



#### Results

### NewZealandTrak 2018

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## Summary 1. Introduction

- NewZealandTrak 2018 was designed and executed by Anovum (Zurich) on behalf of New Zealand Hearing Industry Association (HIA).
- Sample sizes New Zealand 2018:

Representative sample (sample 1): n=16'080 people

- Hearing impaired (sample 2): n=1'316 people

Hearing impaired non-owners: n= 677 people with hearing loss (HL)
 HA owners: n= 639 people with hearing aid (HA)

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## Summary 2. Market overview

- Stated hearing loss prevalence
  - Total: 10.1%, 18+: 12.3%
  - Binaural hearing loss: HA owners: 86%, HA non-owners: 65%
  - Hearing Tests: 38% had a hearing test in the last 5 years, most tests done by audiologists/audiometrists
- Hearing aid adoption rate (HA penetration)
  - Total: 41.6%
  - Total age group 18+: 41.8%
  - 78% of HA owners have binaural treatment
- The route to the hearing aid
  - 56% of the hearing impaired discussed hearing loss with an ENT doctor or family doctor (drop out=44%).
  - 68% of the hearing impaired discussed hearing loss with an audiologist/audiometrist.
  - 47% got hearing aids recommended from the ENT or family doctor (drop out=16%).
  - 63% of the GP consultations referred to an audiologist/audiometrist.
  - 27% of the GP consultations referred to an Ear, Nose and Throat specialist's (ENT), 9% recommended no action.
  - 57% of ENT consultations referred to an audiologist/audiometrist, 22% recommended no action.
- Potential social cost-savings due to the use of hearing aids
  - Hearing aids are believed to have a positive impact on the job.
  - Quality of sleep seems to improve if hearing impaired use hearing aids.









## Summary 3. Analysis of hearing aid owners

- Hearing aid ownership, usage and accessories
  - 72% of the currently owned HAs were bought in 2015 or later.
  - The average age of the currently owned HAs is 2.8 years.
  - The median age of hearing aids before replacement is 6 years.
  - On average, HAs are worn 8.5 hours a day.
  - 44% of today's hearing aid owners are aware of their hearing aid brand.
  - 40% have been informed about hearing aid accessories by the audiologist, 17% use a HA accessory.
- Importance of listening situations and satisfaction with HAs
  - 83% of the hearing aid owners say their hearing aid works better than or as expected
  - 79% of the HA owners are satisfied with their HAs.
  - The more hours worn per day, the higher the satisfaction.
  - Satisfaction with newer hearing aids is higher than with older hearing aids.
  - Talking at home with family members, talking on a phone, conversations and watching TV with others are the most important listening situations.
- Positive impact of HAs
  - Significant positive impact of HAs on different aspects especially communication effectiveness and ability to participate in group activities improve with hearing aids.
  - 95% of hearing aid owners declare that their hearing aids improve their quality of life at least sometimes.









## Summary

### 4. Analysis of hearing impaired non-owners

- Reasons not to own/use HAs
  - Only 12% of the hearing impaired without hearing aids think that a third party would pay any part of hearing aids.
  - The main reasons for not using hearing aids are that people say they can't afford ist, they hear enough in most situations, they have more serious priorities, hearing loss is not severe enough and they think they are are uncomfortable.
  - 7% who own HAs don't use them at all (0 hours); 15% use them less than one hour/day (0-1 hour).
- Social rejection, buying intentions and triggers to buy
  - 76% of hearing aid owners feel that people never make fun of or reject them because of their hearing aids.
     It is more likely somebody makes fun or rejects a hearing impaired without hearing aid (only 26% say they are never made fun of because of their hearing loss).
  - The most important influencing factors for getting hearing aids are the audiologist/audiometrist, worsening hearing loss and the spouse. Insurance coverage/price of hearing aids is much more relevant for the non owners.









### Detailed Results: Roadmap

#### 1. Introduction

- Organisation of NewZealandTrak 2018
- Recruitment process: In search of hearing impaired people

#### 2. Market overview

- Prevalence of hearing loss and hearing aid adoption rate
- Hearing tests and where hearing is tested
- The route to the hearing aid: Sources of information and drop-out rates
- Potential social cost-savings due to the use of hearing aids: Work competitiveness, depressive symptoms, sleep quality, co-morbidities

#### 3. Analysis of hearing aid owners

- Hearing aid ownership, awareness of hearing loss before getting hearing aids, lifetime of hearing aids and usage
- Reasons for getting hearing aids sooner
- Channels for getting hearing aids, recommendation of channel (NPS)
- Awareness and usage of accessories
- Satisfaction with hearing aids and drivers
- Importance of listening situations
- Positive impact of hearing aids, safety due to hearing aids, quality of life

#### 4. Analysis of hearing impaired non-owners

- Reasons for not having hearing aids
- Social rejection because of hearing loss compared to the acceptance of hearing aids
- Most important triggers to buy

#### 5. Appendix

- Demographics: Hearing instrument adoption rates and populations







### 1. Introduction









### Organisation of NewZealandTrak 2018

#### **Organisation**

- Principal of the project NewZealandTrak is HIA.
- Anovum Zurich developed the concept of NewZealandTrak, designed the questionnaire and conducted the fieldwork in cooperation with a panel company. Furthermore Anovum analysed the data and prepared the presentation.
- The European Hearing Instrument Manufacturers Association [EHIMA] approved the guestionnaire.

#### Use of the data

- HIA may use the anonymous delivered tables, charts, reports and conclusions of the survey for further research projects, for archiving and publication in any form whatsoever.
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# Recruitment process: In search of hearing impaired people

#### **Step 1: Screening interviews**

Objective: Prevalence of hearing loss and hearing aid ownership

#### Process:

- 1. Representative sample with strict quotas that represent the overall population (Age/Gender interlocked; soft quota on region)
- 2. Contacts from panelist pools of more than 60'000 people
- 3. Screening questionnaire: Stated hearing loss and hearing aid usage + demographics
- 4. Result: Representative sample of **n=16'080** people based on census data.

#### **Step 2: Target population interviews**

Objective: Details about satisfaction with hearing aids and reasons for non-adoption

#### Process:

- 1. Main questionnaires: Owners and hearing impaired non-owners
- 2. Balancing through weighting according to representative screening interviews
- 3. Resulting sample: **n=639** hearing aid owners and **n=677** hearing impaired non-owners







### 2. Market overview









### Prevalence of hearing loss and adoption rate

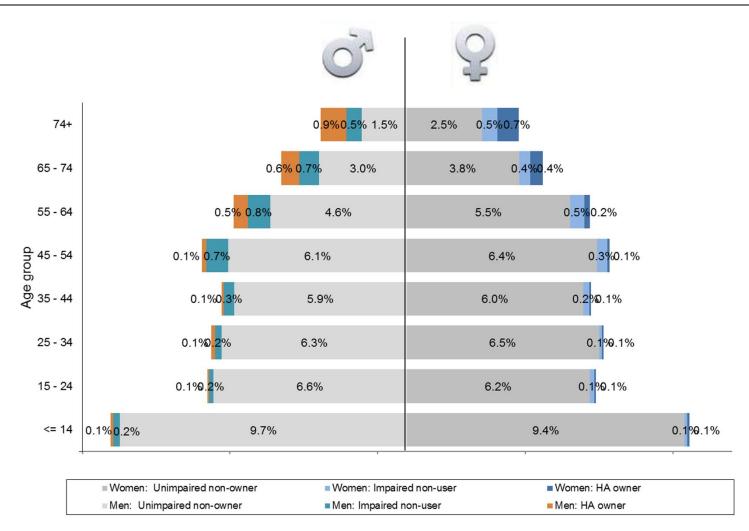








# Hearing loss and hearing instrument ownership by gender/age





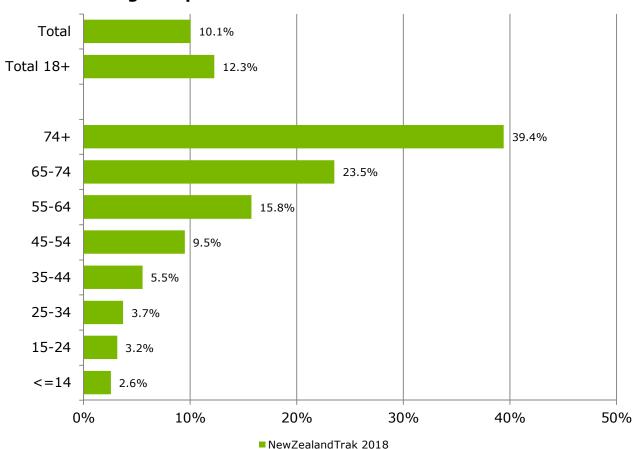






### Hearing loss prevalence NewZealand 2018

#### % hearing loss prevalence



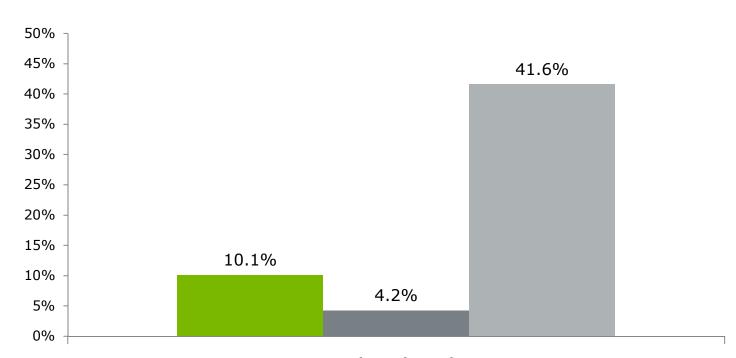
NewZealandTrak 2018 Base: 16'080







# Overview hearing loss prevalence and hearing aid adoption



NewZealandTrak 2018

■ Hearing impaired (stated) ■ Adoption (% of population) ■ Adoption (% of stated impaired)

