

Age 4 Months - Developmental Milestones

By four months of age, babies' eyesight and head control continue to improve. At this age, babies are usually able to track objects past midline and also begin to reach for objects with their hands. At this age, babies are also often able to hold a rattle. Babies are also able to raise their body on their hands when on their stomach, and this motion also helps them to roll from stomach to back. However, babies typically cannot roll from back to stomach until six months. At this age, babies' use of voice continues to evolve and babies typically begin to babble, which is pretty much adding consonant sounds to cooing.



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Gross Motor

Keeps Head Steady Without Support

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By four months, babies can hold their heads steady without support when being held, showing improved neck and upper body strength.

Pushes Up on Elbows While on Tummy

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When on their tummy, babies can push up on their elbows, demonstrating core strength and preparation for future crawling. This skill prepares babies for further milestones, such as crawling.

Fine Motor

Holds a Toy in Hands

Toy in Hand

Babies can grasp toys at this age, reflecting growing hand control and interest in exploring their surroundings.

Moves Hands Towards Mouth

Hand to Mouth

Four-month-olds often bring their hands to their mouth, which promotes self-soothing and hand-eye coordination.

Language/Communication

Cooing

Coo-Coo-clock

Babies begin cooing around four months, producing soft, vowel-like sounds that mark early vocal exploration and engagement with caregivers.

Turns to Voice

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At this age, babies turn their heads toward voices, indicating sound recognition and social interest. It helps them learn how to communicate and develop language skills.

Chuckles

[Chucky-chuckle](#)

At four months, infants reach a milestone where they smile to capture the attention of their caregivers. They may also chuckle (not yet a full laugh) when parents try to amuse them.

Enjoys Looking Around

[Happy-face Glasses](#)

At four months old, infants enjoy looking around as their vision improves, allowing them to distinguish between shades and follow moving objects. They also initiate behaviors such as looking at you, moving, or vocalizing to attract or maintain your attention.

Looks at Hands With Interest

[Looks at Hands](#)

Babies often stare at their hands at this age, exploring body awareness and motor skills.

Opens Mouth When Hungry

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At four months, babies open their mouths when they see the breast or bottle, showing early recognition of feeding cues and an early form of nonverbal communication.