

Summary

JapanTrak 2012

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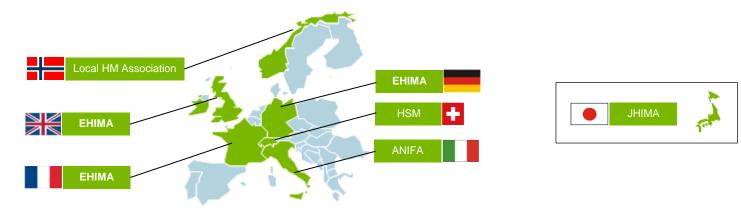




Summary 1. Introduction

- JapanTrak 2012 was designed and executed by Anovum (Zurich) on behalf of Japan Hearing Instruments Manufacturers Association (JHIMA).
- Sample sizes Japan 2012:
 - Representative sample (sample 1):
 - Hearing impaired (sample 2):
 - Hearing impaired non-owners:
 - Hearing aid owners:

- n=15'036 people
- n=1'348 people
- n=898 people with hearing loss (HL)
- n= 450 people with hearing aid (HA)
- JapanTrak 2012 is equivalent to the EuroTrak studies:





Summary 2. Market overview

- Stated hearing loss prevalence
 - Total: 10.9% (18+: 12.8%).
 - Binaural hearing loss: Hearing aid (HA) owners: 76%, HA non-owners: 60%.
 - Tinnitus prevalence 30% (self stated, sometimes or permanently).
 - Hearing Tests: 49% had a hearing test in the last 5 years.
- Hearing aid adoption rate (HA penetration)
 - Total: 14.1%.
 - Total age group 18+: 14.1 %.
- The route to the hearing aid
 - 40% of the hearing impaired discussed hearing loss with an ENT doctor or family doctor.
 - Only 13% got hearing aids recommended from the ENT or family doctor (drop out rate = 67%).
 - 51% of GP consultations recommended no further action.
 - 66% of ENT consultations recommended no further action.
 - 96% of Audiologist consultations recommended to get a hearing aid.
- Potential social cost-savings due to the use of hearing aids
 - Hearing aids are believed to have a positive impact on the job.
 - People with hearing aids tend to have a higher personal income.
 - Hearing aid owners have a lower risk of being depressed and a lower risk of being forgetful compared to impaired non-owners





- Hearing aid ownership and usage
 - 12% received some kind of 3rd party reimbursement from the government.
 - 59% of the currently owned HAs were fitted in 2009 or later.
 - The average age of the currently owned HAs is 3.5 years.
 - The median age of hearing aids before replacement is 4 years.
 - On average, HAs are worn 5.7 hours a day.
 - Only about one out of ten hearing aid owners uses wireless technology. 62% of hearing aid owners have never heard of wireless technology in connection with hearing aids. Only 17% of the older (65y+) rate wireless technology as very important but 30% of the younger (up to 44y).
- Satisfaction with HAs
 - 36% of the hearing aid owners are satisfied with their hearing aids.
 - The more hours worn per day, the higher the satisfaction.
 - Satisfaction with Has purchased 2010 or after is higher than with Has purchased before.
- Positive impact of HAs
 - Significant positive impact of HAs on different aspects especially sense of safety, communication
 effectiveness and feelings about yourself have improved.





4. Analysis of hearing impaired non-owners

- Reasons for not having / using hearing aids
 - 94% of non-owners do not know the system of supplying hearing aids by government.
 - The main reasons for not using hearing aids are that people say they are uncomfortable, they hear well enough and that hearing aids do not restore hearing to normal.
 - 12% who own hearing aid(s) don't use them at all; 29% use them less than one hour/day. Main reasons for this are: "They are uncomfortable", "They do not work well in noisy situations", "I have tried hearing aids and they do not work", "They do not restore hearing to normal".
- Negative impact of hearing loss and buying intentions
 - Compared to impaired hearing aid non-owners with significant hearing loss (Top 50% hearing loss-group), hearing aid owners feel less exhausted in the evenings.
 - 4% of non-owners intend to get a hearing aid within the next year.
 - The most important influencing factors to get hearing aids are worsening hearing loss, ENT and significant others plus GP for the non-owners.
- Additional JapanTrak questions
 - 18% of HA owners purchased the hearing aid in an optical shop; 14% by mail order or online.
 - 58% of HA owners have ITE hearing aid(s).
 - People with hearing aids: About 5 years have passed since they became aware of the hearing loss until they got a hearing aid.
 - Half of the people with hearing loss are aware of any hearing aid shop in the area where they live.
 - 16% of the hearing impaired know the expression "Nintei Hocyouki Ginou Sha".
 - 24% of the hearing impaired know the expression "Nintei Hocyouki Senmon Ten"



Results

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Detailed Results: Roadmap

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- Objectives and organisation
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2. Market overview

- Prevalence of hearing loss and hearing aid adoption rate
- Hearing tests and prevalence of tinnitus
- The route to the hearing aid: Drop-out rates and reasons for drop-outs
- Potential social cost-savings due to the use of hearing aids: Work competitiveness, depressive and dementia symptoms

3. Analysis of hearing aid owners

- Hearing aid ownership, lifetime and usage
- Awareness and importance of wireless technology
- Satisfaction with hearing aids and drivers
- Positive impact of hearing aids

4. Analysis of hearing impaired non-owners

- Reasons for not having a hearing aid
- Negative impact of hearing loss
- Buying intentions

5. Additional JapanTrak questions

- 6. Appendix
 - Demographics: Hearing instrument adoption rates and populations



1. Introduction



Objectives and organization



Organisation of JapanTrak 2012

Organisation

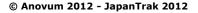
- JapanTrak is the Japanese equivalent to the EuroTrak studies.
- Anovum Zurich developed the concept, designed the questionnaire and conducted the fieldwork in cooperation with a panel company. Furthermore Anovum analysed the data and prepared the presentation.
- The European Hearing Instrument Manufacturers Association [EHIMA] approved the EuroTrak questionnaire in cooperation with Sergei Kochkin, Ph.D., Executive Director, Better Hearing Institute USA.
- Principal of the project JapanTrak is Japan Hearing Instruments Manufacturers Association (JHIMA). Members of JHIMA are: bernafon, CORTITON, GNresound, NJH (New Japan Hearing), Oticon, PANASONIC, Phonak, RION, Siemens, Starkey, Widex [JHIMA Companies].
- Anovum and JHIMA adapted the EuroTrak questionnaire for JapanTrak. JHIMA translated the questionnaire into Japanese.

Use of the data

- The principal as well as the JHIMA companies 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.
- The raw dataset remains at Anovum. If the principal or the JHIMA companies use the anonymous data (delivered tables, charts, reports) and conclusions of the survey for publications the source of the data needs to be mentioned in the following way:

"Source: Anovum – JapanTrak 2012/n=[relevant sample size]"

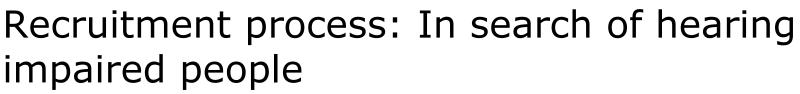
• The principal and JHIMA companies can ask Anovum to further analyse the raw data in specific ways at their own expense.





Field research specification





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 a panellist pool of more than 100'000 people
- 3. Screening questionnaire: Stated hearing loss and hearing aid usage + demographics
- 4. Result: Representative sample of **n=15'036** 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=450** hearing aid owners and **n=898** hearing impaired non-owners



