

Did You Know?

Hearing loss is the third most common chronic physical condition in the United States

Here are some facts about hearing disabilities and deafness that you may not know

Hearing Loss vs. Deafness

Hearing loss may be mild, severe or profound. Deafness is usually profound hearing loss.

Prevalence in the U.S.

1 out of 5 men and 1 out of 8 women in the United States report having at least some trouble hearing.

Most common causes of hearing loss

Aging, noise exposure, head trauma, viruses or diseases, genetics and cytotoxicity.

Misconceptions about ASL

American Sign Language (ASL) is not universal. Each country has its own sign language with its own regional dialects.

Some unique features of Deaf Culture

Reliance on eyesight, high degree of networking, use of technology to overcome traditional communication barriers, and supporting sign language use in educational settings.

[CDC. Statistics about the Public Health Burden of Noise-Induced Hearing Loss](#)

For more information about deafness and hearing loss, visit the following links

[National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders](#)

[NAD - National Association of the Deaf](#)

[World Health Organization](#)

[National Deaf Center](#)

[Gallaudet University](#)