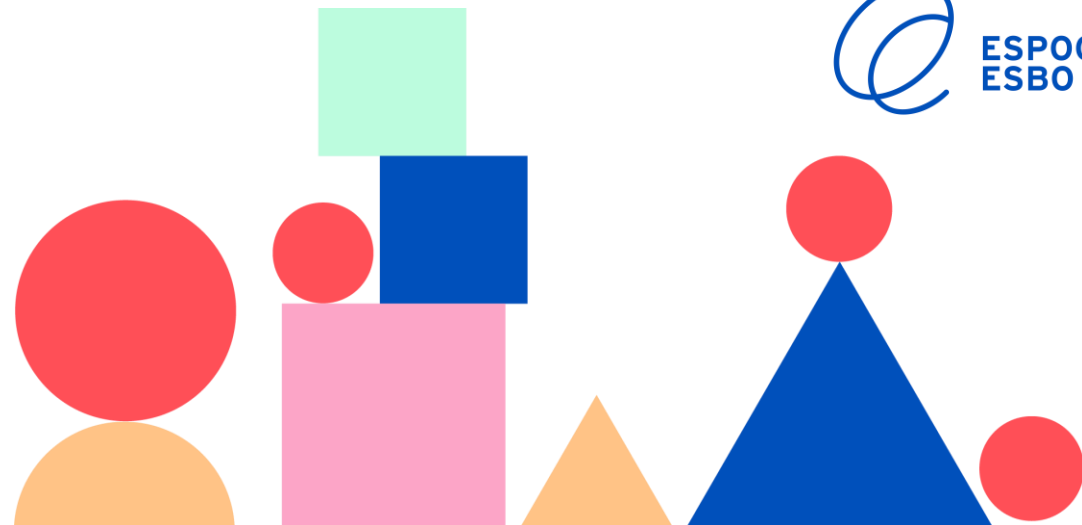
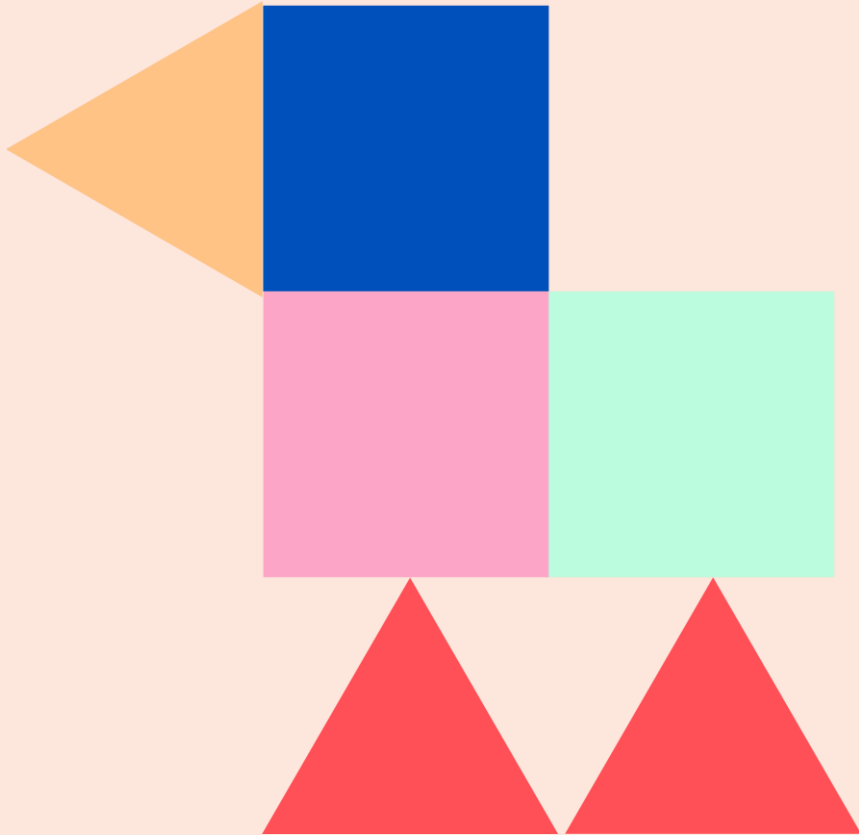


