Of the 62 children diagnosed with hearing loss, 32 were enrolled in an EI service before 6 months of age (51.6%).

Of the 62 babies identified with hearing loss, 30 babies received their diagnosis before 3 months of age (48.4%).

Of the 146 babies receiving any type of diagnosis, 76 received their diagnosis before 3 months of age (52.1%).

Number of Infants Screened by 1 Month of Age
35,339 births were reported to Vital Records. Of these, 34,517 babies received hearing screens by 1 month of age (99.0%).

Number of Infants with Hearing Loss Diagnosed Before 3 Months of Age
62 babies were identified with hearing loss. Of these, 30 babies received their diagnoses before 3 months of age (48.4%).

Late identification of hearing loss can negatively impact a child’s ability to develop speech, language, and social skills.

Arkansas Early Hearing Detection and Intervention 2019
In accordance with the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH) recommendations:

All infants should be screened for hearing loss before 1 month of age;

All infants who screen positive (do not pass) should have a diagnostic audiologic evaluation before 3 months of age; and

All infants identified with a hearing loss should be enrolled in early intervention (EI) services before 6 months of age.

Number of Infants Diagnosed
740 babies did not pass their initial hearing screen. Of these, 146 received a diagnosis of normal hearing or a hearing condition (19.7%). However, 594 babies did not receive the recommended diagnostic evaluation (80.3%).

Number of Infants Diagnosed before 3 Months of Age
Of the 146 babies receiving any type of diagnosis, 76 received their diagnosis before 3 months of age (52.1%).

Number of Infants With Hearing Loss Receiving Early Intervention (EI) Services
Of the 62 children diagnosed with hearing loss, 32 were enrolled in an EI service before 6 months of age (51.6%).

Number of Infants With Hearing Loss Receiving EI Services by 6 Months of Age
Of the 62 children diagnosed with hearing loss, 23 were enrolled in an EI service before 6 months of age (37.1%).