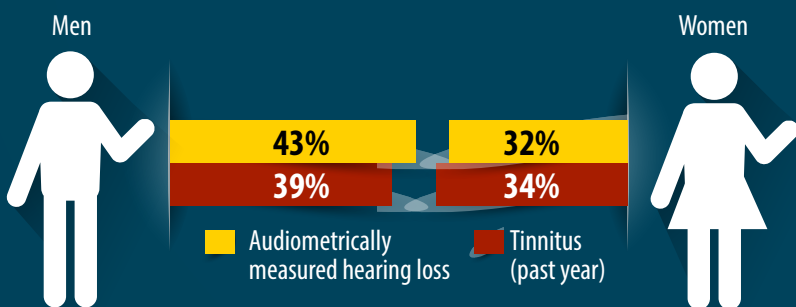


Hearing health of Canadian adults

Hearing loss and tinnitus are common among Canadian adults, especially men.

Overall, 38% of adults aged 20 to 79 years had hearing loss, while 37% had tinnitus.

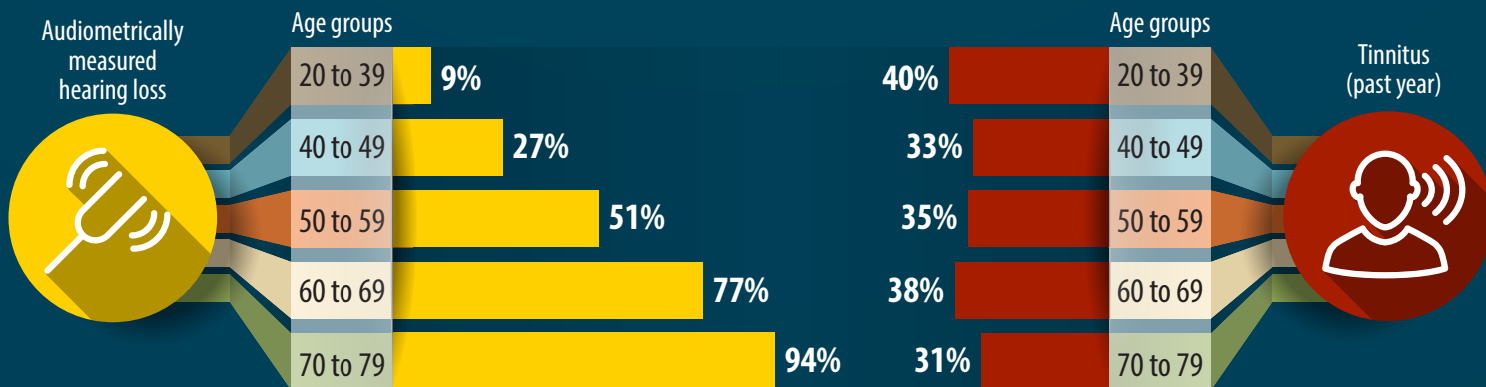


Hearing loss often occurs gradually as part of the aging process, but it may also be caused by loud noise, trauma, medications and disease.

Tinnitus is the perception of noise that is not generated by an external source, such as ringing, hissing, buzzing, rushing or roaring sounds in the ears.

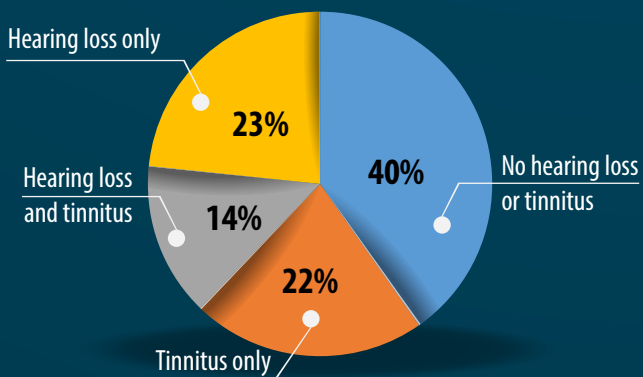
In Canada, hearing loss is more common at older ages, while the percentage of Canadians with tinnitus is similar across age groups.

Percentage of Canadians with audiometrically measured hearing loss and percentage of Canadians reporting tinnitus (past year), Canada excluding the territories, 2012 to 2015

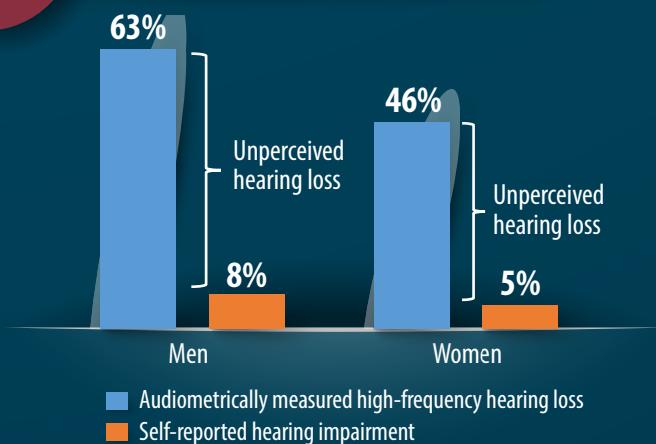


Overall, 60% of Canadians aged 19 to 79 have a hearing health problem: audiometrically measured hearing loss, tinnitus (past year) or both conditions.

Percentage of Canadians with hearing health problems, Canada excluding the territories, 2012 to 2015



Many Canadians aged 40 to 79 years are unaware that they have hearing loss.



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