

5-6 Months

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FIRST TRIMESTER											SECOND TRIMESTER											THIRD TRIMESTER																			

Mother

- You probably have begun to look pregnant.
- Your skin may itch as it stretches, especially at the breasts and abdomen.
- You may feel a dull ache or a sharp, stabbing pain on one or both sides of the abdomen and possibly into the groin as the round ligaments that support the uterus stretch to accommodate the growing uterus.

Father

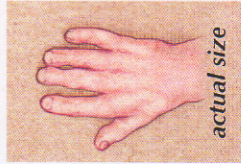
- The mother-to-be is in her second trimester, so her sexual desire may have returned. But be patient, and follow her lead.

Fetus

Month 5 (about weeks 19–22)

- The baby sleeps and wakes on a regulated cycle.
- External sex organs are well-developed. An ultrasound technician may be able to determine the baby's sex.
- The baby's movements become more active—sometimes turning from side to side and head over heels.
- By the end of the fifth month, the baby measures about 9 inches (23 centimeters) and weighs 0.5–1 pound (227–454 grams).

Fetal hand at 20 weeks



actual size

Month 6 (about weeks 23–26)

- The eyes open for short periods of time.
- The baby's skin is covered by a soft, downy hair called lanugo and a waxy, protective coating called vernix.
- With intensive care, the baby might survive if born during this month.
- At the end of the sixth month, the baby measures about 12–12.5 inches (30–32 centimeters) and weighs about 1.5–2 pounds (680–907 grams).