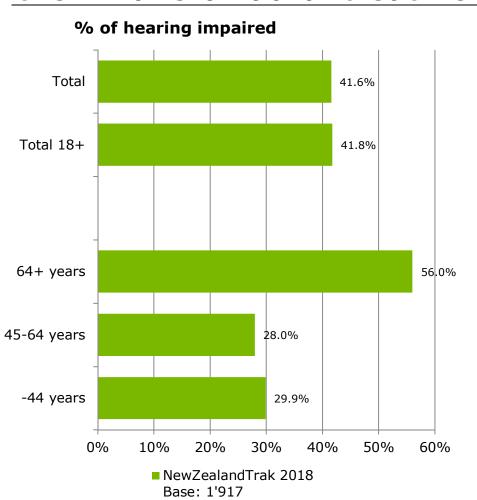
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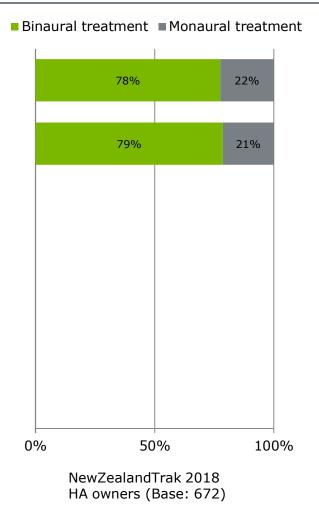






#### Hearing aid adoption rate NewZealand 2018 42% of hearing impaired have hearing aid(s), 78% of them have binaural treatment





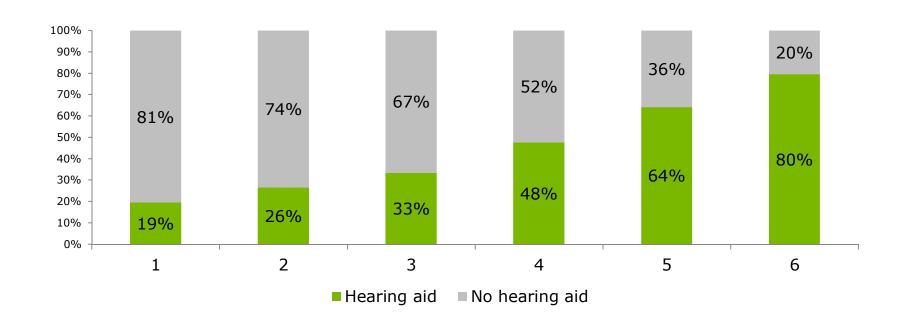
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# The more severe the hearing loss, the higher the adoption rate



Hearing loss 6-groups
HA-non-owner, n=677
HA-owner, n=639

\* Construction of 6-groups: A factor analysis was performed to identify one factor "degree of hearing loss". The following questions were included in the factor:

- Number of ears impaired (one or two)
- Stated hearing loss (Mild to Profound)
- Scores on 6 APHAB-EC like questions (Scaled 1-5)
- When NOT using a hearing aid, how difficult is it for you to follow conversations in the presence of noise
- → People were segmented into 6 groups of same size (16.67% of all hearing impaired in the sample).







## Hearing loss

#### Hearing loss characteristics: Owners compared to non-owners

	HA-Non-owner	HA Owner n=639	Hearing Aid Adoption (%)
Ears impaired (stated)			
Unilateral loss	35%	14%	25%
Bilateral loss	65%	86%	53%
Perceived loss			
Mild	47%	10%	13%
Moderate	44%	62%	50%
Severe	8%	24%	68%*
Profound	1%	4%	

ncs are unweighted whereas the shown results are weighted

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<sup>\*</sup> combined %evere+ and %profound+ because n is too small







### Hearing tests and where hearing is tested







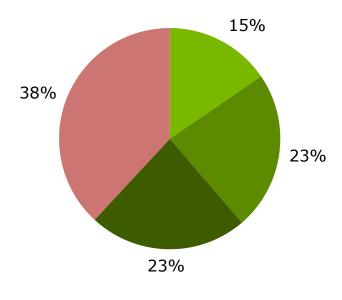


## Hearing Tests: 38% had a hearing test in the last 5 years, most tests done by audiologists and audiometrists

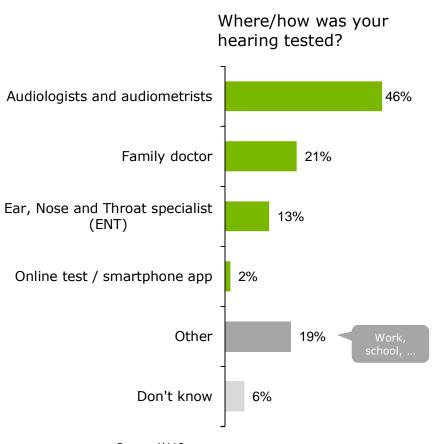
Have you ever taken a hearing test?

■Yes, in the last 12 months ■Yes, in the last 1-5 years

■ Yes, more than 5 years ago ■ No, never



Base=11'410



Base= 4'418







## The route to the hearing aid: Sources of information and drop-out rates



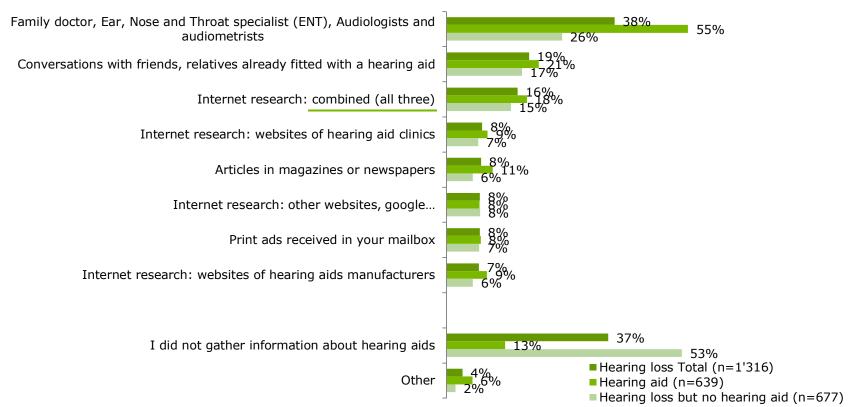






Doctors/HCPs are the most important sources of information and therefore the major gatekeepers – followed by other people with hearing aids.

Where did you gather information about hearing aids? Please check all that apply.



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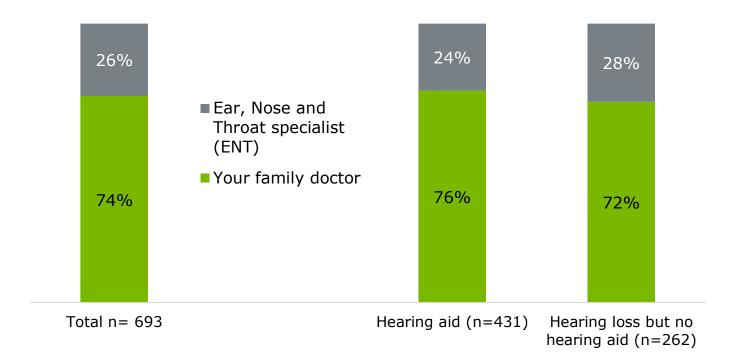






## Of those who discussed the hearing loss with a doctor, 74% talked to a family doctor first

Those who discussed hearing loss with family doctor and/or ENT: Who was the doctor you discussed your hearing loss with for the **first time** – your family doctor or the Ear, Nose and Throat specialist (ENT)?

