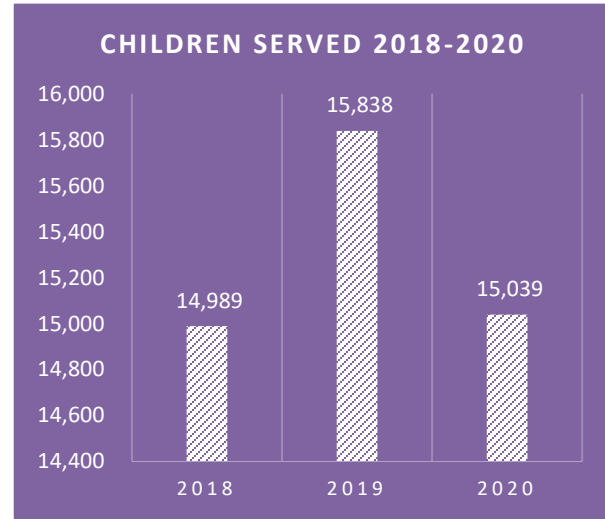
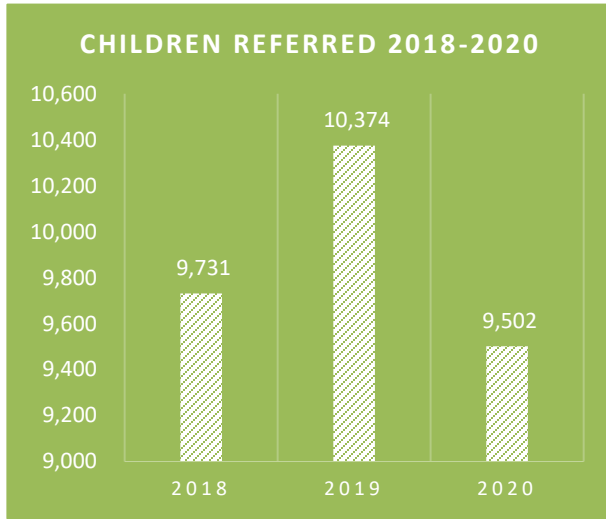


The [Baby Watch Early Intervention Program](#) (Baby Watch) is the state agency responsible for Part C early intervention (EI) services in Utah. Our statewide network of local EI programs serves the families of eligible infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities.

How many children does Baby Watch serve?

In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, Baby Watch served 15,039 Utah children age birth to three years in 2020. Baby Watch provided referral intake, evaluation and assessment, and Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) services.



What percentage of Utah infants and toddlers does Baby Watch serve?

The percentage of Utah infants and toddlers with an IFSP has increased since 2018 in both the birth-to-one and birth-to-three age ranges.



Age Range	2018	2019	2020
0 to 1 year	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%
0 to 3 years	2.9%	3.1%	3.2%

What percentage of EI services are provided in a timely manner?

Baby Watch providers are required by federal regulation to provide initial evaluation, assessment, and IFSP meetings to all referrals within 45 days, and to begin IFSP services within a second 45-day timeframe. Baby Watch monitors and reports this timeliness data to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) each year.

Timely Services	2018	2019	2020
% of eligible infants and toddlers who received an initial evaluation, assessment, and IFSP meeting within 45 days of referral	99.5%	98.2%	99.0%
% of infants and toddlers with IFSPs whose services began within 45 days of signing the IFSP	99.1%	98.4%	98.6%

How does Baby Watch measure child progress?

Baby Watch uses the Battelle Developmental Inventory, Second Edition Normative Update (BDI-2 NU) and the Early Child Outcome Summary (COS) to rate each child’s skills. This table shows the percentage of children in 2020 who:

- Entered the program below age expectations in the outcome area
- Substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they turned three and exited services
- Received at least six months of consecutive services

Outcome Area	% of children with increased skills
A. Positive social-emotional skills/relationships	54.9%
B. Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (language/communication)	70.8%
C. Use of appropriate behaviors to meet needs	72.5%

How do families feel about Baby Watch’s services?

Over 1,600 families participated in Baby Watch’s 2020 family survey. The table below shows the percentage of families who indicated that early intervention helped their family in each results area.

Results Area	% of respondents who indicated EI helped their family
A. Know their rights	96.5%
B. Effectively communicate their child’s needs	94.7%
C. Help their child develop and learn	96.1%

What happens after children leave early intervention services?

5,019 children exited Baby Watch services between July 1 2019 and June 30 2020. The five most common reasons children exited services were:

1. Eligible for Part B special education preschool (39.7%)
2. Withdrawn by a parent/guardian (25.0%)
3. Part B eligibility had not yet been determined (14.6%)
4. Not eligible for Part B, exit with no referrals (6.6%)
5. Not eligible for Part C prior to age three (4.3%)



Where does the funding for Baby Watch services come from?

Early intervention services are financed with state funds, Medicaid revenue, federal funds, family fees, and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) collections. 2020 funding from each source is shown below.

2020 Funding Source	Amount	% of Total
State General Fund	\$15,123,000	48%
Medicaid revenue	\$7,754,656	25%
Federal Part C Funds	\$7,407,561	24%
Family Fee collections	\$617,280	2%
CHIP collections	\$397,600	1%
2020 TOTAL	\$31,300,097	100%

For more information about Baby Watch, please visit utahbabywatch.org.