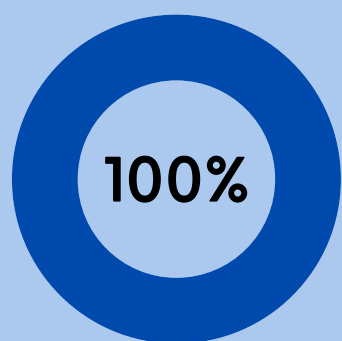


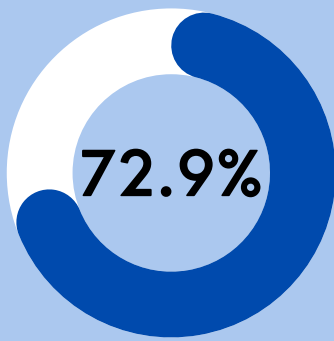
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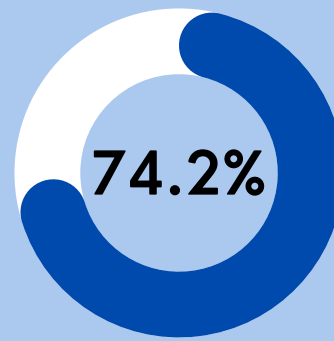
The Joint Committee on Infant Hearing recommends all infants with a permanent hearing condition are enrolled in early intervention (EI) services by six months of age. In 2021, 48 infants were diagnosed with permanent hearing condition in Arkansas.



48 infants were referred to EI services, 23 infants were referred before 6 months of age.

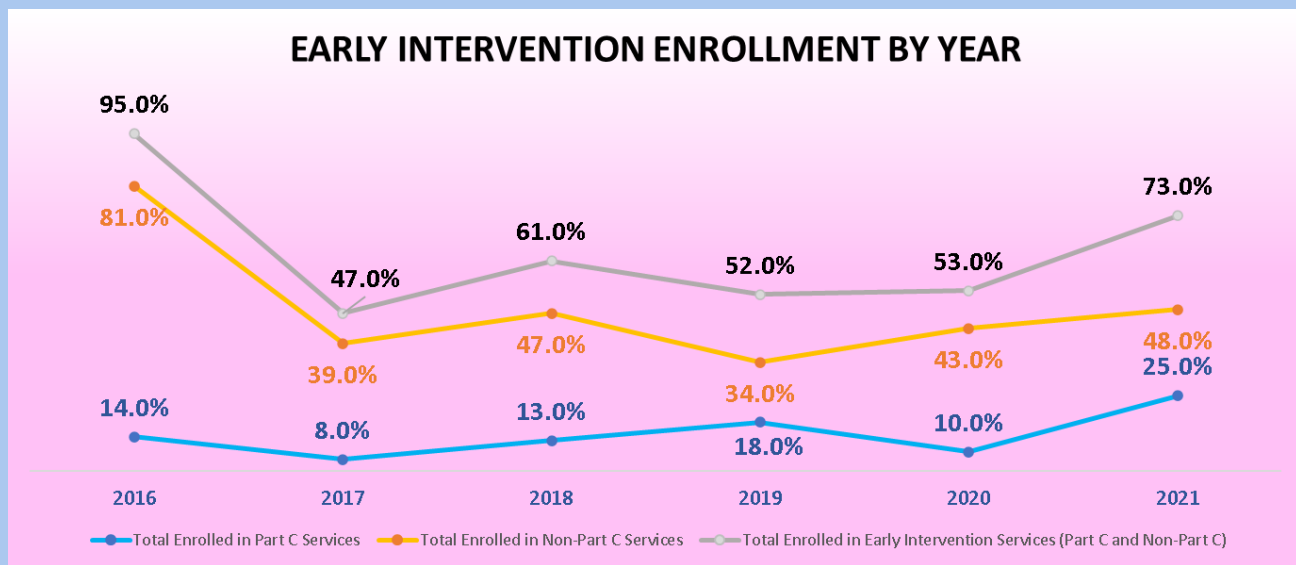


Of the 48 infants referred, 35 infants were enrolled in EI services.



26 infants were enrolled in EI services before 6 months of age.

In 2021, 73% of DHH children were enrolled in EI services. The Arkansas EHDI Program, saw an increase in EI enrollment from the previous year's report of 53%. EHDI data from recent years consistently shows higher enrollment in Non-Part C services when compared to enrollment in Part C services. The program continued working to identify Non-Part C service providers to collect documentation of enrollment in EI services.



In 2021, the program reported 13 babies without documentation of enrollment in EI services.

REASONS NOT ENROLLED IN EI SERVICES 2021

- Parent/Family Declined Services
- Diagnosis Changed to No Hearing Loss
- Non-resident
- Unknown
- Unable to Receive EI Due to Medical Reasons
- Parents/Family Contacted but Unresponsive



Source: ERAVE Hearing Screening and Follow-Up Survey, run 2-21-23. [CDC EHDI Annual Data](#).

Infants with a confirmed hearing condition should be enrolled in early intervention and family-to-family support services before 6 months of age.

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