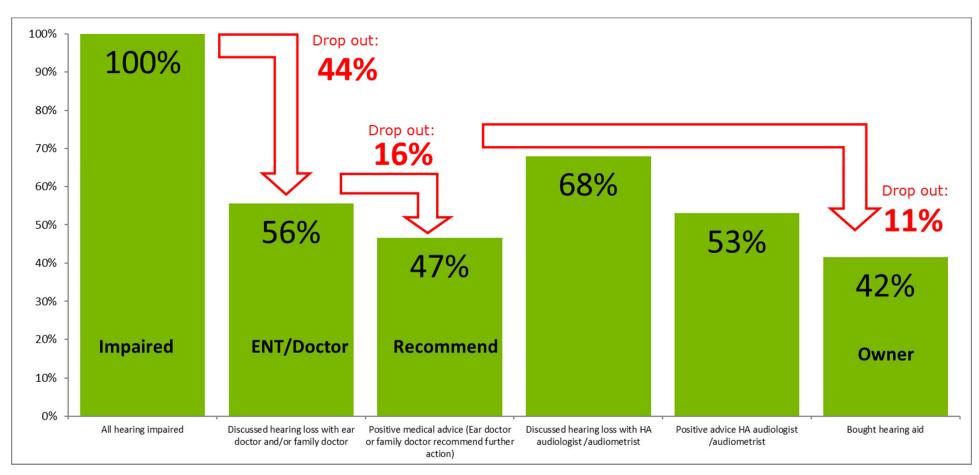








### The route to the hearing aid



Base: n=1'316



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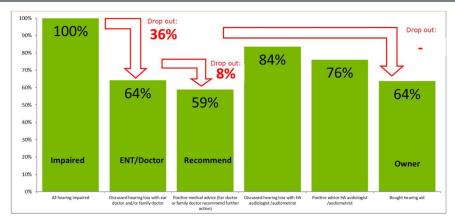


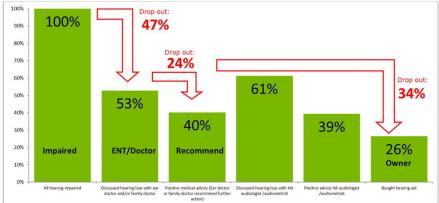


# Much higher drop-out-rates for the lower hearing loss segments

Top 50% hearing loss\*

Low 50% hearing loss\*





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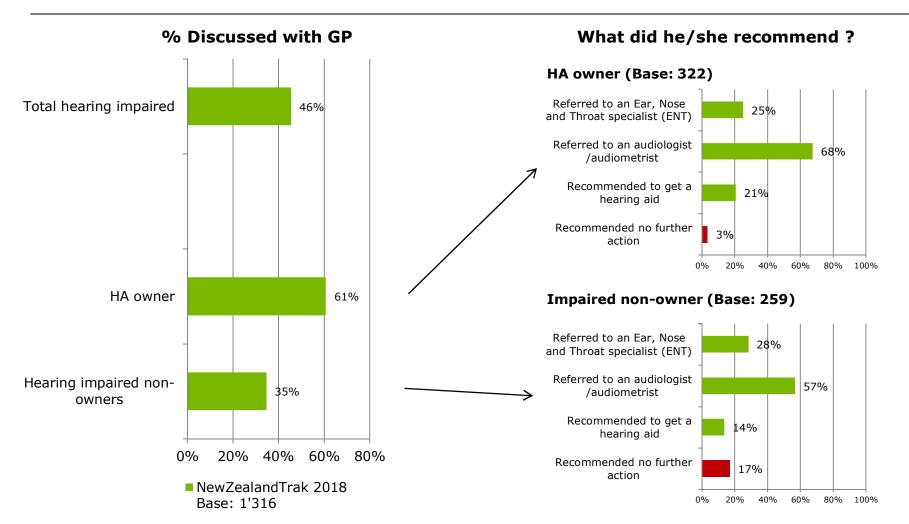






### The route to the hearing aid: GP/Family doctor

Have you discussed your hearing problem with your family doctor?



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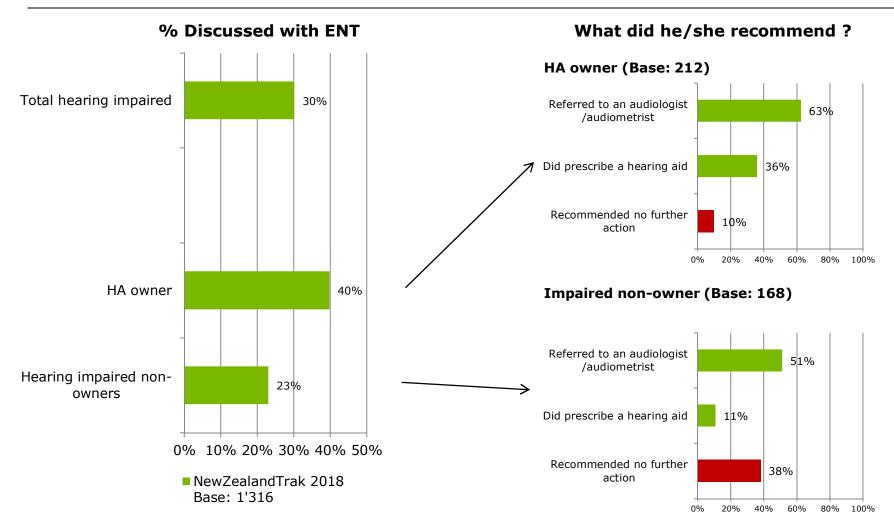






#### The route to the hearing aid: ENT

Have you ever discussed your hearing problem with an Ear, Nose and Throat specialist (ENT)?



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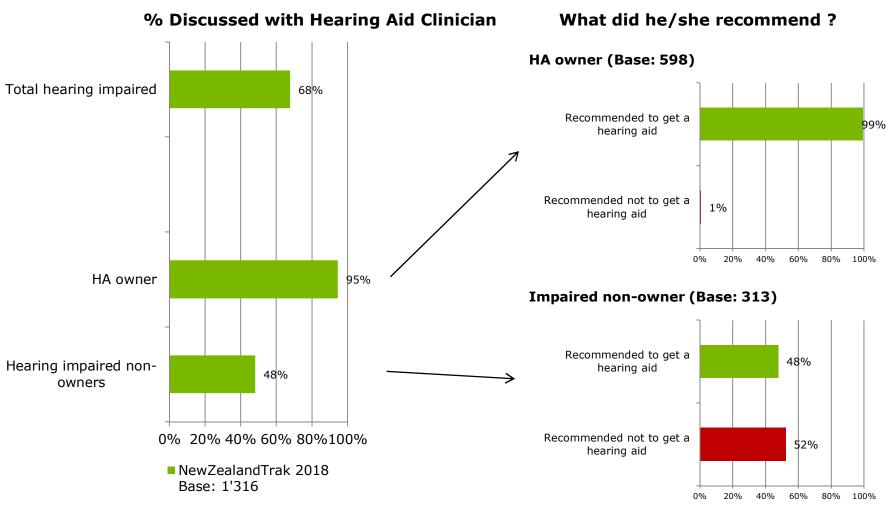








# The route to the hearing aid: audiologist/audiometrist Have you ever discussed your hearing problem with an audiologist/audiometrist?



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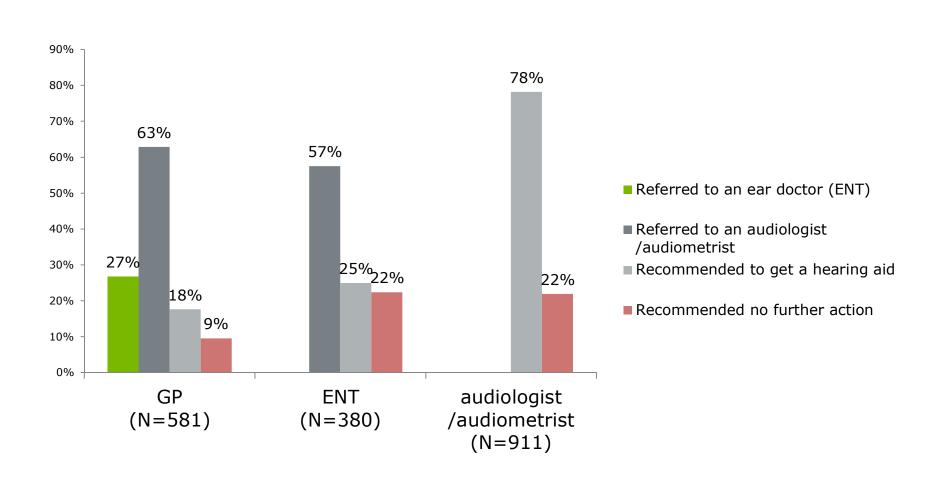
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#### Recommendations by profession









Potential social cost-savings due to the use of hearing aids: Work competitiveness, depressive symptoms, sleep quality, co-morbidities



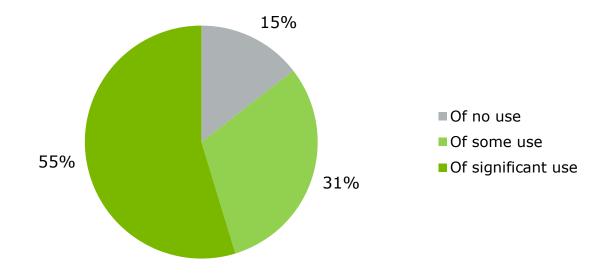






**Work competitiveness:** 85% of the working hearing aid owners state their hearing aid(s) are useful on their job.

## How useful are your hearing aids on your job?



Base: N=208

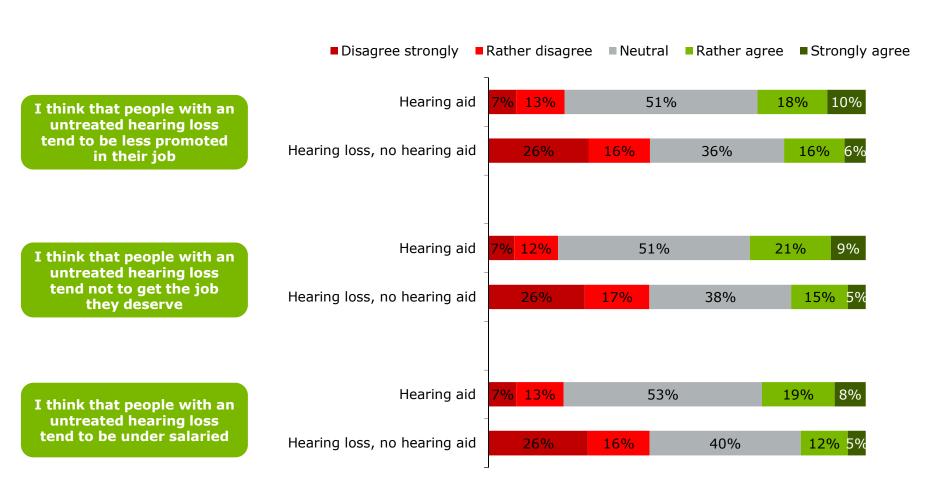








**Work competitiveness:** People with hearing aids recognize that hearing aids increase the chance of hearing impaired to get promoted, to get the right job and to get more salary.