2. Market overview

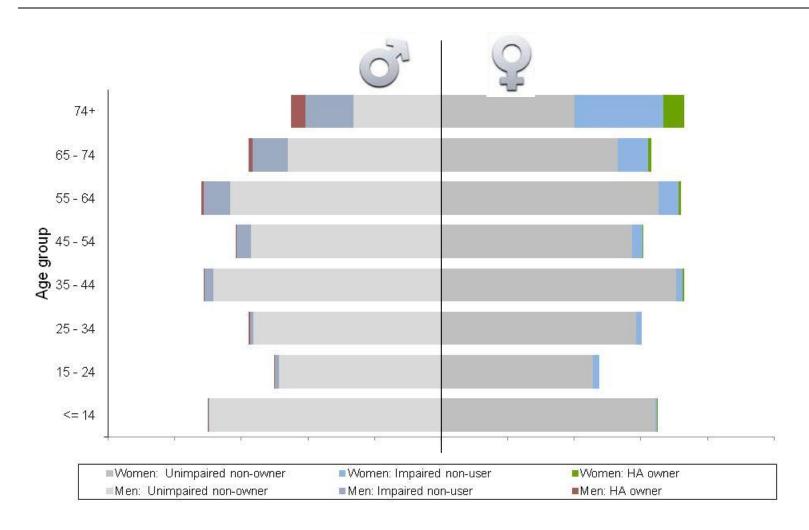


Prevalence of hearing loss and adoption rate



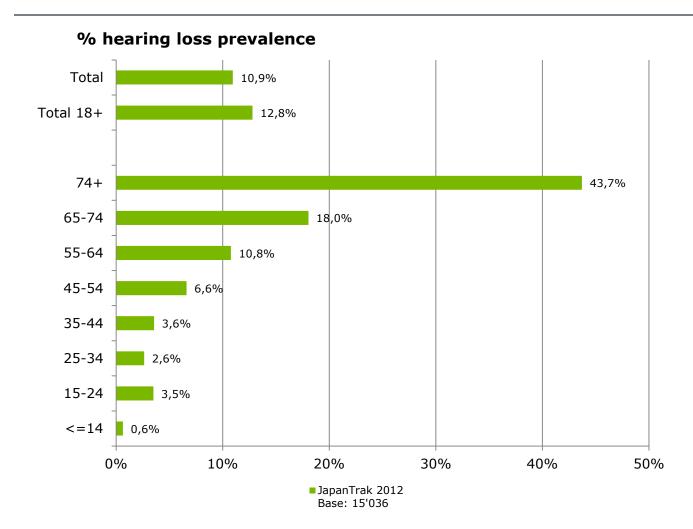


Hearing loss and hearing instrument ownership by gender/age



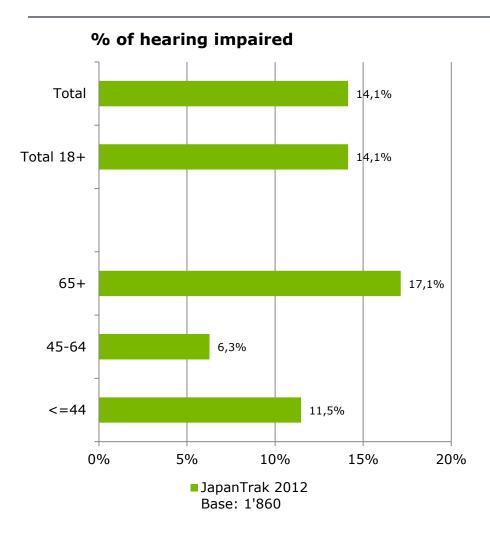


Hearing loss prevalence Japan 2012





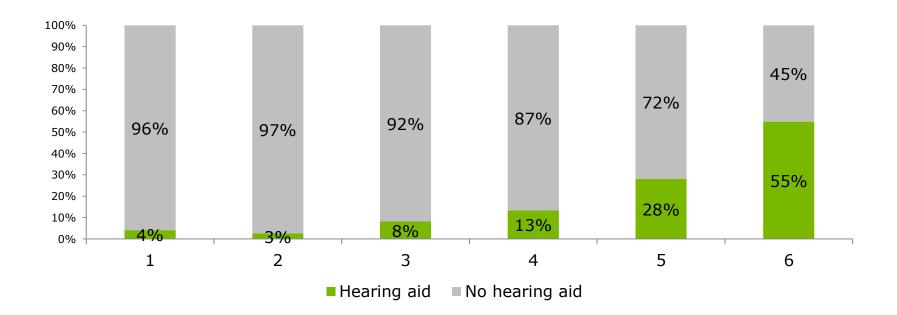
Hearing aid adoption rate Japan 2012 14.1% of hearing impaired have hearing aid(s)







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



Hearing loss 6-groups

HA-non-owner, n=898 HA-owner, n=450

* 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
- \rightarrow People were segmented into 6 groups of same size (16.67% of all hearing impaired in the sample).



Hearing loss characteristics: Owners compared to non-owners

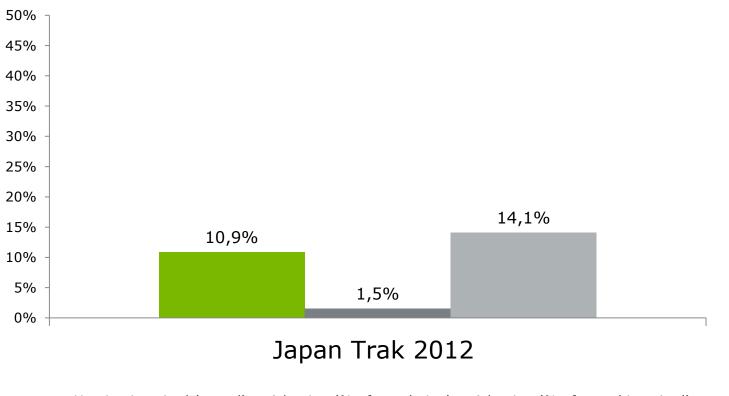
	HA-Non-owner n=898	HA Owner n= 450	Hearing Aid Adoption (%)
Ears impaired (stated)			
Unilateral loss	40%	24%	11%
Bilateral loss	60%	76%	21%
Perceived loss			
Mild	35%	17%	8%
Moderate	60%	56%	14%
Severe	4%	24%	47%*
Profound	2%	3%	

n's are unweighted whereas the shown results are weighted

* combined "severe" and "profound" because n is too small



Overview hearing loss prevalence and hearing aid adoption



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



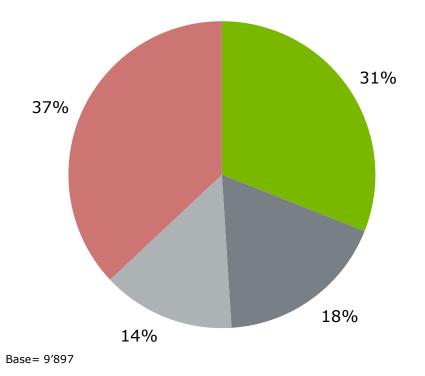
Hearing tests and prevalence of tinnitus



37% state their hearing has never been tested

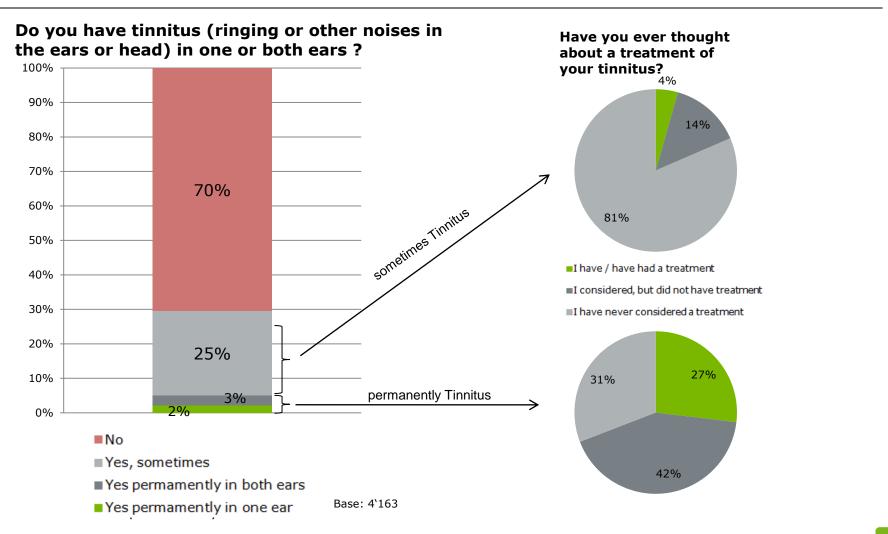
■ Yes, in the last 12 months ■ Yes, in the last 1-5 years

