

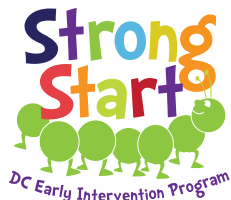
Infant and Toddler Developmental Chart

No two babies are alike. Each child will grow and learn differently. Take a moment to think about how much they're learning during their first few years: how to walk, talk, use a spoon, smile for the first time, recognize people, and ask for things they want.

To help track your child's development during these early years, we have created a checklist of developmental milestones—things most children can do by a certain age. Not reaching these milestones, or reaching them much later than other children, could be a sign of developmental delay.

If your child is younger than three and you have questions, contact **Strong Start**—the District's Early Intervention Program at **202-727-3665** or **osse.dc.gov**.

Together, we'll find answers.



Here are some things children are usually able to do at different ages:

1-2 Months



- Sucks and/or swallows easily
- Turns head from side to side when lying on tummy
- Startles easily in response to loud noises
- Turns head in direction that cheek is touched

3-4 Months



- Holds a rattle and smiles
- Makes cooing sounds like “ooh” or “aah”
- Rolls from tummy to back
- Plays with hands by touching them together or putting them in the mouth

4-6 Months



- Laughs and babbles, like saying “bababa” or “dadada”
- Balances self while sitting for a few seconds
- Moves toys from hand to hand
- Turns toward sounds like your voice or music



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6-9 Months

- Sits up without falling
- Crawls or creeps forward on tummy by moving arms and legs
- Holds something in each hand at the same time
- Pulls up to stand by holding on to furniture
- Shakes head to say “no”



9-12 Months

- Takes steps by holding on to furniture
- Picks up small objects, toys and finger foods
- Waves “bye-bye”
- Says “Mama” or “Dada” to the right person
- Looks at pictures in a book



12-15 Months

- Walks without help
- Drinks from a cup without help
- Picks up small objects and drops into a container
- Points and asks for things
- Scribbles on paper using crayon



15-18 Months

- Points to body parts—eyes, nose, mouth—when you name them
- Shows emotions—happy or sad
- Tries to talk and repeats words
- Feeds self with spoon but spills
- Looks at picture books and turns pages



18-24 Months

- Points to pictures in a book when you name them
- Puts words together like “mommy shoes,” “see car,” “go bye-bye”
- Shows affection—offers hugs and kisses
- Plays actively with toys—kicks large ball, stacks things, etc.
- Takes off clothes on their own like hat, shoes, socks



24-36 Months

- Follows simple two-step directions like, “Go to your room and bring me a diaper.”
- Uses 4 to 5 word sentences
- Plays make-believe with dolls, stuffed animals, and people
- Shows affection for playmates
- Jumps up and down

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