Base: Hearing loss, no hearing aid =448/ hearing aid n=390

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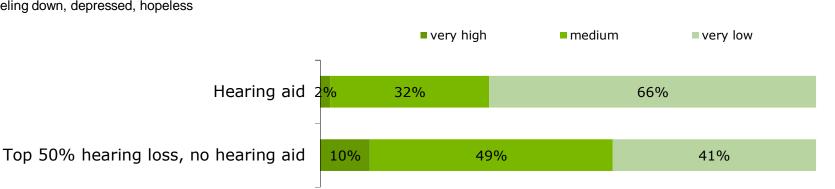


General health problems: Hearing aid owners have a lower risk of being depressed (PHQ-2 Screening) compared to impaired non-owners with comparable hearing loss (Top50% hearing loss group\*).

#### Depression symptoms: PHQ-2 Screening:

In the last 2 weeks:

<sup>&</sup>quot;Feeling down, depressed, hopeless



Probability of major depressive disorder

Base: hearing aid n=417 / top 50% HL, no hearing aid =100

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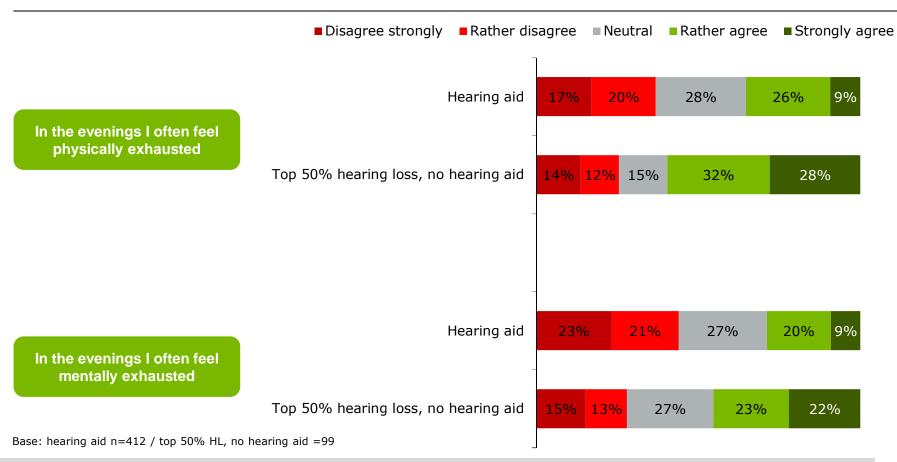
<sup>&</sup>quot;Little interest or pleasure







**General health problems**: Compared to impaired hearing aid non-owners with significant hearing loss (Top 50% hearing loss\*), hearing aid owners feel less exhausted in the evenings



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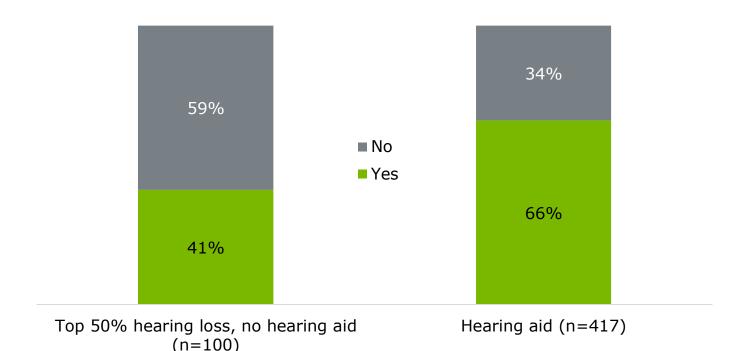






## **General health problems**: Quality of sleep seems to improve if hearing impaired use hearing aids

Are you generally satisfied with the quality of your sleep?



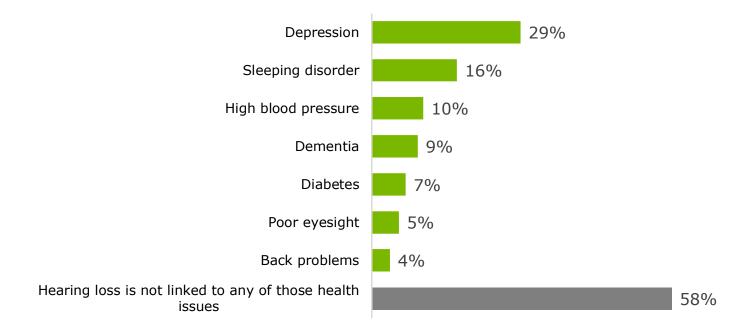






## 29% of all hearing impaired think that hearing loss could be linked to depression.

Please tick all of the health issues below which you think could be linked to one's hearing loss.



Hearing impaired, N=1'316







## 3. Analysis of hearing aid owners









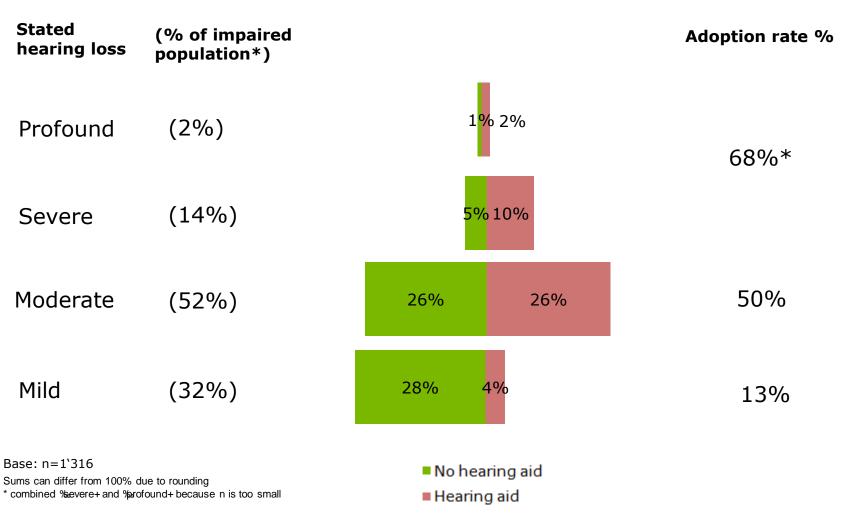
Hearing aid ownership, awareness of hearing loss before getting hearing aids, lifetime of hearing aids and usage







## Very low adoption rates within mild hearing loss



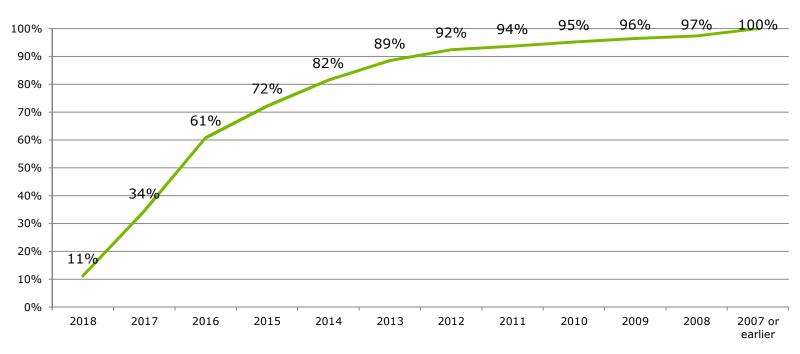






### 72% of the currently owned HAs were acquired in 2015 or later

#### Year of purchase



Age of currently owned HAs (Mean): 2.8 years

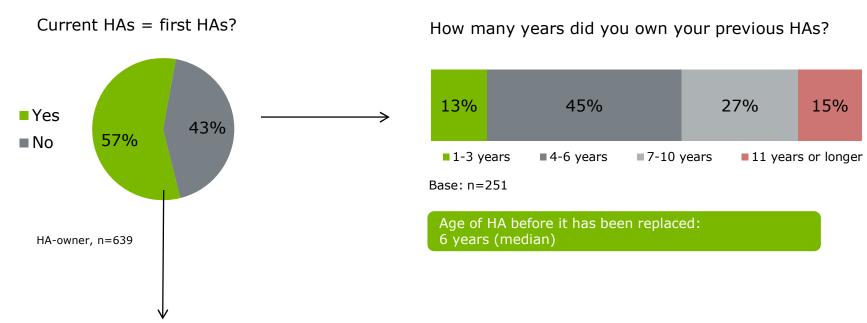
HA-owner, n=622



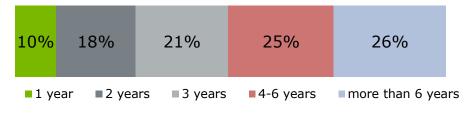




On average 3-4 years pass between becoming aware of the hearing loss and the purchase of hearing aids. Hearing aids are used for 6 years before they are being replaced.