Yes, more than 5 years ago No, never





Prevalence of tinnitus

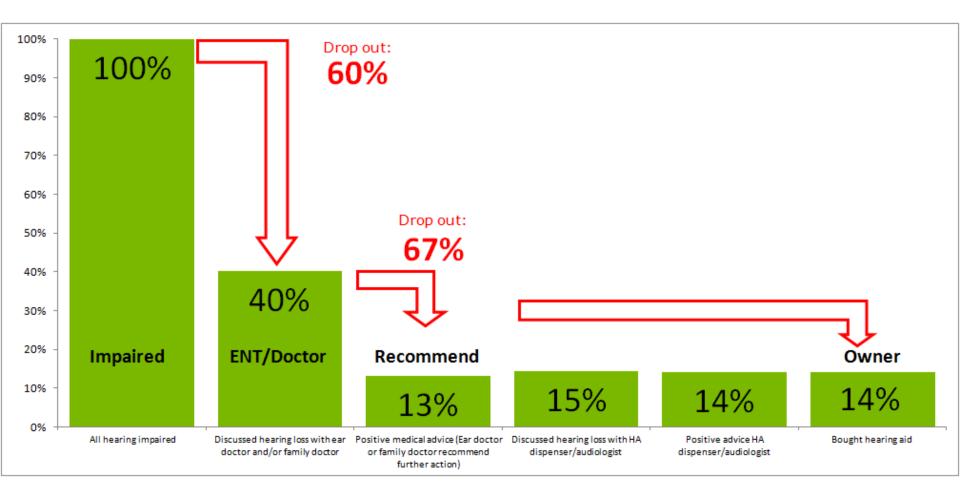




The route to the hearing aid: Drop-out rates and reasons for drop-outs



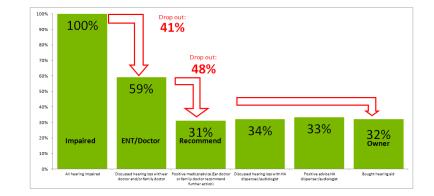
The route to the hearing aid: Overview

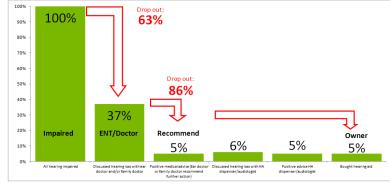


Base: n=1'348



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





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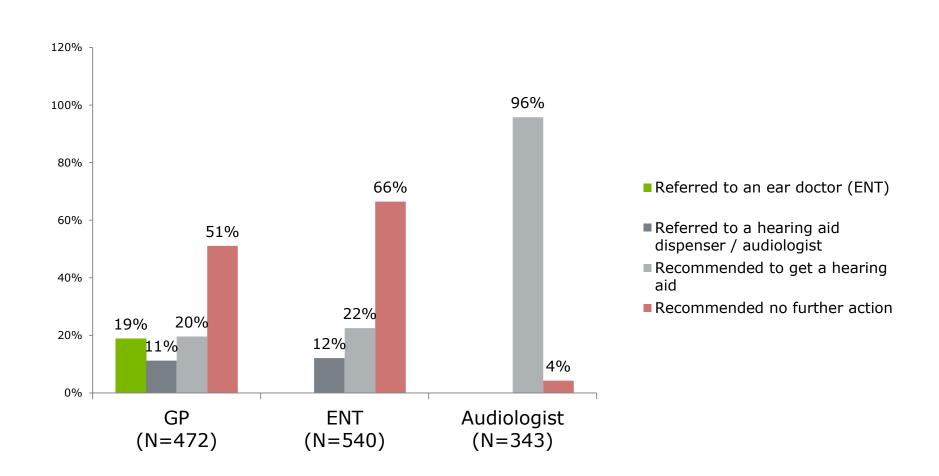
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Low 50% hearing loss*

Top 50% hearing loss*



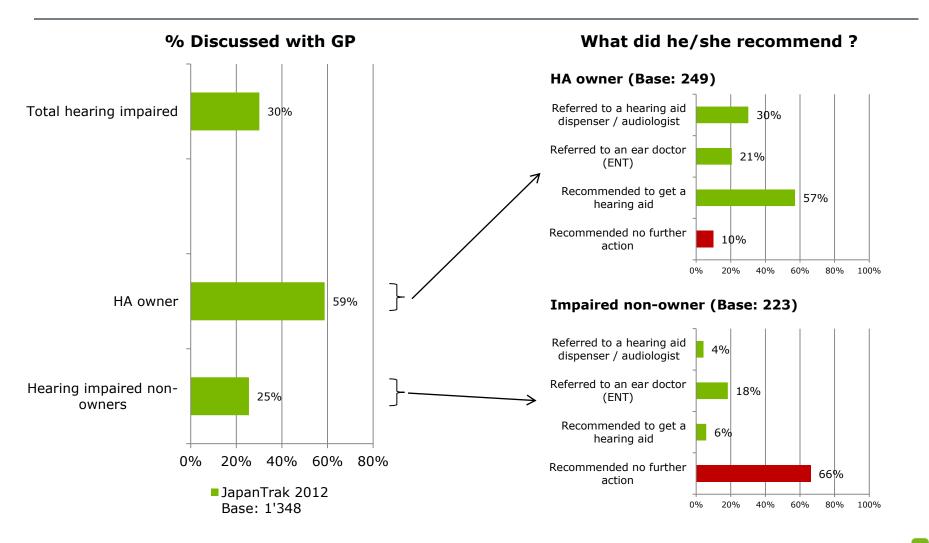
Recommendations by profession





The route to the hearing aid: GP/Family doctor

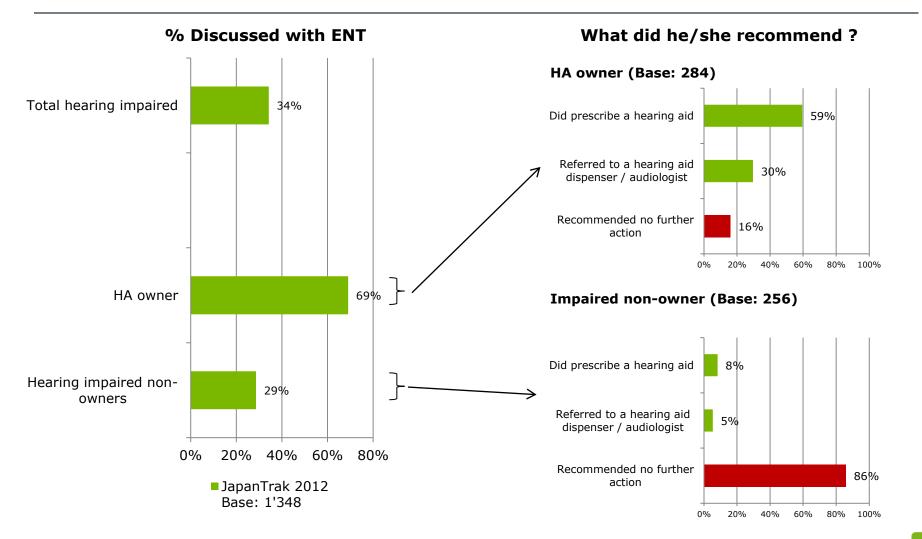
Have you discussed your hearing problem with your family doctor?





The route to the hearing aid: ENT

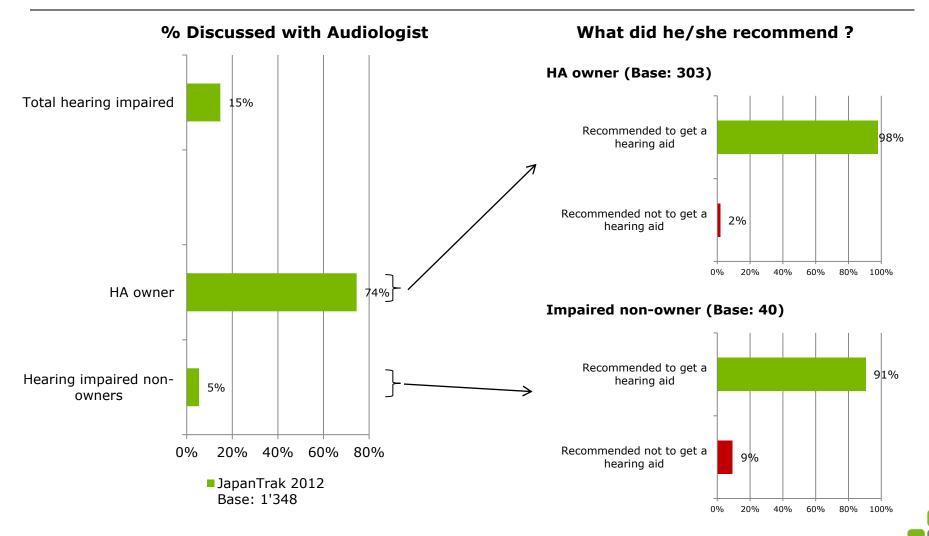
Have you discussed your hearing problem with an ear doctor (ENT)?





The route to the hearing aid: Audiologist

Have you discussed your hearing problem with a Hearing Aid Dispenser/Audiologist?





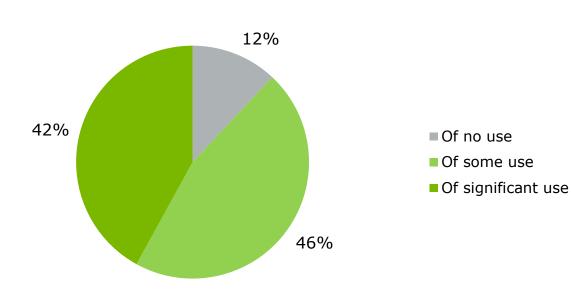


Potential social cost-savings due to the use of hearing aids: Work competitiveness, depressive and dementia symptoms



88% 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?

