Study of Hearing Loss Among U.S. Adults Aged 20 to 69

Who has hearing loss?

14% of adults aged 20 to 69 in 2011–2012

Prevalence of hearing loss has declined slightly from about 16% in 1999–2004.

Who is most at risk for hearing loss?

**Older Age Groups**

- AGED 40–49: 8%
- AGED 50–59: 23%
- AGED 60–69: 39%

Prevalence of hearing loss increases with age.

**Men**

Men are about twice as likely as women to have hearing loss.

Hearing loss is defined as when the average threshold across four speech frequencies (0.5–1–2–4 kHz) is greater than 25 decibels hearing level. The statistics above are for hearing loss that may occur in one or both ears.


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