

MYTHS & STATISTICS ABOUT HEARING LOSS

MYTHS:

- If you are deaf, you cannot speak
- If you wear a hearing aid or have a cochlear implant, you can hear perfectly
- If you are deaf, you are not very bright
- If you speak, you cannot be deaf
- Children with hearing loss face these types of assumptions daily; the greatest handicap for them is ignorance and misunderstanding on the part of the general public.

STATISTICS:

- 40% of adults aged 20 to 79 had at least slight hearing loss in both or one ear
- Adults aged 60 to 79 were significantly more likely to have hearing loss (78%) compared with younger adults aged 40 to 59 (40%) and 20 to 39 (15%)
- 8% of children and youth aged 6 to 19 had hearing loss that was considered slight or worse
- The majority (79%) of children and youth with hearing loss had hearing loss in only one ear
- The majority of Canadians with measured hearing loss were not aware they had any hearing problems
- About 77% of adults with at least slight measured hearing loss did not report a diagnosis of hearing problems by a health care professional, while the same occurred in 95% of children aged 6 to 11 and 86% of youth aged 12 to 19.

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