

Two stories about why kids are not outdoors so much these days

Sources

More screens, more gadgets, more TV channels, the Internet

No sources needed here, surely?

More comfortable bedrooms

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/social-trends-rd/social-trends/social-trends-40/social-trends-40---housing-chapter.pdf>

[Figures for UK; see p.14]

More traffic

<http://image.guardian.co.uk/sys-files/Guardian/documents/2002/08/30/rts01.pdf>

[Figures for Great Britain: see p.5]

Fewer parks and green spaces

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-17250159>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/1495245/Scandal-of-the-vanishing-playing-fields.html>

Larger schools and catchments

<http://eps.education.wisc.edu/Faculty%20papers/Harris/Harris%20Class%20School%20Size%20Brookings%20For%20Dist.doc>

[Figures for USA; see p.4]

Greater fear of crime

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20110218135832/http://rds.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs/hosb1801.pdf>

[Figures for UK: see p.33]

<http://www.popcenter.org/library/reading/pdfs/ReducingFearGuide.pdf>

[figures for USA; see p. 3]

More media scaremongering

C. Wardle, “‘It Could Happen to You’: The move towards “personal” and “societal” narratives in newspaper coverage of child murder, 1930–2000’ in *Journalism Studies*, 7, 2006, pp. 515–33.

Parents work longer hours

<http://family.jrank.org/pages/1187/Motherhood-Extent-Effects-Maternal-Employment.html>

[This cites sources showing significant increases in women’s employment rates since the 1970s “in all industrialized nations”.]

Longer commutes

<http://www.racfoundation.org/media-centre/12394>

I would be grateful for any other sources for these factors.