Thinking back before you acquired your first hearing aid: How many years have passed since you became aware of your hearing loss until you acquired a hearing aid?



Base: n=331

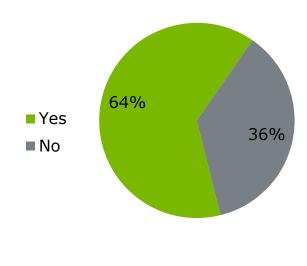






### 64% of all HA owners think they should have gotten their HAs sooner! Main reason is missing out on social life.

Thinking back before you obtained your first hearing aid(s): do you think, you should have gotten them sooner?

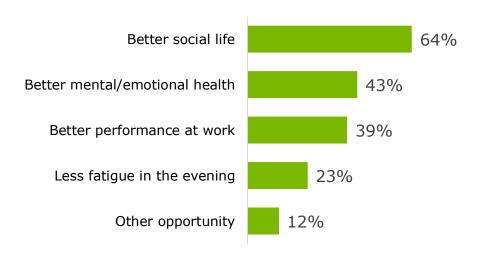


HA-owner, n=639

#### IF YES:

What are the reasons why you think you should have gotten your hearing aid(s) sooner? What are the opportunities you think you have missed because of this?

Please tick all that apply



Base: n=426



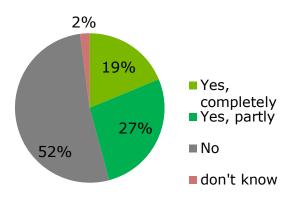




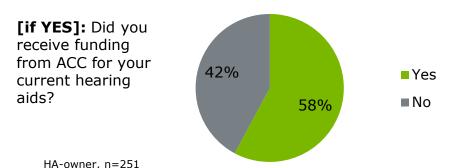


# 46% received some kind of 3rd party reimbursement – 58% among those received funding from ACC. Only 12% of the non owners think that government/insurance would pay

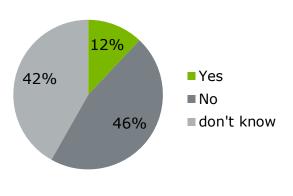
**Owners:** Have your current hearing aids at least partially been paid by a health insurance, disability insurance or accident insurance?\*



HA-owners, n=639



**Non-owners:** Based on your current knowledge, would any part or all of your hearing aid(s) be paid for by a third party? (Insurance, Government, ...)



HA-non-owners, n=677

<sup>\*</sup>Note: the State Ministry of Health funding is not seen as an insurance scheme, hence this question doesn't fully capture the understanding of public funding available for hearing devices and the «Yes» figures are probably underestimated.









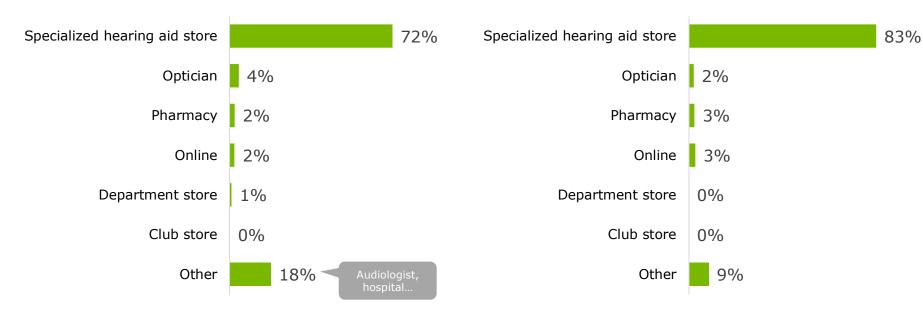
### Specialized hearing aid store is by far the preferred place for obtaining hearing aids (both for owners and non owners).

#### **OWNERS:**

Where was your most current hearing aid obtained?

#### NON OWNERS:

If you were to get hearing aids, where would you go?



HA-owner, n=639 HA-non-owner, n=677



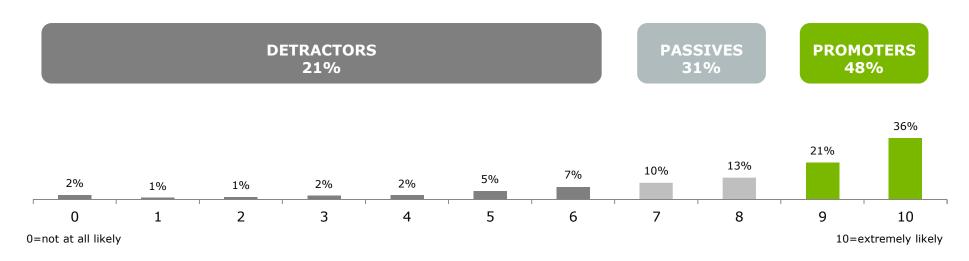






### Recommendation intention of the place where the hearing aid(s) have been obtained is good, with a positive NPS score of 27.

Considering your complete experience, how likely would you be to recommend the place where you obtained your hearing aids to a friend or colleague?



**NPS = PROMOTERS - DETRACTORS = 27** 

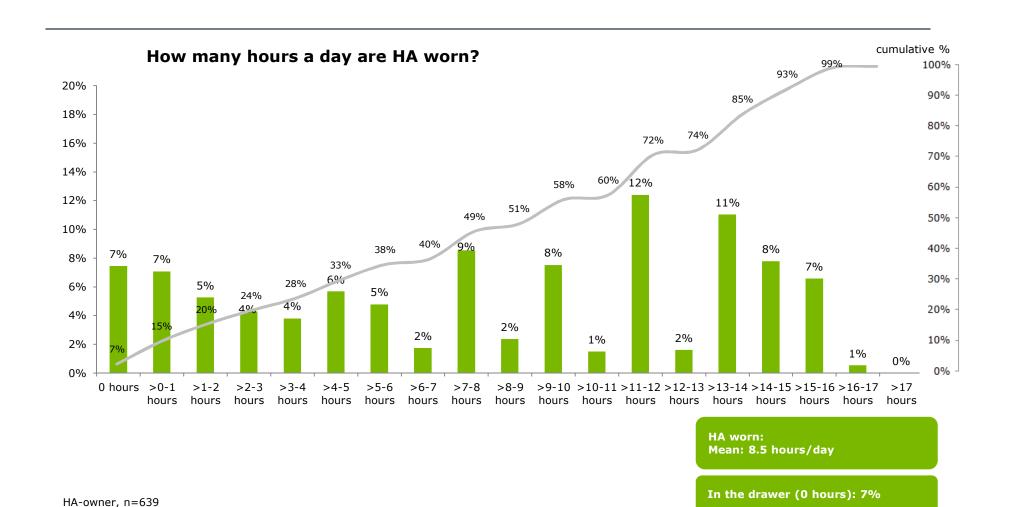
HA-owner, n=639







#### On average, HAs are worn 8.5 hours a day



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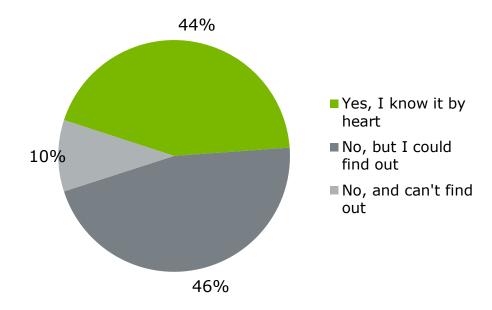






## 44% of today's hearing aid owners are aware of their hearing aid brand.

Are you aware of the brand of your hearing aid(s)?



Base: N=639



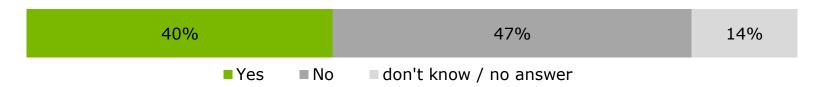






### 17% of the HA owners use an accessory for their hearing aids. 62% of those who use an accessory, are satisfied with it.

Have you been informed by your hearing care professional about hearing aid accessories, such as TV-Streamer/ Apps / Remote Control / etc. ? (HA owners, n=639)

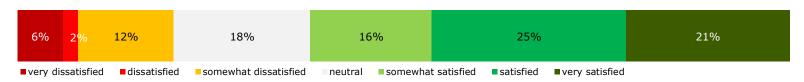


Do you personally use accessories for your hearing aids (TV-Streamer/ Apps / Remote Control / etc.) ? (HA owners, n = 639)



#### IF ACCESSORIES USED (n=104):

Overall, how satisfied with the performance of your accessorie(s)?









