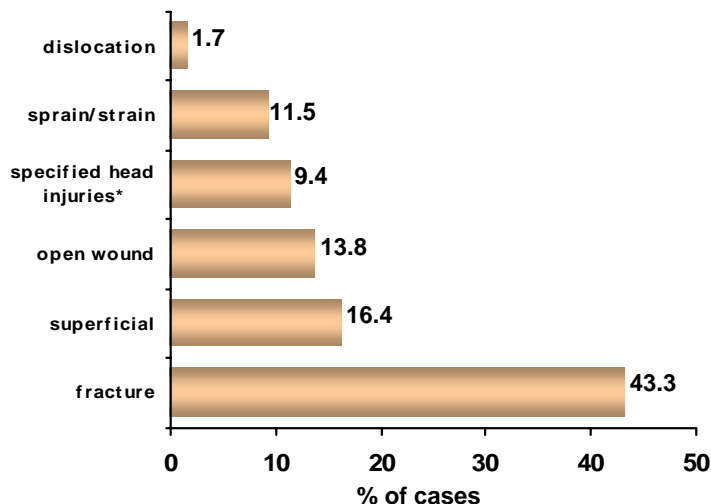
CHIRPP database, 2000, ages 0-14 years—4,225 records.

### CIRCUMSTANCES\* SURROUNDING INJURY



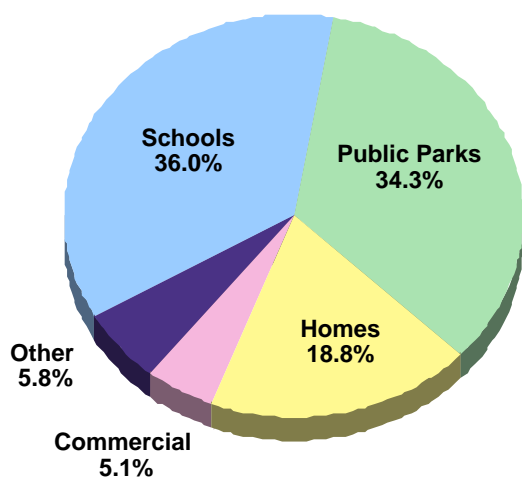
\*Falls to the ground (not displayed) were the leading cause of injury across locations: Homes (75.1%), Public Parks (71.3%), Schools (71.0%), Commercial (56.7%).

### OVERALL DISTRIBUTION OF INJURIES



\*Specified head injuries includes concussions (1.4%), dental (1.3%) and minor head injuries (8.7%).

### LOCATION



### HIGHLIGHTS

- children between 5-9 years of age suffered the majority of injuries (57.0%)
- 53.0% of cases involved males
- 86.0% of all fractures were to upper extremities
- of the 7.6% of cases admitted to hospital, 89.0% had sustained fractures
- overall, 67.0% of cases involved falls to the ground
- 98.4% of cases in schools occurred outdoors and monkey bars accounted for 41.1% of those injuries
- 31.7% of events in public parks involved the monkey bars
- 88.7% of cases in homes occurred outdoors and swings accounted for 39.7% of those injuries
- 32.0% of injuries in a commercial setting involved slides

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