



Pregnancy Month by Month

Though every baby and every mother is different, this chart shows average development for the child and typical experiences for the mother.

	Baby Picture	Baby's Growth	Mother's Experience
Month 1		Cell multiplication begins. Egg attaches to uterus lining. Fetal internal organs and circulatory system begins to form. Heart begins to beat. Small bumps show the beginning of arms and legs.	First trimester begins. Misses a menstrual period.
Month 2		Baby is ¼" long. Face, eyes, ears and limbs take shape. Bones begin to form. Internal organs develop.	Breasts begin to swell. Possible 'morning sickness' and fatigue.
Month 3		Baby is about 1" long. Nostrils, mouth, lips, teeth buds, and eyelids form. Fingers and toes complete. All organs present, but immature. Male and female look different. Eyelids are fused.	Breasts are firmer, fuller, and ache. Nausea, fatigue. Abdomen becomes larger. Uterus is about the size of an orange. 2-4 pound weight gain.
Month 4		Baby is 3 inches long; weighs about 1 ounce. Can swallow, suck thumb, hiccup, and move. Facial features are clearer.	Second trimester begins. Discomforts of early pregnancy are gone. Increased appetite.
Month 5		Baby is 8-10 inches long. Weighs 4-5 ounces. Hair, eyelashes, and eyebrows appear. Baby is more active.	"Showing" – enlarged abdomen is obvious. Can hear baby's heartbeat through stethoscope. 10-12 pound weight gain.
Month 6		Baby is 8-10 inches long; weighs 8-12 ounces.	Baby movements are strong. Mother can feel kicks and thumps.



Pregnancy Month by Month Answer Key

		<p>Fat us depositing under the skin. Baby looks wrinkled. Breathing begins. Brain working. Eyes open. Ears begin to work. There are fingerprints and footprints.</p>	
Month 7		<p>Baby is 10-12 inches long; weighs 1 ½ to 2 pounds. Baby has periods of activity and inactivity. Responds to sound.</p>	<p>Third trimester begins. Increased weight and size effect Mother's posture.</p>
Month 8		<p>Baby is 14-16 inches long; weighs 2 ½ - 3 pounds. Nails and bones harden. Moves to a head-down position.</p>	<p>Backaches, leg cramps, shortness of breath, fatigue. Weight gain of 18-20 pounds.</p>
Month 9		<p>Baby is 17-18 inches long; weighs 5-6 pounds. Baby slows down due to lack of space. Takes disease-fighting antibodies from mother's blood. Descends into pelvis, ready for birth.</p>	<p>'Lightening' – the baby drops into the pelvis. Easier to breath Weight gain of 24-30 pounds. Uterus is the size of a watermelon. May have pre-labor pains.</p>