



Hearing Loss and Hearing Aid Use



28.8 million
U.S. adults could benefit
from using hearing aids.

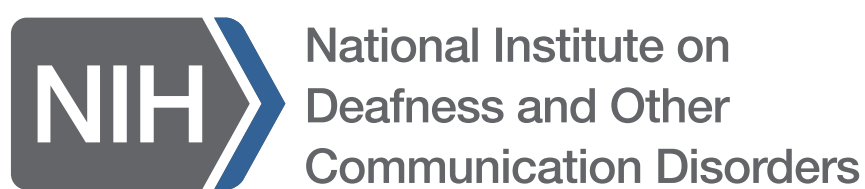


Only 1 in 4 U.S. adults ages 20 and over who could benefit from hearing aids has used them.



About **1 in 6** adults (16%)
ages 20 to 69

About **1 in 3** adults (30%)
ages 70+



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Sources:

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Based on calculations by NIDCD Epidemiology and Statistics Program staff using data collected by (1) the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) annually for number of persons who have ever used a hearing aid [numerator], and (2) periodic NHANES hearing exams for representative samples of the U.S. adult and older adult population [denominator]; these statistics are also used for tracking Healthy People 2010 and 2020 objectives.