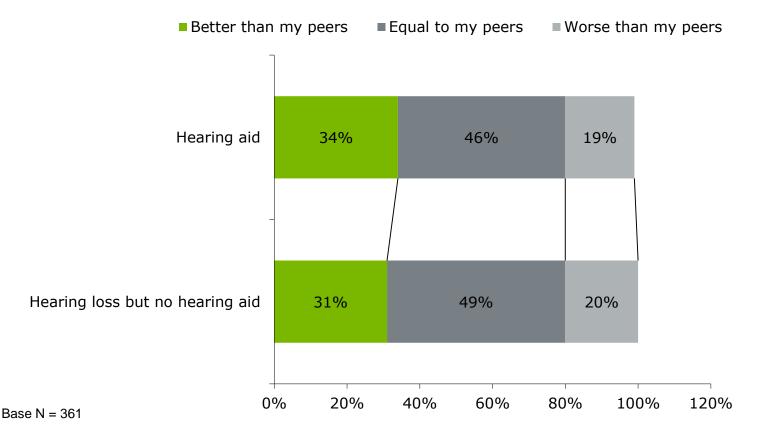




34% of people with hearing aid tend to think they receive a better compensation for their jobs than their peers

Compared to your peers of equal age, education and skill how would you rate the compensation that you receive for the job you perform ?

Base: Employed (full/part time)

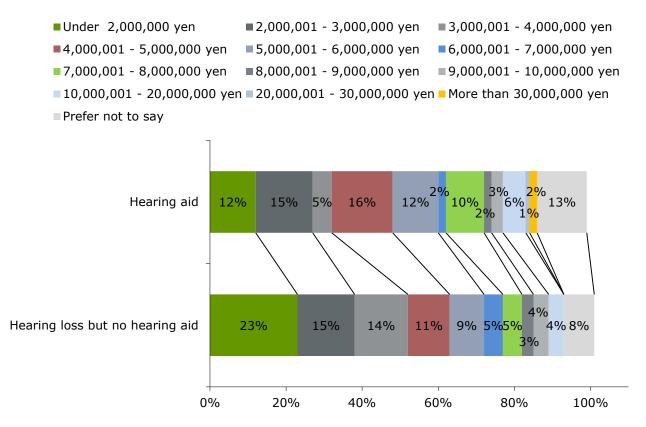




People with hearing aid(s) tend to have a higher personal income compared to impaired non-owners

Personal income

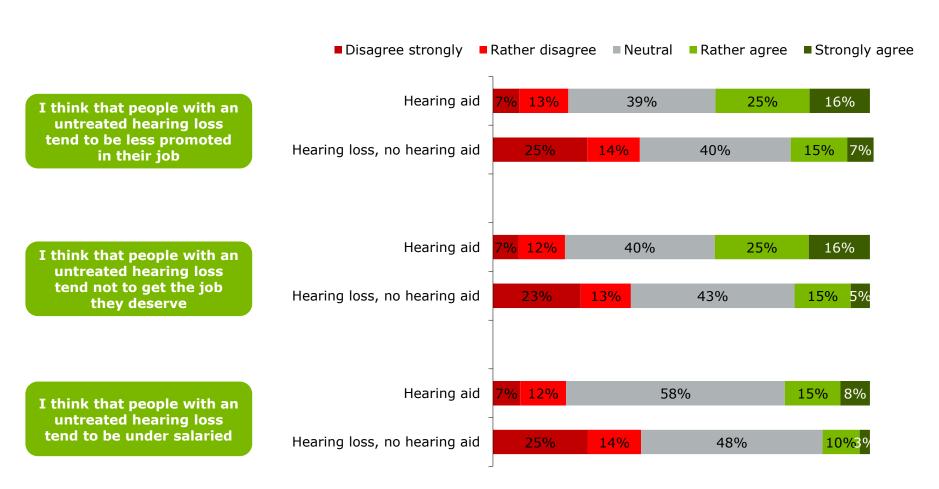
Base: Employed (full/part time)



Base N = 519



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

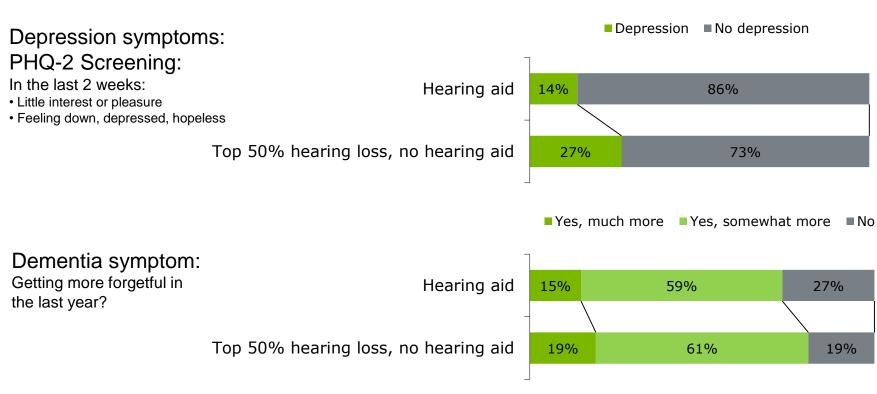


Base: Hearing loss, no hearing aid =796/ hearing aid n=403



Health problems:

Hearing aid owners have a lower risk of being depressed (PHQ-2 Screening) and a lower risk of being forgetful compared to impaired non-owners with comparable hearing loss (Top50% hearing loss group*)



Base: hearing aid n=326 / no hearing aid =123

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- Scores on 6 APHAB-EC like questions (Scaled 1-5)

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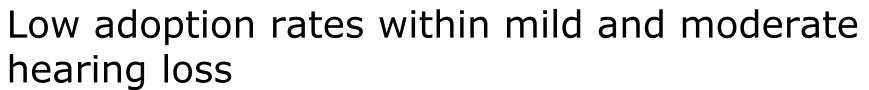
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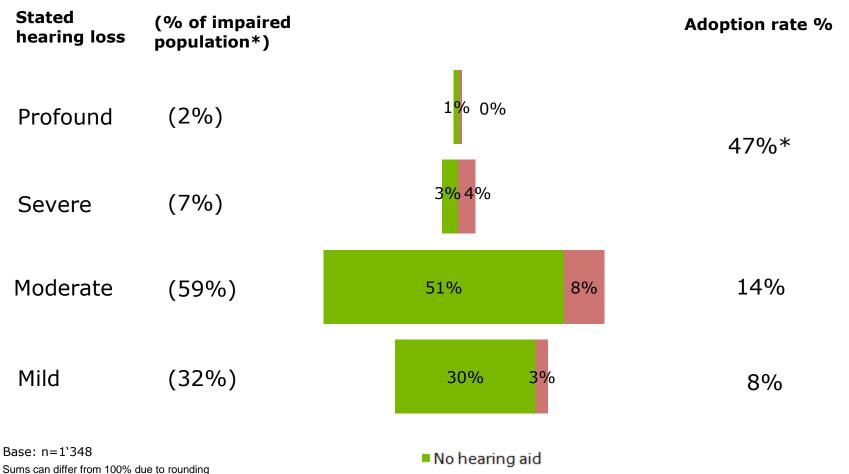


Hearing aid ownership, lifetime and usage









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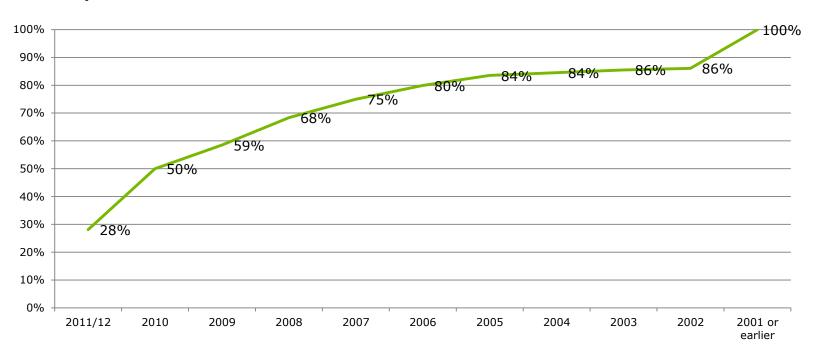
Hearing aid

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59% of the currently owned hearing aids were bought in 2009 or later

Year of purchase

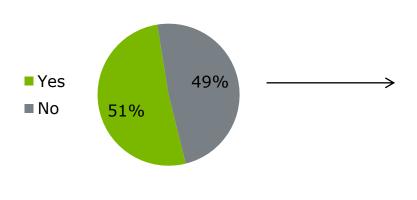


Age of currently owned HAs (Mean): 2012: 3.5 years

HA-owner, n=450

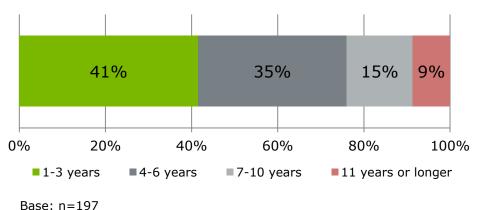


51% are first time hearing aid users – non first time users kept their hearing aids for 5 years on average



Current HAs = first HAs?