### Satisfaction with hearing aids and drivers



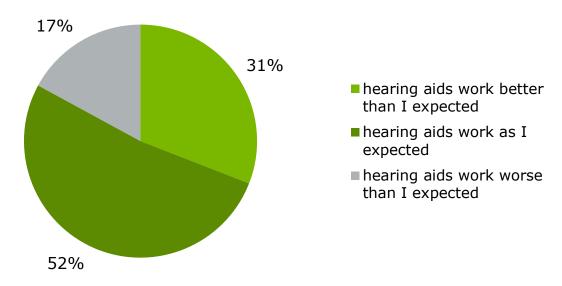






### 83% of the hearing aid owners say their hearing aid works better than or as expected

How have the expectations you had towards hearing aids before trying them on for the first time been met?



Base: N=639

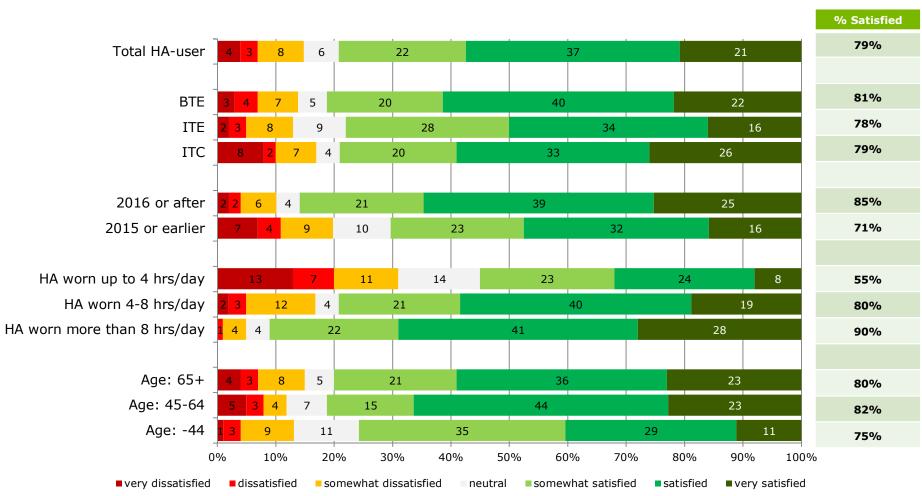








# Overall satisfaction with HA: Highest satisfaction for the following groups: purchased 2016 or after, worn more than 4 hrs/day









#### Overall Satisfaction with HA: Country comparison

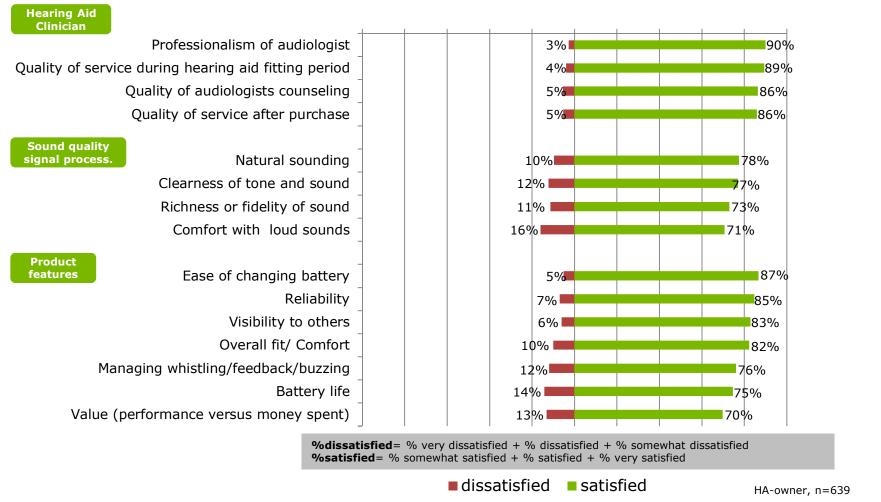
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Overall satisfaction 2012	-	72%	-	-	-	80%	84%	70%	72%	70%	36%
Overall satisfaction 2015/16/17	-	70%	80%	73%	80%	84%	81%	71%	-	79%	39%
Overall satisfaction 2018	79%	74%				82%				81%	







#### Satisfaction with current hearing aids



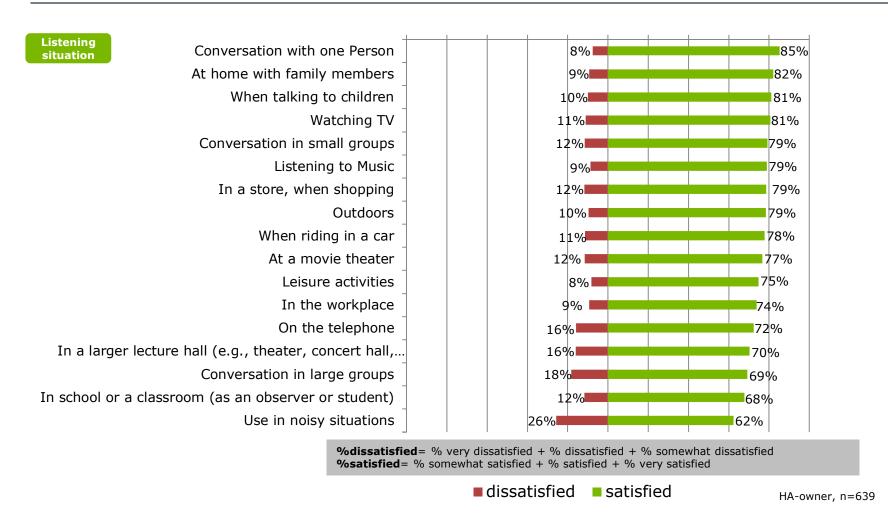
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#### Satisfaction with current hearing aids









# Factors influencing satisfaction with current HA: Sound quality/signal processing is most important for overall satisfaction with HA

Hearing Aid Clinician

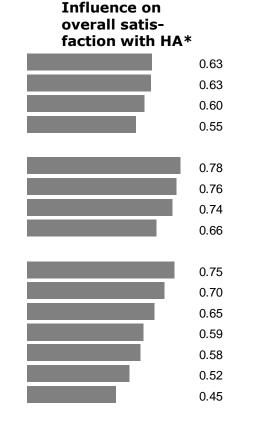
Quality of service after purchase Quality of audiologists counseling Quality of service during hearing aid fitting period Professionalism of audiologist

Sound quality signal process.

Clearness of tone and sound Richness or fidelity of sound Natural sounding Comfort with loud sounds

**Product** features

Value (performance versus money spent)
Reliability
Overall fit/ Comfort
Managing whistling/feedback/buzzing
Ease of changing battery
Visibility to others
Battery life





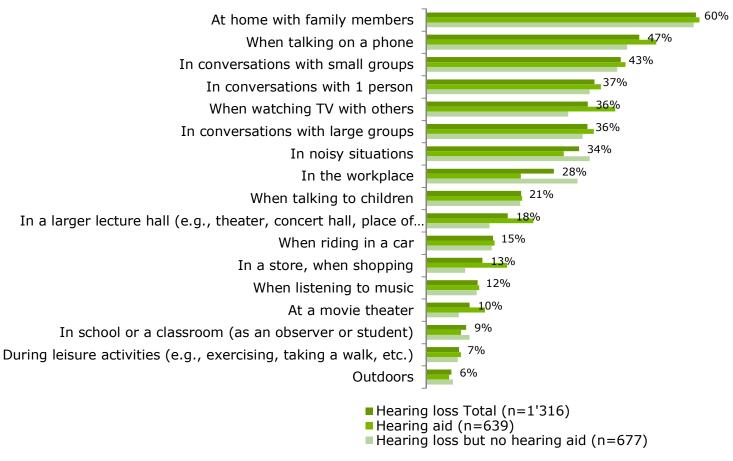






#### Important listening situations

### In which of these situations is it most important for you to hear well? (choose up to 5)









### Positive impact of hearing aids, quality of life



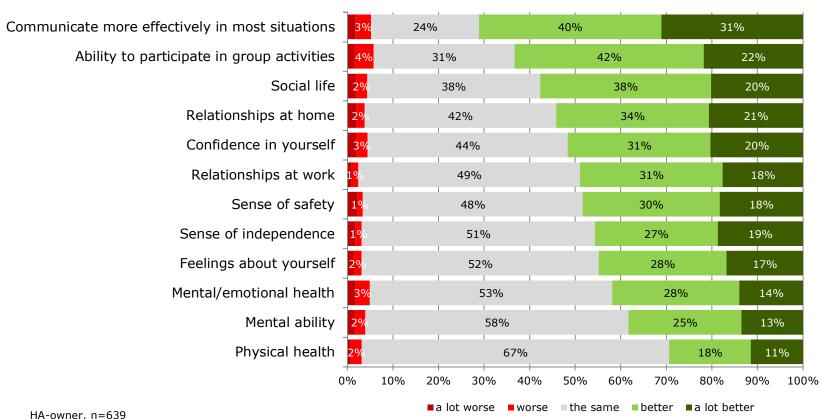






Significant positive impact of HAs on different aspects: Especially communication effectiveness and ability to participate in group activities improve with hearing aids.

