Approximately 41.3 million American adults (15%) report some trouble with hearing.¹

Those who have hearing loss are more likely to have low employment rates, lower worker productivity, and high healthcare costs.²

Hearing loss affects people of all ages, and the risk of hearing loss increases as we get older.³

Nearly a third of people older than 65 years have hearing loss.³

As people live longer, these numbers are expected to grow, from 44 million in 2020 to 63 million in 2040.⁴

Men are 29% more likely than women to have hearing loss.³

Non-Hispanic White adults are more likely than Non-Hispanic Black, Hispanic, or Asian adults to have hearing loss; Non-Hispanic Black and Asian adults have the lowest prevalence of hearing loss.³

Risk factors such as hearing loss in midlife and social isolation in later life can contribute to increased dementia risk.⁵

Over-the-counter hearing aids are available for adults who believe they have mild to moderate hearing loss.⁶

References


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