More than 2,000 Espoo residents responded to the city's playground survey

Results of the resident survey related to Espoo's Playground Programme 2026-2036





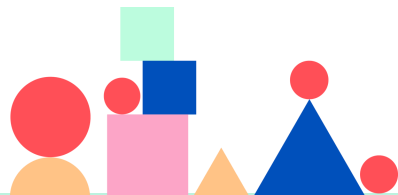
Background to the resident survey

As part of the process of updating the Playground Programme, a survey was conducted to collect Espoo residents' views about playgrounds. Residents were encouraged to take the survey together with a child or young person in their family. The survey was open from 23 August to 22 September 2024. A total of 2,343 people responded.

Thank you to everyone who took the survey!

The following slides provide a summary of the survey results.

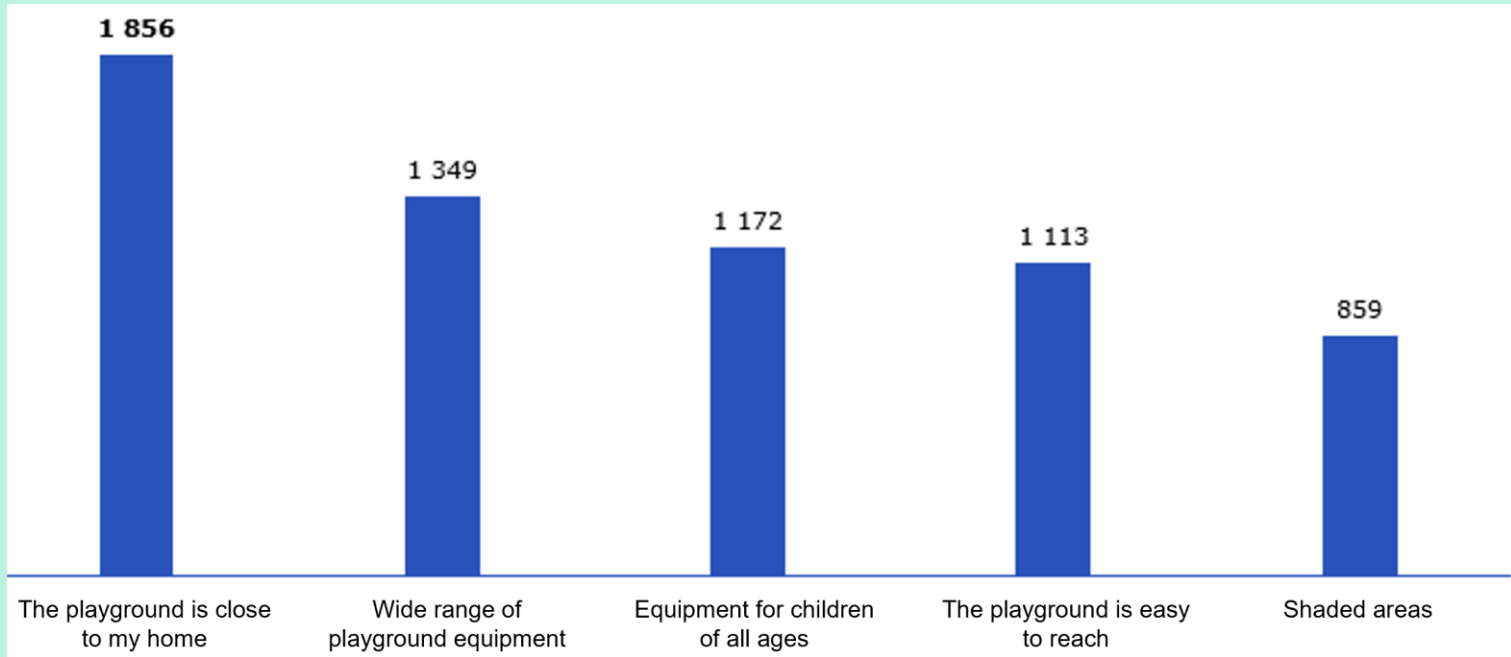
Local playgrounds enrich the lives of families in Espoo



Based on the responses, residents consider it important that playgrounds are located close to home. More than half of the respondents reported visiting their local playground at least once a week. Children usually visit the playground with a parent or grandparent, sometimes also with a friend. People usually get to the playground on foot.

