Measuring Weight
Infants: Birth - 2 years

Step 1 — Dress Code
Weigh infant wearing light underclothing or a clean dry diaper.

Step 2 — Center Child on Scale
Balance and zero the scale including the paper drape
Place infant on the center of the scale platform

Step 3 — Read and Document the Measurements
Read measurement to nearest 1/2 ounce (0.01 kg) and write it down.

Respect Privacy
Provide a private area for:
- Clothing removal
- Taking and discussing measurements

Alternate Weighing Method
1) Weigh both caregiver and child
2) Weigh caregiver alone
3) Subtract caregiver’s weight from the combined weight

Conversion Chart

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For more information on accurately measuring infants, children and adolescents, visit www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp/.
Select Support and Educational Materials.

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