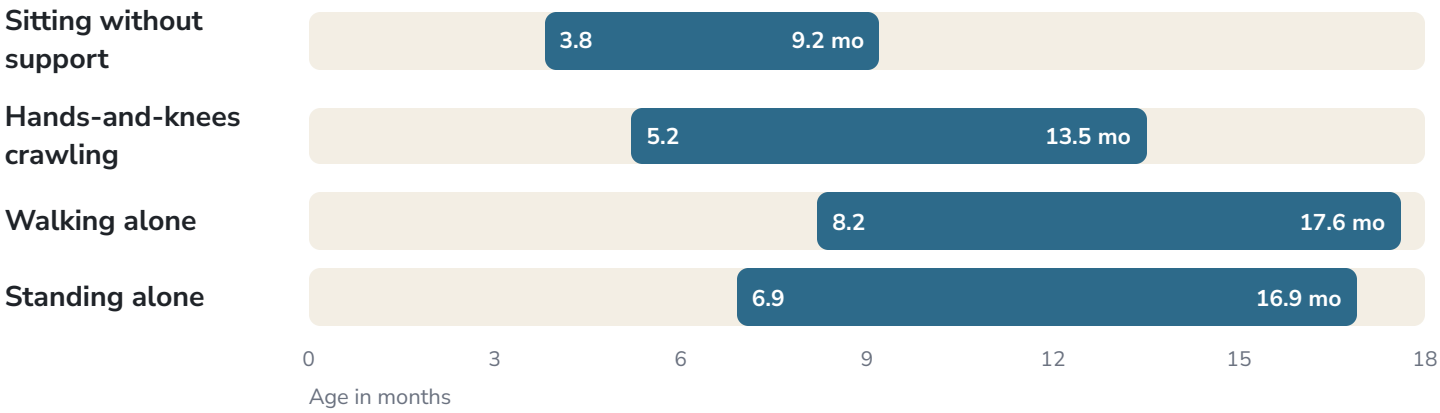
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When do babies...?

Healthy babies reach milestones across a wide range of ages. Bars show the WHO study range from the earliest 1% to the latest 1%.



When do babies	CDC and other official timing
Roll over	By 6 months, most babies (75% or more) roll from tummy to back, according to the CDC milestone checklist.
Start talking	The CDC milestones: "mama" or "dada" by 12 months, one or two other words by 15 months, three or more words by 18 months, two words together by 2 years and about 50 words by 30 months.
Smile	By 2 months, most babies smile when you talk to or smile at them, and by 4 months they smile on their own to get your attention (CDC).
Laugh	The CDC lists chuckling (not yet a full laugh) by 4 months and laughing by 6 months.
Hold their head up	By 2 months most babies hold their head up when on their tummy, and by 4 months they hold it steady without support when you hold them (CDC).
Start babbling	The CDC lists cooing ("oooo", "aahh") by 4 months and babbling sounds like "mamamama" and "babababa" by 9 months.
Clap	The CDC lists "claps when excited" by 15 months, and playing games like pat-a-cake by 12 months.
Wave	By 12 months, most babies wave "bye-bye" (CDC).
Point	By 15 months, most children point to ask for something or to get help, and by 18 months they point to show you something interesting (CDC).
Start eating baby food	The CDC says children can begin eating solid foods at about 6 months, and that starting before 4 months is not recommended.
Start teething	Baby teeth start to come in at about 6 months, according to the American Dental Association, and Seattle Children's Hospital says they come in between 6 and 24 months. There are 20 primary (baby) teeth.

Sources: WHO Motor Development Study, Acta Paediatrica 95 (2006); CDC "Learn the Signs. Act Early." milestone checklists (75% or more of children by each age). Worried? Ask your child's doctor.

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