How many years did you own your previous HAs?



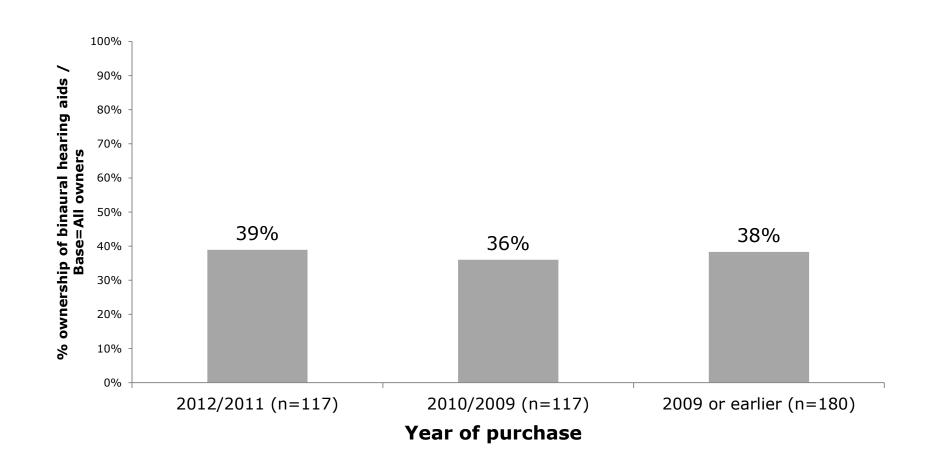
Duse: n=197

Age of HA before it has been replaced: 2012: 4 years (median)

HA-owner, n=450



Binaural treatment by purchase date

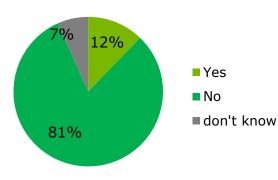


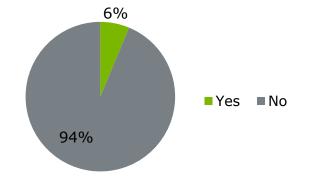


12% received some kind of reimbursement from the government. Information deficit non-owners: Only 6% know whether government would pay

Owners: Was any part or all of your hearing aid(s) paid by the government?

Non-owners: Do you know the system of supplying hearing aid(s) by government ?



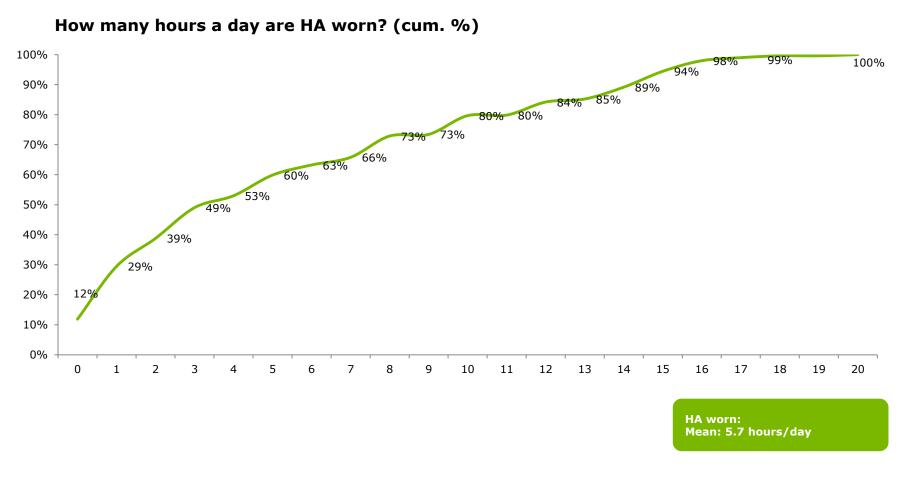


HA-owner, n=450

HA-non-owners, n=898



On average, hearing aids are worn 5.7 hours a day

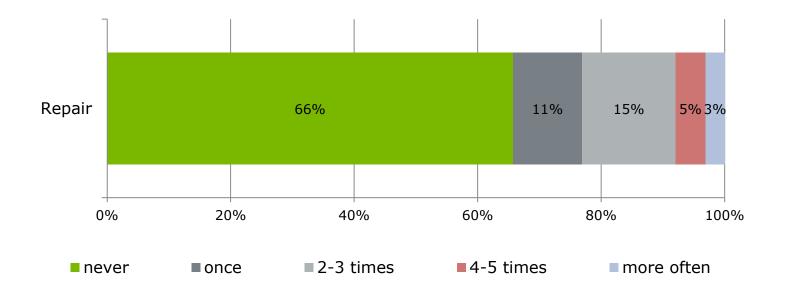


HA-owner, n=450



77% of the currently owned hearing aids either had no repair need or only once

How often has your current hearing aid required a repair because it was not working properly?





HA-owner, n=450





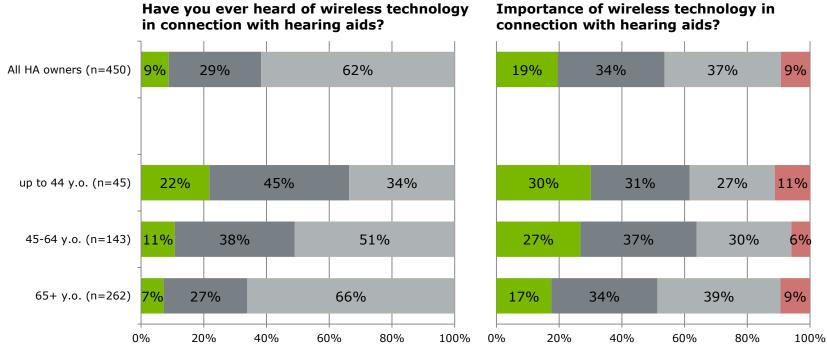
Awareness and importance of wireless technology





Only one out of ten hearing aid owners uses wireless technology

Wireless Technology



Yes, I use wireless technolgy on my hearing aids

■ Yes have heard of it but don't use it

No, have never heard of wireless technology in connection with HAs

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Rather unimportant
- Very unimportant

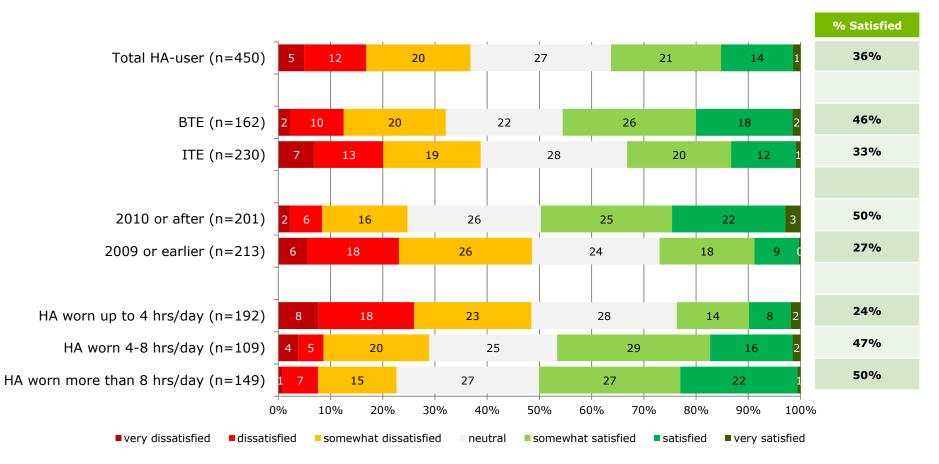




Satisfaction with hearing aids and drivers

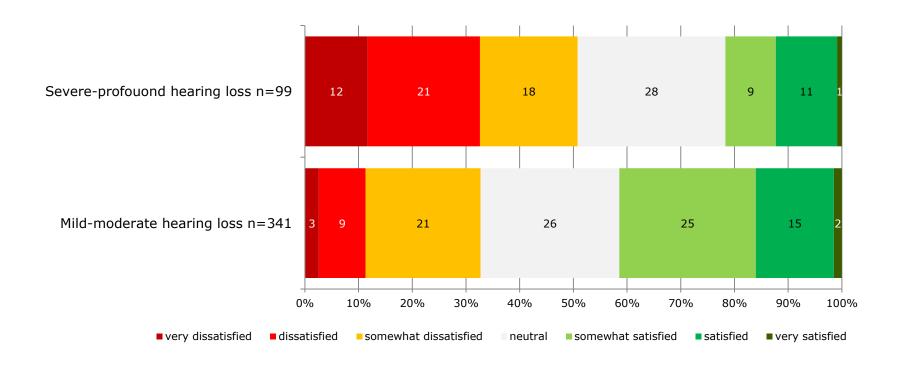


Overall satisfaction with hearing aids: Highest satisfaction for the following groups: BTEs, purchased 2010 or after, worn more than 8 hrs/day





