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Hearing Loss

Facts & Statistics

There are **48 million** Americans who have a significant hearing loss.



of people with hearing loss who could benefit from a hearing aid do not wear one.

1 ARTHRITIS

2 HEART DISEASE

3 HEARING LOSS

Hearing loss is the third most prevalent health issue in older adults, after arthritis and heart disease.



An estimated **50 million** Americans experience tinnitus (ringing in the ears).

90% of those also have hearing loss.

Less than **30%** of adults aged 70 or older who could benefit from hearing aids actually use them. That drops to only **16%** of adults aged 20 to 69.

On average, hearing aid users wait 7-10 years after their initial diagnosis before being fitted with hearing aids.

Hearing loss has been shown to negatively impact nearly every dimension of the human experience including: physical health, emotional and mental health, perceptions of mental acuity, social skills, family relationships and self-esteem, not to mention work and school.



Employment

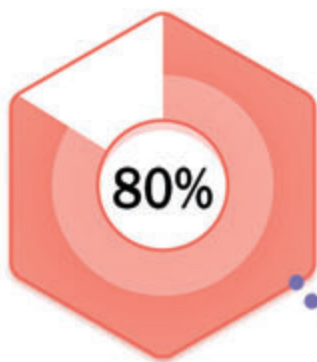


More than **30 million** Americans are exposed to dangerous levels of noise in their workplace.



Hearing loss has a significant negative impact on workplace earnings; specifically, untreated hearing loss results in lower earnings.

An estimated **1 in 5** American teens experiences some degree of hearing loss.



of teens with hearing loss report that it is due to loud noise.



Even a mild hearing loss can cause a child to miss as much as **50%** of classroom discussion.

About **2 to 3** out of every 1,000 children in the United States are born with a detectable hearing loss in one or both ears.



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Hearing issues are the most common service-connected disabilities among American veterans.

2.3 million veterans receive either disability compensation for service-connected hearing disabilities or are in treatment for hearing-related issues.



Half of all blast-induced injuries sustained result in permanent hearing loss for veterans.



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“ Out of all the disabilities from my injury, hearing loss is one of the most noticeable and one that causes the most problems for me. ”

— CPT Mark Brogan, U.S. Army (Ret.)
with wife Sunny

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