Respondents said that playgrounds offer high-quality activities that are not available in their own yards. The wide range of playground equipment for children of all ages is one of the main reasons for visiting a playground. Families with young children visit playgrounds especially because of the diverse activities they offer.

Why do you like visiting the playground?



Colourful equipment, versatile activities and a peaceful environment are important

According to the responses, colourful equipment and the wide range of activities increase the appeal of playgrounds. Respondents also value playgrounds that are close to nature or in an otherwise peaceful environment. The proximity of services is not a decisive factor. What matters more is the location in relation to the resident's home.

Respondents prefer colourful, functional and peaceful playgrounds.



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Activities

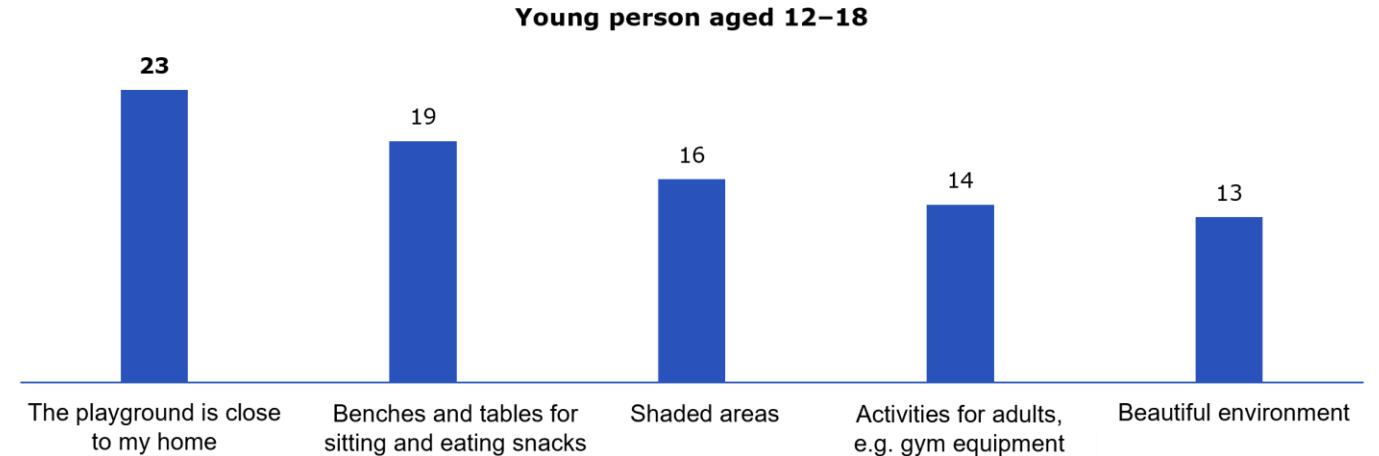


Nature

Playgrounds can be cosy spots to hang out

Young people value playgrounds as places to hang out. They favour playgrounds that have benches and tables. In their view, an ideal place to hang out is near their school, next to a sports field or in a peaceful, beautiful environment. Young people especially like playgrounds with outdoor gym equipment.

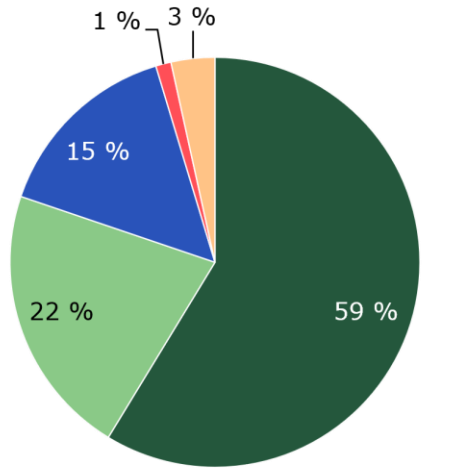
Why do young people like visiting the playground?



