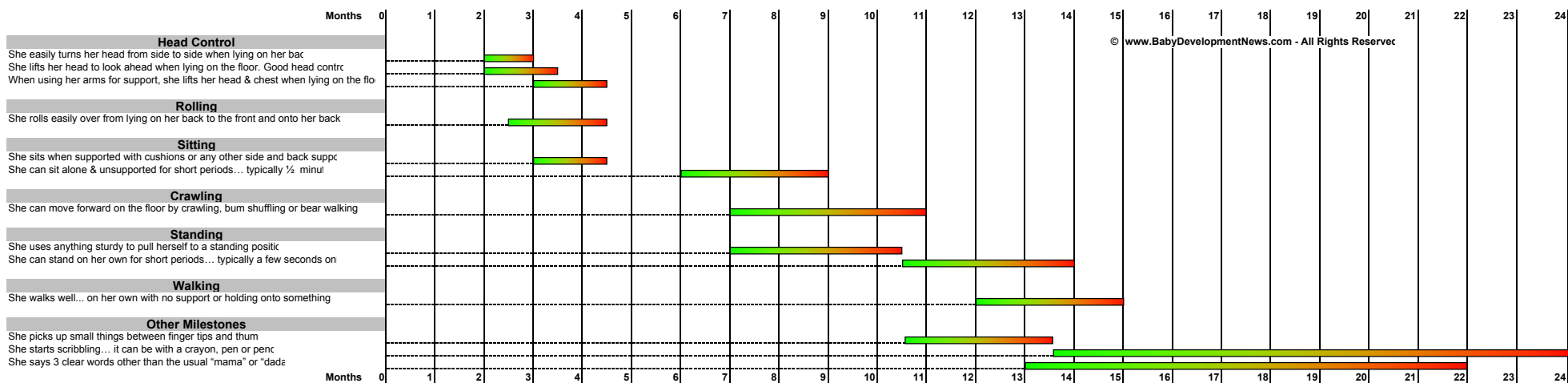


### 50-90 Rule-of-Thumb Baby Development Chart



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#### How to use this Rule-of-Thumb Chart

1. Appreciate that baby development cannot always be absolutely precise and measurable. That's why this chart is called a "Rule-of-Thumb" chart. It's a guide. All ages in months.
2. Each of the major physical milestones on this chart comes with a very brief description of what exactly to look for.
3. The bar graph corresponding to each milestone starts at the age when 50% of all babies have mastered the specific milestone, and ends when 90% of all babies normally master that same milestone or skill.
4. Note that this bar graph starts green at the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile... when half of all babies master each of the specific milestones. Of course, if your child masters the skill earlier that's great.
5. The closer we get to the end of each bar, the color changes to red = when 90% of all babies typically master that same milestone.
6. Clearly the longer your child takes to master a particular skill, the more you go into the red zone of the bar graph. And it becomes more and more important to stimulate and encourage mastering that skill.
7. Note that this Rule-of-Thumb chart also applies to premature babies, but Corrected Age must be used. For more information see: <http://www.babydevelopmentnews.com/babydevelopmentchart.html>
8. Confirm how the "Window of Development" must be applied to each of the milestones. Go to: <http://www.babydevelopmentnews.com/babydevelopmentalmilestones.html> and <http://www.babydevelopmentnews.com/first-year-baby-development.html>
9. This chart only give the major physical development milestones. For more details about what your baby should be mastering month by month, go to: <http://www.babydevelopmentnews.com/1styearbabydevelopment.html>