Overall satisfaction is lower for people with more severe hearing loss





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

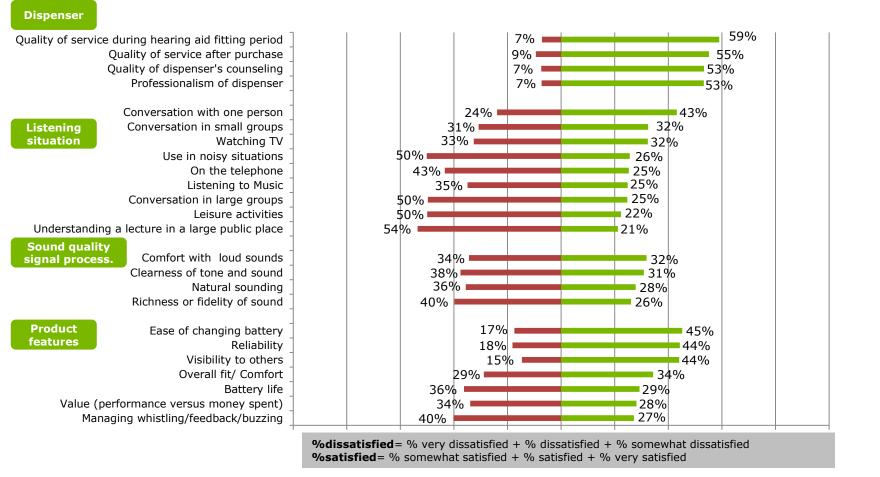
		Influence on overall satis- faction with HA*
Dispenser	Quality of dispenser's counselling Quality of service after purchase Professionalism of dispenser Quality of service during hearing aid fitting period	0.59 0.58 0.57 0.56
Listening situation	Use in noisy situations Conversation with one person Leisure activities Conversation in large groups Conversation in small groups Watching TV Understanding a lecture in a large public place On the telephone Listening to Music	0.74 0.74 0.73 0.72 0.71 0.68 0.68 0.65 0.64
Sound quality signal process.	Richness or fidelity of sound Clearness of tone and sound Natural sounding Comfort with loud sounds	0.82 0.80 0.80 0.70
Product features	Reliability Overall fit/ Comfort Value (performance versus money spent) Managing whistling/feedback/buzzing Visibility to others Battery life Ease of changing battery	0.78 0.69 0.66 0.65 0.51 0.47 0.46

*The Influence has been calculated with a correlation: 0 means no relation between a criterion and overall satisfaction; 1 means a maximal relationship. Read: richness or fidelity of sound is the most important criterion for satisfaction.

Influence on



Satisfaction with current hearing aids



dissatisfied satisfied

HA-owner, n=450

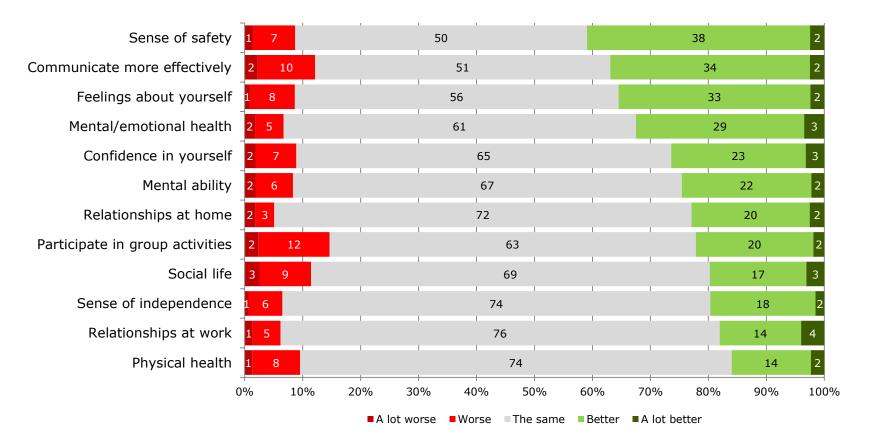




Positive impact of hearing aids



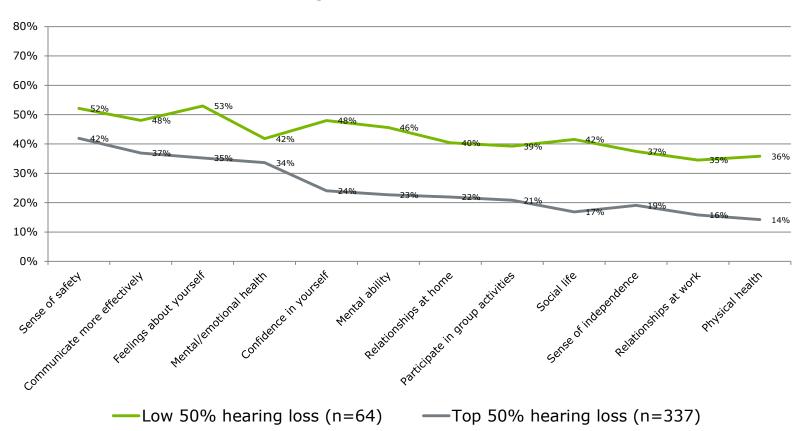
Significant positive impact of hearing aids on different aspects – especially sense of safety, communication effectiveness and feelings about yourself have improved



HA-owner, n=450



Impact of hearing aids is perceived more positive by patients with a Low 50% hearing loss in all aspects

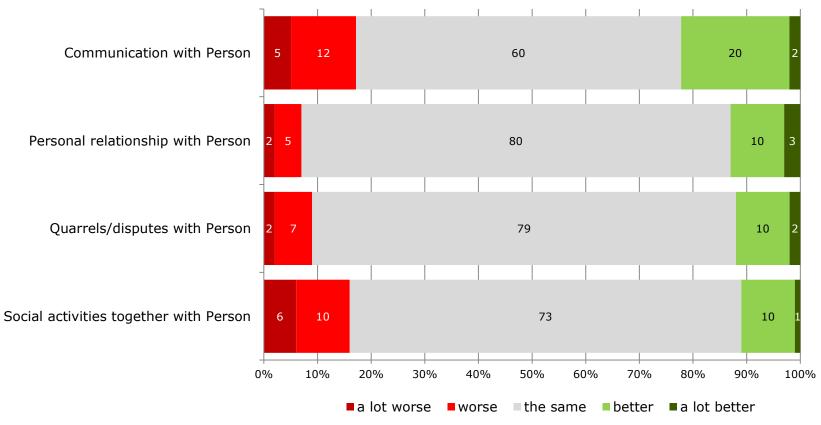


% of HA owners feeling better/a lot better



For the significant others, the situation has not significantly improved since the person in household/parent is wearing hearing aids

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



Someone in HH / parent have HA, n=215



4. Analysis of hearing impaired non-owners



Reasons for not having a hearing aid







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 hearing aid owners

Hearing loss characteristics: Owners compared to non-owners

	% HA Owner (n=450)		er	%HA-Non- owner Low 50% HL	%HA-Non- owner Top 50% HL		
Ears impaired							
Unilateral loss		24%		46%		31%	
Bilateral loss		76%		54%		69%	
Perceived loss				More similar hearing loss- structure			
Mild	17%			52%	\rightarrow	17%	
Moderate		56%		47%		70%	
Severe		24%		1%		8%	
Profound		3%		0%	4%		



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

51 21 27 37 40 22 39 20 41 51 19 29 24 25 51 24 17 59 21 60 19 13 26 60 62 19 19 17 20 63 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100% Reason Somewhat a reason Not a reason

Uncomfortable

Hearing loss not severe enough They do not restore your hearing to normal Hear well enough in most situations They do not work well in noisy situations Would be embarrassed to wear a hearing aid Have hearing loss only with low frequency sounds Have hearing loss only with high pitch sounds Have tinnitus (ringing in ears)

