

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI)

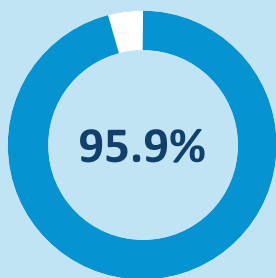
In Michigan in 2024



1-3-6 GOALS | *Let's work together to reach 100% for each goal.*

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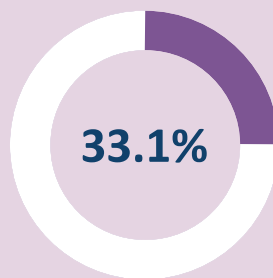
Hearing screen and rescreen no later than 1 month of age



92,778 infants (95.9% of the 95,703 infants screened) received a hearing screen no later than one month of age.

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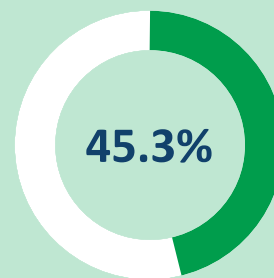
Diagnostic test no later than 3 months of age



347 infants (33.1% of the 1,047 infants referred on final screen) received a diagnostic test no later than three months of age.

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Early Intervention (EI) no later than 6 months of age



73 infants (45.3% of the 161 infants diagnosed with hearing loss) were enrolled into Early Intervention services no later than six months of age.

Data from calendar year 2024



99,420
Total Births



95,703
Infants Screened



1,047
Referred on Final Screen



161
Infants with Hearing Loss



93
Infants Enrolled in Early Intervention

A Closer Look: Loss to Follow-Up

When a baby does not pass the final hearing screening and no follow-up testing is reported to the EHDI Program, that child is considered “lost to follow-up.” This happens for many reasons—missed appointments, lack of understanding about why follow-up matters, or other barriers. But early detection of hearing loss is critical for healthy brain development and lifelong learning.

In Michigan, **396 infants—nearly 38%—were documented as lost to follow-up.** Every missed test is a missed opportunity for a child’s future. By identifying which families are most at risk and taking proactive steps, we can reduce these numbers and ensure every child gets the care they need.



Characteristics associated with being lost to follow-up:

- Non-Hispanic Black and Hispanic infants.
- Medicaid recipient.
- Later prenatal care initiation.

How you can help improve follow-up

Scan the QR codes below for more information.

Provide clear and consistent messages to parents regarding the next steps for follow-up testing.



Refer babies to pediatric centers that specialize in diagnostic testing.



Upon diagnosis of hearing loss, provide Early Intervention right away.