Playgrounds are considered safe and well-maintained

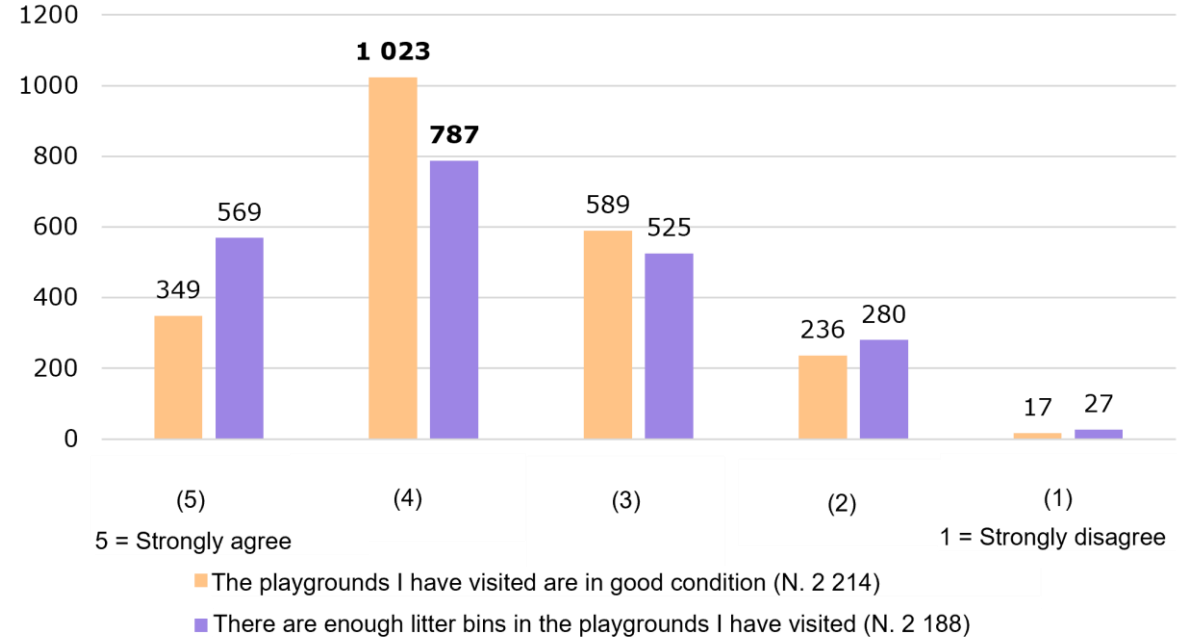
Respondents of all ages feel that Espoo's playgrounds are generally safe, with disruptive behaviour occurring only rarely. They are also generally considered well-maintained.

How often have you encountered disturbances at the playground?



■ Never
 ■ Once a year or less
 ■ A few times a year
 ■ Every week
 ■ I don't know

Residents' views on the maintenance and cleanliness of playgrounds.



How will the results be used?

The survey responses will be used in the planning of the content of the Playground Programme. The current ten-year programme period ends at the end of 2025, and a new Playground Programme will be drawn up for the years 2026–2036. It will provide guidelines for the construction and maintenance of playgrounds in the coming years. The Playground Programme covers about 200 playgrounds and residents' parks maintained by the city. The programme does not cover playgrounds located in the yards of day care centres and schools.

Espoo's Playground Programme supports the city's strategic goals defined in the Espoo Story.

We want Espoo to be a good place to live and learn. The smooth flow of daily life is an important value. The best resources in Espoo are its residents, communities and companies. We want to offer everyone the opportunity to have their say in the development of the city. Development in Espoo is socially, ecologically and economically sustainable. Openness, fairness, equality, non-discrimination, humanity and tolerance are themes of social sustainability that can also be promoted through the Playground Programme.