Bad design



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

Have hearing loss in only one ea Do not admit I have a hearing loss in public Another hearing aid owners opinior Cannot afford a hearing aid Have tried hearing aid and they do not work Have not had hearing tested yes Do not know where to get hearing aids Ear doctors opinion (ENT) Do not trust Hearing Aid Dispenser/Audiologist Family doctors opinion (GP Have more serious priorities Have Sensor-neural hearing loss (nerve deafness Hearing problem requires surgery Hearing Aid Dispenser/Audiologists opinior Social / Family opinion such as child, spouse, friend Had surgery - hearing aids wont help I have vision or dexterity problems

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Top 10 reasons for hearing aid owners NOT using them

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Uncomfortable

They do not work well in noisy situations Have tried hearing aid and they do not work They do not restore your hearing to normal Have tinnitus (ringing in ears) Hearing loss not severe enough Have hearing loss in only one ear Bad design

Have hearing loss only with high pitch sounds Would be embarrassed to wear a hearing aid

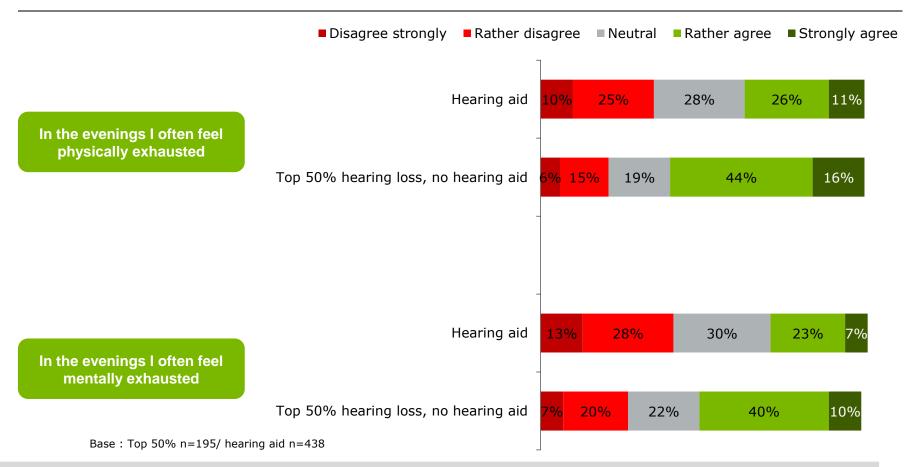
Owners who don't use, n=47



Negative impact of hearing loss



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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- 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).



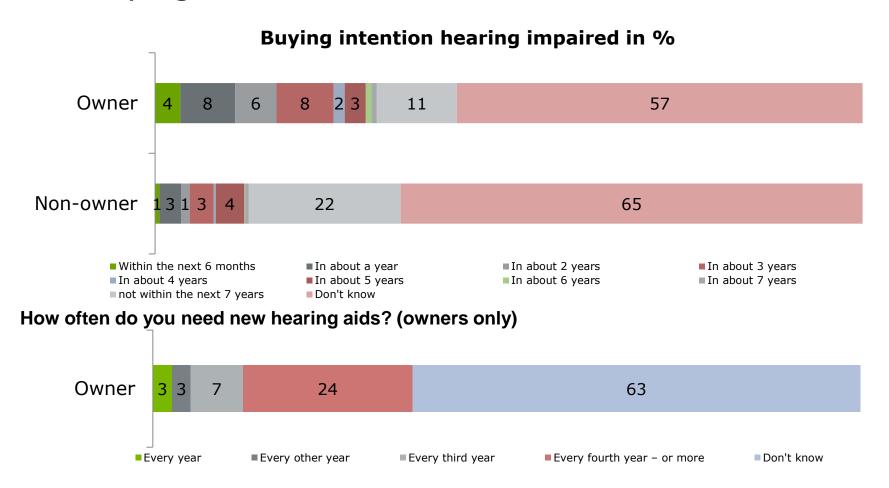
Buying intentions



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4% of non-owners intend to get a hearing aid within the next year. Re-buying intention is higher than first-buying intention



HA-non-owner, n=898 HA-owner, n=450

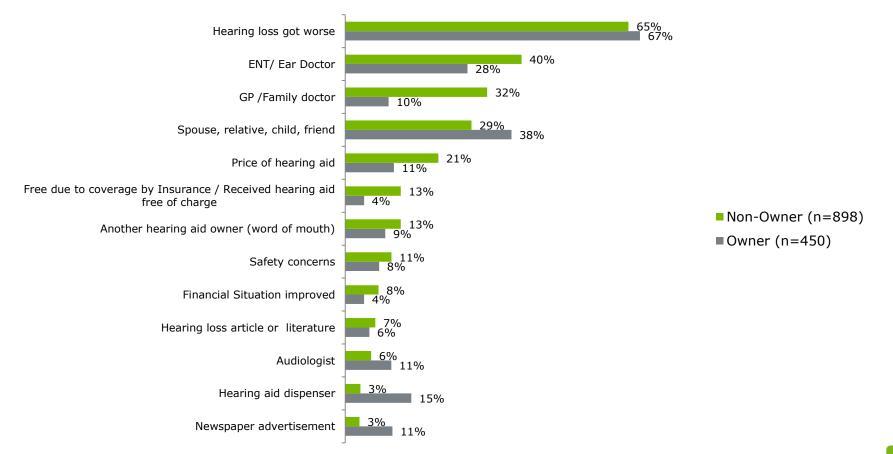
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The most important influencing factors to get hearing aids are worsening hearing loss, ENT and significant others plus GP for the non-owners

Owner: Thinking back to when you obtained your first hearing aid(s), what influenced you to obtain /purchase the hearing aid(s)?

Non-owner: Think about the option to obtain / purchase a hearing aid. What do you think would influence you to obtain / purchase a hearing aid ?





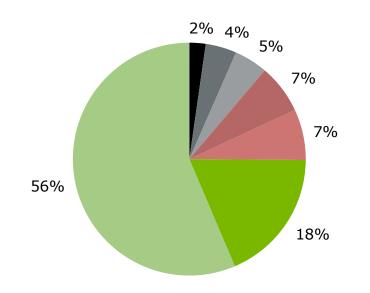
5. Additional JapanTrak questions





18% of hearing aid owners purchased the hearing aid in an optical shop; 14% by mail order or online

Where was your most current hearing aid purchased?

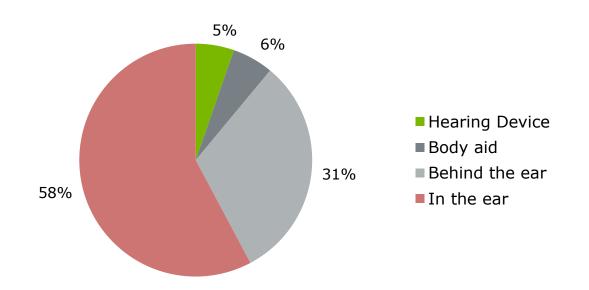


- Hospital/clinic
- Electric shop
- Other (electronic store, watch and jewelry store, departme
 Mail order
- Internet
- Optical shop
- Hearing Aid Dispenser/Audiologist



58% of hearing aid owners have ITE hearing aid(s)

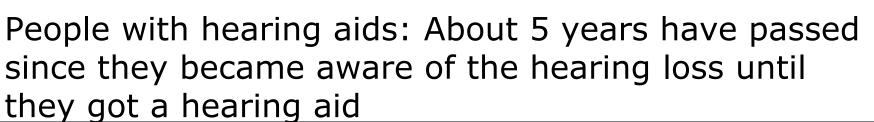
What type of hearing aid do you own ? Consider you most recent purchase.



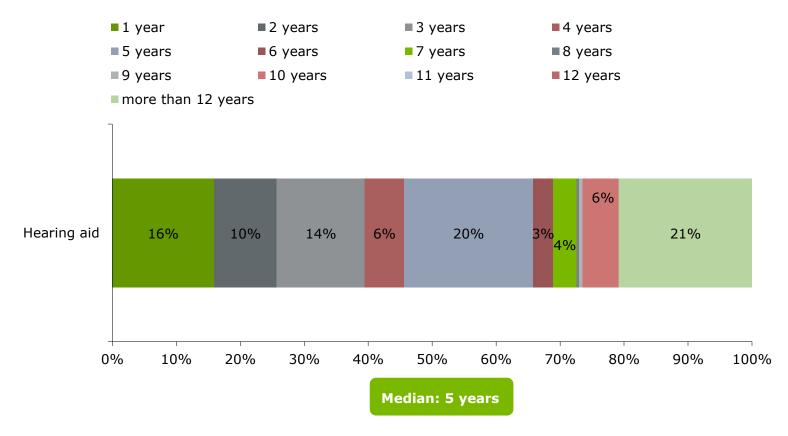


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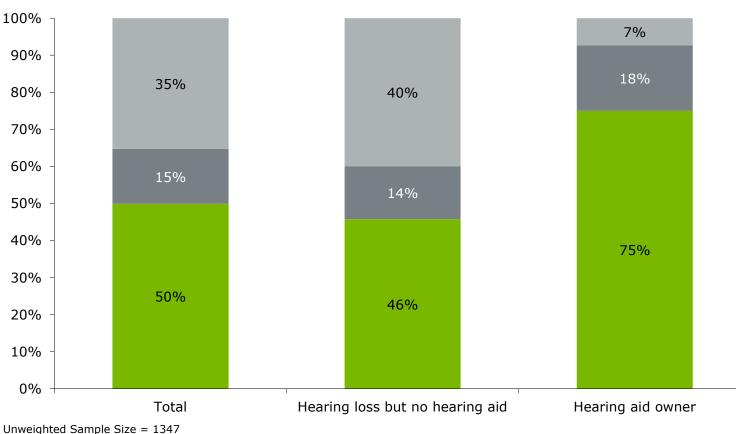
Thinking back before you purchased your first hearing aid: How many years have passed since you became aware of your hearing loss until you received a hearing aid?