Since you started using your hearing aid(s), please rate the changes you have experienced in each of the following areas, that you believe are due to your hearing aid(s).



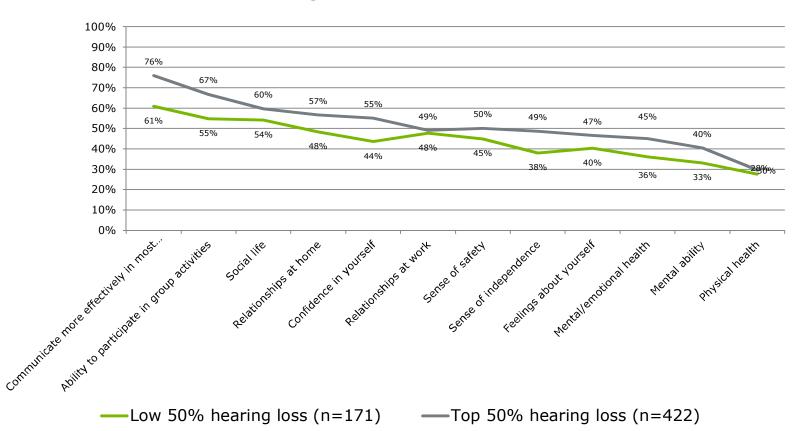






## Impact of HAs is perceived more positive by patients with a Top 50% hearing loss in all aspects

#### % of HA owners feeling better/a lot better



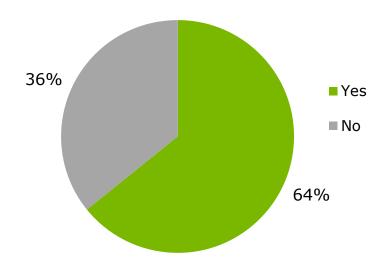






## 2 out of 3 hearing aid owners feel more confident moving in a city since wearing hearing aids!

Since wearing a hearing aid, do you feel more confident moving in a city, e.g. because you hear traffic signals/vehicles approaching?



Base: N=639



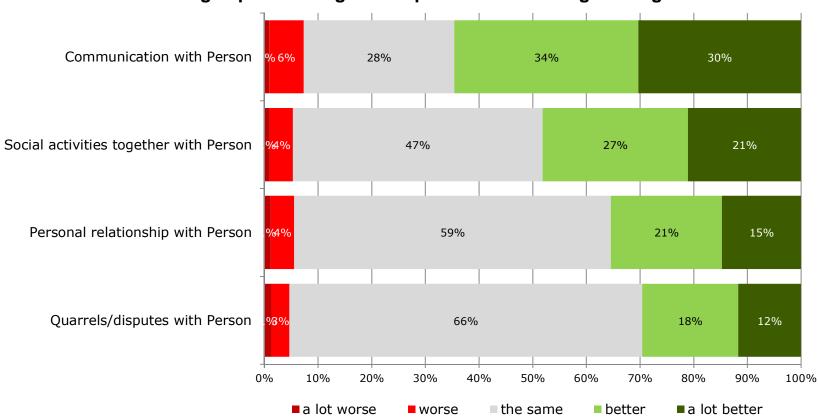






# Even for other people in the household/relatives, the situation improves when the person with hearing loss starts wearing hearing aids

How did the following aspects change since person X is wearing hearing aids?



Someone in HH / parent has HA, n=636



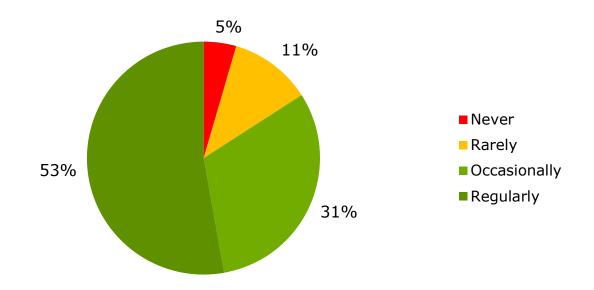






## 95% of hearing aid owners declare that their hearing aids improve their quality of life at least sometimes

How often do your hearing aids improve your quality of life?



Base: N=639









# 4. Analysis of hearing impaired non-owners









To analyse reasons of non-adoption we look at the Top 50% HL group, as the structure of hearing loss is more similar to that of HA owners

Hearing loss characteristics: Owners compared to non-owners

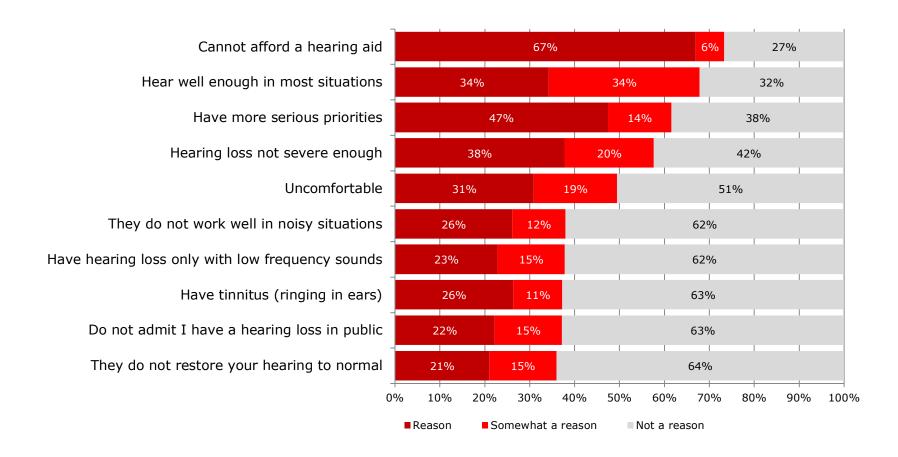
	HA Owr	ier		HA-Non-owner Low 50% HL	Non-owner 50% HL		Тор
Ears impaired							
Unilateral loss		14%		41%	25%		
Bilateral loss	8	86%		59%		75%	
				Mana atauttan			
Perceived loss				More similar hearing loss- structure			
Mild	1	0%		61%	$\rightarrow$	6%	
Moderate	6	2%		34%		72%	
Severe	2	4%		3%		20%	
Profound		l%		2%		2%	







#### **Top 10** reasons for not having a hearing aid (I/II)



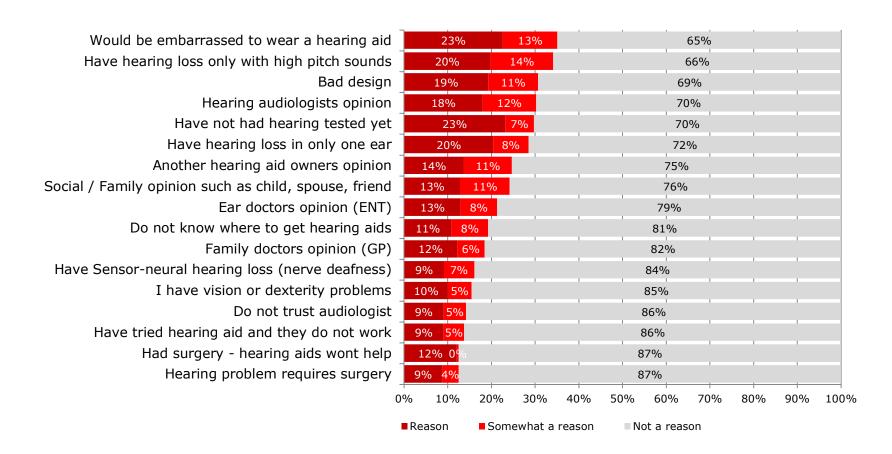








### Less important reasons for not having a hearing aid (II/II)



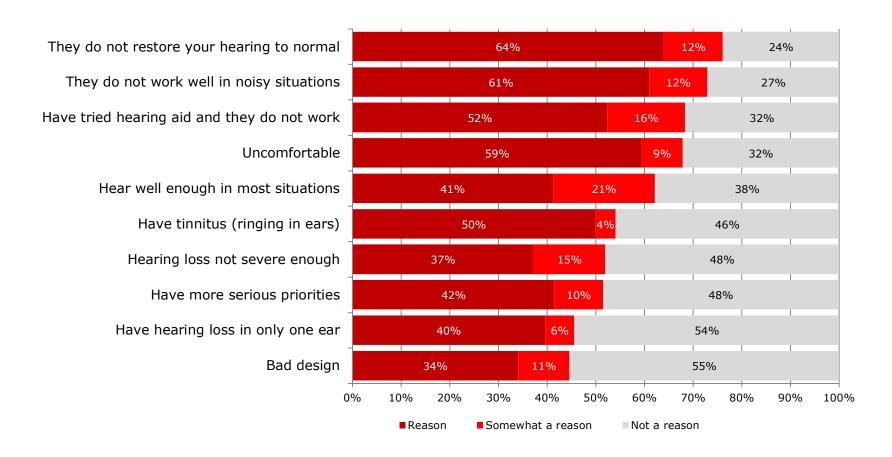
Base: non owners Top 50% HL: n=171







#### Top 10 reasons for HA owners NOT using them



Owners who don't use, n=53







# Social rejection because of hearing loss compared to the acceptance of hearing aids









76% of hearing aid owners feel that people never make fun of or reject them because of their hearing aids. It is more likely somebody makes fun or rejects a hearing impaired without hearing aid.

