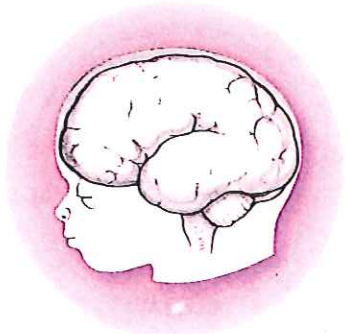


If your pregnancy is healthy, it's best if your baby is born at 40 weeks.

A baby's brain at 35 weeks weighs only two-thirds of what it will weigh at 40 weeks.



35 weeks



40 weeks

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- In the last 6 weeks of pregnancy, your baby's brain adds connections needed for balance, coordination, learning and social functioning. During this time, the size of your baby's brain almost doubles.
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- Babies born early have more learning and behavior problems in childhood than babies born at 40 weeks.
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- Babies born early are more likely to have feeding problems because they can't coordinate sucking, swallowing and breathing as well as full-term babies.
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- Babies born early are likely to have breathing problems, like apnea. Apnea is when a baby stops breathing.
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- Babies born early are more likely to die of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). SIDS is when a baby dies suddenly and unexpectedly, often during sleep.

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