Half of the people with hearing loss are aware of any hearing aid shop in the area where they live

In the area where you live, are you aware of any hearing aid shop?



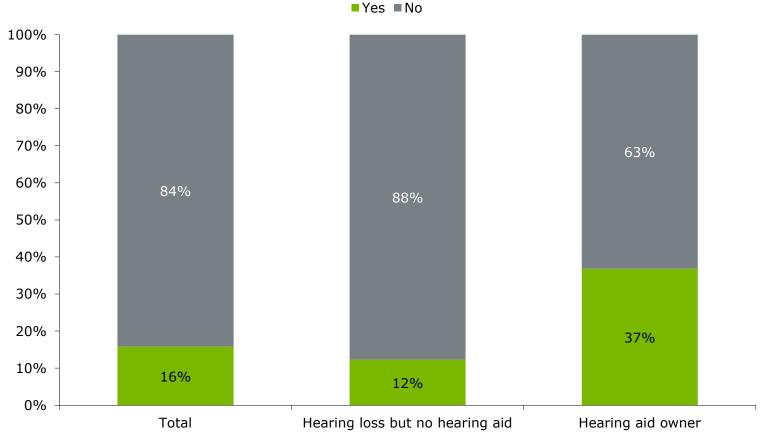
■Yes ■No ■Don't know





16% of the hearing impaired know the expression "Nintei - Hocyouki - Ginou - Sha" ("certified hearing aid worker")

Do you know, what the following expressions mean? Nintei - Hocyouki - Ginou - Sha



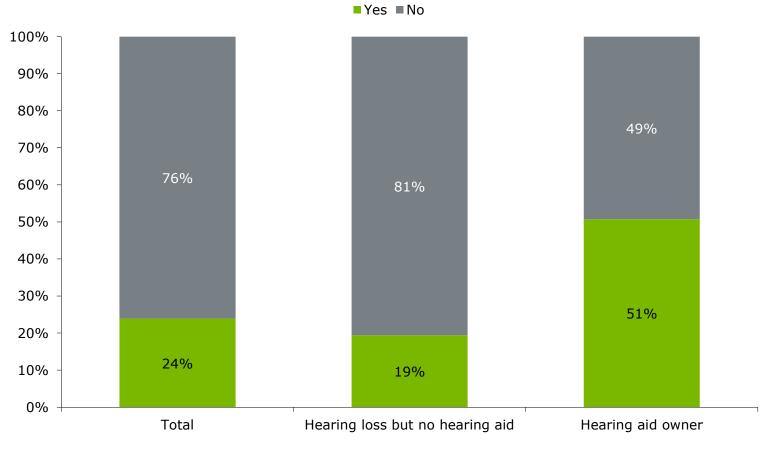
Unweighted Sample Size = 1339





24% of the hearing impaired know the expression "Nintei - Hocyouki - Senmon - Ten" ("certified hearing aid shop")

Do you know, what the following expressions mean? Nintei - Hocyouki - Senmon - Ten

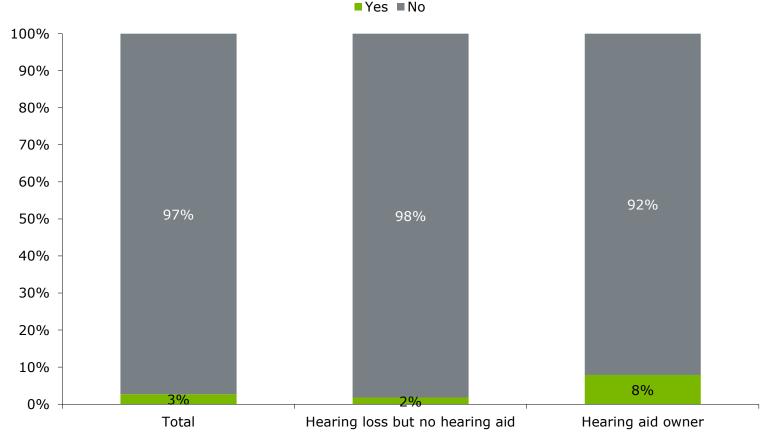


Unweighted Sample Size = 1339



Only 3% of the hearing impaired know the expression "Techno-aid-kyoukai" ("association technical aids")

Do you know, what the following expressions mean? Techno-aid-kyoukai



Unweighted Sample Size = 1335



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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	7305	10.3%	14.5%		48.9%	45.6%	46.9%
Female	7731	11.5%	13.9%		51.1%	54.4%	53.1%
Age recoded							
1 - 14	2030	0.6%	28.7%		15.1%	0.6%	1.6%
15 - 24	1468	3.5%	5.8%		10.6%	3.4%	1.3%
25 - 34	1778	2.6%	17.9%		12.9%	2.7%	3.6%
35 - 44	2166	3.6%	8.5%		15.6%	5.0%	2.8%
45 - 54	1839	6.6%	2.9%		12.8%	8.3%	1.5%
55 - 64	2165	10.8%	8.0%		14.4%	15.2%	8.0%
65 - 74	1816	18.0%	9.3%		11.1%	21.0%	13.1%
74+	1774	43.7%	20.4%		7.5%	43.6%	68.1%
Type of household							
single household	1136	17.7%	16.3%		7.0%	11.9%	14.1%
Couple, no kids	2906	14.9%	13.3%		18.5%	26.6%	24.8%
Couple with kid(s)	7231	5.7%	10.3%		50.9%	26.1%	18.3%
Single mom/dad with kid(s)	1927	14.1%	13.7%		12.4%	16.6%	16.0%
Retirement home, hospital etc.	153	55.1%	14.6%		0.5%	5.1%	5.3%
Other	1677	14.4%	20.7%		10.7%	13.6%	21.5%





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	
Status							
The head of the household	5409	15.7%	13.1%	34.3%	55.1%	50.3%	
The spouse of the head of the household	3719	9.5%	10.8%	25.3%	23.4%	17.1%	
Daughter/son of head of household	4641	1.7%	16.2%	34.3%	5.0%	5.8%	
Parent of the head of the household	618	36.4%	20.1%	3.0%	13.4%	20.4%	
Other person	484	11.5%	25.2%	3.2%	3.1%	6.3%	
Employment							
Full time employed	4748	6.3%	7.8%	39.4%	19.6%	10.2%	
Part time employed	1715	7.5%	8.9%	14.1%	8.3%	5.0%	
Unemployed / not working	2802	13.3%	14.6%	21.5%	22.6%	23.7%	
Retired under a disability pension scheme (fully or partly)	2155	30.8%	17.9%	13.2%	38.8%	52.0%	
Early retired under an early retirement benefit scheme	83	18.4%	18.0%	0.6%	0.9%	1.2%	
Retired (at the official retirement age)	531	23.5%	12.0%	3.6%	7.8%	6.5%	
Student / pupil / in training	879	3.4%	10.0%	7.5%	1.9%	1.3%	
Education							
a middle school	1102	24.9%	16.7%	7.3%	16.2%	20.0%	
a high school	4462	13.1%	12.9%	34.4%	36.2%	32.8%	
a vocational (technical) school	1149	8.5%	12.7%	9.3%	6.0%	5.4%	
a junior college	1014	7.7%	13.4%	8.3%	4.8%	4.6%	
a university	3612	9.2%	10.2%	29.1%	21.1%	14.8%	
a graduate school	389	8.9%	9.4%	3.1%	2.2%	1.4%	
Other	424	28.2%	20.7%	2.7%	6.7%	10.8%	
Prefer not to say	765	15.1%	20.4%	5.8%	6.6%	10.3%	