Hearing aid owners: How often do you feel you are made fun of or rejected because you are wearing a hearing aid? Hearing impaired non-owners: How often do you feel you are made fun of or rejected because your hearing loss?



Base: N=639







### Most important triggers to buy





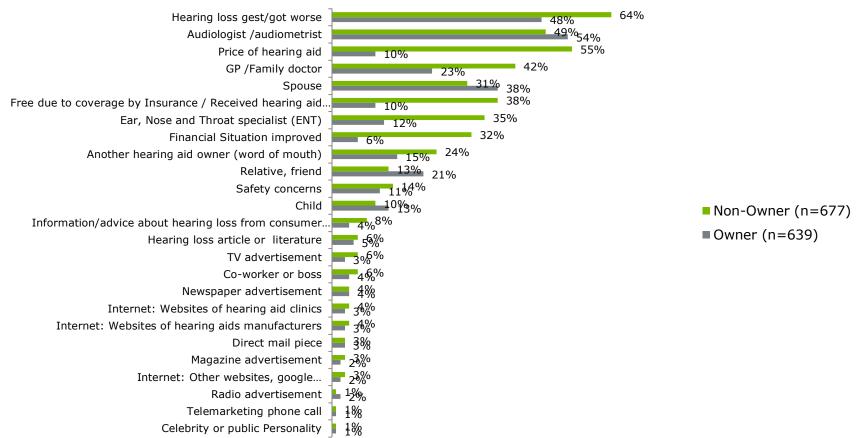




#### The most important influencing factors are worsening hearing loss, audiologist/audiometrist, GP and spouse (+price, insurance coverage for the non owners)

What do you think would influence you to obtain / purchase a hearing aid?

Non-owner: Think about the option to obtain / purchase a hearing aid. Owner: Thinking back to when you obtained your first hearing aid(s), what influenced you to obtain /purchase the hearing aid(s)?



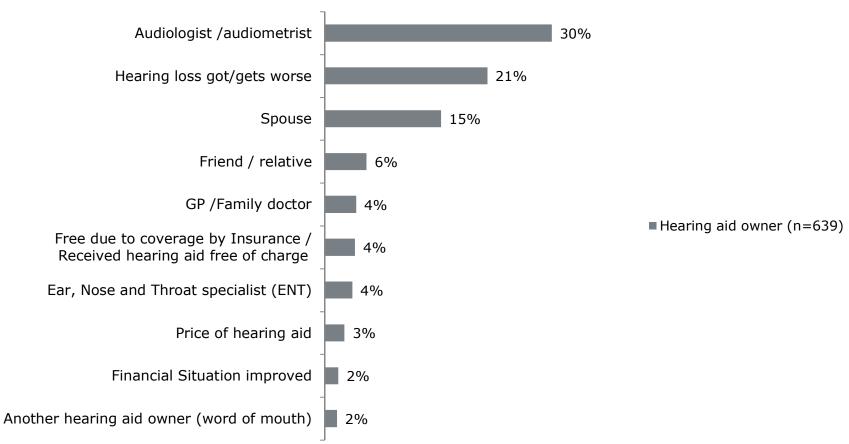






#### The most important trigger to buy a hearing aid is the audiologist/audiometrist, followed by worsening hearing loss and the spouse.

What made you finally decide to get your actual hearing aid(s)?







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### Sample description: Region, ethnic group

State / Territory	%
Auckland	35%
Bay of Plenty	5%
Canterbury	14%
Gisborne	1%
Hawke's Bay	3%
Manawatu-Wanganui	6%
Marlborough	1%
Nelson	1%
Northland	3%
Otago	5%
Southland	1%
Taranaki	2%
Tasman	1%
Waikato	8%
Wellington	13%
West Coast	1%

What ethnic group do you most identify with?	%
New Zealand European	74.8%
Māori	5.7%
Pacific Islander	2.3%
Asian	15.5%
Middle East	0.5%
Latin America	0.5%
African	0.7%

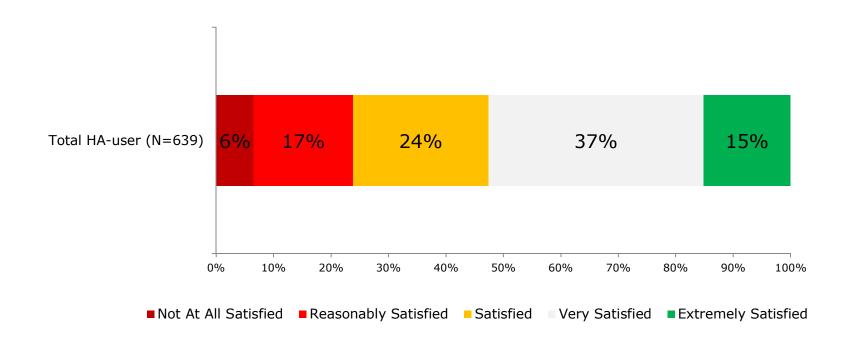






#### Overall satisfaction with HA: Alternative question

### Overall how satisfied are you with your hearing device? [NZ Ministry off Health survey question]











## Demographics (1) Hearing instrument adoption rates and populations

Profiles: Categories add to 100%\*

	Count	Hearing difficulty	Hearing aid adoption rate % (Base=hearing impaired)	No hearing loss	Hearing loss but no hearing aid	Hearing aid
Gender						
Male	8'000	12.3%	40.5%	48.5%	62.0%	59.2%
Female	8'080	7.8%	43.3%	51.5%	38.0%	40.8%
Age recoded						
1 - 14	3'155	2.6%	36.5%	21.3%	5.5%	4.4%
15 - 24	2'117	3.2%	30.7%	14.2%	4.9%	3.1%
25 - 34	2'134	3.7%	35.2%	14.2%	5.5%	4.2%
35 - 44	2'012	5.5%	20.9%	13.1%	9.3%	3.5%
45 - 54	2'219	9.5%	17.3%	13.9%	18.5%	5.4%
55 - 64	1'940	15.8%	35.4%	11.3%	20.9%	16.1%
65 - 74	1'424	23.5%	49.8%	7.5%	17.8%	24.8%
74+	1'079	39.4%	60.9%	4.5%	17.6%	38.6%
Type of household						
single household	1'163	19.5%	47.7%	6.5%	12.5%	16.1%
Couple, no kids	3'777	16.7%	49.7%	21.8%	33.5%	46.5%
Couple with kid(s)	7'560	5.5%	28.1%	49.4%	31.9%	17.5%
Single mom/dad with kid(s)	1'114	7.4%	33.9%	7.1%	5.8%	4.2%
Retirement home, hospital etc.	177	41.5%	66.3%	0.7%	2.6%	7.3%
Other	2'289	8.1%	30.8%	14.5%	13.6%	8.5%
Status						
The head of the household (alone or together with someone)	8'041	14.9%	43.4%	47.3%	71.6%	77.1%
The spouse of the head of the household	1'953	10.2%	43.1%	12.1%	12.0%	12.8%
Daughter/son of head of household	4'437	2.4%	27.8%	29.9%	8.2%	4.4%
Other person	1'649	7.0%	33.0%	10.6%	8.2%	5.7%









## Demographics (2) Hearing instrument adoption rates and populations

Profiles: Categories add to 100%\*

	Count	Hearing difficulty	Hearing aid adoption rate % (Base=hearing impaired)	No hearing loss	Hearing loss but no hearing aid	Hearing aid
Employment						
Full time employed	6'210	8.3%	29.9%	50.6%	40.4%	24.0%
Part time employed	1'747	9.5%	31.8%	14.0%	12.7%	8.2%
Unemployed / not working	1'383	8.8%	26.4%	11.2%	10.1%	5.0%
Retired under a disability pension scheme (fully or partly)	271	23.4%	41.6%	1.8%	4.1%	4.1%
Early retired under an early retirement benefit scheme	212	24.3%	52.0%	1.4%	2.8%	4.2%
Retired (at the official retirement age)	1'902	30.7%	58.6%	11.7%	27.1%	53.6%
Student / pupil / in training	1'062	2.9%	17.4%	9.2%	2.9%	0.8%
Education						
Primary school	317	24.1%	38.9%	2.1%	5.2%	4.7%
High school	4'508	14.3%	43.7%	34.3%	40.6%	44.0%
Polytechnic, Institute of Technology	2'642	14.2%	42.2%	20.2%	24.2%	24.6%
University, college	4'751	7.9%	40.0%	38.9%	25.3%	23.5%
Other	568	10.9%	33.2%	4.5%	4.6%	3.2%
What ethnic group do you most identify with?						
New Zealand European	12'031	11.1%	43.5%	73.9%	79.9%	86.4%
M ori	923	11.2%	31.5%	5.7%	7.5%	4.8%
Pacific Islander	367	8.1%	16.6%	2.3%	2.6%	0.7%
Asian	2'492	5.4%	36.4%	16.3%	9.0%	7.3%
Middle East	77	4.4%	75.3%	0.5%	0.1%	0.4%
Latin America	75	3.7%	55.8%	0.5%	0.1%	0.2%
African	115	6.6%	10.9%	0.7%	0.7%	0.1%

