



Hearing Loss Facts

1. Approximately 12 percent of the U.S. population – 38 million Americans – have a significant hearing loss.
2. One in every three people over the age of 65 – a total of 165 million people worldwide – lives with hearing loss.
3. 50 million people in the United States experience tinnitus.
4. Of these, about 16 million have severe enough tinnitus to seek medical attention. About two million patients are so seriously debilitated that they cannot function on a "normal," day-to-day basis.
5. 32 million people affected by hearing loss are children under the age of 15.
6. Noise is the leading cause of hearing Loss.
7. 30 million Americans are exposed to dangerous noise levels every day.
8. A 12-year study conducted by the neurology department at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine found that untreated hearing loss increased the risk for **dementia**.
9. Only one out of every five people who could benefit from a hearing aid actually wear one.



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